

BOTH THE *New* AND THE *Old*.

MATTHEW 13:52

July 26, 2026

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saint Anne has been named by the Vatican as the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Detroit. We honor the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary and prayerfully ask for her intercession.

One may pray to any saint for any intention, but a patron saint is seen as the particular advocate for a chosen place or activity.

Saint Anne is the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Though she is not mentioned by name in the Bible, we know of her through early Christian writings, the most important of which is the *Protoevangelium of James*, written around the year 150 A.D. We are told that Anne, the wife of Joachim, was advanced in years before her prayers for a child were answered. An angel appeared and told her she'd conceive a child who "shall be spoken of in all the world." Saint Anne's feast day is July 26. She is known as patron saint of equestrians, housewives, women in labor, cabinet-makers, and miners.

Devotion to Saint Anne became popular in the Christian East by the 4th century, and the tradition later spread to the Christian West. When the French began to colonize modern-day Quebec, they brought their devotion to Saint Anne with them, asking for her protection in the New World.

This devotion was planted on the banks of the Detroit River by the original French-Canadian settlers. Two days after Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac landed with 51 others in what is now downtown Detroit on July 24, 1701, they celebrated Mass and began construction of the church named after Saint Anne. Today, Sainte Anne de Detroit is the second oldest continually operating parish in the United States. As is now recognized by the Holy See, the Church of Detroit was placed under Saint Anne's protection from its very founding.

On the Lighter Side.....

A mother with a fidgety seven-year-old boy told me how she gets her son to sit still and be quiet in church. About halfway through the homily, she leans over and whispers, "If you don't be quiet, Father is going to lose his place, and he will have to start his homily all over again."



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Today's answer proved by Fr. Charles Grondin of Catholic.com

How Can Anyone Deserve Eternal Hell?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1035), immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, "eternal fire." The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs.

I'm not sure we can say that hell is about "deserving" to be there. Hell is the result of a free choice to reject God. God respects our free will and if, by our actions and choices, we reject him, he will not force himself upon us. While we might say no one "deserves" eternal hell, if they choose to reject God that is the consequence of that choice.

This rejection of God is referred to as mortal sin. To be culpable of a mortal sin the individual must freely choose what he knows to be gravely wrong. By this choice a person explicitly rejects a relationship with God who is love. Heaven would be hell for such a person. Imagine not desiring the things of God and then having to spend all eternity surrounded by them?

Understanding heaven, hell, judgment, sin and redemption are a bit of a mystery. While we can use our reason and judgment, our experience is only on this side of reality and thus limited. Ultimately we need to trust that God is truly loving, merciful, and just, and that he desires all to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9). Anyone who ends up in hell ends up there because of their own choice and not the action of God (Matt. 23:37).



In case you missed the patron ad sign-ups, you still have time. Place your patron ad, max 55 characters, with \$5 in an envelope marked 'Patron Ad', and drop in in the collection basket. To place a Business ad for the festival book, the cost is \$165 full page, \$95 half page and \$55 1/4 page. All patron and business ads must be received by the deadline August 2nd. Please call Matt Franckowiak at 734-26-8573 for more information.

Scripture Readings for the Week of July 26, 2026

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

Monday, July 27, 2026

Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 13:31-25

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday, July 31, 2026

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 1, 2026

Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

FESTIVAL CASINO DEALER ORIENTATION

SUN AUG 16TH

12:00-1:30PM

FESTIVAL CASINO AREA

SNACKS AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED

RSVP to Paul by AUG 14th

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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 12:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland (followed by Eucharistic Adoration)
Tuesday	9:00 am 9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City 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 9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary, Wayne
Saturday	4:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
Sunday	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am 2:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland St. Richard, Westland St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary, Wayne (SPANISH)

Confessions (also by appointment)

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

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18201 23 Mile Rd, Macomb, MI 48042
- Wednesday-Thursday
Aug. 12/13 - Our Lady of Victory
133 Orchard Dr, Northville, MI 48167
- Both locations include second night commissioning and social

7 - 9 PM (6:30 PM Check In)

Register Now

\$25 Registration Fee

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Jillian Burgam

Jillian Burgam received her BM in Choral Music Education from Western Michigan University and MM in Choral Conducting from Westminster Choir College. Jillian is a Lecturer at Eastern Michigan University where she conducts two choirs and teaches music education courses. She is also the Artistic Director of the Detroit Women's Chorus. Jillian has held several church chorister positions and previously served as the Choir Director at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Helena, MT and St. Paul Parish in Princeton, NJ.

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ALL AROUND THE TOWN RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED!

Excitement is mounting as our festival will be here before we know it! The All Around the Town booth would greatly appreciate donations of gifts to raffle off. All donations are appreciated, but if you are not sure what to buy, here's a wish list of items we are hoping for this year:

- 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 and stores are always a big hit. Cash donations come in handy too! Items can be dropped off at the Parish Center. Thank you for your continued support!

Worship Schedule		August 1 & 2, 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	ANDREW GERSTENBRAND DAVID GERSTENBRAND	ADAEZE ENWERE CHIAMAKA ENWERE EKENE ENWERE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI CANDY HENRY DENNIS LAZORKA GERI MORRISEY	DAN LOBB CECILIA NESBITT JESSICA PIETKA EILEEN POHL	LAURA GREEN TAYLOR GREEN THOMAS HERLIHY SALLY QUINN JOE SMITH
LECTORS	FRANK TOFIL	DAN LOBB	MIKE WELDON
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	CECILIA NESBITT	SALLY QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	1ST SATURDAY MEMORIAL MEMBERS + MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL + MILDRED LUEKENHOFF + LEONCIO LOPEZ RAMIREZ + ERNIE & AUDREY MAJESTIC + ANN VITALE	+ MARK ROY + JEFFERY ROACH + LEONCIO LOPEZ RAMIREZ	+ HERMINE BENZINGER + THOMAS MARK HOERAUF MICHELLE NELSON & FAMILY

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

July 27-31, 2026

Tuesday, July 28

9:00 AM

+ LEONCIO LOPEZ RAMIREZ

Wednesday, July 29

12:00 PM

+ LEONCIO LOPEZ RAMIREZ

Friday, July 31

9:00 AM

+ LEONCIO LOPEZ RAMIREZ

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.

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
Decaminada, Mona
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
LeVair, Lorraine
LeVair, Sherry
Linn, Cathy
Lobb, Cindy
Lowe, Jannette
Lowe, Jonathan
Malish, Rosemary

Markey, Ken
Maffin, Kathy
Mathison, Bonnie
Murawski, Veronica
O'Connell, Evan
Oliverio, Jr., Robert
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 & Blaty 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 Kwatera, 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 Eleanore 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
Artinger, 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, 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

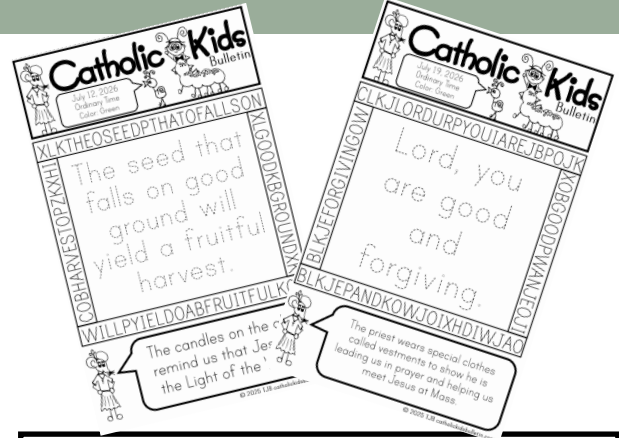


Missy Taylor

Director of Faith Formation / Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

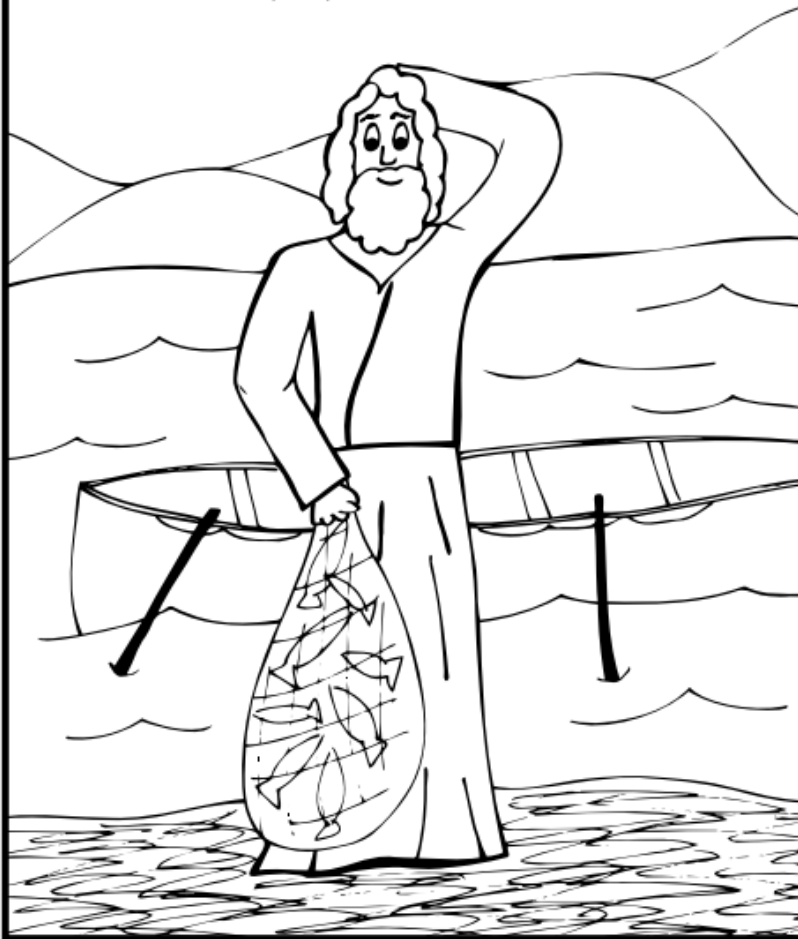
FAITH FORMATION

Even though our Children's Liturgy of the Word meetings are on hiatus for the summer, please continue to check the Gathering Space for fun things to keep the kids talking about their faith during the summer! We always have the Catholic Kids Bulletins, and periodically I put some fun crafts that can help kids understand the message of our Scripture readings. Be sure to check it out! Today, see the information page below about St. James.



Saint James

Saint James loved being a fisherman, but when Jesus asked him to leave his boat and become a "Fisher of Men." He followed Jesus and taught people about God.



Year A: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Scholarship Program

Knights of Columbus Council 4513 has established a scholarship fund for those St. Thomas the Apostle parish members enrolled in a Catholic high school. To apply, students must first complete an application. These can be found in the Gathering Space at church, in the Parish Office, or one can be requested at gk4513@mikofc.org.

The second part requires the student to compose a 250 to 500 word essay explaining why a Catholic High School education is important to a person of faith in the world today. It can either be handwritten (must be legible) or completed on a computer. Essays must be submitted to the parish office no later than August 3rd.

The final part will be an interview with standardized questions later in August. You will be contacted to schedule that interview.

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