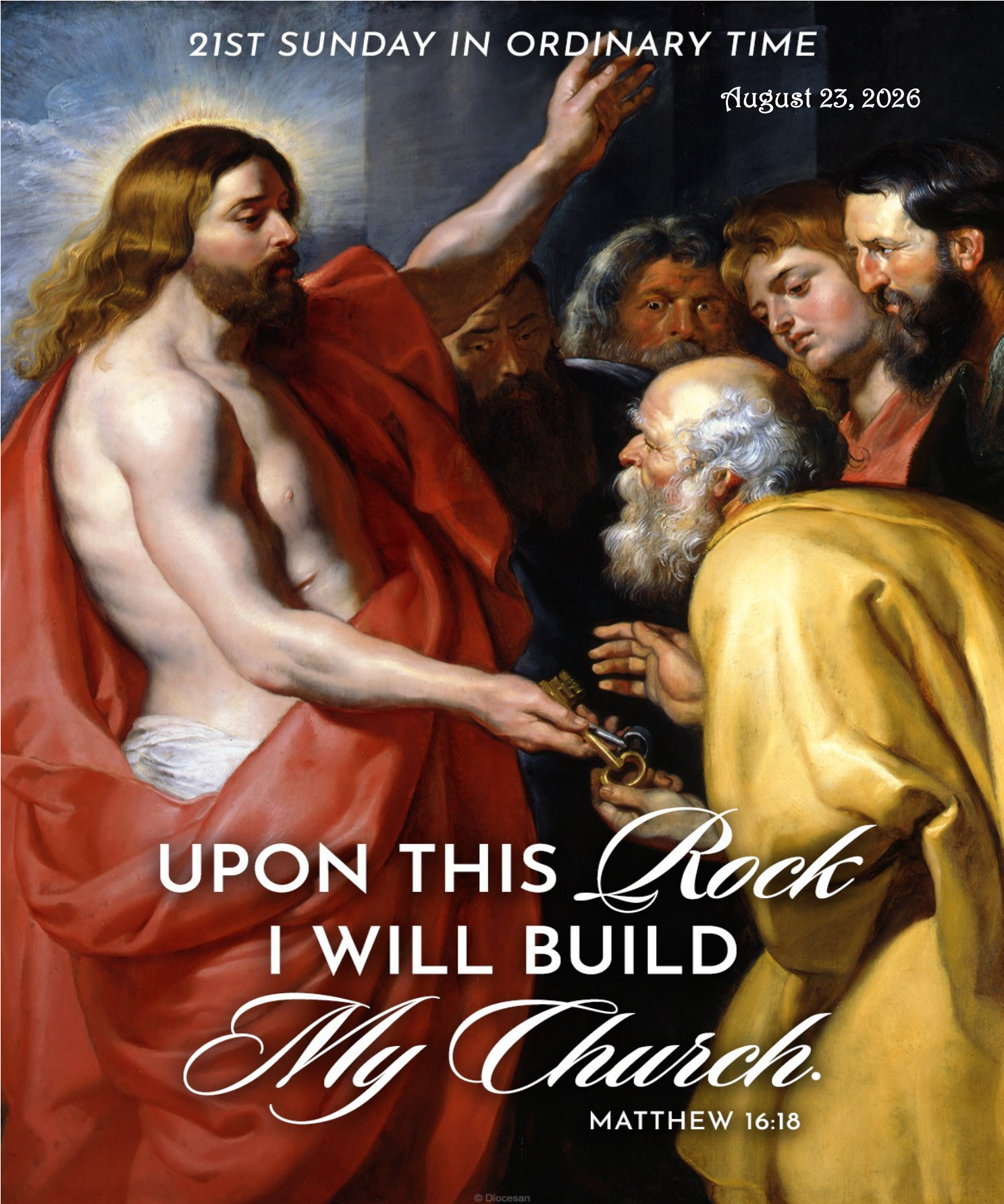




21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23, 2026

UPON THIS *Rock*
I WILL BUILD
My Church.

MATTHEW 16:18

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St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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This N That by Deacon Skip

While I was watching the evening news last week, I saw a story line about how to ease your child's anxiety about going back to school. That was a foreign topic to me. I don't remember being anxious about going back to school. I remember being anxious about ending summer vacation. I overheard my mother tell a neighbor that I was bored and ready to go back to school one summer. Nothing could be farther from the truth. What could possibly be boring about doing whatever I wanted between meals and watching TV before going to bed? That beat some nun teaching me about fractions.

I routinely wander through the subdivision south of me when I do my walking. I've noticed that there is a proliferation of riding lawn mowers used on lawns that do not warrant anything that size. I remember growing up. One of my jobs was cutting the grass. We had a basic push-mobile. I didn't have a power mower until I was adult, and we bought our first house in Garden City. I definitely would not have had a riding mower. On the other hand, I live in Holliday Park now, and I no longer concern myself about cutting the lawn. A crew comes in and does it every Thursday. They use riding mowers.

Don't forget SVDP.

BE A FESTIVAL HERO!!

Sign-up to volunteer online using the QR code below



Don't forget to sign-up and attend the
Virtus In-person Training

Wednesday Aug 26th @ 6:00pm in the Fr. Prus Hall

Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space or contact the
Parish Office at (734) 427-1533.

Scripture Readings for the Week of August 23, 2026

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36;
Mt 16:13-20

Monday, August 24, 2026

Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rev 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18;
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13;
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday August 27, 2026

Memorial of Saint Monica

1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 28, 2026

Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 29, 2026

Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21;
Mk 6:17-29

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;
Mt 16:21-27

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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."

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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FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS AND ITEMS STILL NEEDED!



AROUND THE TOWN RAFFLE

iPad, Galaxy Tablet, AirPods, Galaxy Buds, Halo Smart Rings, Power Tools, Grill, Bikes, Sporting Event Tickets. Scratch off lottery tickets and gift cards to restaurants. Cash. Please drop off at the Parish Office.

BAKE SALE

Calling All Bakers!!

The Festival Bake Sale is in need of donations of baked goods! Donations may be dropped off in the gym the weekend of the Festival in the Bake Sale section. Homemade Cookies, Brownies, Cupcakes, Breads and Pies are big sellers. We do not have access to refrigeration. It would be much appreciated if cookies and brownies could be packaged to sell for \$1 per bag (usually 2 cookies or 1 brownie per bag). Donations not packaged are still greatly appreciated. Any questions? Please contact Jeanne at 734-564-2803.

JEWELRY BOOTH

Gently used jewelry. Place in the decorated box in the back of the church or drop off at the Parish Office.

SUCKER PULL

NEW games, toys, dolls, and stuffed animals for prizes. Please drop items off at the Parish Office or call Kathy at 734-776-2739 for pick up.

VOLUNTEERS

Please call the Parish Office at (734) 427-1533.

As always, thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support.

If you are unable to sell some or all of your raffle tickets, please return them.

Worship Schedule		August 29 & 30, 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	JULIA HEDRICK NOAH HEDRICK	ANDREW GERSTENBRAND DAVID GERSTANBRAND	ADAEZE ENWERE CHIAMAKA ENWERE EKENE ENWERE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI CANDY HENRY DENNIS LAZORKA GERI MORRISEY	DAN LOBB CECILIA NESBITT JESSICA PIETKA EILEEN POHL	LAURA GREEN TAYLOR GREEN SALLIE QUINN JOE SMITH
LECTORS	JEFF GORMAN	DAN LOBB	MIKE WELDON
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	MARGARITA LOPEZ	SALLY QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ JOSEPH MEIER + ENRICO & IDA CANINI BARBARA KIRBY STEVE KIRBY + THOMAS ROGAN	+ JEFFERY ROACH	+ TONY SCHILLACI + ANN VITALE

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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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
August 24-28, 2026

Tuesday, August 25
9:00 AM

+ ENRICO & IDA CANINI

Wednesday, August 26
12:00 PM

+ ENRICO & IDA CANINI

Friday, August 28
9:00 AM

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE



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
Kirby, Barbara
Kirby, Steve
LeVoor, Lorraine
LeVoor, Sherry
Linn, Cathy
Lobb, Cindy

Lowe, Jannette
Lowe, Jonathan
Malish, Rosemary
Markey, Ken
Matfin, Kathy
Mathison, Bonnie
Mecallef, Salvino
Murawski, Veronica
O'Connell, Evan
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

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



Missy Taylor

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



As we inch closer to the beginning of the school year, we inch closer to the return of **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. We are seeking leaders/teams and teen assistants for our program. This

program takes place at our Sunday 11am Mass, and begins in late September and runs through Pentecost (late May/early June) 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.

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

FAITH FORMATION

We are **COLLECTING BABY BOTTLES** for a special project when our Faith Formation year kicks off next month. Please find the baskets in the Gathering Space where you can donate clean, used baby bottles or NEW baby bottles. We will accept donations through September 27th. Thank you in advance!



There are many liturgical ministers who help during Mass. How are people serving at Mass?

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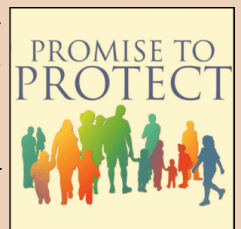
The Archdiocese of Detroit, in compliance with the USCCB Charter for Protection of Youth and Young People, **requires any and all parish volunteers to complete VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training and maintain a current background check, regardless of whether they are interfacing with children or vulnerable adults.**

We are asking those at St. Thomas the Apostle who volunteer or minister in any capacity, who are essentially the eyes and the ears of our parish, to help us in this effort to insure that our parish is a safe place for all who visit.

Please see the display in the Gathering Space for information and learn how to start the process. We will have an **in-person training** here at our parish on **WEDNESDAY, August 26th from 6-9pm**. You can either sign up for the training online when creating your VIRTUS account, or contact me to be added to the list.

I can also help those who do not have a computer through the process, please give me a call.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in keeping our parish a safe environment for all!



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