

# THEIRS IS THE Kingdom.

MATTHEW 5:3

February 1, 2026



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This year, February 2nd falls on a Monday. It is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, also known as Candlemas. It comes 40 days after Christmas. We remember how Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the temple

and Simeon proclaimed him, **"a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel."** Luke 2:32. This feast reminds us that each day we must serve the Lord and present ourselves to the Lord as his servants.

The Church still sings Simeon's hymn, daily, in the night prayer of the Breviary which is prayed every night by the clergy and religious men and women as well as by some of the laity. There is no better way to close a day or a lifetime than to remember that we hold Christ within us.

The feast was celebrated in Jerusalem as early as the fourth century. It originally commemorated the purification of Mary, in accordance with Jewish law. **Every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord...and offer in sacrifice a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accord with the dictate in the law of the Lord.**" (Luke 2:22; Leviticus 12:6-7.) By the mid-fifth century, this feast was celebrated in home on February 2nd, with the addition of a candlelight procession.

The day eventually received the popular title Candlemas (Candle Mass), because candles were blessed before the Mass and procession. It is the day for blessing candles because Christ is revealed as our light and a light to all nations. Candles, especially blessed candles, are used in homes for special occasions of joy, anointing of the sick, during a storm, or whenever we seek the light and presence of Christ in our lives. Candles are also used to bless throats on February 3rd, the feast of St. Blaise who is the patron saint of throat diseases.

Legends say that St. Blaise was a physician before becoming a bishop. He miraculously cured a young boy who was choking from a fishbone caught in his throat. St. Blaise became one of the most popular saints during the Middle Ages. The tradition of blessing the throats of parishioners on his feast day with two crossed candles has been popular for centuries.

I will bless throats of all those who wish to receive it after all the Masses this weekend.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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## This N That by Deacon Skip

Our family reached a couple of milestones in the last week or so. My granddaughter Chloe turned 18; she will graduate from Stephenson High School this spring. My grandson Levi turned 15. I remember when mom and dad brought them home for the first time.

On the other side of the milestone coin, my sister Cathy at the tender age of 67 has developed uterine cancer. She is scheduled for surgery on February 2. If you would, offer a prayer on her behalf.

I definitely backed off my walking in the cold weather. It's been a while since our winters have been this harsh.

Speaking of Cathy at age 67, all 7 of us brothers and sisters were born 3 years apart. Our birthdays all seem to coordinate to 9 months following a contract settlement. My dad was a metal pattern maker and CIO.

I was looking at my calendar for something else and I noticed that Lent is coming soon. Ash Wednesday is February 18... The fish fries are coming and will need volunteers.

Don't forget SVDP.

Ministries Center/SVdP  
(734) 425-9771



We will NOT be accepting food donations until further notice.



St. Vincent de Paul is looking for an energetic volunteer to take over the food pantry. Beverly Tofil is stepping down. If interested, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Office at (734) 425-9771 and ask for John or Ron. Thank you in advance for your consideration. God Bless.



## Scripture Readings for the Week of February 1, 2026

**Sunday, February 1, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;  
1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

**Monday, February 2, 2026**

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40  
or 2:22-32

**Tuesday, February 3, 2026**

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30; 19:3;  
Ps 86: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026**

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday, February 5, 2026**

**Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a,  
12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

**Friday, February 6, 2026**

**Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions,  
Martyrs**

Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday, February 7, 2026**

1 Kings 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14;  
Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday, February 8, 2026**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;  
Mt 5:13-16

### CSA Update

2025 Goal  
\$74,785

Total Paid  
\$65,435

Shortfall  
(\$9,350)

80,000—  
Goal \$74,785

70,000—

60,000—

50,000—

40,000—

30,000—

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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
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Thursday	9:00 am	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland
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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



The Knights of Columbus and Alhambra will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> after both masses in the Activities Center.



## Music Ministry



NPM DETROIT PRESENTS:

### HALLE-BELL-LOO II

SATURDAY

FEB  
14

ST. MARY  
WAYNE

34530 W. MICHIGAN AVE.  
WAYNE, MI 48184

JOIN US FOR OUR SECOND ANNUAL  
HANDBELL WORKSHOP AND PERFORMANCE!

DR. RICHARD SCHNEIDER, CLINICIAN

8:00 AM LOAD-IN  
8:30 WORKSHOP  
11:30 LUNCH BREAK  
(LUNCH PROVIDED)  
12:15 WORKSHOP  
1:00 PERFORMANCE  
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

REGISTER BY 12/1/25  
\$15 PER PERSON  
SCAN BELOW OR VISIT  
NPMDETROIT.COM



FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:  
RICHARDSCHNEIDER1959@GMAIL.COM

#### 2025 Tax Statements

Tax statements are available for your 2025 contributions to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Please fill out the coupon below completely then either drop it in the collection basket, bring it to the Parish Center or mail it to us. Thank you.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to receive my 2025 tax statement by:

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(please circle one)

## Worship Schedule

February 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	ISABELLA POWELL	JULIE GALDES	CHUKWUMA NDUKWE STEPHLIN IMEBUOGU DAVIS IMEBUOGU
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	KATHY ANDRUS CANDY HENRY GERI MORRISSEY FRANK TOFIL	GLORY MCGAHAN CECILIA NESBITT CHRISTOPHER PELTZ ANN M. ZIMMERMAN	DENISE BIELSKI EVIE BURGESS LAURA GREEN TAYLOR GREEN
LECTORS	FRANK TOFIL	NANCY DRYJA	VICTORIA APOLZAN
SACRISTAN	BOB PROKOP	CECILIA NESBITT	LAURIE EICHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	1ST SATURDAY MEMORIAL MEMBERS + DONALD GRANT + ALBERT BATCHIK + MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL + DANNY PEPERA + CHESTER GUGALA	CHRISTA, CODY & AMELIA BLAKE	+ DIANE ALSON

*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

February 2-6, 2026

Tuesday, February 3

9:00 am

+ LLOYD WOROSZ

Wednesday, February 4

12:00 PM

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Friday, February 6

9:00 am

+ SR. MARY FIDELIS

+ BLAISE SZAREK

+ SOPHIE & WILLIAM LAMAR



## Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley  
Batherson, Barbara  
Baumgardner, Patty  
Berger, Ron  
Beuer, Donna  
Block, Karen  
Boyak, Carolyn  
Bringold, Bonnie  
Burgess, Evie  
Burke, Larry  
Burris, Nikita and Family  
Calley, Julie  
Canini, Ricky  
Carpenter, Mike  
Chichila, Pam  
Chop, Nancy Grabel

Cielma, Genevieve  
Cislo, Dan  
Cole, Jean  
Cole, Regina  
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  
Dzendzel, Mary Ann  
Eichstedt, Laurie  
Eves, Debbie

Feiler, Alex Horne  
Fichtner, Leanne  
Filak, Julianna  
Fornasiero, Joseph  
Gentilia, Judy  
Gozowsky, David  
Hagen, Jenifer  
Harte, John  
Hubbard, Carl  
Kapanke, Dolores  
Kathan, Joann  
Kathan, Thomas  
LeVoir, Lorraine  
LeVoir, Sherry  
Lobb, Cindy  
Lowe, Janette  
Lowe, Jonathan  
Malish, Rosemary

Mathison, Bonnie  
Murawski, Veronica  
O'Connell, Evan  
Oliverio, Jr., Robert  
Pastula, Shirley  
Prosser, Cindy  
Romanek, Virginia (Pat)  
Ruby, Nancy  
Sanak, Francene  
Sanregret, John  
Smith, Mary  
Smitt, Deb  
Smith, Patricia  
Soine, Dianna  
Stites, Keith  
Sutherland, Eleanor  
Swiercz, Bobbie  
Tennent, Joan

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. 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 2025-June 30, 2026

Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Blaty 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 Bob and Ann Hoelscher  
In Loving Memory of Robert S. Hoffman  
In Loving Memory of Eugene Jospoh Hynek  
My Wife Joanne Who I Love and Miss Very Much  
Kapanke-Omilian Family  
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family  
Living & Deceased Members of Keiller & Marciniec Families

Living & Deceased Members of Kwiros & Stecker Families  
Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families  
The Malish and Porembiak Families  
In Loving Memory of Margaret Mirabitur  
In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabitur 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 Edward and Helen Romanowski  
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  
Ardinger, Stephanie  
Baumgardner, AJ  
Becker, Justin  
Bregand, David  
Brozek, Timothy  
Burris, Peter  
Campbell, Mary  
Canfield, Chaz  
Chokr, Jamei  
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

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

## FAITH FORMATION



Our young people will once again be clanging the soup pots at the entrances to church after ALL MASSES NEXT weekend during our "Souper Bowl of Caring." We will be raising money along with other parishes in our area and working with an organization called Redford Interfaith Relief on a special Easter Basket Project. The goal of our combined efforts is to provide baskets filled with goodies for children who are less fortunate and might not otherwise receive an Easter basket. Our parish has always been so generous with programs for our children. We are eternally grateful and say....Thanks in advance! May God bless you!



## CALENDAR UPDATES

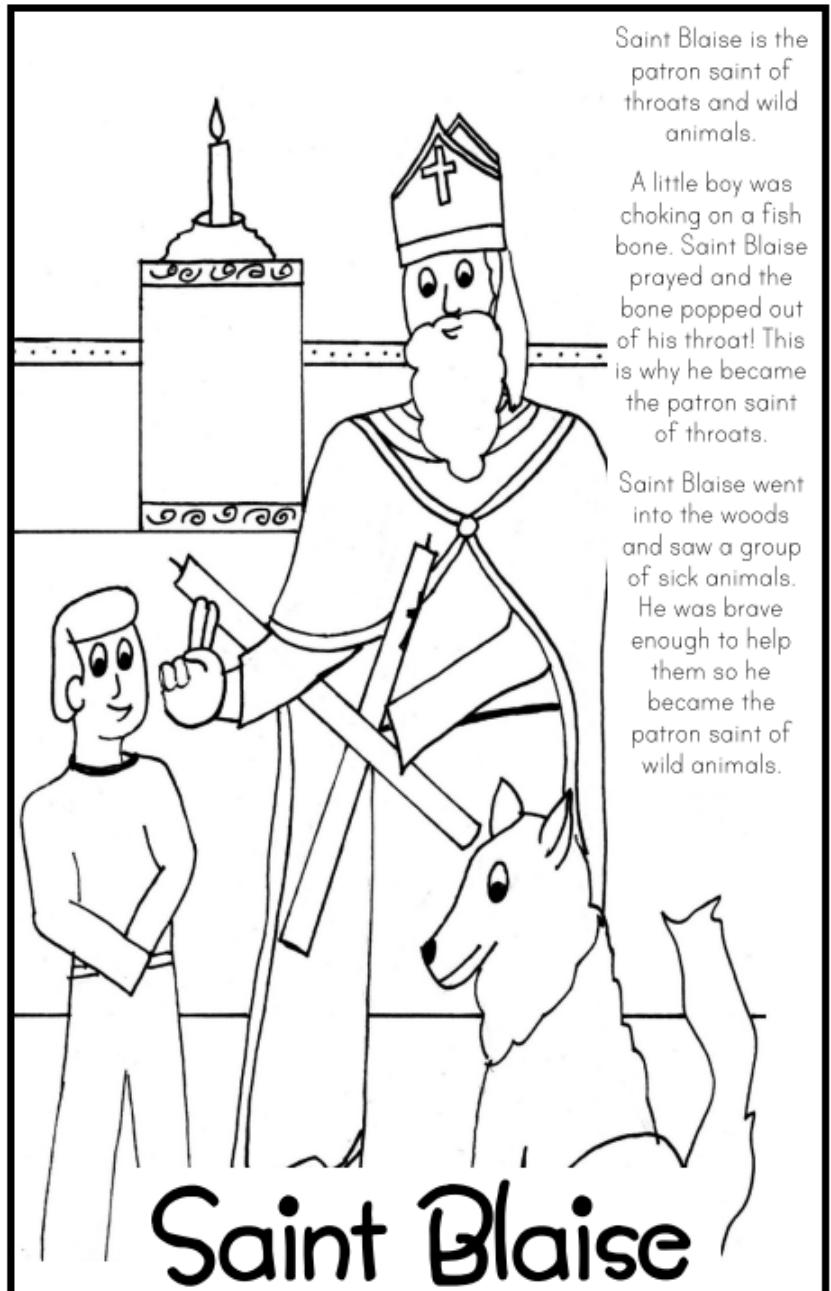
Please check out our upcoming important dates in Faith Formation:

- Mon, Feb. 2** Faith Formation at 6pm
- Sun, Feb. 8** Children's Mass at 11am  
6th grade
- Mon, Feb. 9** Faith Formation at 6pm
- Mon, Feb. 16** **NO CLASSES**—Midwinter Break
- Mon, Feb. 23** **FAMILY MASS** in Church at 6pm followed by light supper and family activity in Gym

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Saint Blaise is the patron saint of throats and wild animals.

A little boy was choking on a fish bone. Saint Blaise prayed and the bone popped out of his throat! This is why he became the patron saint of throats.

Saint Blaise went into the woods and saw a group of sick animals. He was brave enough to help them so he became the patron saint of wild animals.

## ROSARY ALTAR SODALITY

**REMINDERS....**The ladies of the Rosary Altar Sodality will meet on Tuesday, February 3rd at 6pm for our regular meeting in the Father Prus Hall. We will be decorating some Valentine cookies! We hope you will join us! Please remember to bring items for the Pantry.

*Join us!*