



1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025



"Let us walk in the light of the Lord!" "You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep." "You must be prepared." As we begin a new liturgical year, our Scriptures are very focused on our role: we must be ready, we must be awake, we must be aware, not only of the God who is to come, but the God who is in our midst.

We are told to stay awake and to keep our eyes open. We need not look very far to see a myriad of needs. In this season of lavish giving, can we turn our attention to the needs of others not only during the holidays, but throughout the year? How can we prepare the way of the Lord in this Advent season and rejoice in a society that has already grown tired of Christmas songs?

Do we celebrate Advent, or are we already, on this Sunday after Thanksgiving, booked solid through December 25 with Christmas parties that are way ahead of schedule? What can we do to celebrate Christmas in its own time, and give Advent its due?

This is a season of watching and waiting. We prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior. We should not rush through it or let it be lost in the holiday hustle and bustle.

I hope you are able to make this Advent Season a very special and meaningful time in your homes and in your hearts as we prepare for Christmas.

There are still a few openings to sign up for lighting the Advent Wreath in the church. Take advantage of this special opportunity. Sign up today. Thank you.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: Also known as a Secret Santa or Kris Kringle, an Advent Angel is someone who anonymously provides kindnesses, prayers, and small treats to another individual during Advent. The Advent Angel draws a name from a hat, and that person becomes the beneficiary of the angel during Advent.



Stay awake!

For you do not
know on which
day your Lord
will come.

Matthew 24:42

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This N That by Deacon Skip

Today's information courtesy of Catholic Answers' Karlo Broussard. **The Catholic Mass is Profoundly Biblical**

The Catholic Mass structure, words and gestures, and even its built-in theology are embedded in the pages of sacred Scripture. An examination of this "Bible blueprint" leads to the discovery that Catholic worship is truly a biblical style of worship.

The introductory rite that parallels the biblical blueprint is the greeting. The priest says, "The Lord be with you," and the congregation responds, "And with your spirit." The first thing to note is the biblical origin of the language. It comes from 2 Timothy 4:22: "The Lord be with your spirit." Like the sign of the cross, the theological significance of the phrase "the Lord be with you" lies in the Old Testament. Throughout salvation history such language is never used for ordinary people in ordinary circumstances. It always signifies a unique vocation and mission that will impact the whole history of Israel and ensure God's protection and help in carrying out that mission.

For example, when an angel calls Gideon to defend God's people from a foreign invasion, the angel says, "The Lord is with you" (Judg. 6:12). The angel Gabriel greets Mary with the same phrase (Luke 1:28). When applied to our liturgical experience, this greeting signifies that the laity has access to the power of God to carry out its unique vocation in the Father's plan of salvation: to be "witnesses to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8) and to "make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19). Similarly, when the congregation responds, "And with your spirit," it acknowledges that the priest too has a unique vocation within the Father's plan of salvation: to make the cross of Christ present on the altar.

For further information, visit Catholic.com

**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 fruit, mixed vegetables, corn, carrots, potatoes, dry spaghetti, bags plain rice, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, toilet paper, and paper towels.

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

Scripture Readings for the Week of November 30, 2025

Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122, 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 13:11-14;
Mt 24:37-44

Monday, December 1, 2025

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 5, 2025

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rm 15:4-9;
Mt 3:1-12

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2025 At St. Richard's

Sponsored by the 50+ Club

Please join us on Tuesday, December 9th
For our Christmas Luncheon,
Catered by Szegedi's again this year.
Along with the luncheon, we will have singing,
games and prizes

Doors open at 11:30am. Luncheon will be
served at 12:30pm

Call Pat Clancy to reserve your spot
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\$20.00 per person



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



Holiday Masses and Penance Services

Immaculate Conception Masses

Monday, December 8
12:00 PM at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

Advent Penance Services

Monday, December 15
6:15 PM for **Faith Formation Students/Families**

Wednesday, December 17
12:45 PM at St. Thomas the Apostle
7:00 PM at St. Mary, Wayne

4th Sunday of Advent Masses

Saturday, December 20 at 4:00 PM
Sunday, December 21 at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 PM and 10:00 PM
Christmas Prelude of Music at 9:30 PM

Christmas Day Mass

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Masses

Saturday, December 27 at 4:00 PM
Sunday, December 28 at 9:00 AM and 11 AM

Mary, Mother of God Masses

December 31 at 4:00 PM
January 1 at 12:00 PM

Epiphany Masses

January 3 at 4:00 PM
January 4 at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST with SANTA

**Sunday,
December
14th after
all Masses
(in the
Activities
Center)**

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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."**

Worship Schedule		December 6 & 7, 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	ISABELLA POWELL	JULIE GALDES	DAVID GERSTENBRAND ANDREW GERSTENBRAND
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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.

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

December 1-5, 2025

Tuesday, December 2

9:00 am

**PARISHIONERS OF
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

Wednesday, December 3

12:00 PM

**PARISHIONERS OF
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

Friday, December 5

9:00 am

**+ KENNETH LAMAR
+ ROMULO RICARDO**



Sanctuary Candle

FOR THE WEEK OF
Nov 30-DEC 6, 2025

+ Richard Strasser

Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley	Cislo, Dan	Fichtner, Leanne	O'Connell, Evan	Smith, Patricia
Batherson, Barbara	Cole, Jean	Filak, Julianna	Oliverio, Jr., Robert	Soine, Dianna
Baumgardner, Patty	Cole, Regina	Fornasiero, Joseph	Paczas, Karen	Stites, Keith
Berger, Ron	D'Angelo, Rebecca	Gentilia, Judy	Pastula, Shirley	Sutherland, Eleanor
Beuer, Donna	Dacus, Shirley	Gozowsky, David	Prosser, Cindy	Tennent, Joan
Block, Karen	Daugherty, Kenny	Hagen, Jenifer	Romanek, Virginia (Pat)	Tsaprazis, Pete
Boyak, Carolyn	Decaminada, Mona	Harte, John	Ruby, Nancy	Turcotte, Joshua
Bringold, Bonnie	DeGrande, Colleen	Hubbard, Carl	Sanak, Francene	Walker, Ian
Burgess, Evie	Dempsey, Sgt Joseph	Jachym, Patricia	Sanregret, John	Whitfield, James
Burke, Larry	Dempsey, Michele	Kapanke, Dolores	Smith, Mary	Wielechowski, Kenneth
Burris, Nikita and Family	Dewey, Thomas	Kathan, Thomas	Smitt, Deb	Wildauer, Mark
Calley, Julie	Dial, Philip	LeVair, Lorraine		
Carpenter, Mike	Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee	LeVair, Sherry		
Cepko Family	Duval, Chuck	Lobb, Cindy		
Chop, Nancy Grabel	Dzendzel, Mary Ann	Lobb, Jeri		
Cielma, Genevieve	Eichstedt, Laurie	Lowe, Jonathan		
	Eves, Debbie	Malish, Rosemary		
	Feiler, Alex Horne	Murawski, Veronica		



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 Kwilos & Stecker Families
Living & Deceased Members of Barnes & Digregio Families	Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families
Deceased & live members of the Batherson Family	The Malish and Porembiak Families
In Memory of Bruce Birmingham	In Loving Memory of Margaret Mirabitor
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabitor Sr.
Deceased and Live Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak families	In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo
In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary Burdis	Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan
Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess	Living & Deceased Members of Mroz & Rutkowski Families
Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain	Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Deceased Members of Cielma and Niwa Families	In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski
In Loving Memory of Tommy Cockrum	Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families
Deceased Members of the Darnell Family	Angel Danny P. Pepera
Living & Deceased Members of Dooley & Firestone Families	My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Living & Deceased Members of Duncan & Williams Families	For the Prouty Family
Living & Deceased Members of Gizowski & Sovel Families	Living & Deceased Members of Rand & Vasquez Families
Loving Memory of Gorny and Kushnir Families	In loving memory of Frances J. Read
In Memory of Donald Grant	In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	Memory of Kathy Rodgers
In Loving Memory of Bob and Ann Hoelscher	In Loving Memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski
In Loving Memory of Robert S. Hoffman	In Loving Memory of Mark Roy
In Loving Memory of Eugene Josphe Hynek	In Loving Memory of Thomas and Barbara Stempniak
My Wife Joanne Who I Love and Miss Very Much	Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families
Kapanke-Omilian Family	Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family	Martin A. Tofil
Living & Deceased Members of Keiller & Marciniac Families	In Loving Memory of Edwin L. Wendrick

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Sgt. Raymond	DiCicco, Bill	McCarville, William E.	Smith, David
Angelovic, Adrian	Dwyer, Tyler	McGahan, Wade	Smith, Sgt. Leven
Angelovic, George	Ellsworth, Justin	McGaw, Douglas	Smitt, David
Ardingner, Stephanie	Fisher, Bob	Meadows, Erin	Spiczka, Cathy
Baumgardner, AJ	Gentilia, Anthony	Moody, Samantha	Spiczka, Greg
Becker, Justin	Hunter, Cassidy	Murray, Daniel	Sparrow, Justin
Bregand, David	Julien, Nick	Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong	Spohr, Raymond
Brozek, Timothy	Kapelanski, Isaac	Ohannesian, Brandon	Squires, Zachary
Burris, Peter	Kashou, Christopher	Pastula, Michael Thomas	Szerszen, Michael
Campbell, Mary	Laichalk, Robert	Porcaro, Jeff	Waldo, Michael
Canfield, Chaz	Logan, Jonathon	Preba, Danny	Waldon, Nathan
Chokr, Jamel	Logan, Sean Patrick	Rosa, Brian J.	Webb, Brian
Cinka, Jonathan	Logan, Jeff	Rosa, Douglas J.	Wiertella, Jonathan
Coatsworth, Michael	Lowe, Jonathan	Rousseau, Philip	Witt, Christopher
Comment, Scott	Masiarak, Luke	Sheko, Destiny	



Missy Taylor

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



REMINDER !!

The wreath and greens pick up is **NEXT SUNDAY, Dec. 7 from 9am-1pm at the Parish Garage between the two school buildings!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT FOR OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS !!

ROSARY ALTAR SODALITY NEWS



HOLIDAY REMINDER!! The ladies of the Rosary Altar Sodality will gather for our Corporate Communion Mass on Sunday, December 7th at 9am. Then on Tuesday, December 9th at 6pm, we will have our Christmas dinner/party. **DOORS OPEN AT 5:45.** If you are not yet a member but would like to check us out and join us for the dinner, please call Missy to reserve a spot. Cost is \$25 a person. **PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING ITEMS FOR THE PANTRY!!**



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