

# HIS HEART WAS *Moved with Pity.*

MATTHEW 14:14

August 2, 2026



## Are You thinking About **BECOMING** *a Catholic?*

# OCIA

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN  
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The Catholic Church warmly welcomes new inquirers and provides knowledge of the faith and spiritual formation according to everyone's needs. The process of formation in our tradition is called the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**.

Please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office or just drop this form in the collection basket. We'd be happy to answer your questions and assist you in your spiritual journey. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a process which involves learning about the Catholic faith and discussion on how the faith impacts our lives.

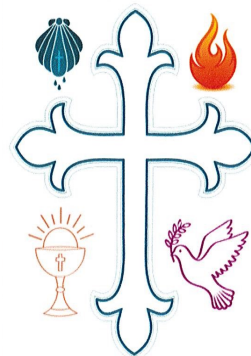
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- ◇ I have never been baptized, and desire to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- ◇ I was baptized Catholic, and desire to receive First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.
- ◇ I was baptized in another Christian denomination and desire to learn more about the Catholic Church.
- ◇ I have children who have never been baptized and desire them to be baptized.

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## This N That by Deacon Skip

Two weekends ago I wrote a bulletin article about finding my neighbor dead on her porch. A couple approached me afterwards and said that they hoped I would not dwell on the experience. I don't.

I do remember one death experience that goes back to when I was a freshman at Detroit Cathedral High. It was the 6th hour and English class. We had just started class with a composition drill. I could hear the P.A. system click on and expected the principal to play three notes on his toy xylophone and make an announcement. Instead, he blurted out, "Kennedy's been shot." The class fell into total chaos.

About 15 minutes later, school was dismissed early. At that time, Detroit Cathedral was right behind Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. I slid into the church to say a prayer for the good health of the president, then walked out onto Woodward to catch the bus up to Davison. All the way up Woodward I wondered about the condition of the president until we passed the Highland Park Post Office. All the flags were at half staff. The president was dead. To this day, if I think of it, I can still see those flags in my mind. To this day I wonder what our world would be like today if JFK had not been assassinated.

Don't forget SVDP.

## Scripture Readings for the Week of August 2, 2026

**Sunday, August 2, 2026**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39;  
Mt 14:13-21

**Monday, August 3, 2026**

Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102;  
Mt 14:22-36

**Tuesday, August 4, 2026**

**Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest**

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29,  
22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday, August 5, 2026**

Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday, August 6, 2026**

**Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19;  
Mt 17:1-9

**Friday, August 7, 2026**

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd,  
41; Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday, August 8, 2026**

**Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest**

Hb 1:12—2:4; Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 17:14-20

**Sunday, August 9, 2026**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14;  
Rm 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

# FESTIVAL CASINO DEALER ORIENTATION

**SUN AUG 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**12:00-1:30PM**  
**FESTIVAL CASINO AREA**

**SNACKS AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED**

**RSVP to Paul by AUG 14th**  
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- **Both locations include second night commissioning and social**

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**Jillian Burgum**

Jillian Burgum received her BM in Choral Music Education from Western Michigan University and MM in Choral Conducting from Westminster Choir College. Jillian is a Lecturer at Eastern Michigan University where she conducts two choirs and teaches music education courses. She is also the Artistic Director of the Detroit Women's Chorus. Jillian has held several church choir positions and previously served as the Choir Director at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Helena, MT and St. Paul Parish in Princeton, NJ.

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### Mass Schedule

**St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy (734) 425-4421**  
8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**St. Mary, Wayne (734) 721-8745**  
34530 Michigan Avenue, Wayne

**St. Richard (734) 729-2240**  
35851 Cherry Hill Road, Westland

**St. Thomas the Apostle (734) 427-1533**  
31530 Beechwood Street, Garden City

|                  |          |                                                                             |
|------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | 9:00 am  | St. Mary, Wayne                                                             |
|                  | 12:00 pm | St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland<br>(followed by Eucharistic Adoration) |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9:00 am  | St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City                                         |
|                  | 9:00 am  | St. Richard, Westland                                                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 12:00 pm | St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City                                         |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 9:00 am  | St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland                                        |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9:00 am  | St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City                                         |
|                  | 9:00 am  | St. Mary, Wayne                                                             |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 4:00 pm  | St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City                                         |
|                  | 4:00 pm  | St. Mary, Wayne                                                             |
|                  | 5:30 pm  | St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland                                         |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 8:30 am  | St. Mary, Wayne                                                             |
|                  | 9:00 am  | St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City                                         |
|                  |          | St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland                                         |
|                  | 10:00 am | St. Richard, Westland                                                       |
|                  | 11:00 am | St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City                                         |
|                  |          | St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland                                         |
|                  | 11:30 am | St. Mary, Wayne                                                             |
|                  | 2:00 pm  | St. Mary, Wayne (SPANISH)                                                   |

#### Confessions (also by appointment)

|                 |         |                                         |
|-----------------|---------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Tuesday</b>  |         | St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass) |
| <b>Saturday</b> | 3:00 pm | St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City     |
|                 | 3:00 pm | St. Mary, Wayne                         |
|                 | 6:30 pm | St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland    |

#### Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass

#### Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month after 9:00 AM Mass

## WORKSHOP ON WILLS, TRUSTS & ESTATES



The St. Richard's 50+ Club is sponsoring a free workshop on Wills, Trusts and Estates on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at Noon in the social hall. The guest speaker will be Attorney Mark Karabajakian, Jr. from Karina & Associates, PLLC.

All interested individuals are welcome to attend!

## NEEDED!

Festival time is fast approaching and we would love your help to make the GAME TENT and SUCKER PULL even more successful. We would appreciate any donations of **NEW games, toys, dolls, and stuffed animals**. This is a great opportunity to pick up those clearance items as summer winds down! If you have a large quantity of donations, we would gladly come and pick them up.

The more donations we can get, the less we need to buy. You can drop them off at the Parish Center or call Kathy at 734-776-2739.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Festival Game Tent team



## ALL AROUND THE TOWN RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED!

Excitement is mounting as our festival will be here before we know it! The All Around the Town booth would greatly appreciate donations of gifts to raffle off. All donations are appreciated, but if you are not

- iPad
- Galaxy Tablet
- AirPods
- Galaxy Buds
- Halo Smart Rings
- Power Tools
- Grill
- Bikes
- Sporting Event Tickets

sure what to buy, here's a wish list of items we are hoping for this year:

Scratch off lottery tickets and gift cards to restaurants and stores are always a big hit. Cash donations come in handy too! Items can be dropped off at the Parish Center. Thank you for your continued support!



## CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

On Sunday,  
July 26, 2023,  
we welcomed

**Aruelio Marquez**

into the St. Thomas the Apostle Church by  
the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

| Worship Schedule                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                               | August 8 & 9, 2026                                                     |                                                                          |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MINISTERS                                | SAT 4:00 PM                                                                                                                                                                                                   | SUN 9:00 AM                                                            | SUN 11:00 AM                                                             |
| CELEBRANT                                | FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI                                                                                                                                                                                      | FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI                                               | FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI                                                 |
| ALTAR SERVERS                            | JERRY KOWALCZYK                                                                                                                                                                                               | JOHN GALDES<br>JULIE GALDES<br>STEPHANIE GALDES                        | JOSPEH KORIE<br>MICHELLE KORIE                                           |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST | DIANE PROUTY<br>JEANNE PYONK<br>TONY SIVAKO<br>VIKKI WOROSZ                                                                                                                                                   | TEDDY LUTHER<br>GLORY MCGAHAN<br>CHRISTOPHER PELTZ<br>ANN M. ZIMMERMAN | DIANE BIELSKI<br>RUTH EBBITT<br>LAURIE EICHSTEDT<br>MAGDALENE MARTINDALE |
| LECTORS                                  | JEFF GORMAN                                                                                                                                                                                                   | NANCY DRYJA                                                            | VICTORIA APOLZAN                                                         |
| SACRISTAN                                | CAROL STEC                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ROSE CONYER                                                            | LAURIE EICHSTEDT                                                         |
| MASS INTENTIONS                          | + LLOYD WORORSZ<br>+ LEONCIO LOPEZ RAMIREZ<br>+ ENRICO & IDA CANINI<br>INTENTIONS OF THE<br>CLOISTERED DOMINICAN<br>NUNS AT THE MONASTERY OF<br>THE BLESSED SACRAMENT<br>+ ERNEST MYSHOCK<br>+ JOANNE SHANKIN | + JEFFERY ROACH<br>+ RICHARD FOURNIER<br>+ LEONCIO LOPEZ RAMIREZ       | + TONY SCHILLACI<br>+ DR. WALTER KOVALESKI<br>+ DENISE BURICH            |

### ARE YOU REGISTERED AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE?

If you have been looking for a new parish we would appreciate you considering St. Thomas the Apostle as your parish. Stop by the Parish Center and fill out a registration form or download one from our website [www.thomastheapostle.org](http://www.thomastheapostle.org).

You can stop by the office, or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Young adults over 18 should be registered on their own registration form.

#### Bulletin Editor

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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 8:00 a.m. During holidays, articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.



#### Weekday Masses

August 3-7, 2026

#### Tuesday, August 4

9:00 AM

+ LEONCIO LOPEZ RAMIREZ  
+ ENRICO & IDA CANINI

#### Wednesday, August 5

12:00 PM

+ LEONCIO LOPEZ RAMIREZ  
+ ANN VITALE & DONALD GRANT

#### Friday, August 7

9:00 AM

+ LEONCIO LOPEZ RAMIREZ  
+ ENRICO & IDA CANINI

*Offertory collection is reported quarterly.*

Thank you for your support and may God bless you!  
Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.

## Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley  
Anderson, Helen  
Bassett, Jaclyn  
Baumgardner, Patty  
Benninger, Barbara  
Berger, Ron  
Beuer, Donna  
Blasik, Ann  
Block, Karen  
Boyak, Carolyn  
Bringold, Bonnie  
Bryant, Linda  
Burgess, Evie  
Burris, Nikita and Family  
Calleja, Carmen  
Calley, Julie  
Carpenter, Mike

Chichila, Pam  
Chop, Nancy Grabel  
Cielma, Genevieve  
Cislo, Dan  
Cole, Jean  
Cole, Regina  
D'Angelo, Rebecca  
Dacus, Shirley  
Daugherty, Kenny  
Decaminada, Mona  
DeGrande, Colleen  
Dempsey, Sgt Joseph  
Dewey, Thomas  
Dial, Philip  
Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee  
Duval, Chuck  
Dzendzel, Mary Ann  
Eichstedt, Laurie  
Eroh, Kade

Eves, Debbie  
Feiler, Alex Horne  
Fichtner, Leanne  
Filak, Julianna  
Fornasiero, Joseph  
Gackiewicz, Jo Ann  
Gentilia, Judy  
Ghamlouche, Bellamy  
Gozowsky, David  
Hagen, Jennifer  
Harte, John  
Hubbard, Carl  
Kapanke, Dolores  
LeVair, Lorraine  
LeVair, Sherry  
Linn, Cathy  
Lobb, Cindy  
Lowe, Jannette  
Lowe, Jonathan

Malish, Rosemary  
Markey, Ken  
Matfin, Kathy  
Mathison, Bonnie  
Mecallef, Salvino  
Murawski, Veronica  
O'Connell, Evan  
Oliverio, Jr., Robert  
Palmer, Joan  
Palmer, Kent  
Pastula, Shirley  
Pattenaude, Eric  
Prokop, Bob  
Prosser, Cindy  
Romanek, Virginia (Pat)  
Sanak, Francene  
Sanregret, John  
Smith, Mary  
Smitt, Deb

Smith, Patricia  
Soine, Dianna  
Speier, Lily  
Stites, Keith  
Sutherland, Eleanor  
Swiercz, Bobbie  
Tennent, Joan  
Tsaprazis, Pete  
Turcotte, Joshua  
Walker, Ian  
Whitfield, James  
Zarzycki, Stanley

Prayer list requests can be made only with the knowledge and permission of the person being added. To add, keep a person on the prayer list, or to remove a name, please call the parish office.

## Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2026-June 30, 2027

All Souls in Purgatory & Return to Faith for my Children  
Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Blaty Families  
Living & Deceased Members of Barnes & Digregio Families  
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt  
Living and Deceased Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak families  
In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Burdis  
Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess  
Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain  
Deceased Members of Cielma and Niwa Families  
In Loving Memory of my husband Tommy Cockrum 1937-2025  
Deceased Members of the Darnell Family  
Living & Deceased Members of Dooley & Firestone Families  
Living & Deceased Members of Duncan & Williams Families  
Living & Deceased Members of Gizowski & Sovel Families  
Living and Deceased Members of Gorny and Kushnir Families  
In Memory of Donald Grant  
Living & Deceased Members of Gregory & Warrick Families  
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala  
Love Always from the Family of Eugene Joseph Hynek  
My Wife Joanne Who I Love and Miss Very Much  
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family  
Living & Deceased Members of Keiller & Marciniak Families  
For the Health of Barbara Kirby and Steve Kirby  
Living & Deceased Members of Kwatera, Morone & McIntosh Families

Living & Deceased Members of Kwilos & Stecker Families  
The Malish and Porembiak Families  
Living and deceased members of Matthews & Zalno Families  
In Loving Memory of Margaret Mirabitur  
In Loving Memory of Reynold J. Mirabitur  
In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo  
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan  
Living & Deceased Members of Mroz & Rutkowski Families  
Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan  
Loving memory of the Dec'd Members of the Norris/Krempasky Family  
In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski  
In Loving Memory of Lawrence and Mary Jane Peltz  
Angel Danny P. Pepera  
My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera  
Living & Deceased Members of Rand & Vasquez Families  
In Memory of Richard and Eleanor Reed  
In Memory of Kathy Rodgers  
In Loving Memory of Mark Roy  
Living and Deceased Members of the Shroat/Marquis Families  
In Loving Memory of Thomas and Barbara Stempniak  
Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families  
Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families  
In Memory of Martin A. Tofil & Ania Swiergul-Tofil  
In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Vitale/Rottero Families

## Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Staff Sgt. Raymond  
Angelovic, Adrian  
Angelovic, George  
Artinger, Stephanie  
Baumgardner, AJ  
Becker, Justin  
Bregand, David  
Brozek, Timothy  
Burris, Peter  
Campbell, Mary  
Canfield, Chaz  
Chokr, Jamel  
Cinka, Jonathan  
Coatsworth, Michael  
Comment, Scott

DiCicco, Bill  
Dwyer, Tyler  
Ellsworth, Justin  
Fisher, Bob  
Gentilia, Anthony  
Hunter, Cassidy  
Julien, Sgt. Nick  
Kapelanski, Isaac  
Kashou, Christopher  
Laichalk, Robert  
Logan, Jonathon  
Logan, Sean Patrick  
Logan, Jeff  
Lowe, Jonathan  
Masiarak, Luke

McCarville, William E.  
McGahan, Wade  
McGaw, Douglas  
Meadows, Erin  
Moody, Samantha  
Murray, Daniel  
Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong  
Ohannesian, Brandon  
Pastula, Michael Thomas  
Porcaro, Jeff  
Preba, Danny  
Rosa, Brian J.  
Rosa, Douglas J.  
Rousseau, Philip  
Sheko, Destiny

Smith, David  
Smith, Sgt. Leven  
Smitt, David  
Spiczka, Cathy  
Spiczka, Greg  
Sparrow, Justin  
Spohr, Raymond  
Squires, Zachary  
Szerszen, Michael  
Waldo, Michael  
Waldon, Nathan  
Webb, Brian  
Wiertella, Jonathan  
Witt, Christopher



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### FAITH FORMATION

HELP YOUR  
CHILDREN  
MEET THEIR  
**BEST  
FRIEND**



Yes, we are already seeing BACK-TO-SCHOOL items in the stores and that certainly means that we are preparing for our new Faith Formation year! Classes for our young people in Grades K-8 will begin this fall on Monday, September 28th. We welcome back our returning students and hope to see many new faces this year. We offer a class for students who have had no prior catechesis and would like to catch up! Every family's needs are different and we are more than happy to work with you on your children's faith journey! Registration forms are available in the church and online. There are **many discounts** available: **HALF OFF** discounts for families who refer NEW families to our program and discounts for families who volunteer their time in our program on Monday evenings. Please call with any questions, I'd love to work with your family!





# Gospel



Jesus was teaching 5000 people about God, and it was time for lunch. Jesus blessed 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish and everyone had enough food. It was a miracle!

Year A: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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