

THEIRS IS THE *Kingdom.*

MATTHEW 5:3

February 1, 2026



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 22:22; 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.

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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, Its 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.

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

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.

**WE
NEED
YOU**

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—
20,000—
10,000—



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)

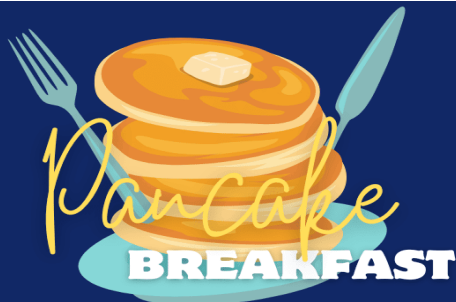
Tuesday		St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)
Saturday	3:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	3:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne
	6:30 pm	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland

Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month after 9:00 AM Mass



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



Music Ministry



NPM DETROIT PRESENTS:

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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
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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 _____

ENVELOPE _____

EMAIL _____

I would like to receive my 2025 tax statement by:

EMAIL US MAIL
(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.

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
 LeVair, Lorraine
 LeVair, 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 Josphe 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 & 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 Mirabitor
 In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabitor 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, 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

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!



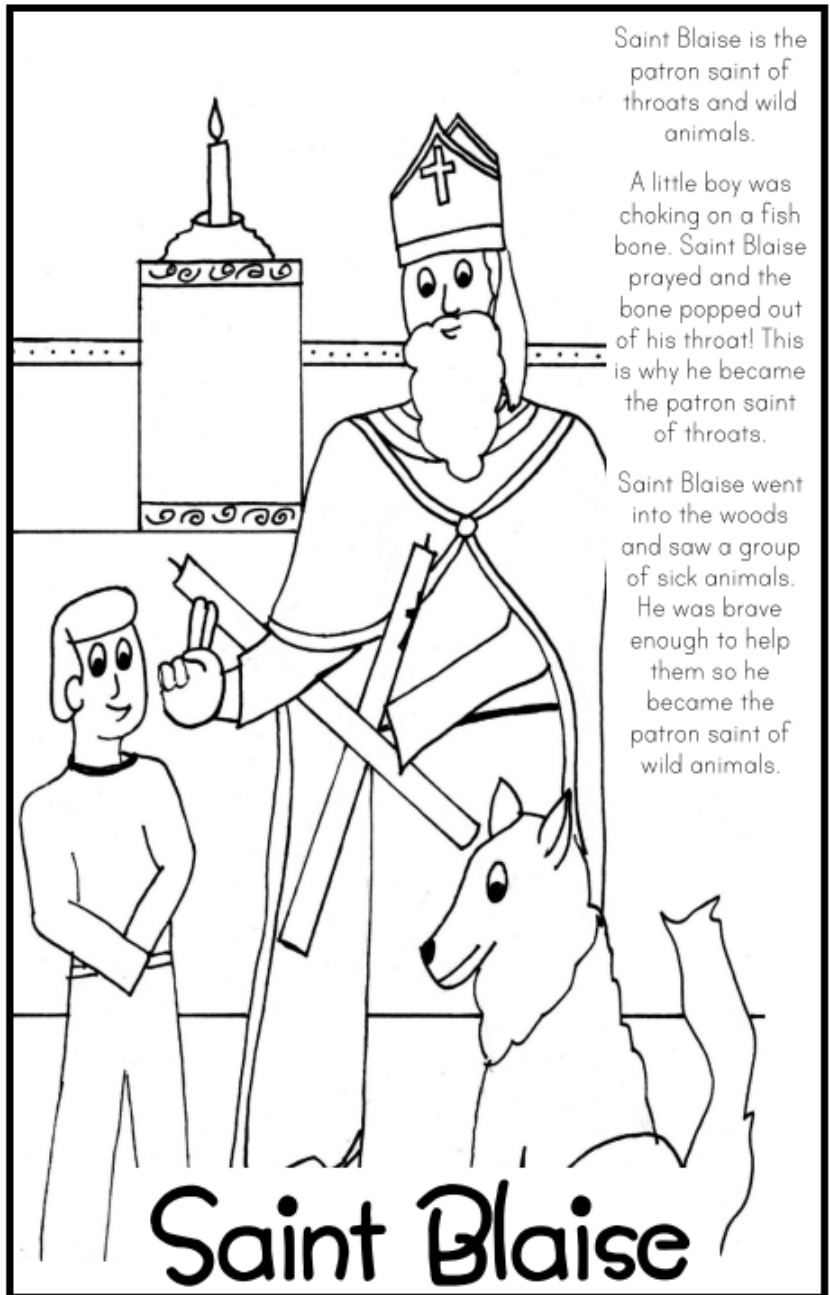
CALENDAR UPDATES

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!