



This N That by Deacon Skip

I hope everyone is having a great time at the Festival. I go back a number of years in parish history when the Parish Festival was three days in the gym during the late Fall. It certainly has blossomed since. A tip of the hat to all of our volunteers. A special salute to all who attend, We need both groups to make the Festival the success that it has become.

I am making an appeal for financial help for our St. Vincent de Paul chapter. Their financial resources have grown low because of the high cost of virtually everything. There has been a significant call for help with rent and utilities. For those who can help, please do. There is a SVDP envelope in our envelope pack or just include your donation in an envelope marked SVDP. It will make it to the right hands. Thank you in advance.

Summer is just about over. I had one of my best flower seasons ever. On the other hand, I have had one of my worst tomato seasons ever. I seem to be growing half tomatoes. The tomatoes have literally been growing half way. I've been able to salvage some of the parts, but I am yet to harvest an entire tomato. I'm guessing the culprit is me.

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 you donations of gently used or new socks.

Scripture Readings for the Week of September 20, 2026

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

Monday, September 21, 2026

Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44;
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 25, 2026

Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Eccl 11:9-12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17;
Lk 9:43b-45

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



**CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
Monday, September 21, 2026**

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 734-564-2803.

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

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 14 to October 16. The retreat theme this year is "Love is Ingenious". Ask someone who has made a retreat and they will tell you they have never been more at peace with God. You'll come away with faith renewed and a better perspective on job, family and life. Suggested donation is less than a weekend at a good motel, and the benefits are priceless.

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.

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 21 & 25, 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	AVAANN EICHSTEDT ANDREW GERSTENBRAND DAVID GERTSENBRAND	ADAEZE ENWERE CHIAMAKA ENWERE EKENE ENWERE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI CANDY HENRY DENNIS LAZORKA GERI MORRISSEY	CECILIA NESBITT CHRISTOPHER PELTZ JESSICA PIETKA EILEEN POHL	SALLIE QUINN MISSY TAYLOR JOHN SANREGRET JOE SMITH
LECTORS	JEANNE PYONK	NANCY DRYJA	MIKE WELDON
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	MARGARITA LOPEZ	SALLY QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF JOSEPH HUGHES FAMILY + JEFFERY VIOLA + CHARLENE HEBERT + LLOYD WOROSZ + CARMEN CALLEJA + MARY RANDALL + GRETTA & NICHOLAS GRABOWSKI + GENE & MARION STANDARD JIM & SHERRI HANEY + ROMAN KOTRYS	+ KAREN DUNCAN + ROBERT MICHALAK + DELIA EVELYN SUAREZ	+ ALDO & ANNA AMICI

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

September 21-25, 2026

Tuesday, September 22

9:00 AM

+ ALDO & ANNA AMICI

Wednesday, September 23

12:00 PM

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Friday, September 25

9:00 AM

+ ALDO & ANNA AMICI

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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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
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 & 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

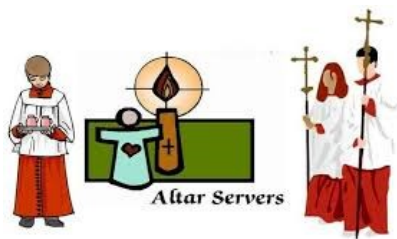


Missy Taylor

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

What Does An Altar Server Do?

Altar servers lead the way for the priest to go up to the altar to begin Mass. They hold the Bible and lectionary open so that the priest can recite the daily prayers out loud. They receive the gifts of the altar from the priest before the offertory begins. They ring the bells during the holiest part of the Mass, the consecration. The takeaway is that this unique experience — to sit near the altar, — elevates the role being performed. Altar servers benefit from the bird's-eye view, so to speak, of singularly witnessing the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ up close by the side of the priest. Altar servers fulfill a special role in the church. **It is a place of honor!**



With that being said.... **WE NEED YOU!!!**

We will be holding an Altar Server training in October as a refresher for current servers and an introduction for our NEW servers. We welcome students in 4th grade and above and adults who would like to serve at the altar. If you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to get more involved in the Mass, just give me a call and we'll add you to the list to be trained.

"Being an altar server is call to prayer and mission."

— Pope Francis

CLASSES STARTING SOON!!!

Classes for our young people in Grades K-8 will begin 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. Please call with any questions, I'd love to work with your family!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



We are so excited for the return of **Children's Liturgy of the Word** on Sunday, September 27. We are seeking leaders/teams and teen assistants for our program. This program takes place at our Sunday 11am Mass. Each week, children from ages 4-8 are encouraged to join us to hear the scripture in terms that they can understand. Children will be led to the Father Prus Hall after the opening blessing and introduced to the readings and gospel using projects and creativity while helping them learn about the Catholic faith. It's a great introduction to the message of the mass for our youngest disciples! Materials and guidance are provided. This is a commitment averaging one Sunday a month. Please call me to learn more about the program or to volunteer.

"Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to them." - Matthew 19:14

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