

August 30, 2026

WHOEVER *wishes to come after me* MUST DENY HIMSELF

MATTHEW 16:24



Today's Epistle has me wondering what it would be like if Saint Paul reappeared today in, say, New York or LA. After a chance to watch some TV, surf the Internet, catch up on some major issues in the news, and see how our culture is driven by conspicuous wealth, self-indulgence, and obsession with celebrities, I imagine his message would be the same as it was in the first century A.D. "Do not conform yourselves in this age."

Then, as now, one of the best antidotes to some of the more negative influences of the age is family. At least it can be. Saint Paul's advice is "be transformed by the renewal of your mind that you may discern what is the will of God." Family can be both the place of such transformation and a school of discernment. Discernment means developing the ability and the inclination to see, judge, and act in right ways.

But families must be intentional—we need to make choices about how we set our priorities and how we spend our time. Our culture offers many wonderful and valuable gifts, and also a lot of shallow and empty promises. One of the best gifts you can give your children and other family members is support in learning to tell the true gifts from the empty promises. One quick "next step"? Make sure they know and absorb the message of Jesus in order to counter the thousands of ads they're exposed to everywhere they turn.

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Today's column courtesy of Cale Clarke of Catholic.com

Work as Worship?

We live in a culture in which labor is frowned on and retirement—the earlier, the better—the goal. Many view any type of work as a sort of necessary evil, with the ideal life amounting to uninterrupted leisure. Even some Christians actually view work simply as part of the punishments stemming from original sin. The Bible notes that before our first parents fell into sin, work was there. God himself “worked,” establishing the heavens and the earth, after which he rested.

The entry of sin into creation adversely affected the arena of work. Because of the disobedience of our first parents, God told Adam, “Cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth to you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread” (Gen. 3:17-19).

But the goodness of work for humanity remains. As birds were created to fly, we were created to share in God's work of creation, no matter what our job might be.

As St. Josemaría Escrivá wrote, “before God, no occupation is in itself great or small. Everything acquires the value of the love with which it is done.” One might say that the greatest job, then, is the one that is done with the most love, for the glory of God.

Jesus spent the vast majority of his life as a worker. In that, he was redeeming us by sanctifying work. God worked in St. Joseph's workshop just as he did in building the heavens and the earth, in order to remind us that, through service in the most ordinary things of life, we can discover the divine.

2026 Quarterly Collection Summary

Month		April	May	June
Registered Contributions:	\$	39,334.39	37,341.26	39,508.00
Based on # of day in the month		30.00	31.00	30.00
Monthly Budgeted amount:	\$	42,460.20	43,875.54	42,460.20
Above / Below the Budgeted	\$	(3,125.81)	(6,534.28)	(2,952.20)
Special Collections				
Utility Fund:	\$	2,258.00	1,781.50	2,264.00
1st Saturday Memorial	\$	-	-	2,780.00
Christian Services	\$	2,474.50	2,547.00	1,691.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	162.00	20.00	-
peter's Pence	\$	-	-	1,316.00
Flower Collections	\$	455.00	20.00	-
Holy Day Collections	\$	370.00	1,310.00	200.00
Mass Stipend	\$	720.00	530.00	680.00
Missionary	\$	1.00	-	-

Total Quarterly Contributions Collected

Scripture Readings for the Week of August 30, 2026

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

Monday, August 31, 2026

1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 4, 2026

1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, September 5, 2026

1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20



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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 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."



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		September 5 & 6, 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	JERRY KOWALCZYK	GALDES FAMILY	JOSEPH KORIE MICHELLE KORIE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	DIANE PROUTY JEANNE PYONK TONY SIVAKO VIKKI WOROSZ	GLORY MCGAHAN CHRISTOPHER PELTZ JESSICA PIETKA ANN ZIMMERMAN	SUZETTE ARSENAULT DENISE MAIER DENISE BIELSKI RUTH EBBITT
LECTORS	FRANK TOFIL	NANCY DRYJA	VICTORIA A
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	ROSE CONYER	LAURIE EICHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	1ST SATURDAY MEMORIAL MEMBERS + MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL + MARIE MEIER	+ NANCY RUBY	+ TONY SCHILLACI

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.

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 31-September 4, 2026

Tuesday, September 1

9:00 AM

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Wednesday, September 2

12:00 PM

+ WILLIAM & SOPHIE LAMAR
+ ANN VITALE

Friday, September 4

9:00 AM

+ ERNIE & AUDREY MAJESTIC
+ GENEVIEVE MICHALOWSKI



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
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
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, 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
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 & 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 Kwatara, 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

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

Can you believe that we are only **FOUR** weeks away from the beginning of our new Faith Formation year? Classes for our young people in Grades K-8 will begin this fall on Monday, September 28th. We welcome back our returning students and hope to see many new faces this year. We offer a class for students who have had no prior catechesis and would like to catch up! Every family's needs are different and we are more than happy to work with you on your children's faith journey! Registration forms are available in the church and online. There are **many discounts** available: **HALF OFF** discounts for families who refer **NEW** families to our program and discounts for families who volunteer their time in our program on Monday evenings. Please call with any questions, I'd love to work with your family!

HELP YOUR
CHILDREN
MEET THEIR
**BEST
FRIEND**



A great big **THANK YOU** to all of the wonderful volunteers in our parish who joined our workshop and have taken the necessary steps to become compliant with the mandates of the Archdiocese of Detroit. It is only with your help that we can join together to insure a **SAFE ENVIRONMENT** for all who come here.

May God bless you for what you do in His name!

If you are unfamiliar with the requirements and still need to complete the training, please read below:

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. Call me for more information.



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!



Taking up our cross means choosing what's right even when it's tough. Jesus wants us to do this with a heart full of love.

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