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MATTHEW 13:30

July 19, 2026



The United Saints of America: On Pilgrimage with Our Mother Mary from Sea to Shining Sea

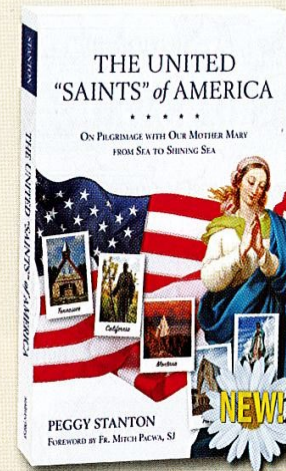
The United States of America? The “big S” saints — those raised to the altar by the Catholic Church — have traversed our land, sea to shining sea, from Isaac Jogues in the East to St. Junipero Serra in the West. To mark our nation's 250th birthday, join veteran journalist and passionate storyteller Peggy Stanton on a tour of all 50 states and the District of Columbia, under the guidance of our patroness, the Blessed Mother, in search of the famous and not-so-famous shrines, those least recognized but with wonderful, intriguing back stories. **SU14-BMOA \$24.95**

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On the Lighter Side.....

It was the end of the day when a policeman with the K9 unit was parking his van with Jake, his police dog, barking in the back of the van. He was gathering up his equipment when he noticed a young boy looking at him and then looking at the back of the van, where Jake was barking.

The little boy asked, “Is that a dog you have back there?”

“Sure is,” the officer replied.

The boy thought for a moment and then asked, “What did he do?”

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This N That by Deacon Skip

One of the questions I face with my bulletin article each week is what should I write about. This week I have an abundance of inspiration, not necessarily the good kind.

This past Thursday, when I walked out of the house around 6:15 for my morning walk, I spotted a large pile of stuff piled on my neighbor's porch. My reaction was that Amazon had made an early stop, until I looked at the pile closer and realized it was my neighbor laying on the porch. I hustled over to help her up, but when I touched her shoulder, it was cold. She was dead. I called 911 and dealt to a flurry of fire trucks and police officers. Somewhere around 10 either the coroner's office or a funereal home came by and retrieved her body.

My neighbor's family came about the same time and stayed for a few hours. They retrieved a few things from their mother's house, including her two hairless cats, who were bound to a new home. I can definitely say that I did not have a routine Thursday.

Don't forget SVDP.

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Scripture Readings for the Week of July 19, 2026

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

Monday, July 20, 2026

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21,
23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1-4b; or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4,
5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9,
10-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday, July 24, 2026

Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13;
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Feast of Saint James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,
6; Mt 20:20-28

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,
127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-
52 or Mt 13:44-46



Garage Sale

I want to thank everyone who helped with the garage sale, both parishioners and non-parishioners alike. As made known through Father Larry's announcement, the garage sale was a huge success. I look forward to more volunteers to make next year's event an even bigger success.

- Donna

Nankin Family of Parishes



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

Monday	9:00 am	St. Mary, Wayne
	12:00 pm	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland (followed by Eucharistic Adoration)
Tuesday	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	9:00 am	St. Richard, Westland
Wednesday	12:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
Thursday	9:00 am	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland
Friday	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	9:00 am	St. Mary, Wayne
Saturday	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
Sunday	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)

Tuesday		St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)
Saturday	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

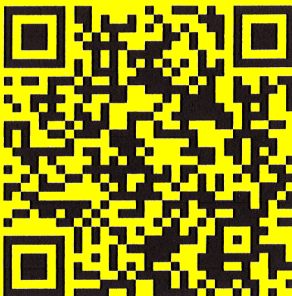
Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month after 9:00 AM Mass

St. Thomas the Apostle

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

- iPad
- Galaxy Tablet
- Airpods
- Galaxy Buds
- Halo Smart Rings
- Power Tools
- Grill
- Bikes
- Sporting Events Tickets

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!

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FESTIVAL AD BOOK

The festival ad book committee will be in the gathering area of the church on **July 18 & 19, 2026**, taking patron ads for the 2026 FESTIVAL AD BOOK. The ads are still \$5.00 a line. Business ads can be taken at this time.



For the new members of the parish, a patron ad is placing your family's name, a memorial, or any message you might like on one line in the ad book, one line has 55 spaces.

Please stop by any table after all the masses on these two Sundays and we will be happy to help you.

Thank you and God Bless You.
Matt Franckowiak 734-261-8573

Worship Schedule		July 25 & 26, 2026	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
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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.

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

July 20-24, 2026

Tuesday, July 21

9:00 AM

+ HANS LOPEZ
+ LEONCIO LOPEZ RAMIREZ

Wednesday, July 22

12:00 PM

+ MICHAEL LIWAG
+ LEONCIO LOPEZ RAMIREZ
+ ERNIE & AUDREY MAJESTIC

Friday, July 24

9:00 AM

+ PEARL DRYJA
+ LEONCIO LOPEZ RAMIREZ

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
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
Ghamlouché, Bellamy
Goliembewski, Frank
Gozowsky, David
Hagen, Jennifer
Harte, John
Hubbard, Carl
Kapanke, Dolores
LeVoi, Lorraine
LeVoi, Sherry
Linn, Cathy
Lobb, Cindy
Lowe, Jannette
Lowe, Jonathan

Malish, Rosemary
Markey, Ken
Matfin, Kathy
Mathison, Bonnie
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
Smith, 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 & Biaty 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
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 Mirabatur
In Loving Memory of Reynold J. Mirabatur
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 Eleanore 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
Ardinger, 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, 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
Smith, David
Spiczka, Cathy
Spiczka, Greg
Sparrow, Justin
Spohr, Raymond
Squires, Zachary
Szerszen, Michael
Waldo, Michael
Waldon, Nathan
Webb, Brian
Wiertella, Jonathan
Witt, Christopher



Missy Taylor

Director of Faith Formation / Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Please see the attached notification from the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding the Safe Environments guidelines for our staff and volunteers of the parish. We need ALL of our volunteers to be in compliance. Please contact me to begin the process or with any questions you might have.



The Archdiocese of Detroit's Office of Safe Environments adheres to the USCCB – Dallas Charter and its requirements by providing programs to assist parents and children - and all those who work and volunteer in Archdiocesan parishes, schools, agencies, and Curia offices- with training and screening in preventing harm to young people and vulnerable adults.

These requirements apply to any volunteer at a parish or school-coordinated ministry or event, whether that happens on or off school property. Whether or not a volunteer or employee interacts directly with children or vulnerable adults, all volunteers play a role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our parish and school communities.

Please read the following information –

- NEW employees and volunteers are required to take a “live” PGC class and register through [VIRTUS® Online](#).
 - There are in-person and Zoom options for the “live” class.
 - The training for new employees/volunteers takes around three hours.
- A Background Check is required every two years for our volunteers and every year for employees. ***please note: All new registered users through VIRTUS complete a background check authorization form during the registration process.*
- Individuals who completed the *Protecting God's Children* training BEFORE (Today's Date) 2023 are required to take our recertification course.
 - The recertification class is online and self-paced. You can pause, save, and resume the class as needed, based on your schedule.
 - The recertification training should take approximately 30 minutes.
 - Recertification training will then be required every three years and is automatically assigned to your account 15 days prior to current training expiring.
- Once a Background Check has been processed, a Code of Conduct has been signed, and the *Protecting God's Children* training has been completed then you will be authorized to volunteer/be employed at your school or parish. Please note that all three of these components are required prior to employment or active volunteering status.

Not our compliance, but our calling.

Often when we hear about the efforts of the Church regarding sexual abuse, we hear about the importance of compliance with the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. From a faith environment perspective, the importance is not in our compliance, but in our calling. As Catholics, we are called to respect the life and dignity of every human person from conception to natural death. The Charter guides us in action to our calling. Our calling furthers the Gospel message of Christ. Thank you for your cooperation in protecting all of God's children.

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