



Beginning the weekend of October 31/November 1, our Sunday Mass schedule will be:

9:00 at St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Richard

11:00 at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy and St. Mary in Wayne

2:00 at St. Mary in Wayne (in Spanish)

The Saturday schedule will remain the same— 4:00 at St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Mary in Wayne, and 5:30 at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy.

JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS

POPE LEO XIV declared January 10, 2026 through January 10, 2027 a special Franciscan Jubilee Year to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. This special year invites Catholics and all people of goodwill to live the gift of peace, which "is the sum of all God's gifts," says Pope Leo in a letter addressed to the Franciscan Family.

The hope of the year is that the example and spiritual legacy of Saint Francis and his message of peace find a "profound echo in the Church and society today."

"Give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries," says Pope Leo in a prayer to Saint Francis. "In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers."

KEY THEMES

Peace with God Returning to the gospel and a life of simple, essential faith.

Peace among humanity Building bridges where the world raises boundaries and becoming "unarmed witnesses" of Christ.

Peace with creation Rediscovering our kinship with all creatures and caring for our common home.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Make a pilgrimage Visit any Franciscan church or place of worship dedicated to Saint Francis anywhere in the world.

Devout meditation Spend time in prayer.

Usual conditions Fulfill the requirements of Confession, Communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions.

KEY DATES

October 3, 2026 The 800th Anniversary of the Transitus (Passing) of Saint Francis.

October 4 Feast Day of Saint Francis



ST. FRANCIS

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun, who
brings the day; and you give light through him.



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

31530 Beechwood Garden City MI 48135
(734) 427-1533 Thomastheapostle.org

SCAN TO DONATE





This N That By Deacon Skip

A major salute to Matt, Nick, and Ron for the Festival. We managed to make it happen despite less than favorable weather. It has definitely become one of the premier events of the year on our side of Wayne county.

Speaking of the Festival, this is early to make this appeal, but please consider being a volunteer next year. No volunteer is expected to work every hour of the event. I make the call especially to those younger than Baby-Boomer. That's my generation and we're the next generation targeted to go out of existence. Please give volunteering some thought.

Like pretty much everyone in the parish, I am much taken aback by the cost of everything. I think the problem is that I can remember when gas was eleven cents a gallon. I remember coming home from grade school and my mother giving me a dollar, and sending me up to the corner store to buy a loaf of bread and a half-gallon of milk. I brought back change. Just think, our grand kids will tell their grand kids, I remember when gas was only \$4.50/gallon.

Don't forget SVDP.

CHURCH ENVELOPE UPDATES

We are updating parish systems and improving the way we manage parish records. As part of these changes, envelope numbers will be changing. We understand that many parishioners and families have had the same envelope number for many years, and that these numbers may feel familiar or meaningful. Please be assured that this change does not affect your parish membership, giving history, or our gratitude for your faithful support. Please continue using the envelopes you receive from the parish. So, when you receive your batch of envelopes, your number will eventually be different. No action is needed from you at that time.



St. Richard 50+ Club Mercy in Action

The 50+ Club at St. Richard Parish will again be collecting socks for the poor during the months of September and October.



We will have bins on the entrance tables. Thank you in advance for you donations of gently used or new socks.

Scripture Readings for the Week of October 4, 2026

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20;
Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Monday, October 5, 2026

Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9, 10c;
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15;
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 8, 2026

Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 9, 2026

Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday, October 11, 2026

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14,
19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10



Saturday, October 10th
2:00 in the Church parking lot

**JOIN
OUR
TEAM**

HELP WANTED
Part-time Secretary
in the rectory.

Computer skills required.
Call the office if interested.
(734) 727-1533

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

Render unto God what is God's. Friday evening October 9th to Sunday noon October 11th.

Perhaps this is a special time for you. Renew your inner life at our parish retreat for men. You'll be amazed how much the retreat will help you find how God is active in your daily experience and what peace this awareness can bring you. The retreat theme this year is "Love is Ingenious". For information or to register, call John Krause at 734-427-5173 or Jeff Gorman at 760-390-6573, the Retreat Center at 313-535-9563 or go to www.stpaulretreat.org to make a reservation.

ALL AROUND THE TOWN BASKET WINNERS

St Thomas the Apostle Festival 2026

Donation #	Description	Ticket #	Winner Name
1	Outdoor Pizza Oven	04652	Wesley Russell
2	Apple Airpods Pro 3	07929	K.Harnos
3	Signed Steve Yzerman T-shirt	00279	Selvia
4	Assorted electric and cordless scrubbers	09666	K.Nelson
6	Ninja Juicer	08845	Bhavin Patel
7	65" Samsung TV	05629	Zack
8	Apple iPad	05179	Willow Woodward
9	Speed Away Santa Sled	08500	Sandy Kaz
11	Assorted baking dishes and pans	08200	Cindy Lobb
12	Craftsmen Drill Driver Set and Assortment of Tools	05703	Kamerin
13	Kitchen Aid & Baking Pans	06228	Pat Carroll
14	Kids Scooter, Basketball, Soccer Ball & Plushies	02382	Lexi F
15	Pac-Man Game Room Kit	06159	Tab
16	RYOBI Drill Driver, Circular Saw, and Reciprocating Saw	06644	Tim Winn
17	White Faux Marble Tray Set	00936	Anne Teague
18	Lions Stadium Chair with Lions Gear and Crown Royal	00359	Patti Vojtkofsky
19	Spartan Gear	00191	Andrew Brozek
21	Tetris Game and Sprinkler	09650	B. Burns
22	Giant Kerplunk Game with Slip & Slide	04315	Sarah S.
23	Aura Aspen Digital Picture Frame	12241	Ann Myles
24	5 Burner Propane Gas Grill	11504	Sandy Brown
	Men's Backpack and Heated seat cushion, hand		
26	warmers and shoe dryer	12519	C. Kuzewski
27	Collection of Bluey Items	03436	Rob Vermette
28	Buffet Warming Tray, Waffle Maker, Slow Cooker	11889	C. Messner
29	Youth's Lion Chair, Skateboard and other Gear	07405	Ivy Bryan
30	Ninja Creami XL Deluxe	09358	Nick Brozek
31	\$200 in Cash!	01009	Lynn Vadervill
32	Maize & Blue Gear	09862	Linda Michalek
33	Bundle of Lottery Tickets!	09595	C. Trudell
34	Bundle of Lottery Tickets!	01011	Lynn Vanderwill
35	Basket of Lottery Tickets & Gift Cards	03510	Jim Szymanski
36	RYOBI Leaf Blower	12341	Jim Stock
37	Bundle of Gift Cards!	10232	Patti Fix
38	Bundle of Gift Cards! and other items	01717	Chuck



Thank you to all who supported our festival and to all of our **WONDERFUL** dedicated volunteers. Here are the BIG winners of our Family Fun Fest Raffle:

\$5,000	Rachel Clark	#03672
\$1,000	Anne Masterman	#13291
\$500	Jerry Freier	#06429
\$500	Rose Marie Kucharski	#04327

Blood Drive

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Catholic Church

8200 Wayne, Westland

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: stmarycauseofourjoy or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Fall into the habit of donating! Get a \$15 e-gift card when you come to give blood Sept. 21-Oct. 18.



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Worship Schedule		October 10 & 11, 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	ANNALEIGH BARNES JULIE GALDES NATASHA GRAHAM	AVAANN EICHSTEDT ANDREW GERSTENBRAND DAVID GERSTENBRAND
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CANDY HENRY DENNIS LAZORKA GERI MORRISSEY JEANNE PYONK	CECILIA NESBITT JESSICA PIETKA EILEEN POHL ANN M. ZIMMERMAN	LAURIE EICHSTEDT MAGDALENE MARTINDALE GAIL NABOZNY JOE SMITH
LECTORS	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI	GEORGETTE KATTULA	STEVE KOVALESKI
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	CECILIA NESBITT	SALLY QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ HELEN OLKOWSKI + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DARNELL FAMILY + CARMEN CALLEJA + ALDO & ANNA AMICI + BETH WALKENBACH	+ ALDO & ANNA AMICI + THOMAS STEMPNIAK + ROBERT MICHALAK + DELIA EVELYN SUAREZ	ADAM & MANDY MARONE + WALTER MICHNO + BETTY & JOE CROYLE + PAT & TERRY MCGINTY

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.

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.

St. Thomas the Apostle
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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
October 5-9, 2026

Tuesday, October 6
9:00 AM

+ ALDO & ANNA AMICI
+ EDWARD COLE

Wednesday, October 7
12:00 PM

+ JOHN EDWIN LEAR

Friday, October 9
9:00 AM

+ ARNOLD PIANCZK & TONY SZAREK
+ KATHY KISH

“...THE KINGDOM OF GOD WILL BE TAKEN AWAY
FROM YOU AND GIVEN TO PEOPLE THAT
WILL PRODUCE ITS FRUIT.”



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
Calley, Julie
Carpenter, Mike
Cervantes, Vicki
Chichila, Pam

Chop, Nancy Grabel
Cielma, Genevieve
Cislo, Dan
Cole, Jean
Cole, Regina
D'Angelo, Rebecca
Dacus, Shirley
Daugherty, Kenny
DeGrande, Colleen
Dempsey, Sgt Joseph
Descovich, Joella
Dewey, Thomas
Dial, Philip
Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee
Duval, Chuck
Dzendzel, Mary Ann
Eichstedt, Laurie
Eroh, Kade
Eves, Debbie
Feiler, Alex Horne

Fichtner, Leanne
Fick, Colton
Filak, Julianna
Fornasiero, Joseph
Gackiewicz, Jo Ann
Gentilia, Judy
Ghamlouche, Bellamy
Gozowsky, David
Hagen, Jenifer
Harte, John
Hubbard, Carl
Kapanke, Dolores
Kirby, Barbara
Kirby, Steve
LeVair, Lorraine
LeVair, Sherry
Linn, Cathy
Lobb, Cindy
Lowe, Jannette
Lowe, Jonathan

Malish, Rosemary
Markey, Ken
Matfin, Kathy
Mathison, Bonnie
Murawski, Veronica
O'Connell, Evan
Palmer, Joan
Palmer, Kent
Pastula, Shirley
Pattenaude, Eric
Prokop, Bob
Prosser, Cindy
Romanek, Virginia (Pat)
Sanak, Francene
Sanregret, John
Skluzak, Judy
Smith, Mary
Smith, Deb
Smith, Patricia
Soine, Dianna

Sommariva, Judy
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 & Batty 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 Mirabitor
In Loving Memory of Reynold J. Mirabitor
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
Ardinger, Stephanie
Baumgardner, AJ
Becker, Justin
Bregand, David
Brozek, Timothy
Burris, Peter
Campbell, Mary
Canfield, Chaz
Chokr, Jamel
Cinka, Jonathan
Coatsworth, Michael
Comment, Scott

Czarnik, Zachary Andrew
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



Faith Formation classes began last Monday with a special blessing for all present and the materials we will use in our program throughout the year as we grow in faith! We also enjoyed a special ice cream treat. It's not too late to join the program.... The greatest gift we can give our children is to help them foster a relationship with Jesus and grow in a life rooted in faith. Please call with any questions. I'd love to walk this faith journey with you!

THANK YOU!!!

A great big thank you to all who donated baby bottles for our special project. Our students will be collecting change in the bottles throughout the month of October. Then we'll count up just how much money we collected and make a donation to Wee Care. They provide goods and services to mothers and families in need are we are happy to be supporting such a wonderful group!



ATTENTION ROSARY ALTAR SODALITY LADIES !!

Just a reminder, we have our first meeting on Tuesday, October 7th at 6:00pm in the Father Prus Hall. We will pray our rosary and enjoy a Pizza Party and fellowship. We invite any ladies from the parish to come and check us out to see what we're all about! The more the merrier!



CYT (Catholic Youth Trek) is a group whose mission is to provide social, service, and spiritual events for middle school youth to grow together in faith. This group is made up of young people from many neighboring parishes in the Southeast Michigan area. Our first event is coming up in just a couple of weeks! Hope you can join us!

ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS IN GRADES 6-8



CYT FALL EXTRAVAGANZA

Friday, October 30
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
(GROUPS MAY ARRIVE AS EARLY AS 6:30 PM)

Cost is \$20 per person and includes:
HAYRIDE ** CORN MAZE
BONFIRE ** BARN DANCE
KARAOKE
CIDER & DONUTS
HOT DOGS** S'MORES
POP & SNACKS

Permission slip & Money due by:
Friday, October 23

THREE CEDARS FARM
7897 Six Mile, Northville
248-437-8200 threecedarsfarm.org
(about 3 miles west of Napier, just past Curtis on north side)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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