

August 16, 2026

GREAT IS YOUR *Faith!*

MATTHEW 15:28

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MARY'S ASSUMPTION: KEEP GOING

The long, hot days of summer can often be a drag as the heat and humidity drain your energy and enthusiasm. Once in a while life seems to be as draining as an unpleasant August day, and you need someone to give you a friendly slap on the back and say, "Keep going, it's worth it."

This Monday we celebrate a great event. Mary's Assumption into heaven. After her earthly life Mary was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory. Because Mary enjoyed the power of Christ's redemption to the full, preserved as she was from original sin, she did not have to wait until the end of time to share in Christ's resurrection. Certainly we should praise God for this marvelous thing that He has done for Mary. We should also take great encouragement from our celebration of Mary's Assumption.

Mary is the "great sign that has appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun." Mary's assumption into heaven is a sign of what our own destiny is in God's plan. By our faith we believe that Christ overcame death in His resurrection from the dead. Mary's assumption, body and soul, assures us that we will share in Christ's resurrection. Mary is the model of the people of God. She is not only a model of what our lives should be in virtue, but also of what our lives, in body and soul, will one day be in heaven. She is a sign of our destiny.

When we speak of Mary's role, we use the word, "faith." Her stance before God was absolute trust. That trust led her where she least expected. It gave her a strange star at her Son's birth, with angels' songs and homage from royal strangers. It brought her Calvary's pain and sorrow and Easter's bright sunshine. Her trust in the Father led to the coronation that we celebrate today.

Mary's example invites us to follow her in childlike faith. Wherever the Father leads us, we can be confident that He has planned a great surprise. She encourages us to sing her song of praise for the good gifts our Father gives to us each and every day.

We can, and often do, hold back, protesting our unworthiness. Or we can join her in accepting God's gifts with delight. Every day of our lives, especially during the distressing and discouraging times, we should look to Mary in her assumption for encouragement. Her assumption tells us, "Keep going, it's all worth it." Then we will find joy in God our Savior who does great things for us.

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This N That by Deacon Skip

It's been a very good year for growing flowers, My butterfly bush came in strong and healthy and is on its second bloom. My roses are in their third bloom. My annuals have never looked better. This surprised me since the weather has not been in our favor,

I can't say the same about my tomato plants. I had about 10 tomatoes hanging from the branches. I went out to check on them during the week and all of them are gone. Either a hungry human or a marauding squirrel took them. The tomatoes were all green so I suspect the squirrel.

This should be the last college year for my grandson Jordan and the last year at the Air Force Academy for my grandson Gabriel. On the other hand, this will be freshman year for my granddaughter Chloe. I don't remember growing older.

Don't forget SVDP

Scripture Readings for the Week of August 16, 2026

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Monday, August 17, 2026

Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab,
27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;
Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 21, 2026

Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 22, 2026

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36;
Mt 16:13-20



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CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

On Sunday,
August 9, 2026,
we welcomed

Atlas Joseph Barnes
Charlotte Elizabeth Chouinard
Olivia Charlotte Estheimer
Sophia Lee Estheimer

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

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

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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."



FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS AND ITEMS STILL NEEDED!



AROUND THE TOWN RAFFLE

iPad, Galaxy Tablet, Airpods, Galaxy Buds, Halo Smart Rings, Power Tools, Grill, Bikes, Sporting Event Tickets. Scratch off lottery tickets and gift cards to restaurants. Cash. Please drop off at the Parish Office.

BAKE SALE

Calling All Bakers!!

The Festival Bake Sale is in need of donations of baked goods! Donations may be dropped off in the gym the weekend of the Festival in the Bake Sale section. Homemade Cookies, Brownies, Cupcakes, Breads and Pies are big sellers. We do not have access to refrigeration. It would be much appreciated if cookies and brownies could be packaged to sell for \$1 per bag (usually 2 cookies or 1 brownie per bag). Donations not packaged are still greatly appreciated. Any questions? Please contact Jeanne at 734-564-2803.

JEWELRY BOOTH

Gently used jewelry. Place in the decorated box in the back of the church or drop off at the Parish Office.

SUCKER PULL

NEW games, toys, dolls, and stuffed animals for prizes. Please drop items off at the Parish Office or call Kathy at 734-776-2739 for pick up.

VOLUNTEERS

Please call the Parish Office at (734) 427-1533.

As always, thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support.

If you are unable to sell some or all of your raffle tickets, please return them.

Worship Schedule		August 22 & 23, 2026	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER DAVID BUERSMEYER	FATHER DAVID BUERSMEYER	FATHER DAVID BUERSMEYER
ALTAR SERVERS	JERRY KOWALCZYK	JOHN GALDES JULIE GALDES STEPHANIE GALDES	DAVIS IMEBUOGU STEPHLIN IMEBUOGU CHUKWUMA NDUKWE
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LECTORS	JEANNE PYONK	TRACY CONYER	GAIL NABOZNY
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	GLORY MCGAHAN	LAURIE EICHSTEDT
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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.

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.



Weekday Masses
August 17-21, 2026

Tuesday, August 18
9:00 AM

KAREN & RON AINSWORTH
+ ENRICO & IDA CANINI

Wednesday, August 19
12:00 PM

+ ENRICO & IDA CANINI

Friday, August 21
9:00 AM

+ ENRICO & IDA CANINI



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
Calleja, Carmen
Calley, Julie
Carpenter, Mike

Chichila, Pam
Chop, Nancy Grabel
Cielma, Genevieve
Cislo, Dan
Cole, Jean
Cole, Regina
D'Angelo, Rebecca
Dacus, Shirley
Daugherty, Kenny
Decaminada, Mona
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, Jennifer
Harte, John
Hubbard, Carl
Kapanke, Dolores
LeVoor, Lorraine
LeVoor, Sherry
Linn, Cathy
Lobb, Cindy
Lowe, Jannette
Lowe, Jonathan

Malish, Rosemary
Markey, Ken
Matfin, Kathy
Mathison, Bonnie
Mecallef, Salvino
Murawski, Veronica
O'Connell, Evan
Palmer, Joan
Palmer, Kent
Pastula, Shirley
Pattenaude, Eric
Prokop, Bob
Prosser, Cindy
Romanek, Virginia (Pat)
Sanak, Francene
Sanregret, John
Smith, Mary
Smith, 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
In Loving Memory of Bob and Ann Hoelscher
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 Mirabitor
In Loving Memory of Reynold J. Mirabitor
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 Eleanore 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

DiCicco, Bill
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
Smith, David
Spiczka, Cathy
Spiczka, Greg
Sparrow, Justin
Spohr, Raymond
Squires, Zachary
Szerszen, Michael
Waldo, Michael
Waldon, Nathan
Webb, Brian
Wiertella, Jonathan
Witt, Christopher



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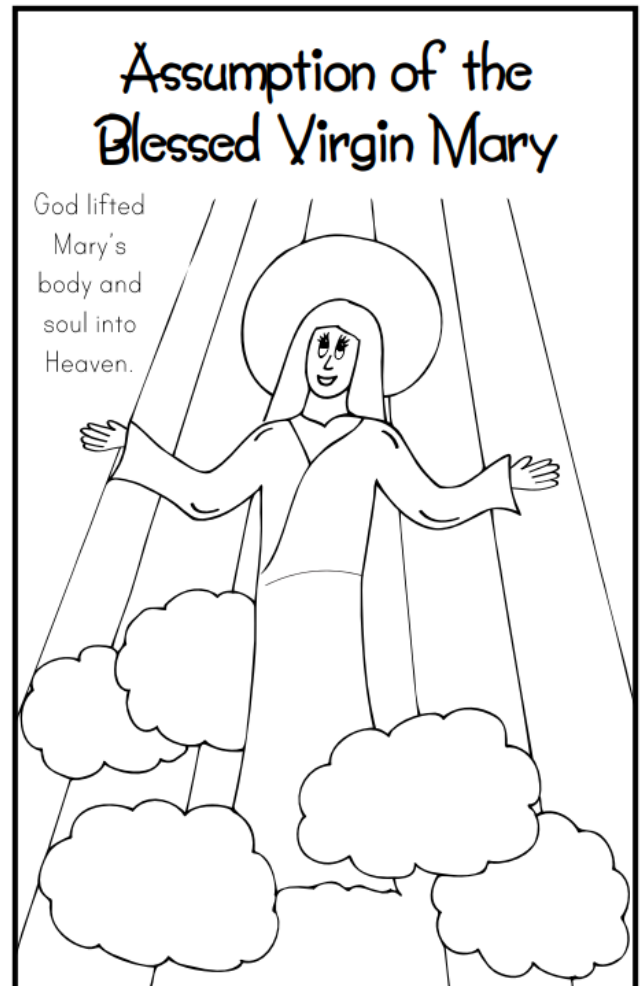
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



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



Year C: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Archdiocese of Detroit, in compliance with the USCCB Charter for Protection of Youth and Young People, **requires any and all parish volunteers to complete VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training and maintain a current background check, regardless of whether they are interfacing with children or vulnerable adults.**

We are asking those at St. Thomas the Apostle who volunteer or minister in any capacity, who are essentially the eyes and the ears of our parish, to help us in this effort to insure that our parish is a safe place for all who visit.

Please see the display in the Gathering Space for information and learn how to start the process. We will have an **in-person training** here at our parish on **WEDNESDAY, August 26th from 6-9pm**. You can either sign up for the training online when creating your VIRTUS account, or contact me to be added to the list.

I can also help those who do not have a computer through the process, please give me a call.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in keeping our parish a safe environment for all!

