

# Fourth Sunday of LENT

March 15, 2026



We begin the fourth week of Lent. However, this week many places will hardly resemble the spirit of the season. March 17th is the feast of St. Patrick and everyone is Irish at least once a year.

There is a relationship between St. Patrick and the Lenten season. His Confessions are excellent Lenten readings. The famous shamrock was a teaching device for the catechumens preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil in the name of the Trinity. The legend of St. Patrick's ceasing the snakes out of Ireland is an image of Christ, who in his death, burial and resurrection routed the powers of hell. Green became the ritual color associated with penitents returning to the Church at Easter, just as white is associated with the newly baptized.

From the Breastplate of St. Patrick:

*"Christ shield me this day ... Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise."*

March 19th is the feast of St. Joseph. He is the patron of the Universal Church, of fathers and of a happy death. The preface of the Mass for the day sensitively ponders Joseph's life: *"He is that just man, that wise and loyal servant, whom you placed at the head of your family. With a husband's love, he cherished Mary, the virgin Mother of God. With fatherly care, he watched over Jesus Christ your son, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

We honor St. Joseph for holding Jesus in his arms, loving Jesus with all his heart, and playing a unique role in our salvation history. The world needs people with such strong devotion and faithfulness. We need people of deep faith who measure up to their responsibilities. *"Go to Joseph."*

Remember your Lenten resolutions. I hope everyone is doing something special to make this Lent a time of renewal as we prepare to celebrate the heart of our faith at Easter—Christ's passion, death and resurrection.

*God Loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love.*

St. Augustine



## Penance Services March 25th

No Penance Service at St. Thomas  
1 PM St. Richard  
7 PM St. Mary Cause of Joy

## Palm Sunday March 29th

4:00 PM Mass Saturday  
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass Sunday

## Holy Thursday April 2nd

No Mass at St. Thomas

## Good Friday April 3rd

No 9:00 AM Mass  
12:00 PM Divine Mercy  
12:30 PM Rosary  
1:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
1:30 PM The Lord's Passion

## Holy Saturday April 4th

Food Blessing at 11:00 AM in Church

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM  
(No confessions or 4:00 PM Mass)

## EASTER SUNDAY April 5th

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass

## Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent

3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

## Fish Fry

## Fridays during Lent (February 20th-April 3rd)

4:30—7:00 PM

(or until we run out!)

## Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass

## Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month  
after 9:00 AM Mass

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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## This N That by Deacon Skip

It has become a custom of mine to wear my pedometer to at least one of the fish fries while carrying food to the tables. I did that on the second Friday. I ran up 1.1 miles, which for me is a walk around the block. However, there were at least 8 of us waiting on tables so between us we accumulated 9 to 10 miles. It was a busy Friday!

Tuesday is St. Patrick's day. My wife had deep Irish heritage and to her March 17 was the most important and sacred day of the year. In 2011 we decided to fly to Ireland and tour the country side. We booked our trip in mid-summer in anticipation of an early fall trip. Before our departure day came, the events of 9-11 occurred,

For a bit our trip was in jeopardy but shortly the airports opened up and we were scheduled to be the first commercial airline flight out of the United States. We were still hesitant but decided that if ever the airports would be safe, now would be the time. We were right. There were a myriad of individuals with very serious looks on their faces walking around with sub-machine guns slung on their shoulders.

The trip was wonderful. The people in Ireland were quite friendly and the food was great. Probably the highlight of our trip was the journey to Blarney Castle. We walked to the roof and kissed the Blarney Stone. To do that, a person has to hang upside down and backwards off a wall of the castle. A gentleman of significant size and stature held our ankles for the cost of an Irish coin called a punt.

Don't forget the fish fries; don't forget SVDP.

### Widowz Friends

**Tues. March 24, 1:30 p.m.** – The New Peking Chinese Restaurant 29105 Ford Rd. Garden City. Call Event Host Gerry 734-259-5024 by March 18.

**Mon. March 30 11:00 – 2:00 p.m.** Monthly Sequence Tournament held at Corewell Commons Senior Living 21300 Archwood Circle, Farmington Hills. Cost \$3.00 covers prizes and overhead. Bring snacks and drinks! Call Event Host Marsha 313-363-9443 by March 25.

**Tues. March 31** Morning Movie & Lunch. See latest movie at the Phoenix Theater In Laurel Park Place 17310 N. Laurel Park Dr. Lunch after Archie's Tavern 37714 Six Mile Livonia. Call Event Host Peggy 734-744-5580 by March 28.

## Scripture Readings for the Week of March 15, 2026

### Sunday, March 15, 2026

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

### Monday, March 16, 2026

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b;  
Jn 4:43-54

### Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday, March 19, 2026

#### Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29;  
Rm 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
or Lk 2:41-51a

### Friday, March 20, 2026

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23;  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### Saturday, March 21, 2026

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

### Sunday, March 22, 2026

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rm 8:8-11;  
Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

### PRAYER FOR ARCHDIOCESAN RESTRUCTURING

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make your presence known as we restructure the parishes and ministries of our archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together. Help us hear your voice in the quiet of our own hearts, in the wisdom of others, and in the world around us.

We know you are with us in every step of the process. Give us clarity, understanding, and direction. In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

Ste. Anne, pray for us. Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.



**We will NOT be accepting food donations until further notice.**

# 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

<b>Monday</b>	9:00 am 12:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland <i>(followed by Eucharistic Adoration)</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am 9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Richard, Westland
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 am	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 am 9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary, Wayne
<b>Saturday</b>	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
<b>Sunday</b>	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)

<b>Tuesday</b>		St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)
<b>Saturday</b>	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

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### **Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)**

First Friday of Each Month after 9:00 AM Mass

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Phone: (734) 427-1533  
Website: thomastheapostle.org

### **Mission Statement**

We, as St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, recognize that we are the Body of Christ. Our purpose is to honor God and grow as one in Jesus Christ. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to serve others through Christian Service, Prayer and Worship, Education and Evangelization. We keep within our hearts and minds the statement of faith and conviction of our patron St. Thomas the Apostle, **"My Lord and my God."**



## **Easter Basket Raffle**

THE THIRD ANNUAL EASTER BASKET RAFFLE IS ALMOST HERE!

Tickets are available at the Fish Fry every Friday during Lent.

We have baskets for babies, men and women, boys and girls and even cats and dogs! Something for everyone.

The drawing will be held the weekend of Palm Sunday.

Hope to see you there!



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## Worship Schedule

March 21 & 22, 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	GALDES FAMILY	MICHELLE KORIE JOSEPH KORIE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CANDY HENRY DENNIS LAZORKA GERI MORRISSEY FRANK TOFIL	GLORY MCGAHAN CECILIA NESBITT CHRISTOPHER PELTZ ANN M. ZIMMERMAN	RUTH EBBITT GAIL NABOZNY RITA PATE MISSY TAYLOR
LECTORS	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI	TOM WILHELM	VICTORIA APOLZAN
SACRISTAN	...	GLORY MCGAHAN	LAURIE EICHSTEDT
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*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

March 16-20, 2026

#### Tuesday, March 17

9:00 am

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

#### Wednesday, March 18

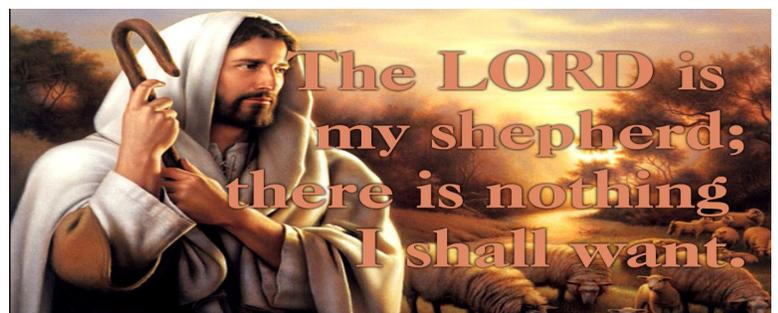
12:00 PM

DONALD & SHIRLEY GRANT  
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#### Friday, March 20

9:00 am

+ SAM/VITO VITALE  
+ TOMMY COCKRUM



**Please Pray For...**

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

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 & Marciniac 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 Paddock & 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, 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

### RELIGIOUS FORMATION

It's never too late to take this Lenten opportunity to be the best version of yourself that you can be. The kids in our Religious Formation program are working hard to make a difference each day. They have a list of 100 Acts of Kindness that they are choosing from. We can be inspired by their actions and try some of these to make our Lenten season that much more meaningful. Here's a list of some of the possibilities...

- Hold the door open for someone.
- Give candy to your bank teller.
- Say hello and smile at everyone you see.
- Write a kind note and sneak it in someone's lunch.
- Give someone a compliment.
- Bring flowers to someone to make their day.
- Call a friend you haven't seen in a while to say hello.
- Buy a coffee for someone in line behind you.
- Send a thank you note to someone who makes a difference in your life.
- Bake dessert for a neighbor.

The best part about Random Acts of Kindness done for others is that EVERYONE feels special, including the good deed doer! Try it, I think you'll like it!



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and

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### An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,  
 May the wind be always at your back.  
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
 The rains fall soft upon your fields.  
 And until we meet again,  
 May God hold you in the palm of his hand.



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