

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Lord, if my brother sins
against me, how often
must I forgive?*

MATTHEW 18:21

September 13, 2026



Welcome to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Festival.

The festival that only happens once a year, and this year we celebrate the 250th birthday of our country.

I am so excited! People are still looking for things to do and are anxiously awaiting the festival. This is my sixth festival and seventh year here at St. Thomas.

September 18, 19 and 20th are the days to come together and enjoy live bands, delicious food, a car show, Vegas, Bingo, carnival rides, and much, much more...

A festival, especially one of our magnitude, takes a lot of time, planning, hard work and helping hands. A special thanks to our chairpersons Ron Balicki, Matt Malenfant and Nick Hedrick. Thanks to the countless volunteers who make it happen. Thanks to all who come support and enjoy the festival. Thanks to the sponsors and donors. Please support their businesses. We at St. Thomas are very grateful and God will reward you.

\$7,000.00 will be given away in the Grand Raffle. Go buy some tickets!

Join me as I lead the way to make our Festival 2026 not only successful but the best one ever! St. Thomas is an awesome parish because we work together and enjoy doing it. We get the job done.

You are always welcome to join us anytime throughout the year.

Have an awesome time and God Bless you and all of your loved ones.

FESTIVAL BLACKJACK TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY SEPT 17TH
7:00PM

ACTIVITIES BUILDING GYM
31530 BEECHWOOD GARDEN CITY

BEVERAGES AVAILABLE

(734) 427-1533

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This N That by Deacon Skip

This past Friday was the day we call 9/11. At the time I worked for a company that had an office in the Trade Center Tower. What sticks in my mind is the story of a woman I was routinely in contact with. That morning she got off to a late jump and was a few minutes late to work. As she was approaching the building, she saw it collapse. That is an experience I can do without.

When the heat wave hit followed by the heavy rain a couple of weeks ago, I had to cry "Uncle" with my walking. I kept going but scaled back a bunch. Even walking around Holliday Park one time would cause me to be soaking wet. I picked up where I left off when the weather cooled off and the humidity dropped.

Speaking of weather, my sister Tina and brother-in-law Mike live up in Marysville. They managed to escape disaster when a tornado set down in Marysville in that weather stretch. It hit far enough away from them to spare their house harm, but close enough for my sister to see the extent of damage. She said that there were a number of houses that were beyond repair and would have to be demolished and carted away. I am thankful our family was spared tragedy.

Don't forget SVDP.

CHURCH ENVELOPE UPDATES

We are updating parish systems and improving the way we manage parish records. As part of these changes, envelope numbers will be changing. We understand that many parishioners and families have had the same envelope number for many years, and that these numbers may feel familiar or meaningful. Please be assured that this change does not affect your parish membership, giving history, or our gratitude for your faithful support. Please continue using the envelopes you receive from the parish. So, when you receive your batch of envelopes, your number will eventually be different. No action is needed from you at that time.



St. Richard 50+ Club Mercy in Action

The 50+ Club at St. Richard Parish will again be collecting socks for the poor during the months of September and October.



We will have bins on the entrance tables. Thank you in advance for your donations of gently used or new socks.

Scripture Readings for the Week of September 13, 2026

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;

Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Monday, September 14, 2026

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Num 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38;

Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5;

Jn 19:25-27

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

**Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,
Bishop, Martyrs**

1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22;

Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 17, 2026

1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 18, 2026

1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 19, 2026

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14;

Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a;

Mt 20:1-16a

FESTIVAL BAKE SALE



Calling All Bakers!!

The Festival Bake Sale is in need of donations of baked goods! Donations may be dropped off in the gym the weekend of the Festival in the Bake Sale section. Homemade Cookies, Brownies, Cupcakes, Breads and Pies are big sellers. We do not have access to refrigeration. It would be much appreciated if cookies and brownies could be packaged to sell for \$1 per bag (usually 2 cookies or 1 brownie per bag). Donations not packaged are still greatly appreciated. Any questions? Please contact Jeanne at 734-564-2803.

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

FESTIVAL BOTTLE OF CHEER BOOTH

We are once again accepting bottles of liquor and wine for the "Bottle of Cheer" Booth at the parish office. Thank you to everyone who has donated in the past.



BE A FESTIVAL HERO!!

Sign-up to volunteer online using the QR code.

If you are unable to sell some or all of your raffle tickets, please return them.

Music notes

There are many opportunities to lend your talents and gifts in worship and song here at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Try on a group, you never know, it just might fit! Those who sing pray twice.

Rehearsals! Rehearsals! Rehearsals!

Thursday, September 24

Adult Choir-The adult choir is open to 9th grade students- adults with a desire to sing and help lead the assembly in sung prayer. Rehearsals are **Thursdays**, 6:30-8:30pm, once a month on **Saturdays** at 3:00pm, and a half hour before liturgies scheduled. The adult choir rotates and sings at one mass per weekend, and special liturgies throughout the year through Pentecost. Please let us know if you want to join.

Thursday, October 1

Children's Choir- is open to all 2nd-8th grade students. Rehearsals are after school **Thursdays**, 4:30-5:30pm in the Father Prus Hall and sing on Christmas Eve, Easter Sunday and as scheduled. During the year, choristers learn singing techniques, music theory, singing techniques, hand chimes, as well as information about the church year. Children's choir is scheduled to sing October through Easter. As part of most rehearsals, students have 20 minutes each of hand chimes, singing, and group piano lesson in the keyboard lab connected to the Activities Center as part of the experience.

Choir with keyboard lab **4:30pm-5:30pm**. Please email to sign up, there is a minimum number of students needed to have this group.

Other opportunities

Cantors-The Cantor program is for soloists who can take direction and are able to help lead the assembly and encourage active participation in sung prayer. This ministry is not a performance. Rehearsals are as scheduled.

Instrumentalists- Any instrumentalist with a desire to participate in worship, please contact the music office. Rehearsals are as scheduled.

Instrumental Ensemble- A group of instrumentalists that lend their talents to worship every couple of months. Rehearsals are as scheduled.

Resurrection Choir-This chorus is open to all parishioners who wish to sing for funeral or memorial liturgies for those buried from the St. Thomas community. Rehearsals are one half hour before the liturgy begins. Please call and add your name to the list.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please call the **Parish Office: 734 427-1533**.

Paul Shafer, Music Minister

PShafer@ThomastheApostle.org

Worship Schedule		September 19 & 20, 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 NATASHA GRAHAM JERRY KOWALCZYK	JOHN GALADES JULIE GALDES STEPHANIE GALDES	DAVIS IMEBUOGU STEPHLIN IMEBUOGU CHUKWUMA NDUKWE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	DIANE PROUTY JEANNE PYONK TONY SIVAKO VIKKI WOROSZ	GLORY MCGAHAN CHRISTOPHER PELTZ EILEEN POHL ANN M. ZIMMERMAN	EVIE BURGESS LAURA GREEN TAYLOR GREEN RITA PATE
LECTORS	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI	GEORGETTE KATTULA	GAIL NABOZNY
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	MARGARITA LOPEZ	SALLY QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL + SAM, ANN & VITO VITALE + LLOYD WOROSZ + CARMEN CALLEJA + JENNY WOJCIK + JOSEPH SZAJNER	+ FRANK GOLEMBIEWSKI + ALDO & ANNA AMICI	+ TONY SCHILLACI + JEAN JASKULA + THOMAS STEMPNIAK + BARBARA STEMPNIAK

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.

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.



Weekday Masses

September 14-18, 2026

Tuesday, September 15

9:00 AM

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Wednesday, September 16

12:00 PM

+ ALDO & ANNA AMICI

Friday, September 18

9:00 AM

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE



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
Cervantes, Vicki

Chichila, Pam
Chop, Nancy Grabel
Cielma, Genevieve
Cislo, Dan
Cole, Jean
Cole, Regina
D'Angelo, Rebecca
Dacus, Shirley
Daugherty, Kenny
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
Kirby, Barbara
Kirby, Steve
LeVoor, Lorraine
LeVoor, Sherry
Linn, Cathy
Lobb, Cindy
Lowe, Jannette

Lowe, Jonathan
Malish, Rosemary
Markey, Ken
Matfin, Kathy
Mathison, Bonnie
Murawski, Veronica
O'Connell, Evan
Palmer, Joan
Palmer, Kent
Pastula, Shirley
Pattenaude, Eric
Prokop, Bob
Prosser, Cindy
Romanek, Virginia (Pat)
Sanak, Francene
Sanregret, John
Smith, Mary
Smitt, 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 Mirabitur
In Loving Memory of Reynold J. Mirabitur
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 Eleanor 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
Ardingner, Stephanie
Baumgardner, AJ
Becker, Justin
Bregand, David
Brozek, Timothy
Burris, Peter
Campbell, Mary
Canfield, Chaz
Chokr, Jamel
Cinka, Jonathan
Coatsworth, Michael
Comment, Scott

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
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

Can you believe that our new Faith Formation year begins in just a couple of weeks? Classes for our young people in Grades K-8 will begin this fall on Monday, September 28th. We welcome back our returning students and hope to see many new faces this year. We offer a class for students who have had no prior catechesis and would like to catch up! Every family's needs are different and we are more

than happy to work with you on your children's faith journey! Registration forms are available in the church and online. There are **many discounts** available: **HALF OFF** discounts for families who refer NEW families to our program and discounts for families who volunteer their time in our program on Monday evenings. Please call with any questions, I'd love to work with your family!



The Archdiocese of Detroit, in compliance with the USCCB Charter for Protection of Youth and Young People, **requires any and all parish volunteers to complete VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training and maintain a current background check, regardless of whether they are interfacing with children or vulnerable adults.**

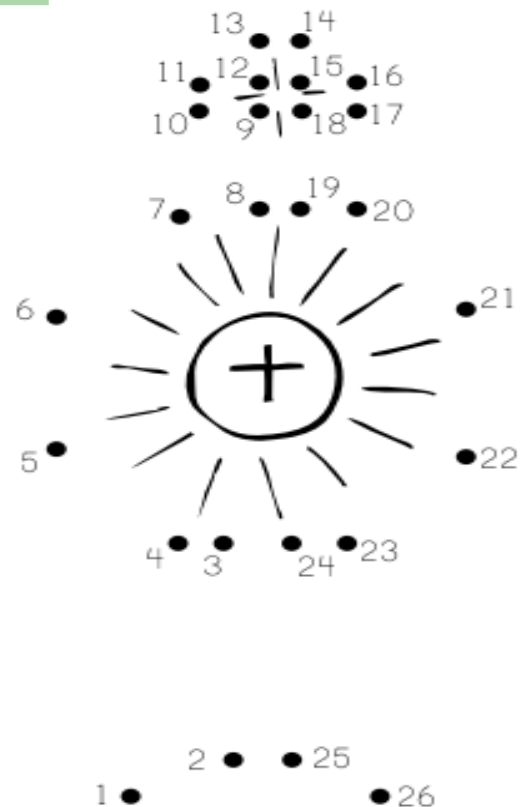
We are asking those at St. Thomas the Apostle who volunteer or minister in any capacity, who are essentially the eyes and the ears of our parish, to help us in this effort to insure that our parish is a safe place for all who visit. Call me for more information.

FAITH FORMATION

We are **COLLECTING BABY BOTTLES** for a special project when our Faith Formation year kicks off next month. Please find the baskets in the Gathering Space where you can donate clean, used baby bottles or NEW baby bottles. We will accept donations through September 27th. Thank you in advance!



Follow the dots to draw a monstrance.
A monstrance is a special place to hold the Eucharist.



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