



Lord teach us how to **PRAY**

July 27, 2025



Detroit and Its Patron Saint

Saint Anne has been named by the Vatican as the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Detroit. We honor the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary and prayerfully ask for her intercession.

One may pray to any saint for any intention, but a patron saint is seen as the particular advocate for a chosen place or activity.

Saint Anne is the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Though she is not mentioned by name in the Bible, we know of her through early Christian writings, the most important of which is the *Protoevangelium of James*, written around the year 150 A.D. We are told that Anne, the wife of Joachim, was advanced in years before her prayers for a child were answered. An angel appeared and told her she'd conceive a child who "shall be spoken of in all the world."

Saint Anne's feast day is July 26. She is known as patron saint of equestrians, housewives, women in labor, cabinet-makers, and miners.

Devotion to Saint Anne became popular in the Christian East by the 4th century, and that tradition later spread to the Christian West. When the French began to colonize modern-day Quebec, they brought their devotion to Saint Anne with them, asking for her protection in the New World.

This devotion was planted on the banks of the Detroit River by the original French-Canadian settlers. Two days after Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac landed with 51 others in what is now downtown Detroit on July 24, 1701, they celebrated Mass and began construction of a church named after Saint Anne. Today, Saint Anne de Detroit is the second oldest continually operating parish in the United States. As is now recognized by the Holy See, the Church of Detroit was placed under Saint Anne's protection from its very founding.



Saint Anne
Patroness of the
Archdiocese of Detroit

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More **Steps to a Good Mass** from Catholic Answers' Father Jerry Pokorsky)

"Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world."

The words are familiar to every Catholic about to receive Holy Communion at Mass. Little did John the Baptist know that his declaration prophesied the Eucharist. Little did he know that a priest would use his words to reinforce reverence for the Eucharist.

-Before Communion, focus on the words of John the Baptist. When the priest raises the host and directs us to "behold the Lamb of God," all activity should stop. Gaze upon the host with devotion. Do not use the sacred moment as a distraction to rush to the lavatories. Even the ushers bend a knee.

-Approach Communion with reverence. The priest works hard during the distribution of Communion as you pray. Give him his space. As a priest makes a special delivery in the congregation, respectfully hold your position. There is no need to beat him as if you're outracing traffic on the Interstate. Be polite.

-Say "amen" as if you mean it. When we receive Holy Communion, by responding "amen," we not only acknowledge our reception of Jesus, but renew our baptismal promises and our belief in all that the Church teaches: Creed, commandments, sacraments, and prayer. Every "amen" we make throughout the Mass also assents to the recited prayers. Use vocal cords unless you're hoarse.

"Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb."

For additional information and answers to your Catholic questions, 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 ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs, beef stew, chili, box mix potatoes, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix, syrup, grape or strawberry jelly, and brown paper grocery bags.

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

Scripture Readings for the Week of July 27, 2025

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14;
Lk 11:1-13

Monday, July 28, 2025

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23;
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11,
12-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, July 31, 2025

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11;
Mt 13:47-53

Friday, August 1, 2025

Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6,
10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 2, 2025

Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 3, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17;
Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21



JOIN US FOR THE

MUSIC MINISTRY BAKE SALE

after all masses on August 2nd & 3rd
in the Fr. Prus Hall



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

NEEDED!



Festival time is fast approaching and we would love your help to make the GAME TENT and SUCKER PULL even more successful. We would appreciate any donations of **NEW games, toys, dolls, and stuffed animals**. This is a great opportunity to pick up those clearance items as summer winds down! If you have a large quantity of donations, we would gladly come and pick them up.

The more donations we can get, the less we need to buy. You can drop them off at the Parish Center or call Kathy at 734-776-2739.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Festival Game Tent team

ALL AROUND THE TOWN BASKETS!

Excitement is mounting as our festival will be here before we know it!! Once again, The All Around the Town Basket booth would appreciate donations of gifts to raffle off. All donations are greatly appreciated, but if you're not sure what to buy, here's a wish list of items we are hoping for this year:

- iPad
- Luggage Set
- Cooler
- Gas Grill
- Bikes
- Portable Generator
- Power Tools
- Vacuum
- Kitchen Appliances

Scratch off lottery tickets and gift cards to restaurants and stores are always a big hit. Cash donations come in handy too! Items can be dropped off at the Parish Center. Thank you for your continued support.



FESTIVAL AD BOOK

We are still accepting business ads for the 2025 festival ad book. A full page is \$165, half page \$95, and quarter page is \$55. Please contact Matt Franckowiak, if interested, 734-261-8573. If you missed the patron ad sign ups, you may put your request in an envelope marked PATRON



ADS an place it in the collection basket. The cost for a patron ad is \$5 per line, 55 characters. All business and patron ads must be received by deadline August 3, 2025. Thank you for your support.



The Knights of Columbus will be having a Golf Outing on August 25, 2025 at Willow Springs. All information and registration forms are located on the Knights table in the vestibule.



Comprehensive. Live. Expert Teachers. Encounter Jesus with the Catholic Biblical School

Dive into the New Testament with a dynamic instructor! Join the Bible Course at **St. John Neumann in Canton** (Mondays 7-9 pm) or **Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth** (Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 am) from Sept-May. We'll explore the **Gospels of Matthew, Mark & Luke, Acts, and Paul's Letters** and discover countless connections and applications to our lives today! Through donations, CBSM is accessible to all with 100% of requests for financial aid granted. Find out more at cbasmich.org or call/text 586-438-3085

Worship Schedule		August 2 & 3, 2025	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER DAVID BUERSMEYER	FATHER DAVID BUERSMEYER	FATHER DAVID BUERSMEYER
ALTAR SERVERS	ISABELLA POWELL	STEPHANIE GALDES	DAVID GERSTENBRAND ANDREW GERSTENBRAND CHUKWUMA NDUKWE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI CANDY HENRY JEANNE PYONK	TEDDY LUTHER GLORY MCGAHAN PATRICIA RYAN	DENISE BIELSKI JOHN SANREGRET JOE SMITH
LECTORS	FRANK TOFIL	TRACY CONYER	MIKE WELDON
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	SALLIE QUINN	MARGARITA LOPEZ
MASS INTENTIONS	+ MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL + LEIGH & JERRY TESARZ + MILDRED LUECKENHOFF + GERRARD ZALNO + LEONCIO LOPEZ 1ST SATURDAY MEMORIAL MEMBERS	+ LEONCIO LOPEZ	+ HERMINE BENZINGER + EDWARD SULKOWSKI + TADEUSZ BURDZY

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

July 28-August 1, 2025

Tuesday, July 29

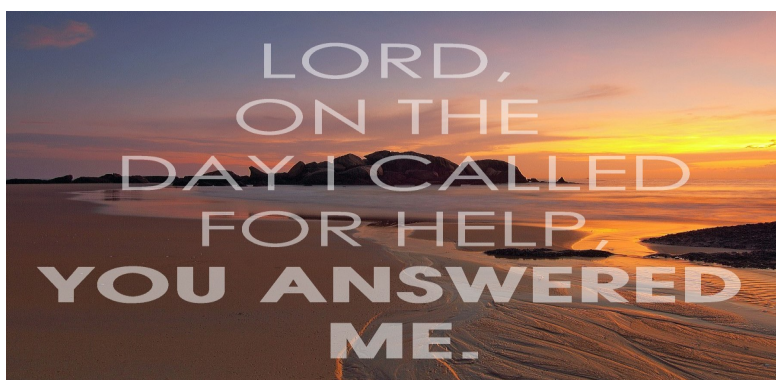
9:00 am.....CHURCH
+ LEONCIO LOPEZ

Wednesday, July 30

12:00 PM.....CHURCH
+ LEONCIO LOPEZ

Friday, August 1

9:00 am.....CHURCH
+ LEONCIO LOPEZ
+ DENNIS PATTOCK



Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley
Batherson, Barbara
Baumgardner, Patty
Berger, Ron
Block, Karen
Boyak, Carolyn
Bringold, Bonnie
Burgess, Evie
Burke-Misencar, Jennifer
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
Feiler, Alex Horne
Fichtner, Leanne
Fornasiero, Joseph
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
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 & Batty 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 Robert S. Hoffman
In Loving Memory 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
Living & Deceased Members of Kwilos & Stecker Families

Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families
The Malish and Porembiak Families
In Loving Memory of Margaret Mirabatur
In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabatur 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 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
Arndinger, 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

Jubilee at Home

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Join other high school youth from across the Archdiocese as we celebrate the Jubilee of Hope. Begin with a Journey with the Saints at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, followed by a tour of the Solanus Casey Pilgrimage Center and an overnight stay at St. Colette.

August 2-3, 2025

+ Activities include:

- Inspirational prayer
- Meet new friends
- Overnight under the stars
- Lunch, dinner and breakfast are included
- Prayer and Liturgy

+ Cost: \$60 (lunch, dinner, and breakfast included).

Learn more and RSVP at
aod.org/jubilee-at-home



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Immaculate Conception Council 4513 Catholic High School Scholarship Program

Knights of Columbus Council 4513 has established a scholarship fund for those St. Thomas the Apostle parish members enrolled in a Catholic high school. To apply, students must first complete an application. These can be found in the Gathering Space at church, in the Parish Office, or one can be requested at gk4513@mikofc.org.

The second part requires the student to compose a 250 to 500 word essay explaining why a Catholic High School education is important to a person of faith in the world today. It can either be handwritten (must be legible) or completed on a computer. Essays must be submitted to the parish office no later than August 10th.

The final part will be an interview with standardized questions later in August. You will be contacted to schedule that interview.

Festival Boutique Needs Hand-Crafted Items!

This year, the ladies of the Rosary Altar Sodality will be hosting our FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL Boutique. Although there is great creative talent among our ladies, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** If you knit, crochet, make jewelry, diamond dot art, wreaths, paintings, floral arrangements, dog sweaters, baskets or any other creative craft, we are asking if you'd be so kind to please donate one of your creations for our boutique. Crafts can be dropped off in the large basket in the Gathering Space of the church or at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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