

May 25, 2025

MEMORIAL DAY

★ IN MEMORY OF OUR HEROES ★



For more than 700 years, the church's Jubilee Years have marked the passage of years and centuries and served as holy times to pause, pray, seek the Lord's pardon, and praise him for his merciful grace.

One of the most important observances of a Jubilee Year is the pilgrimage, making our way through the world so as to appreciate the beauty of creation, recall the need for silence and recollection, form friendships with fellow travelers, and seek Christ, who is the way (John 14:6) and the gateway (John 10:9) to eternal life, in every encounter and situation.

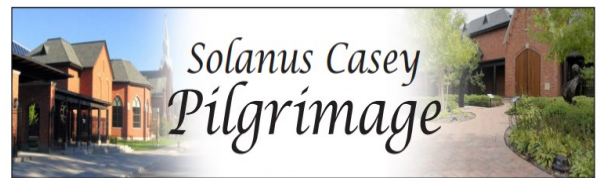
Knowing that very few of us can travel to Rome to pass through the Jubilee's Holy Doors in the Eternal City, the Archdiocese of Detroit has designated several pilgrimage sites throughout the Archdiocese where the faithful will be able to pray the official prayer for Jubilee Year 2025 and unite themselves spiritually with all who will journey as pilgrims to Rome.

PILGRIMAGE SITES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

- ◆ Basilica of Ste. Anne, Detroit
- ◆ Blessed Solanus Casey Center, Detroit
- ◆ Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Detroit
- ◆ Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield
- ◆ National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak
- ◆ Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Riverview
- ◆ Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown
- ◆ Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel, Madonna University, Livonia
- ◆ Shrine of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, Clinton Township
- ◆ Shrine of St. John Paul II, Orchard Lake
- ◆ Shrine of St. Joseph, Detroit
- ◆ Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pontiac



I hope you can join us as Pilgrims of Hope during this very special Jubilee Year with our upcoming bus trip to the Blessed Solanus Casey Center on May 29th. Please contact the parish office to purchase your tickets.



"A center dedicated to Father Solanus & his devotion to helping the poor"

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS will be 12 noon on Monday, May 26th
at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland**

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

31530 Beechwood Garden City MI 48135
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This N That by Deacon Skip

What is Catholic Apologetics? As Catholics, we are called to defend the Faith. We do this using logic, Sacred Scripture, and also Sacred Tradition. The word "apologetics" is derived from the ancient Greek word apologia, meaning a formal defense of one's position. Just as a lawyer defends his client, apologetics is the rational case we build for our Catholic faith—explaining and defending the truth of Christianity, and more specifically, Catholicism. The Catholic faith is the fullness of Christian truth as revealed by Jesus Christ in establishing his one Catholic Church, into which Jesus calls all men and women into saving communion. The Apostle Peter famously instructed in 1 Peter 3:15, "Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence." This reminds Christians to honor Christ the Lord as holy in their hearts and to be ready to defend their beliefs with kindness and charity. Being prepared to defend the Faith means understanding not only what we believe, but also why we believe it. Catholic apologetics in general—like Christian apologetics in particular— encourages believers to dive deeper into the teachings of Jesus and his Church. This understanding allows Catholics to explain their beliefs to anyone who questions them. An apologist is someone who explains and defends what is known about the faith. A valuable tool for apologists is Catholic Answers, a media ministry that answers questions about what the Church really teaches. For further information and answers to your Catholic quesons, visit Catholic.com. The above info is courtesy of their website.

Ministries Cnter/SVdp (734) 425-9771



The pantry needs help with our ongoing weekly service to the community. We are most in need of cans of mixed vegetables, carrots, beef stew, fruit, rice-a-roni, oatmeal, shampoo, laundry soap, toothpaste. Thank you. Any and all donations are always appreciated!

The food pantry is open every Thursday from 10am-12pm in the Ministries Building. If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.

Scripture Readings for the Week of May 25, 2025

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Monday, May 26, 2025

Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;
Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8;
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14;
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Friday, May 30, 2025

Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 31 2025

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zeph 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9;
Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

Memorial Day
• Office Closed •
May 26th

Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass
Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)
First Friday of Each Month after 9:00 AM
Mass

*In Loving Memory of
+Eugene Hynek*

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

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| 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)

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| 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 |

WE WANT YOUR TREASURES!

The Annual Parish Garage Sale will be held June 5-7, 2025 in the Activities Center. Donation drop offs will be May 19-31. We will NOT be accepting clothing, magazines, large household appliances, infant carriers, computers or TVs older than 3 years, LPs and VHS tapes.



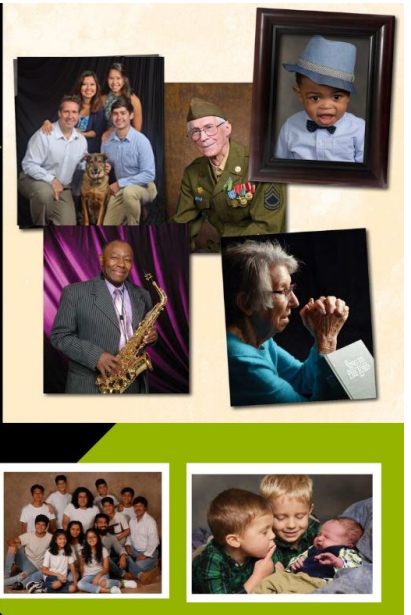
For questions or more information, please contact Donna at (734) 338-6515.

We are also in need of newspapers and grocery bags.

PICTORIAL Directory

It's time for our
NEW Parish
Directory! Every
family receives a
FREE 8x10 family
portrait and a
printed directory!

*It won't be
OUR
directory without
YOU!*



The Last IN PERSON Dates to sign up for the picture directory will be after Masses the Weekend of Sat May 31st and June 1st. Otherwise, you can Register online at www.ucdir.com

First Saturday Memorial Association 2025-2026

The opportunity to renew/join our First Saturday Memorial Association is now.

The St. Thomas the Apostle First Saturday Memorial Association is a special offering made by the parishioners celebrated on the first Saturday of every month at the 4:00 PM Mass throughout the year.

These intentions will be published weekly in our bulletin. New membership will begin July 2025 and run through June 2026. Cost is \$75.00 for the year.

Please fill out the information below and return it in an envelope with your payment through the collection basket, mail, or drop it off in person or in the Parish Center mail box. Thank you!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

INTENTION: _____

Please PRINT clearly ONLY ONE LINE PER INTENTION.

| Worship Schedule | | May 31 & June 1, 2025 | |
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| 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 | ISABELLA POWELL | JULIE GALDES | DAVID GERSTENBRAND ANDREW GERSTENBRAND CHUKWUMA NDUKWE |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST | CORDELIA CHUKWUDI FRANK TOFIL VIKKI WOROSZ | GLORY MCGAHAN JOAN PALMER PATRICIA RYAN | EVIE BURGESS SALLIE QUINN MISSY TAYLOR |
| LECTORS | LINDA LUTKE | NANCY DRYJA | MIKE WELDON |
| SACRISTAN | CAROL STEC | ROSE CONYER | LAURIE EICHSTEDT |
| MASS INTENTIONS | +LEO RODGERS +LLOYD WOROSZ +GERMANE & PIERINA MULARONI POLLY WROBLEWSKI—BIRTHDAY | +CHESTER POPEK +MARILYN LELEK +GERMANO & PIERINA MULARONI | +ROSE PIEKNIK +CHERYL KEESEE +DIANE ALSON |

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.

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

May 26-30, 2025

Tuesday, May 27

9:00 am.....CHURCH

+ TERESA CARBAJAL

+GERMANO & PIERINA MULARONI

+FR. EDWARD PRUS "IN GRATITUDE"

Wednesday, May 28

12:00 PM.....CHURCH

+GERMANO & PIERINA MULARONI

Friday, May 30

9:00 am.....CHURCH

+HENRY BALLARD

+GERMANO & PIERINA MULARONI

"PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU;
MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU."



Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley
 Batherson, Barbara
 Baumgardner, Patty
 Berger, Ron
 Block, Karen
 Boyak, Carolyn
 Bringold, Bonnie
 Burgess, Evie
 Burke-Misenar, Jennifer
 Burke, Larry
 Burris, Nikita and Family
 Calley, Julie
 Carpenter, Mike
 Cepko Family
 Chop, Nancy Gabel
 D'Angelo, Rebecca
 Dacus, Shirley
 Daugherty, Kenny

Decaminada, Mona
 DeGrande, Colleen
 Dempsey, Sgt Joseph
 Dempsey, Michele
 Dewey, Thomas
 Dial, Philip
 Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee
 Eichstedt, Laurie
 Feiler, Alex Horne
 Fichtner, Leanne
 Fornasiero, Joseph
 Gozowsky, David
 Hagen, Jenifer
 Harte, John
 Hubbard, Carl
 Kapanke, Dolores
 Kathan, Joann
 Kathan, Thomas
 LeVoor, Lorraine
 LeVoor, Sherry

Lobb, Cindy
 Lobb, Jeri
 Lowe, Jonathan
 Malish, Rosemary
 Murawski, Veronica
 O'Connell, Evan
 Pastula, Shirley
 Prosser, Cindy
 Roffi, Herman
 Sanak, Francene
 Sanregret, John
 Smith, Mary
 Smitt, Deb
 Smith, Patricia
 Soine, Dianna
 Sommariva, Bob
 Stites, Keith
 Sutherland, Eleanor
 Tsaprazis, Pete
 Turcotte, Joshua

Walker, Ian
 Whitfield, Cathy
 Wielechowski, Kenneth
 Wildauer, Mark
 Zarzycki, Stanley



Prayer list requests can be made only with the knowledge

and permission of the person being added. Please do not add anybody without their permission. To add, keep a person on the prayer list, or to remove a name, please call the parish office at (734) 427-1533. Thank you!

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2024-June 30, 2025

Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Blaty Families
 Deceased & Live Members of The Batherson Family
 Loving Memory of Thomas Bencic
 Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt
 Deceased and Live Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak families
 In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary Burdis
 Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess
 Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain
 Loving Memory of Gorny & Kushnir Families
 In Memory of Donald Grant
 Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala
 In Loving Memory of Robert & Ann Hoelscher
 In Loving Memory of My Wife Joanne Whom I Will Always Miss
 Kapanke-Omilian Family
 Deceased Members of the Kattula Family
 Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families
 The Malish and Porembiak Families

In Loving Memory for Reynold Mirabatur Sr.
 In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo
 Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan
 Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
 In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski
 Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families
 In loving memory of Anthony and Rosemary Pawlak
 Angel Danny P. Pepera
 My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
 Prouty Family
 In loving memory of Frances J. Read
 In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed
 Memory of Kathy Rodgers
 In Loving Memory of Thomas Stempniak
 Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families
 Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families
 In Loving Memory of Edwin L. Wendrick

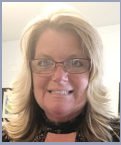
Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, 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

McHale, Sgt. Shawn
 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
 Wiff, Christopher



Missy Taylor

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

FAITH FORMATION



What an awesome way to wrap up our year! We had a beautiful May Crowning and Living Rosary! Cassandra Asencio and Graham Strasser did a beautiful job adorning Mary with the crown of flowers! Special thanks to the ladies of the Rosary Altar Sodality and all the brave young people and parishioners who led us in prayer! A **VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all the Catechists and to Father Larry and Deacon Skip! Please know that I am forever indebted and grateful for all that you do for our young people here in this program!

Congratulations to the following students for their special accomplishments.....

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: (L-R) Allison Asencio, Cassandra Asencio, Julia Hedrick, Noah Hedrick, Stephlin Imebuogu, Davis Imebuogu, Dalary Perez, Graham Strasser, Diana Bandala-Yuchasz



O U T S T A N D I N G

ATTENDANCE: (L-R) David Gerstenbrand, Luzmaya Hernandez, Ava Holmes, Jaxson Jones, Miles Malenfant, Daniel Petty, Samuel Petty, Harper Rennaker, Esmerella Yuchasz

CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARD: The 6th grade students; Dante Mestichelli, Alexis Jordan, Stephlin Imebuogu, Daniel Petty, San Juan Vega-Barcenas, Jake Wellday, Esmerella Yuchasz. (not pictured: Joseph Korie, Gracy Cruz Duran)



To our **CATECHISTS:** Nicolette Skrzycki, Elizabeth Amato, Angela Reinke, Diane Schneider, Tereze Aula, Laurie Eichstedt, Kathy Main and Melissa Kosta; I cannot fit a **THANK YOU** big enough on this page for all that you do and all that you bring for our young people as we accompany them on this journey of faith. I thank you for sharing your God-given gifts and talents. We are blessed to have you. For those who help with our children: Matt Malenfant, Kristen Mestichelli, Karlene Eroh, Gina Powell; thank you for all you do for me and our young people. **May God bless you ALL abundantly!**

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