

August 9, 2026

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Mission Appeal This Weekend

**The Apostolic Life Community of Priests in the Opus
Spiritus Sancti (aka The Holy Spirit Fathers) - Africa
Province**

Transforming Lives, Nurturing Faith: Our Missionary Work in Tanzania

Welcome to our Missionary Community in Tanzania! We are dedicated to making a difference both locally and globally. In Tanzania, our outreach extends from educating children from Pre-K to High School, including orphans and those with special needs, to empowering women and girls through various programs. We also operate health centers in rural areas, providing essential medication and care to children, women and the elderly. Our work extends beyond borders, with missions in the U.S. and other countries, where our members serve in various capacities, including pastoral support and religious education. Join us in our mission to transform lives and build a brighter future for all.

Your support can make a profound difference in the lives of our seminarians, who are eager to serve as priests and missionaries of Jesus. Currently, we are facing the challenge of meeting the tuition fees for 77 major seminarians who are diligently studying both Philosophical and Theological Studies at Jordan University in Morogoro, Tanzania. These young men are not only excited and passionate about their vocation journey but also committed to growing in spiritual maturity to serve the Church and community.

Having an adequate number of priests is crucial to meet the spiritual needs of our local community and beyond. Your donation will directly support the formation of these young men, who will soon be ordained to serve as priests. Your generosity will help them grow in their faith and knowledge, preparing them to be effective missionaries of Jesus, and spreading His message of love and hope to all nations. Your assistance will not only support the seminarians but also contribute to the greater mission of the Church. Join us in answering Christ's call to make disciples of all nations. Any contribution, no matter how small, will make a significant impact. Thank you for considering supporting our mission.

St. Thomas the Apostle

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This N That by Deacon Skip

Ironically, the very first funeral home rosary I conducted as a deacon turned out to be the rosary for the oldest person I ever conducted a rosary for. She was three days short of 104. That changed this past week when I led a rosary for a woman over 104. What really attracted my attention about this woman is where she was born—Amherstburg, Ontario.

That town means one thing to someone my age—Boblo Island. To those a tad younger than me, Boblo was an island on the Canadian side of the Detroit River almost where the river flows into Lake Erie. It had an amusement park on most of the island. The rest of the island was a large park. To reach the island, we rode the Boblo Boat from the foot of Woodward to the island, and, of course, rode the boat back home.

The boat carried several hundred people and had a dance floor on it with a live band. The last song and dance routine the band would play on the way home was always the Hokey-Pokey. I will never win a place on Dancing with the Stars, but I could do the Hokey-Pokey with the best of them. Ask Mom or Dad or better yet, Grandma or Grandpa, I bet they can still do the Hokey-Pokey.

Don't forget SVDP.



Looking for a deeper relationship with God and a renewed sense of purpose for your journey through life's transitions?

Connect with others and recharge your spiritual batteries on a RENEW retreat!

The next weekend is on **August 21-23, 2026** at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing). Cost is \$255 for meals and a single room.

For more info, go to **www.RenewRetreats.org**, email **renewretreat.mi@gmail.com**, or call (586) 770-1772.



Scripture Readings for the Week of August 9, 2026

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Rm 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Monday, August 10, 2026

Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Ez 9:1-7; 10-18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 2 Cor 5:19;
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday, August 13, 2026

Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 14, 2026

Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd,
5-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 15, 2026

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10,
13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Mass During the Day: Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;
Mt 15:21-28



AUGUST 15

**The Assumption
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

*This feast day
commemorates Mary's
body and soul taken
directly to heaven.*

Mass to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on **Saturday, August 15, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.** It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

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

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Alhambra

John Krause and Frank Tofil

Knights of Columbus #4513

Grand Knight..... John Galdes

Rosary Altar Sodality

President..... Missy Taylor
(734) 425-5550

St. Vincent de Paul

(734) 425-9771



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 15 & 16, 2026	
MINISTERS	SAT 11:00 AM / 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	ANNALEIGH BARNES AVAANN EICHSTEDT JULIE GALDES NATASHA GRAHAM	ANDREW GERSTENBRAND DAVID GERSTENBRAND
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CANDY HENRY DENNIS LAZORKA GERI MORRISSEY FRANK TOFIL	DAN LOBB CECILIA NESBITT JESSICA PIETKA EILEEN POHL	THOMAS HERLIHY GAIL NABOZNY RITA PATE MISSY TAYLOR JOHN SANREGRET
LECTORS	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI	GEORGETTE KATTULA	STEVE KOVALESKI
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	CECILIA NESBITT	SALLY QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	11:00 AM PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE 4:00 PM + MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL + DANNY PEPERA + JIM WATT	+ JEFFERY ROACH THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED + JOHN ZUNICH	+ WERNER BENZINGER

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
August 10-14, 2026

Tuesday, August 11
9:00 AM

+ LEONCIO LOPEZ RAMIREZ
+ ERNIE & AUDREY MAJESTIC

Wednesday, August 12
12:00 PM

+ MR. & MRS. MERLE STRASSER & SONS
+ LEONCIO LOPEZ RAMIREZ

Friday, August 14
9:00 AM

+ 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
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
LeVair, Lorraine
LeVair, 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
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 & 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

DiCicco, Bill
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
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

FAITH FORMATION

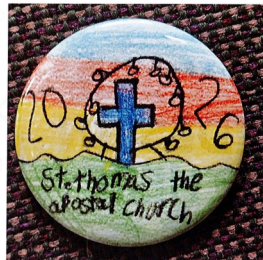
Our Faith Formation students helped kick off the excitement for this year's St. Thomas the Apostle Family Festival by creating the official festival button designs that are available at volunteer sign-ups. All of the students were invited to design a unique and colorful button. The festival chairpersons selected three finalists and awarded each a 5-lb. chocolate bar for their creativity and hard work! Great job kids! Please see the winners and their designs below!

St Thomas the Apostle



2026 Festival Button Designers

Malayna Jones - 6th Grade



David Gerstenbrand - 8th Grade



Noah Hedrick - 6th Grade



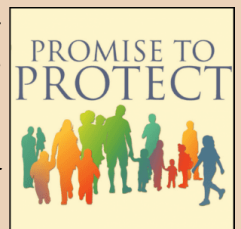
The Archdiocese of Detroit, in compliance with the USCCB Charter for Protection of Youth and Young People, **requires any and all parish volunteers to complete VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training and maintain a current background check, regardless of whether they are interfacing with children or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