

May 17, 2026

ASCENSION *of the Lord*



It was about three years ago that they had met. Some of the bright spots of their relationship had been Peter's generous response to the call of Christ, his devotion to Christ, his untiring willingness to follow and to serve and to lead the other apostles, his presence at the Transfiguration of Christ, but above all, his constant faith and his profession: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God."

There are some shadows in their relationship. Peter failed to understand that Christ was not the popular notion of Messiah but Messiah on God's terms. At times Peter failed to grasp the message of Christ. The deepest shadow was Peter's denial that he ever knew Christ.

Jesus and Peter were together now just after dawn, at the shore of the sea, after a miraculous catch of fish, after a breakfast prepared by Christ. There was something momentous about this meeting. It was not that they would never meet again. Their relationship had a long way to go. But this meeting was to put a kind definition and seal on their relationship.

Taking Peter aside, Christ asked him: "DO YOU LOVE ME?" This was not an impersonal question. It could not be answered in the abstract. It was a question on the lips of Christ - the faithful one, the one who through whom the loving kindness of God has flowed out upon beggars and sinners and on Peter. Behind the question was an infinite love reaching out to Peter, a human love of unparalleled delicacy, integrity, and power; a love that Peter knew and felt in so many ways but could never fathom.

Peter said, "Lord, you know all things. You know that I love you, - - Lord, you know my limitations, my hopes, joys and fears, my denial and tears, my dreams, YOU KNOW ME - - and yet you ask, yet the ocean of your love pours over me. I can answer only because I know that you love me and because I trust you. Lord, you know all things. You know that I love you."

The question is ours; directed to us personally: (your name) DO YOU LOVE ME? It is a question on the lips of Christ speaking to each of us. Behind the question is all the infinite love and all the human love that Christ has for each of us, the unfathomable love of his love as we experience it and know it in our hearts. And yet, how do we live with our answer? How will it affect our life? None of us can miss this question. And only each of us can answer it.

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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This N That by Deacon Skip

For those of us who grow perennial flowers this has been a frustrating spring. The weather has been less than stable and multiple times now I've had to scoot out and cover my plants overnight to protect them from the possibility of frost. What makes things a little more difficult is where we sit geographically. It's hard to choose which weather forecast to listen to-Washtenaw County or Wayne County.

Things are moving along. My roses have put out buds, and I should see flowers before long. My hosta plant has never looked hardier. My next concern is buying annuals for the back of my unit. I almost always wait until after Mother's Day before venturing out to buy anything. On one hand, as the month grows older, the weather grows more stable. On the other hand, not to be classified as a tightwad, prices come down after Mother's Day. Quite frankly a \$2 petunia blooms just as well as a \$5 petunia.

Family life is a mixed bag. Mark's job looks like it will take him out to California. I will definitely not be driving to his place for Sunday supper. On the bright side, my granddaughter Chloe will graduate from Stevenson High School at the end of May. Her plans for now are to go away to college. She has not made up her mind where.

Don't forget SVDP. Everyone be well.

WE WANT YOUR TREASURES!

The Annual Parish Garage Sale will be held June 4th, 5th and 6th in the Activities Center.

Donations can be dropped off May 18th - May 30th at the Activities Center.

We will NOT be accepting clothing, magazines, large household appliances, infant carriers, computers or TVs older than 3 years, LPs and VHS tapes.



For questions or more information, please contact Donna at (734) 771-0775.

We Need Your Help!



We are looking for volunteers to help sort items for the garage sale Monday through Friday. We need help between the hours of 10 am and 3 pm. Any amount of time you can offer would be helpful.

Scripture Readings for the Week of May 17, 2026

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter/The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Mt 28:16-20

Monday, May 18, 2026

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 22, 2026

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19



Saturday, May 23, 2026

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Please give blood.

American Red Cross

Blood Drive


**St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy
Catholic Church**

8200 Wayne
Westland

**Wednesday, June 3, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**


To schedule an appointment, log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: stmarycauseofourjoy) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Scan to schedule an appointment

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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 <i>(followed by Eucharistic Adoration)</i>
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



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

On Sunday,
May 3, 2026,
we welcomed

Madison Marie Mitchell

into the St. Thomas the Apostle Church by the
Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

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President..... Missy Taylor
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Worship Schedule		May 23 & 24, 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	ANTONELLA CRUZ DURAN GRACY CRUZ DURAN JERRY KOWALCZYK	ADAEZE ENWERE CHIAMAKA ENWERE EKENE ENWERE	ANDREW GERSTENBRAND DAVID GERSTENBRAND
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MASS INTENTIONS	+ MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL + THOMAS JOSEPH STEMPNIAK + JOSEPHINE MEDLEN + MICHAEL VOGEL + DOAK SHORT + JANET SMELTZER	+ JEANETTE "JANE" BLESSING ROSA ELVA LOPEZ + MARK NESBITT BELLAMY GHAMLOUCHE + BABY RAVELLA	+ CATHERINE WASHBURN + JOSEPH ARSENAULT + DOLORES WASHBURN + THOMAS KATHAN

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
May 18-22, 2026

Tuesday, May 19
9:00 AM

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Wednesday, May 20
12:00 PM

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Friday, May 22
9:00 AM

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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

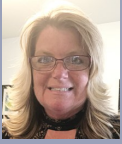
Prayer list requests can be made only with the knowledge and permission of the person being added. To add, keep a person on the prayer list, or to remove a name, please call the parish office.

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2025-June 30, 2026

Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Blaty Families	Living & Deceased Members of Kwilos & Stecker Families
Living & Deceased Members of Barnes & Digregio Families	Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families
Deceased & live members of the Batherson Family	The Malish and Porembiak Families
In Memory of Bruce Birmingham	In Loving Memory of Margaret Mirabatur
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabatur Sr.
Deceased and Live Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak families	In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo
In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary Burdis	Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan
Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess	Living & Deceased Members of Mroz & Rutkowski Families
Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain	Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Deceased Members of Cielma and Niwa Families	In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski
In Loving Memory of Tommy Cockrum	Deceased members of Paddock & Stuecken families
Deceased Members of the Darnell Family	Angel Danny P. Pepera
Living & Deceased Members of Dooley & Firestone Families	My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Living & Deceased Members of Duncan & Williams Families	For the Prouty Family
Living & Deceased Members of Gizowski & Sovel Families	Living & Deceased Members of Rand & Vasquez Families
Loving Memory of Gorny and Kushnir Families	In loving memory of Frances J. Read
In Memory of Donald Grant	In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	Memory of Kathy Rodgers
In Loving Memory of Bob and Ann Hoelscher	In Loving Memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski
In Loving Memory of Robert S. Hoffman	In Loving Memory of Mark Roy
In Loving Memory of Eugene Josphe Hynek	In Loving Memory of Thomas and Barbara Stempniak
My Wife Joanne Who I Love and Miss Very Much	Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families
Kapanke-Omilian Family	Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family	Martin A. Tofil
Living & Deceased Members of Keiller & Marciniac Families	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



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to our Confirmandi who received the gift of the Holy Spirit Thursday, May 7th at our Confirmation Mass celebrated by Bishop Monforton. Our group of 8 were accompanied by the students from our Family of Parishes. It was a wonderful evening shared with our families and friends and many of our Prayer Partners who were able to come and join us in our celebration as well! May the joy you experience through receiving the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit fill your hearts and ignite that desire for closeness with Him as you continue this journey of faith! We look forward to seeing you in many roles in parish life, including active participation in the Liturgy and assisting in our Faith Formation programs on Monday evenings. May God bless you as you embark on this chapter in your faith story!



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