

GO AND WORK *in the vineyard.*

MATTHEW 21:28

September 27, 2026



Festival 2026 is now a memory. For many years, God has always blessed us with a beautiful weekend. This year it was a rainy weekend but not a wash out. All summer we prayed for rain for our grass and gardens. Our prayers were answered on festival weekend. The showers were occasional and people still came to enjoy the food, fun and faith. The tent was once again filled for the Polka Mass.

A festival does not just happen. It takes a lot of time and hard work to make it successful. A special thanks to Ron Balicki, Nick Hedrick and Matt Malenfant, the three festival chairpersons. They did another fantastic job this year! A special thanks to the countless volunteers who made it happen. A special thanks to all of our visitors, sponsors and donors. Please support the local advertisers. We at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish are very grateful and God will reward you.

Believe it or not, we have started planning for festival 2027—our 58th!

As soon as we know the profit from this year's festival, I will let you know. It always takes several weeks for the final number.

Remember, God is always good and generously provides for all our needs.

Novena of St. Francis of Assisi

Join us as we mark the Franciscan Jubilee marking the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4. Starting September 25, we'll be praying a novena with noon Masses in the Chapel of St. Bonaventure. The Pope has granted a plenary indulgence to all who visit a Franciscan worship site, pray the Jubilee prayer, and fulfill the other requirements to receive the indulgence. We'll also be running a Novena Sale at the Solanus Casey Center Gift Shop with a discount on eligible items.

In addition to Novena and Feast Day Mass, the Secular Franciscans will host the Transitus, or "Crossing Over" of St. Francis at 6:30 p.m. on October 3 in the Chapel.

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Today's answer provided by Catholic.com

Why do Catholics kneel during their services?

If you attend a Catholic Mass you will see the first part of it consists of reading and preaching; we stand for the Gospel, but we sit for the other readings and for the preaching. But the Mass is more than just reading and preaching. The Mass is a sacrifice, and there are times—especially in the last part—when the faithful pray on their knees. Kneeling shows our humility before God.

Scripture suggests you should kneel. We see Peter and Paul kneeling in prayer in Acts 9:40 and 20:36. Likewise, the Jews knelt on the occasion of a special solemnity, as we see when Solomon dedicated the temple, “kneeling down in the presence of all the multitude of Israel, and lifting up his hands towards Heaven” (2 Chr 6:13).

In the Eucharist we are invited to approach an even greater manifestation of God's presence—the literal body, blood, soul, and divinity of God the Son—so it is fitting that we adopt what in our culture is one of the most reverential postures.

The Catholic habit of kneeling is consistent with Scripture and is another manifestation of the continuity between the Church of the first century and the Catholic Church of today.

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 27, 2026

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or
Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Monday, September 28, 2026

Job 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rev 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab,
2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of Church

Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15;
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Job 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14;
Lk 10:1-12

Friday, October 2, 2026

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10,
13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125,
130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9;
Mt 21:33-43

Parish Nurse News

Vaccination Clinic – October 3rd and October 4th after all the Masses

The Wayne County Pharmacist Association will be at St. Thomas the Apostle for a vaccination clinic after all the masses the weekend of October 3rd and 4th in the Fr. Prus Hall. The following vaccines will be available:

- ☐ Flu
- ☐ COVID
- ☐ Pneumonia
- ☐ Shingles



Please bring your ID and insurance card with you. I look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne at 734-

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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 (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

Retreat for Men Friday evening October 9th to Sunday noon October 11th.

Join the men of St Thomas the Apostle for our annual retreat at St Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on the weekend of October 9th to October 11th. The retreat theme this year "Love is Ingenious". Don't miss out on this wonderful experience of spiritual and physical renewal.

For information or to register, call John Krause at 734-427-5173 or Jeff Gorman at 760-390-6573, the Retreat Center at 313-535-9563 or go to www.stpaulretreat.org to make a reservation.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

PRESCHOOL OPEN FUN HOUSE



Open to All Families Looking for Preschool Options for 2027 or 2028 School Year!

Saturday, October 17
11 AM - 1 PM

11311 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48150

734-261-1455 x225

school@livoniastmichael.org

To RSVP or learn more visit,
www.livoniastmichael.org/visitSMA

Rosary Rally

Storm Heaven for the Conversion
Of America and the West.

Please Join Us!

Saturday
October 10, 2026
12 noon - 1 PM

The Rally is in conjunction
with the over 23,000
rallies promoted by the
America Needs Fatima
Organization.



**"My Immaculate Heart will
Triumph."**

**Come and Pray the Rosary
At Madonna University,
Kresge Hall Livonia, MI**

**For more info. Phone #
734-432-9744**



Blood Drive

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Catholic Church

8200 Wayne, Westland

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter 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.

Fall into the habit of donating! Get a \$15 e-gift card when you come to give blood Sept. 21-Oct. 18.



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Scan to schedule
an appointment.

Worship Schedule		October 3 & 4, 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	JERRY KOWALCZYK	JOHN GALDES JULIE GALDES STEPHANIE GALDES	JOSEPH KORIE MICHELLE KORIE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	DIANE PROUTY JEANNE PYONK TONY SIVAKO VIKKI WOROSZ	DAN LOBB GLORY MCGAHAN CHRISTOPHER PELTZ ANN M. ZIMMERMAN	SUZETTE ARSENAULT DENISE BIELSKI RUTH EBBITT DENISE MAIER
LECTORS	FRANK TOFIL	DAN LOBB	VICTORIA APOLZAN
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	ROSE CONYER	LAURIE EICHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	1ST SATURDAY MEMORIAL MEMBERS + MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL + ERNIE & AUDREY MAJESTIC + LLOYD WOROSZ + JAMES TAUBE + CARMEN CALLEJA + PETER POLDORI + BETH WELKENBACH + CONNIE CAMILLO	+ ADOLPH KARWAN + FRANK GOLEMBIEWSKI + DELIA EVELYN SUAREZ + JOYCE KAPELANSKI	+ EDWARD THOMAS COLE + ANNA & JOE SCHIFFAUER + ELIZABETH VARKOLY

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.

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.

St. Thomas the Apostle
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Weekday Masses

September 28-October 2, 2026

Tuesday, September 29

9:00 AM

+ DONNA, CARL, DENNIS DARNELL

Wednesday, September 30

12:00 PM

+ CONNIE MONTELEONE

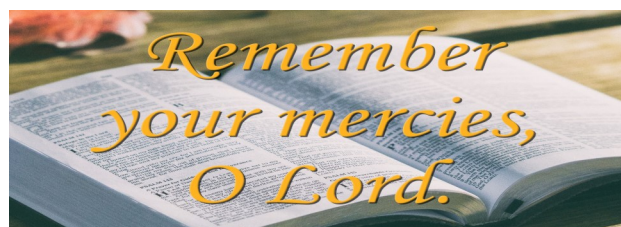
+ ALDO & ANNA AMICI

Friday, October 2

9:00 AM

+ CARMEN CALLEJA

+ ALDO & ANNA AMICI



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.

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
Fick, Colton
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
Skluzak, Judy
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 & Batty 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
Artinger, 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



Faith Formation classes begin **TOMORROW** with our FAMILY MASS Monday, September 28th at 6:00pm.

Returning families: if you have not yet registered your child/children, please bring those forms with you to the FAMILY MASS. NEW families: We are happy to work with ALL families regardless of your faith journey experience. It is NEVER too late to catch up. Classes meet each Monday evening from 6-7:30pm. Special classes for HIGH SCHOOL students and young adults seeking CONFIRMATION are available. We also offer scholarships and financial assistance, so please do not let financial hardship deter you. The greatest gift we can give our children is to help them foster a relationship with Jesus and grow in a life rooted in faith. Please call with any questions. I'd love to walk this faith journey with you!

CYT (Catholic Youth Trek) is a group whose mission is to provide social, service, and spiritual events for middle school youth to grow together in faith. This group is made up of young people from many neighboring parishes in the Southeast Michigan area. Our first event is coming up in just a couple of weeks! Hope you can join us!

ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS IN GRADES 6-8



CYT FALL EXTRAVAGANZA

Friday, October 30
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
(GROUPS MAY ARRIVE AS EARLY AS 6:30 PM)

Cost is \$20 per person and includes:
HAYRIDE ** CORN MAZE
BONFIRE ** BARN DANCE
KARAOKE
CIDER & DONUTS
HOT DOGS** S'MORES
POP & SNACKS

Permission slip & Money due by:
Friday, October 23

THREE CEDARS FARM
7897 Six Mile, Northville
248-437-8200 threecedarsfarm.org
(about 3 miles west of Napier, just past Curtis on north side)

ATTENTION ROSARY ALTAR SODALITY LADIES !!



Our season will resume with our first Corporate Communion Mass next Sunday, October 4th at 9am. Please plan to arrive by 8:45 as we will process in with flowers for our Blessed Mother. Then we have our first meeting on Tuesday, October 7th at 6:00pm in the Father Prus Hall. We will pray our rosary and enjoy a Pizza Party and fellowship. We invite any ladies from the parish to come and check us out to see what we're all about! The more the merrier!

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