

# BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 2026



My personal thanks goes out to the parish staff, altar servers, music ministry, lectors, eucharistic ministers, ushers, decorators, cleaning crew, parishioners, each and every one who helped to make this year's Christmas celebration a truly splendid celebration of our Lord's birth. In fact, several visitors told me that they are thinking of joining our parish because they like our Masses, our music and the warmth of our people. That's really a compliment to us all!

Thanks to all who responded so generously to the food collection, the Giving Tree, the Christmas flower offering, Gift to God, and the collection for the Retired Religious Fund. You have been very generous to them all. Beyond the dollar amounts given and received is the sharing of yourself and the reaching out to others that Christmas and our life all year long is all about. Your sacrifices are truly a witness to your faith and your love for Christ.

Again, thank you for the kindness, support, encouragement and generosity you have shown me, the parish and our visitors. It is a blessing to be your Pastor. May God reward you!

## On the Lighter Side....

Mary was watching her mom and dad get ready to go out for a gala evening on New Year's Eve. As she watched her dad tie his bow tie, she said, "Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit tonight."

"But why, sweetheart?" asked her dad.

Mary explained, "Because you always get a headache the next morning when you wear that suit."

**ATTENTION:**  
*Year highlighted in red was  
incorrectly written in last week's  
bulletin. Sorry for the error.*

## Epiphany Blessing of the Home for the New Year

Peace in this house and all who enter here.

Lord God of all creation,  
You have blessed us with abundance.

May we always remember Your goodness and love.

Lord, be in our thoughts, our words and our deeds.

Let your presence be felt in this house,

As it was felt by John when You were baptized in the River Jordan.

Use chalk to write above a doorway,

**20 C + M + B 26**

C stands for Casper

M stands for Melchior

B stands for Balthasar

**2026** stands for the year of the Lord.

May we welcome all at this door in the name of Christ. Bless us and protect us. Fill us with Grace and always be with us. Amen.

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

31530 Beechwood Garden City MI 48135  
(734) 427-1533 [Thomastheapostle.org](http://Thomastheapostle.org)

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## This N That by Deacon Skip

Last week we observed the feast of Epiphany. We have all experienced an epiphany. Our epiphany is a sudden understanding of something that up to now has eluded us. Sometimes it is profound like learning something about one of our ancestors, or coming to understand something that up to now we could not understand. Sometimes it is on the light side, like walking into a grocery store and finding one of our favorite foods on sale.

The gospel points to a number of people who experienced an Epiphany. The shepherds discover the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and laying in a manger; the Magi discover the King of the Jews; Herod discovers that someone threatens his reign. What's interesting is that the lowest of society, the shepherds, and the highest of society, Herod, experience an epiphany.

I did my best to keep up with my walking around Christmas and New Year's, but I had to concede defeat of sorts. It was just plain too cold to be out. I did get out, but not nearly as much and a couple of times I cut my walking short.

I have managed to take my Christmas decorations down. That job took as long as it took to put them up. I do enjoy them, though.

Don't forget the food pantry; don't forget SVDP.

Ministries Center/SVdP  
(734) 425-9771



The pantry needs help with our ongoing service to the community. We are most in need of cans of fruit, grape or strawberry jelly, cans mixed vegetables, carrots, soup, beef stew, chili, pancake mix, syrup, dish soap, toilet paper, and paper towels.

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

## Scripture Readings for the Week of January 11, 2026

### Sunday, January 11, 2026

#### The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 3:13-17

### Monday, January 12, 2026

1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14-20

### Tuesday, January 13, 2026

1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;  
Mk 1:21-28

### Wednesday, January 14, 2026

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10;  
Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday, January 15, 2026

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

### Friday, January 16, 2026

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday, January 17, 2026

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;  
Mk 2:13-17

### Sunday, January 18, 2026

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;  
Jn 1:29-34

**There will be NO weekday Mass on  
Wednesday, January 14 at 9 am and  
Friday, January 16 at 9 am.**



## 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<br>(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   |
|   | 10:00 am | St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland   |
|   | 11:00 am | St. Richard, Westland   |
|   | 11:30 am | St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City   |
|   | 12:00 pm | St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland   |
|   | 1:00 pm  | St. Mary, Wayne   |
|   | 2:00 pm  | St. Mary, Wayne (SPANISH)   |
| <i><u>Confessions (also by appointment)</u></i> |          |   |
| <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

### 2025 Tax Statements

Tax statements are available for your 2024 contributions to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish. Please fill out the coupon below completely then either drop it in the collection basket, bring it to the Parish Center or mail it to us. Thank you.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ENVELOPE** \_\_\_\_\_

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**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive my 2025 tax statement by:

**EMAIL**

**US MAIL**

(please circle one)

**POLANIE Song & Dance Ensemble, Polish Alliance  
Dancers, and General Pulaski Language School  
Invite you to our**

## Polish Christmas Dinner

With sharing of traditional Oplatek

**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 1:00pm**

Doors Open at 12:00pm

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Hall  
31530 Beechwood, Garden City, MI 48135**

**\$25 per person – Children under 12 (free)  
RSVP by January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

\* Traditional Polish menu

- o Goląbki, pierogi, kraut/kielbasa, tazanki, meatballs, salads, vegetable, potatoes/gravy, traditional Polish pastries

\* Kolędy, poems and Polish folk dancing

\* Share the wealth 50/50 raffle

\* Basket raffle



For tickets/reservations, please contact:

Teresa Jedruszko (734) 306-7351, [teresaj63@aol.com](mailto:teresaj63@aol.com)

Donna Kutyłowski (313) 505-0057, [donakutyłowski@gmail.com](mailto:donakutyłowski@gmail.com)



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9:30am Check-in

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Saturday, January 24, 2026  
10:00AM-12:00PM



St Thomas the Apostle  
31530 Beechwood Street  
Garden City, MI 48135

Nourishing Your Voice Through the Ages

Workshop will discover ideas and exercises to:

- Strengthen your voice for life
- Restore breathe, power, clarity
- Develop habits for good vocal health
- Apply practical troubleshooting skills
- Sing confidently as you age



Dr MeeAe Cecilia Nam  
PRESENTER

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Please bring your own jingles bells to mass during the Christmas season to use during the Christmas Gloria.

| Worship Schedule                         |   | January 17 & 18, 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                            | ISABELLA POWELL   | JULIE GALDES  | ADAEZE ENWERE<br>CHIAMAKA ENWERE                            |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST | DENNIS LAZORKA<br>DIANE PROUTY<br>TONY SIVAKO<br>VIKKI WOROSZ                           | DAN LOBB<br>TEDDY LUTHER<br>JOAN PALMER<br>JESSICA PEITKA | LAURA GREEN<br>TAYLOR GREEN<br>SALLIE QUINN<br>MISSY TAYLOR |
| LECTORS                                  | CORDELIA CHUKWUDI   | GEORGETTE KATTULA   | VICTORIA APOLZAN  |
| SACRISTAN                                | CAROL STEC  | ANN MYLES   | SALLIE QUINN  |
| MASS INTENTIONS                          | + DECEASED USHERS<br>+ THOMAS WALIGORA<br>+ MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL<br>+ TERRY PIANCZK | + MARY BOYCE<br>+ JOSEPH GALDES                           | + SGT. BRYAN K. BURGESS                                     |

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

January 12-16, 2026

#### Tuesday, January 13

9:00 am

+ED SURMA

+ THOMAS SR. AMAMICH

+ EVART "BUD" MURDOCH

#### Wednesday, January 14

**NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE TODAY**

#### Friday, January 16

**NO MASS AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE TODAY**



## Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley  
Batherson, Barbara  
Baumgardner, Patty  
Berger, Ron  
Beuer, Donna  
Block, Karen  
Boyak, Carolyn  
Bringold, Bonnie  
Burgess, Evie  
Burke, Larry  
Burris, Nikita and Family  
Calley, Julie  
Canini, Ricky  
Carpenter, Mike  
Cepko Family  
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  
Dempsey, Michele  
Dewey, Thomas  
Dial, Philip  
Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee  
Duval, Chuck  
Dzendzel, Mary Ann  
Eichstedt, Laurie

Eves, Debbie  
Feiler, Alex Horne  
Fichtner, Leanne  
Filak, Julianna  
Fornasiero, Joseph  
Gentilia, Judy  
Gozowsky, David  
Hagen, Jenifer  
Harte, John  
Hubbard, Carl  
Kapanke, Dolores  
Kathan, Joann  
Kathan, Thomas  
LeVoir, Lorraine  
LeVoir, Sherry  
Lobb, Cindy  
Lowe, Jonathan  
Malish, Rosemary

Murawski, Veronica  
O'Connell, Evan  
Oliverio, Jr., Robert  
Pastula, Shirley  
Prosser, Cindy  
Romanek, Virginia (Pat)  
Ruby, Nancy  
Sanak, Francene  
Sanregret, John  
Smith, Mary  
Smitt, Deb  
Smith, Patricia  
Soine, Dianna  
Stites, Keith  
Sutherland, Eleanor  
Swiercz, Bobbie  
Tennent, Joan  
Tsaprasis, 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. 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 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 Jospoh Hynek  
My Wife Joanne Who I Love and Miss Very Much  
Kapanke-Omilian Family  
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family  
Living & Deceased Members of Keiller & Marciniec Families

Living & Deceased Members of Kwiros & Stecker Families  
Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families  
The Malish and Porembiak Families  
In Loving Memory of Margaret Mirabitur  
In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabitur 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  
Ardinger, Stephanie  
Baumgardner, AJ  
Becker, Justin  
Bregand, David  
Brozek, Timothy  
Burris, Peter  
Campbell, Mary  
Canfield, Chaz  
Chokr, Jamei  
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

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

Our students and families will be taking a field trip for our January 26th class to one of our sister parishes, St. Mary of Wayne. Please join us as we learn about Scripture in this very fun way....

**Don't miss this exciting piece of Gospel Art.**

**"Surrender"** is a captivating theatrical production that brings Scripture to life through engaging scenes, beautiful music, and gorgeous costumes. Through drama, humor, and song, "Surrender" offers viewers a unique opportunity to experience Scripture and consider what they may need to surrender to grow closer to God.

This extraordinary performance offers a montage of women in Scripture and Zechariah, too!!

**We will learn about:** Eve and the Fall; The Wedding Feast of Cana; The Penitent Woman; Mary Visits Elizabeth; Jairus' Wife and Daughter; Lydia, a Dealer in Purple Cloth; Anna in the Temple; Martha and Mary at the Death of Lazarus, and many Other Parables.

**Join us at St. Mary on Monday, January 26, at 6 pm. Attendance is free.**

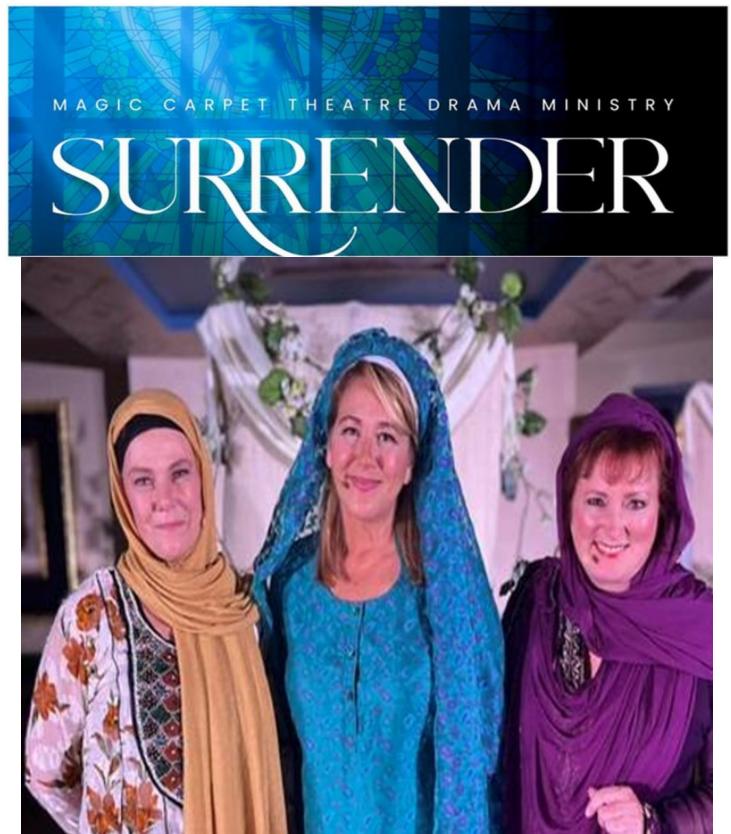
## CALENDAR UPDATES

Please check out our upcoming important dates in Faith Formation:

**Monday, Jan. 12** Faith Formation at 6pm  
**\*\*First Eucharist Parent meeting in Rm. 2**

**Monday, Jan. 19** NO CLASSES, MLK Day  
**Monday, Jan. 26** MAGIC CARPET THEATER  
held at St. Mary Wayne  
6pm

**Monday, Feb. 2** Faith Formation at 6pm  
**Sunday, Feb. 8** Children's Mass at 11am  
6th grade



## The Baptism of Jesus



**Matthew 3:17**

**A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."**