

**YOU CANNOT SERVE
BOTH GOD AND MAMMON**

September 21, 2025



WOW! OUTSTANDING! AWESOME! There are no words to adequately describe this year's festival. Many people were praying, the rosary went on the bush, and our prayers were answered. Not only did we have perfect weather for the weekend, the days for set-up and clean-up were ideal. The shoulder to shoulder crowds were great to see. It was perfect and a good time was had by all!

A festival does not just happen. It takes a lot of time and hard work to make it successful. A special thanks to Ron Balicki, Nick Hedrick, and Matt Malenfant, the three new chairpersons. They did a fantastic job! A special thanks to the countless volunteers who made it happen. A special thanks to the sponsors and donors. Please support their businesses. We at St. Thomas the Apostle are very grateful and God will reward you.

Believe it or not, we have started planning for Festival 2026 — our 57th! Have a restful week.

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Mission Statement

*We, as St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, recognize that we are the Body of Christ. Our purpose is to honor God and grow as one in Jesus Christ. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to serve others through Christian Service, Prayer and Worship, Education and Evangelization. We keep within our hearts and minds the statement of faith and conviction of our patron St. Thomas the Apostle,
"My Lord and my God."*

Please remember to bring back your festival yard sign wires.

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This N That by Deacon Skip

The Festival has come and gone. I hope everyone was able to enjoy themselves. An attaboy to all who worked on the Festival in any capacity

In the middle of things, 9/11 Day came and went. That was one of those classic where were you when sort of days. I was working in a high-rise along Northwestern Highway at the time. The police evacuated the building about an hour after the events in New York.

Made the trip to the Wayne Road bridge. The bridge surface has been paved. The work crew has removed about 100 feet of roadwork leading up to the bridge on either side. My guess is that before long there will be new approaches to the bridge. No guard rail is in place yet, although the frame work is there.

Two people have approached us and volunteered to serve as Eucharistic Ministers. We have room and a major need for more. Please give it some thought. It is not a terribly hard job. At the same time, your service is a major contribution to our parish liturgies.

At the same time, let me put out a call for more lectors. Our ranks are on the thin side. Lectoring is a very valuable contribution to our parish life.

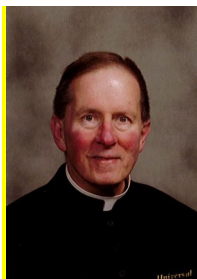
Don't forget SVDP; don't forget the food pantry.

Ministries Center/SVDP (734) 425-9771



The pantry needs help with our ongoing service to the community. We are most in need of cans of soup, pinto/black or other beans, diced tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, bags/box mix potatoes, grape or strawberry jelly, pancake mix, syrup, and paper towels.

If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.



Happy 40th Anniversary, Father Larry!

Join us for a special Anniversary Mass and Reception at 11:00 am on Sunday, October 5th.

Scripture Readings for the Week of September 21, 2025

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Monday, September 22, 2025

Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 26, 2025

Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT.

During this weekend you can experience God's love, healing, peace and forgiveness. Join men of our parish on the weekend of Friday October 10, 5 PM to Sunday October 12, 1PM. Don't miss out on this wonderful experience of spiritual and physical renewal. If you have never been on this retreat, we have three gift certificates to hand out for new retreatants. While the retreat is a free will donation, it costs the retreat center \$225 per person. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert. This is only 44 hours. For more information call John Krause 734-427-5173 or Jeff Gorman 760-390-6573 or go to www.stpaulretreat.org

Mercy In Action—2025

St. Richard 50+ Club:

Once again, beginning in September and continuing until the end of October we are collecting socks for the Homeless. Each week we will update the Family how the count is doing. Please use Bins found in the entrances to your church. God Bless and Thank You for your donations.



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

Craft Show



Get ready for the 1st Annual Parish Craft Sale on Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 10 AM to 3 PM in the Activities Center. Crafters will be able to rent a table(s) to sell their merchandise. For more information, please contact Donna at (734) 771-0775.



Music Ministry

Music notes

There are many opportunities to lend your talents and gifts in worship and song here at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Try on a group, you never know, it just might fit! Those who sing pray twice.

Rehearsals! Rehearsals! Rehearsals!

Thursday, September 25

Adult Choir-The adult choir is open to 9th grade students- adults with a desire to sing and help lead the assembly in sung prayer. Rehearsals are **Thursdays**, 6:30-8:30pm, once a month on **Saturdays** at 3:00pm, and a half hour before liturgies scheduled. The adult choir rotates and sings at one mass per weekend, and special liturgies throughout the year through Pentecost.

Please let us know if you want to join.

Thursday, October 2

Children's Choir- is open to all 2nd-8th grade students. Rehearsals are after school **Thursdays**, 4:30-5:30pm in the Father Prus Hall and sing on Christmas Eve, Easter Sunday and as scheduled. During the year, choristers learn singing techniques, music theory, singing techniques, hand chimes, as well as information about the church year. Children's choir is scheduled to sing October through Easter. As part of most rehearsals, students have 20 minutes each of hand chimes, singing, and group piano lesson in the keyboard lab connected to the Activities Center as part of the experience.

Choir with keyboard lab **4:30pm-5:30pm**. Please email to sign up, there is a minimum number of students needed to have this group.

Paul Shafer, Music Minister

PShafer@ThomastheApostle.org

Worship Schedule		September 27 & 28, 2025	
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	ADAEZE ENWERE CHIAMAKA ENWERE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI FRANK TOFIL VIKKI WOROSZ	DAN LOBB TEDDY LUTHER GLORY MCGAHAN	DENISE BIELSKI JOHN SANREGRET JOE SMITH
LECTORS	LINDA LUDTKE	TRACY CONYER	GAIL NABOZNY
SACRISTAN	BOB PROKOP	GLORY MCGAHAN	SALLIE QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL + LEIGH TESARZ	+ DOROTHY MCGRATH + EVELYN & DON BURKE	+ ALBA MORRI + CLAUDIA MALS

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.

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.



Weekday Masses

September 22-26, 2025

Tuesday, September 23

9:00 am.....CHURCH

+ DENNIS PATTOCK

Wednesday, September 24

12:00 PM.....CHURCH

+ JOAN LUX

Friday, September 26

9:00 am.....CHURCH

+ ELLA GOULD



Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley
Batherson, Barbara
Baumgardner, Patty
Berger, Ron
Block, Karen
Boyak, Carolyn
Bringold, Bonnie
Burgess, Evie
Burke, Larry
Burris, Nikita and Family
Calley, Julie
Carpenter, Mike
Cepko Family
Chop, Nancy Grabel
Cislo, Dan
D'Angelo, Rebecca

Dacus, Shirley
Daugherty, Kenny
Decaminada, Mona
DeGrande, Colleen
Dempsey, Sgt Joseph
Dempsey, Michele
Dewey, Thomas
Dial, Philip
Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee
Duval, Chuck
Eichstedt, Laurie
Eves, Debbie
Feiler, Alex Horne
Fichtner, Leanne
Filak, Julianna
Fornasiero, Joseph
Gentilia, Judy
Gozowsky, David

Hagen, Jenifer
Harte, John
Hubbard, Carl
Jachym, Patricia
Kapanke, Dolores
Kathan, Joann
Kathan, Thomas
Kotrys, Marlene
LeVair, Lorraine
LeVair, Sherry
Lobb, Cindy
Lobb, Jeri
Lowe, Jonathan
Malish, Rosemary
Murawski, Veronica
O'Connell, Evan
Oliverio, Jr., Robert
Paczas, Karen

Pastula, Shirley
Prosser, Cindy
Roffi, Herman
Sanak, Francene
Sanregret, John
Smith, Mary
Smitt, Deb
Smith, Patricia
Soine, Dianna
Stites, Keith

Sutherland, Eleanor
Tennent, Joan
Tsaprazis, Pete
Turcotte, Joshua
Walker, Ian
Whitfield, James
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 2025-June 30, 2026

Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Blaty Families
Living & Deceased Members of Barnes & Digregio Families
Deceased & live members of the Batherson Family
In Memory of Bruce Birmingham
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
Deceased Members of Cielma and Niwa Families
In Loving Memory of Tommy Cockrum
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
Loving Memory of Gorny and Kushnir Families
In Memory of Donald Grant
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala
In Loving Memory of Bob and Ann Hoelscher
In Loving Memory of Robert S. Hoffman
In Loving Memory of Eugene Josphe Hynek
My Wife Joanne Who I Love and Miss Very Much
Kapanke-Omilian Family
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family
Living & Deceased Members of Keiller & Marciniak Families

Living & Deceased Members of Kwilos & Stecker Families
Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families
The Malish and Porembiak Families
In Loving Memory of Margaret Mirabitor
In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabitor Sr.
In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan
Living & Deceased Members of Mroz & Rutkowski Families
Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski
Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families
Angel Danny P. Pepera
My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
For the Prouty Family
Living & Deceased Members of Rand & Vasquez Families
In loving memory of Frances J. Read
In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed
Memory of Kathy Rodgers
In Loving Memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski
In Loving Memory of Mark Roy
In Loving Memory of Thomas and Barbara Stempniak
Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families
Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families
Martin A. Tofil
In Loving Memory of Edwin L. Wendrick

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, 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, 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
Witt, Christopher



Missy Taylor

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

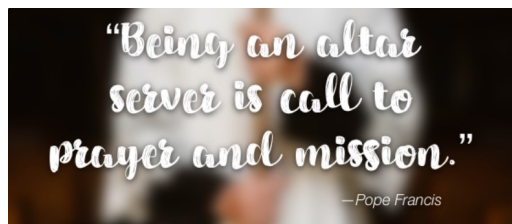
FAITH FORMATION RETURNS NEXT WEEK!!

We will kick off our new year of Faith Formation next Monday, September 29th at 6pm in the church with a FAMILY MASS! We look forward to seeing all the familiar faces and we are excited to welcome all the new families. If you'd like more information about the program please contact me.



WE NEED YOU!!!

We will be holding an Altar Server training in October as a refresher for current servers and an introduction for our NEW servers. We welcome students in 4th grade and above and adults who would like to serve at the altar. If you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to get more involved in the Mass, just give me a call and we'll add you to the list to be trained.



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!

An anonymous parishioner donated Dairy Queen gift cards for me to distribute to altar servers in appreciation for their service. Thank you so much for your kind heart and this wonderful message you're sending to our young people **A little kindness goes a LONG way! May God bless you!**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



We are so excited for the return of **Children's Liturgy of the Word** on Sunday, September 28. We are seeking leaders/teams and teen assistants for our program. This program takes place at our Sunday 11am Mass. Each week,

children from ages 4-8 are encouraged to join us to hear the scripture in terms that they can understand. Children will be led to the Father Prus Hall after the opening blessing and introduced to the readings and gospel using projects and creativity while helping them learn about the Catholic faith. It's a great introduction to the message of the mass for our youngest disciples! Materials and guidance are provided. This is a commitment averaging one Sunday a month. Please call me to learn more about the program or to volunteer.

"Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to them." - Matthew 19:14



As we kick off this new year of Faith Formation, we pray for our children. Please find some St. Nicholas prayer cards in the Gathering Space and pray them with your families. We pray that God give them strength to keep their faith in Him in a world that makes it so difficult and to let the light of the Lord that lives within them to shine forth for all to see so they know that we are Christians

by our love.

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