

May 3, 2026

# PREPARE A *place for you.*

JOHN 14:1



13 of our Faith Formation students celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m. Mass. May they always remember this day with a special fondness and never forget the joy they have today. May the importance of receiving Jesus often in the Eucharist and living their Catholic faith always be a priority for them.

May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Come and join us for the annual May Crowning this Monday, May 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Images of the Blessed Virgin Mary have been revered by Christians from the early days of the Church. The reverence for the image is directed to the person it represents. Crowning a statue of the Lord's Mother is symbolic of the honor we give her as the one chosen by God to bear His Son, our Salvation.

During the month of May, a month dedicated to Mary, Catholics have long honored her by placing a crown on her image. The tradition in the United States and many other countries has been for the parish and/or school children to have a "May Crowning" ceremony, with a procession and a wreath of fresh flowers to place on the statue. Songs like "On This Day O Beautiful Mother," "Bring Flowers of the Fairest" and "Holy Mary Now We Crown You" and others have been familiar favorites for generations.

The Church recognizes in the Blessed Virgin Mary a perfect example of a Christian way of life, filled with deep faith and true love for all people. The Mother of God will guide us and support us, enabling us to meet and overcome the challenges of the times in which, through God's will, we live on this earth.

Have a Blessed Mother statue in a place of honor in your home. Let it be a place of prayer and devotion for you and for the children.

Pray the Hail Mary. The children may want to color a picture of Mary and hang it up in their room or on the refrigerator as a reminder to pray.

Pray the rosary with the family or alone. You may want to start with one decade before dinner.

Pray the Angelus.

Whatever prayer or devotion you choose, it should deepen your faith and lead you closer to God.

Last, but not least, seven of our 8th grade students will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 7. They are a wonderful group of young people dedicated to the Church. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey through their life with Jesus.

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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

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## This N That by Deacon Skip

I did something different when I was out walking a few evenings ago. I helped round up a stray dog. I was walking along Wildwood when all of a sudden a poodle was running around me in circles. Just as I stopped, a car pulled up along side me. The lady driver yelled at me to grab the dog by the collar, which I did. My companion walker was essentially a fur ball, so I was able to pick it up and hand it to the lady. It seems that the canine in question had a history of wandering away from home.

My front flower beds are doing remarkably well. Even the butterfly bush that I was worried about has sprouted leaves. I did have a noticeable amount of winter kill among the roses and the Japanese maple, so I did have to do a fair amount of trimming. Nonetheless all of a sudden everything looks a whole lot more promising.

For those who can't make it to weekday Mass, a couple of Fridays ago I had another blackout session; this time it happened at home. I made it to church, but afterwards spent a number of hours in St. Mary's Hospital. I ended up with four staples in my head along with a referral to a neurologist's office courtesy of my doctor. The referral is coming up. If the tests go like my past issues, they will find nothing wrong with me. I can only wait to see how things turn out. In the meanwhile, I have to make it through allergy season.

I hope everyone is doing well. Don't forget SVDP.

### What is CSA?

The Catholic Services Appeal is an annual campaign of the Archdiocese of Detroit promoted through the efforts of our parishes. Each parish is provided with an individual goal to assist the Archdiocese in this fundraising effort. Any funds collected over the parish goal are returned to the parish for their own needs.

The ministries, programs, and services funded by CSA include Catholic Schools, Clergy and Consecrated Life, Communications and Marketing, Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship, Mission Advancement and Stewardship, Parish Care and Services, Priestly Vocations, Technology, Sacred Major Seminary and Cathedral Support, National Collections and Metropolitan Tribunal.

**Let's Reach our 2026 goal \$77,162**  
May 2, 2026 – December 31, 2026

## Scripture Readings for the Week of May 3, 2026

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9;  
Jn 14:1-12

**Monday, May 4, 2026**

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday, May 7, 2026**

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday, May 8, 2026**

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;  
1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

## WE WANT YOUR TREASURES!

It is that time of year again to inform you to start clearing your basement and garage for those items you would like to donate to the Church Garage Sale.

The Annual Parish Garage Sale will be held June 4th, 5th and 6th in the Activities Center.

Donations can be dropped off May 18th - May 30th at the Activities Center.

We will NOT be accepting clothing, magazines, large household appliances, infant carriers, computers or TVs older than 3 years, LPs and VHS tapes.

For questions or more information, please contact Donna at (734) 771-0775.



# 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

## Mother's Day



Knights of Columbus

## Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 10 after all Masses



## Parish Staff & Services

### Pastor

Rev. Lawrence Zurawski  
flarry@thomastheapostle.org

### Deacon

Rev. Mr. Leon Rodgers

### Administrative Office

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**Secretary/Bulletin Editor...**Sandy Mulcahy  
**Admin. Assistant...**Kathy Zarzycki-Main

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

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(734) 427-1533

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

### Maintenance

Rob Walker

### MINISTRIES AT MASS

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

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

### Sacristans

Bob Prokop .....(734) 756-5767

### Ushers

John Krause.....(734) 427-1533

### 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

May 9 & 10, 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	ANNALEIGH BARNES AVA ANN EICHSTEDT NATASHA GRAHAM JERRY KOWALCZYK	ANTONELLA CRUZ DURAN GRACY CRUZ DURAN JULIE GALDES	ADAEZE ENWERE CHIMAKA ENWERE EKENE ENWWERE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI CANDY HENRY DENNIS LAZORKA FRANK TOFIL	TEDDY LUTHER GLORY MCGAHAN CECILIA NESBITT ANN M. ZIMMERMAN	LAURA GREEN TAYLOR GREEN SALLIE QUEEN JOE SMITH
LECTORS	JEANNE PYONK	DAN LOBB	MIKE WELDON
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	CECELIA NESBITT	SALLY QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ RONALD THOMAS + MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL + KEITH NACE + LENA SZURKIEWICZ + LORAINÉ SNYDER + DOMINIC NOONAN + DANNY PEPERA + JOANNE SHANKIN + MARIA DILUCIA + FILOMENA SAVASTANO	+ BERNICE KARWAN + EVA "JACKIE" PROCTOR + PHYLLIS ORNATOWSKI + KATHLEEN WALKER + STEPHANIE POCIASK + ROSE SAID + MARIA LUISA CAMPOS	+ CHRIS KASPER, SR. + CHRIS KASPER, JR. + BARBARA SOBAS

## 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



*Weekday Masses*  
May 4-8, 2026

**Tuesday, May 5**  
9:00 AM

+ MARIA LUISA CAMPOS  
+ JAMES M. SCHUCK

**Wednesday, May 6**  
12:00 PM  
+ BOB KING

**Friday, May 8**  
9:00 AM

+ ROBERTO CARDOVA BARRETO

*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.

## FESTIVAL CASINO DEALER ORIENTATION

**SAT. MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**6:00 PM**

**ACTIVITIES CENTER (GYM)**

**PIZZA AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED**

RSVP to Paul by May 7th

(734) 427-1533

pshafer@thomastheapostle.org



## Please Pray For...

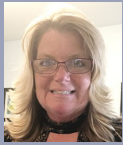
Alaska, Shirley	Cielma, Genevieve	Eves, Debbie	Mathison, Bonnie	Stites, Keith
Batherson, Barbara	Cislo, Dan	Feiler, Alex Horne	Murawski, Veronica	Sutherland, Eleanor
Baumgardner, Patty	Cole, Jean	Fichtner, Leanne	O'Connell, Evan	Swiercz, Bobbie
Benninger, Barbara	Cole, Regina	Filak, Julianna	Oliverio,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

## 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 Mirabatur
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabatur 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 Paddock & 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

### FAITH FORMATION



Tomorrow, Monday, May 4th, we will conclude our Faith Formation year by honoring our Blessed Mother with a May Crowning and Living Rosary at 6pm in the Church. The rosary will be prayed by our students, but we can always use a little support from the parish. If you would like to join us in the Rosary by reciting a prayer,

please let me know as we gather in the church before the event. For those a little shy to come up to the ambo or for those unable to walk around the church in the procession of the prayers, we would love to have you join in this wonderful celebration by praying in the pews with us. This is such a beautiful way for us to remember Mary. We hope to see you there!

### CONFIRMATION REMINDERS



We are excited to be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation with our young people this coming Thursday, May 7th at 6:30pm at St. Mary Wayne. We will be joining the other candidates from our Family of Parishes, along with their choirs and the Most Rev. Bishop Monforton in a wonderful celebration welcoming the Holy Spirit into the hearts and souls of these young people. We hope that all of our Prayer Partners can join us, but if you can't physically be present, please remember us in prayer that day!

**ROSARY ALTAR SODALITY REMINDER:  
FINAL MEETING—POT LUCK TUES, MAY 5 6pm**

A great big **CONGRATULATIONS** to our students who received the gift of Jesus in First Holy Communion Saturday, April 25th. May the joy you experience through receiving our Lord's body fill your heart and ignite that desire for closeness with Him as you continue this journey of faith!



Axel Barnes  
 Emanuel Colone  
 Luzmaya Hernandez  
 Prícila Hernandez  
 Ava Holmes  
 Davis Imebuogu  
 Stephлін Imebuogu  
 Dante Mestichelli  
 Cheyenne Ray  
 Harper Rennaker  
 Aria Squires  
 Grant vanGemert  
 Adalynn Zavala




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