



# TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD

August 10, 2025



**Saint Lawrence**

(d. 258)

"Where's the money?" demanded the Roman official harshly. Deacon Lawrence looked surprised by the question. "What money?" he asked. "The Church's gold and silver," answered the official. "We know that you're in charge of the treasury, Lawrence. The government has a right to confiscate those funds. Hand them over." The official began to look annoyed. He had seen that Pope Sixtus II and four other deacons had been executed. But he didn't want to kill this deacon until he had the wealth in his hands. Lawrence responded, "Yes, I will show you the real treasures of the Church, but you have to give me time to prepare. Give me three days." Because he suspected that he, too, might be arrested, Lawrence had already sold the gold chalice and the other sacred items and had given the money to the poor.

But Lawrence was true to his promise. In three days the official returned. He saw before his eyes rows of lepers, orphans, widows, and people with disabilities. Lawrence's comment was "These are the treasures of the Church."

This incident that has come down from the early centuries shows how well Lawrence had put on the mind and heart of Christ. That special love he had for the weak, the helpless, and those whom others rejected, and the special dignity he saw in each person made him an excellent deacon. The deacons in the Church were to serve others, especially the poor. Lawrence valued the poor more than he did his own life.

The Roman official was so angry with Lawrence that he had a huge grill built and placed over burning coals. In this way, he hoped that Lawrence would die very slowly and painfully from the burning heat. But Lawrence was filled with good humor and joy while he died. Tradition says that he quipped, "I'm done on this side. Turn me over." The onlookers were amazed. But how could they understand that Lawrence was happy and excited about seeing the most important person in his life face to face—Jesus Christ?

## ***On the lighter side.....***

A little five-year-old was having her lunch while her mother was trying to coax some ketchup out of the bottle by hitting it on the bottom with her hand. The phone rang, and the mother asked, "Honey, will you please answer the phone?" The little girl picked up the phone. "Hello. No, my mommy can't come to the phone right now because she's hitting the bottle."

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## This N That by Deacon Skip

I'm back. I took a one-two punch. First, my internet connection went down, That took nearly four days to fix. Then my computer itself went down. That took some detective work to fix, but turned out to be the power strip that the computer was plugged into. Glad to have all that past me.

I've not kept the meticulous records that some of my deacon buddies do, but by now I'm nudging 700 funeral home services. Every one of those services are as important as the other, but every now and then one stands out in a certain way. Not long ago I led a rosary for a woman who was 87. She was born in Poland in 1938. World War Two broke out in Europe in 1939 when Hitler invaded Poland. One of her childhood recollections to her children was that she and her brother had to keep their eyes and ears peeled to skies in case of an Allied bombing run. Not the kind of childhood I remember. She married when she was 19. She and her husband came to the US and were naturalized. She sponsored 30 others to emigrate to the US.

Made the walk to the Wayne Road bridge. They have been busy as the Dickens, but I have no clue what they have accomplished. No sign of steel beams in place or even laying on the ground at the construction site. No bridge for awhile.

Walking took a hit during the hot spell. Don't forget SVDP; don't forget the food pantry.

### Ministries Center/SVDP (734) 425-9771



The pantry needs help with our ongoing service to the community. We are most in need of spaghetti sauce, cans of ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs, chili, bag or box mix potatoes, soup, black or other beans, pancake mix, syrup, grape or strawberry jelly, and dish soap.

If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.

## Scripture Readings for the Week of August 10, 2025

### Sunday, August 10, 2025

#### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

### Monday, August 11, 2025

#### Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

### Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12;  
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

### Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17, Mt 18:15-20

### Thursday, August 14, 2025

#### Memorial of Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
Mt 18:21-19:1

### Friday, August 15, 2025

#### Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28  
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

### Saturday, August 16, 2025

Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11,  
Mt 19:13-15

### Sunday, August 17, 2025

#### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4;  
Lk 12:49-53

## GriefShare



We understand that grief can be a challenging journey. We are pleased to announce the launch of a new GriefShare support group, a Christ-centered program designed to help you navigate your grief and find hope for the future. Our first session will begin at St. Mary's in Wayne on Friday, September 5th and continue for 13 consecutive weeks. More information and registration is available on St. Mary's website at [www.stmarywayne.org](http://www.stmarywayne.org) or by calling (734) 721-8745.



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

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

## NEEDED!



Festival time is fast approaching and we would love your help to make the GAME TENT and SUCKER PULL even more successful. We would appreciate any donations of **NEW games, toys, dolls, and stuffed animals**. This is a great opportunity to pick up those clearance items as summer winds down! If you have a large quantity of donations, we would gladly come and pick them up.

The more donations we can get, the less we need to buy. You can drop them off at the Parish Center or call Kathy at 734-776-2739.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## ALL AROUND THE TOWN BASKETS!

Excitement is mounting as our festival will be here before we know it!! Once again, The All Around the Town Basket booth would appreciate donations of gifts to raffle off. All donations are greatly appreciated, but if you're not sure what to buy, here's a wish list of items we are hoping for this year:

- iPad
- Luggage Set
- Cooler
- Gas Grill
- Bikes
- Portable Generator
- Power Tools
- Vacuum
- Kitchen Appliances

Scratch off lottery tickets and gift cards to restaurants and stores are always a big hit. Cash donations come in handy too! Items can be dropped off at the Parish Center. Thank you for your continued support.



## Call to Holiness Conference

**Saturday, October 25, 2025**

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at

Laurel Manor 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia



Speakers: Cardinal Gerhard Mueller and Fr. Chad Ripperger

Conference includes Lunch, Vendors and the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit of Bl. Carlo Acutis.

Save with Early Bird Registration before September 8:

CalltoHoliness2025.eventbrite.com or mail registration with check to Call to Holiness, P.O. Box 212, Eastpointe, MI 48021-0212; Calltoholinessdetroit@gmail.com; 313-451-4659, www.CalltoHoliness.com



The Knights of Columbus will be having a Golf Outing on August 25, 2025 at Willow Springs. All information and registration forms are located on the Knights table in the vestibule.

Worship Schedule		August 16 & 17, 2025	
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	JULIE GALDES	MICHELLE KORIE JOSEPH KORIE
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LECTORS	JEANNE PYONK	DAN LOBB	VICTORIA APOLZAN
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	ANN MYLES	SALLIE QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL + DANNY PEPERA + BEN & JULIA KOTLARZ + BARBARA STEMPNIAK	+ HELEN ROMANOWSKI + BEN & PHYLLIS ORNATOWSKI + DENNIS PATTOCK	+ WERNER BENZINGER DEBBY SLANKER

*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*  
 August 11-15, 2025

**Tuesday, August 12**

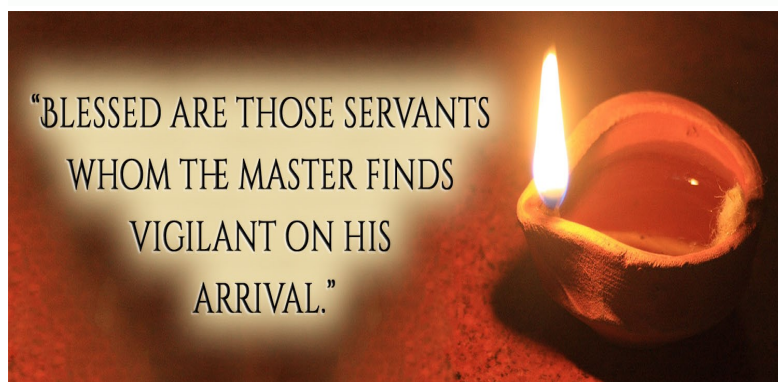
**9:00 am.....CHURCH**  
 + LEONCIO LOPEZ  
 + SOPHIE & WILLIAM LAMAR

**Wednesday, August 13**

**12:00 PM.....CHURCH**  
 + ROSE PIEKNIK  
 + LEONCIO LOPEZ

**Friday, August 15**

**9:00 am.....CHURCH**  
 + LEONCIO LOPEZ  
 + DENNIS PATTOCK



## Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley  
Batherson, Barbara  
Baumgardner, Patty  
Berger, Ron  
Block, Karen  
Boyak, Carolyn  
Bringold, Bonnie  
Burgess, Evie  
Burke-Misencar, Jennifer  
Burke, Larry  
Burris, Nikita and Family  
Calley, Julie  
Carpenter, Mike  
Cepko Family  
Chop, Nancy Grabel  
Cislo, Dan

D'Angelo, Rebecca  
Dacus, Shirley  
Daugherty, Kenny  
Decaminada, Mona  
DeGrande, Colleen  
Dempsey, Sgt Joseph  
Dempsey, Michele  
Dewey, Thomas  
Dial, Philip  
Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee  
Duval, Chuck  
Eichstedt, Laurie  
Feiler, Alex Horne  
Fichtner, Leanne  
Filak, Julianna  
Fornasiero, Joseph  
Gozowsky, David  
Hagen, Jenifer

Harte, John  
Hubbard, Carl  
Jachym, Patricia  
Kapanke, Dolores  
Kathan, Joann  
Kathan, Thomas  
Kotrys, Marlene  
LeVair, Lorraine  
LeVair, Sherry  
Lobb, Cindy  
Lobb, Jeri  
Lopez, Patricia  
Lowe, Jonathan  
Malish, Rosemary  
Murawski, Veronica  
O'Connell, Evan  
Oliverio, Jr., Robert  
Paczas, Karen

Pastula, Shirley  
Prosser, Cindy  
Roffi, Herman  
Sanak, Francene  
Sanregret, John  
Smith, Mary  
Smitt, Deb  
Smith, Patricia  
Soine, Dianna  
Stites, Keith

Sutherland, Eleanor  
Tsaprazis, Pete  
Turcotte, Joshua  
Walker, Ian  
Whitfield, James  
Wielechowski, Kenneth  
Wildauer, Mark  
Zarzycki, Stanley



Prayer list requests can be made only with the knowledge and permission of the person being added. Please do not add anybody without their permission. To add, keep a person on the prayer list, or to remove a name, please call the parish office at (734) 427-1533. Thank you!

## 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  
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family  
Living & Deceased Members of Keiller & Marciniak 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 Pattock & 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, 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

DiCicco, Bill  
Dwyer, Tyler  
Ellsworth, Justin  
Fisher, Bob  
Gentilia, Anthony  
Hunter, Cassidy  
Julien, Nick  
Kapelanski, Isaac  
Kashou, Christopher  
Laichalk, Robert  
Logan, Jonathon  
Logan, Sean Patrick  
Logan, Jeff  
Lowe, Jonathan  
Masiarak, Luke

McHale, Sgt. Shawn  
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

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



As we inch closer to the beginning of the school year, we inch closer to the return of **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. We are seeking leaders/teams and teen assistants for our program. This program

takes place at our Sunday 11am Mass, and begins in late September and runs through Pentecost (late May/early June) 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. "Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to them." - Matthew 19:14

## Festival Boutique Needs Hand-Crafted Items!

This year, the ladies of the Rosary Altar Sodality will be hosting our FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL Boutique. Although there is great creative talent among our ladies, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** If you knit, crochet, make jewelry, diamond dot art, wreaths, paintings, floral arrangements, dog sweaters, baskets or any other creative craft, we are asking if you'd be so kind to please donate one of your creations for our boutique. Crafts can be dropped off in the large basket in the Gathering Space of the church or at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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