

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 2026

“This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am  
well pleased;  
listen to him.”

Matthew 17:5



Shakespeare once said that “the clothes make the man”. It is no wonder that billions of dollars are spent every year on what we wear, not just to warm us, but to keep up with the fashions—which is all about appearance.

In today's gospel about the transfiguration of Jesus, it seems that he is concerned about appearance too. It was a marvelous transformation in the appearance of Jesus.

Perhaps you have seen the sign: ULTIMATE ELECTRONICS. Electronics have taken over the lives of many people: TV, iPods, cellphones, radios, Nintendos, computers, and the list goes on.

What identity does Jesus want to give us? First of all, we are to identify ourselves as children of Abraham. This means living our faith in God as top priority in our lives. Abraham had full confidence in the destiny that God determined for him, although at the time of his call he was taking a leap into the dark. It was faith in God's promises that unsettled him in his native land. It is faith in God's promises that unsettles us in a world we feel too much a part of. Abraham's faith set him apart from his countrymen. Our faith must set us apart from a secular society whose final destiny is expressed in a slogan such as ULTIMATE ELECTRONICS. Abraham's faith gave him a different destiny from that of his neighbors.

Another part of our identity is that we are gospel people. St. Paul wrote his pupil Timothy to accept hardship for the sake of the gospel. We cannot take our faith for granted or be lukewarm in living it. As good Catholics, we accept the gospel and must have the zeal for it to the extent that we spread it the way a fire rages through a forest. Indeed, our evangelical brothers and sisters can teach us a lesson about living our faith and being proud to profess it in all we say and do.

It is clear from the entire message of Jesus, not just during Lent, that we are to change our hearts. This change is from the inside out, not from the outside in. By joining ourselves to Jesus in the Eucharist, we get the strength needed to bring about that change—not just in appearance but from our hearts.

**A special Thank You to the volunteers who showed up and helped at our first Fish Fry for this year. We served 452 dinners! Great Job and good spirit by all!**

God love you, Fr. Larry



- Penance Services**  
**March 25th**  
No Penance Service at St. Thomas  
1 PM St. Richard  
7 PM St. Mary Cause of Joy
- Palm Sunday**  
**March 29th**  
4:00 PM Mass Saturday  
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass Sunday
- Holy Thursday**  
**April 2nd**  
No Mass at St. Thomas
- Good Friday**  
**April 3rd**  
No 9:00 AM Mass  
12:00 PM Divine Mercy  
12:30 PM Rosary  
1:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
1:30 PM The Lord's Passion
- Holy Saturday**  
**April 4th**  
**Food Blessing** at 11:00 AM in Church  
**Easter Vigil Mass** at 8:00 PM  
(No confessions or 4:00 PM Mass)
- EASTER SUNDAY**  
**April 5th**  
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass
- Stations of the Cross**  
**Fridays during Lent**  
3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
- Fish Fry**  
**Fridays during Lent**  
**(February 20th-April 3rd)**  
**4:30—7:00 PM**  
(or until we run out!)
- 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

SCAN TO DONATE

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





# This N That by Deacon Skip

I have definitely seen signs of spring. I was getting dressed for noon Mass this past week, when I happened to look out the window of the ushers room. A flock of robins landed on one of the trees in front of the church. There were at least a dozen of them. At the same time, it is hard to ignore the warming up, especially after the cold spell. When I was out walking, I heard a woodpecker sounding. At this time of year he was letting the ladies know he was in town and available.

The problem I have is that I have made it through seventy-five winters, and a number of times I have experienced what I call "false spring." We will get a dose of spring, then the weather does a complete turn around, and we are back to winter for another three or four weeks. Enjoy the feel of spring, but be wary.

From what I have been told, my sister Cathy has rebounded well from her surgery, and is doing her best to get back to normal. She has an upcoming doctor's appointment to determine whether or not she will need chemotherapy or radiation therapy. Hopefully, she will need neither,

To answer the question I seem to get asked a lot, I have kept up with walking but have backed off the distance and duration, although I did pick things up during the warm spell. It has been drastically cold, and an amazing number of people in the subdivision below the co-op did not clean their walks. When I was growing up, cleaning the snow off of walks was an art form.

Don't forget our fish fries. Don't forget SVDP.

 **We will NOT be accepting food donations until further notice.**

## Easter Basket Raffle

THE THIRD ANNUAL EASTER BASKET RAFFLE IS ALMOST HERE!

Tickets are available at the Fish Fry every Friday during Lent.

We have baskets for babies, men and women, boys and girls and even cats and dogs! Something for everyone.

The drawing will be held the weekend of Palm Sunday.

Hope to see you there!



# Scripture Readings for the Week of March 1, 2026

- Sunday, March 1, 2026**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
- Monday, March 2, 2026**  
Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday, March 3, 2026**  
Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday, March 4, 2026**  
Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday, March 5, 2026**  
Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday, March 6, 2026**  
Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday, March 7, 2026**  
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday, March 8, 2026**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**  
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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Announce Annual

## PIEROGI FUNDRAISER



**\$12 per dozen – delicious & homemade!!!**  
Pierogi Making & Pick-up on Saturdays, 12:30pm – 2:30pm at:  
**St. Thomas the Apostle, 31530 Beechwood St. Garden City, MI 48135**  
(just north of Ford Road on west side of Merriman)

Pierogi:	Order/Pre-pay by:	Pick-up on:
Potato & Cheese	Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mar 7 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup>
Kraut	Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mar 21 <sup>st</sup>
Potato & Onion	Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mar 28 <sup>th</sup>

To order or for more information, please contact:  
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Please make check payable to: POLANIE SONG & DANCE ENSEMBLE

**DZIĘKUJEMY**

If you would like to be added to our annual pierogi fundraiser email list, just email [polaniedetroit96@gmail.com](mailto:polaniedetroit96@gmail.com)

# 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

<b>Monday</b>	9:00 am	St. Mary, Wayne
	12:00 pm	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland <i>(followed by Eucharistic Adoration)</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	9:00 am	St. Richard, Westland
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 am	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	9:00 am	St. Mary, Wayne
<b>Saturday</b>	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
<b>Sunday</b>	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)

<b>Tuesday</b>		St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)
<b>Saturday</b>	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 Staff & Services

### Pastor

Rev. Lawrence Zurawski  
rlarry@thomastheapostle.org

### Deacon

Rev. Mr. Leon Rodgers

### Administrative Office

(734) 427-1533

**Secretary/Bulletin Editor...**Sandy Mulcahy  
**Parish Bookkeeper...**Lindsay Pennington  
**Admin. Assistant...**Kathy Zarzycki-Main  
**Mission Support Director...**Jim Birney

### Faith Formation

### Youth Ministry Office

(734)-425-5550

**Director.....**Missy Taylor

### Christian Service/Food Pantry/St. Vincent de Paul

(734) 425-9771

### Music Ministry

(734) 427-1533

**Music Minister.....**Paul Shafer

### Maintenance

Rob Walker

### MINISTRIES AT MASS

For scheduling or training call:

### Altar Servers

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

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Dan Lobb(734)578-2374 or gandalf480@aol.com

### Lectors

Dan Lobb(734)578-2374 or gandalf480@aol.com

### Ushers

John Krause.....(734) 425-9771

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

#### Alhambra

John Krause (734) 425-9771  
Frank Tofil

#### Knights of Columbus #4513

Grand Knight..... John Galdes

#### Rosary Altar Sodality

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

Worship Schedule		March 7 & 8, 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	STEPHANIE GALDES	ADAEZE ENWERE CHIAMAKA ENWERE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI CANDY HENRY DENNIS LAZORKA GERI MORRISEY	GLORY MCGAHAN CECILIA NESBITT CHRISTOPHER PELTZ ANN M. ZIMMERMAN	SUZETTE ARSENAULT LAURIE EICHSTEDT DENISE MAIER MAGDALENE MARTINDALE
LECTORS	FRANK TOFIL	NANCY DRYJA	STEVE KOVALESKI
SACRISTAN	...	CECILIA NESBITT	LAURIE EICHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	1ST SATURDAY MEMORIAL MEMBERS + MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL + JUNE CARBAJAL-CHRISTOPHER	+ PAT REYMO	+ RICHARD SCHIFFAUER

*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](http://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*  
 March 2-6, 2026

**Tuesday, March 3**  
**9:00 am**  
 INCREASE IN RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS  
 + THOMAS BENDER

**Wednesday, March 4**  
**12:00 PM**  
 + RICHARD STRASSER

**Friday, March 6**  
**9:00 am**  
 + DENNIS PATTOCK



## Please Pray For...

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

## 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 Mirabitur
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabitur 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, Staff 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
Ardinger, 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

**CYT Middle School EASTER BASKET PROJECT** For Redford Interfaith Families

**WE NEED TO FILL 225 EASTER BASKETS!!**



**When:** Saturday, March 7th  
10:00 to 12:30

**Where:** Divine Child Elementary School Cafeteria  
1055 N. Silvery Lane  
Dearborn, MI 48128  
(use the door near the Athletic Complex from the main or center parking lot)

**Cost:** \$5 per participant (all money goes to purchases for the Easter baskets)

RSVPs to your Parish Youth Minister  
Needed by Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

**LAST CALL FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!  
GREAT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!!**

We will be heading to Divine Child on Saturday, March 7th to assemble Easter Baskets for Redford Interfaith Families. This is for all students in Grades 6-8. Please make sure that you pick up a permission slip either in the church or in the Faith Formation office. **Please remember, many hands = light work!!**

**Baby Shower**

We are participating in the Right to Life drop in baby shower again this year. Over the next several weeks there will be a playpen in the Gathering Space of church. You can put items you'd like to donate into the playpen through the weekend of March 29th. This year they are well stocked with diapers and wipes. The items **MOST in need are listed on the flyer below.**

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

**St. Thomas the Apostle**

and

**RIGHT TO LIFE - LIFESPAN**

are co-hosting the



**37th Annual LIFESPAN**

**Baby Shower**

benefitting

**Wee Care**

during our

**March Collection**

Please consider donating to support mothers & their children.

Donated items for the Baby Shower can be brought to the Church



Gift Suggestions for Wee Care

Lightweight sleepers 3, 6 9 mo,  
Short-sleeve onesies 3, 6, 9 mos,  
Binkies, Baby Wash, & Receiving Blankets



Visit LIFESPAN's Event Page on [miLIFESPAN.org](http://miLIFESPAN.org)

Please make any checks payable to:

*Lifespan Wee Care*

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