

GLORIFY YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

MATTHEW 5:16

February 8, 2026

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The story of Valentine's Day began in the third century. The oppressive Roman emperor, Claudius, ordered all Romans to worship twelve gods but Valentine was dedicated to the ideals of Christ. Not even the threat of death could keep him from practicing his beliefs. He was arrested and imprisoned. During the last weeks of Valentine's life, a remarkable thing happened. Seeing that he was a man of learning, the jailer asked whether his daughter Julia, might be brought to Valentine for lessons. She had been blind since birth.

Valentine read stories of Rome's history to her. He taught her arithmetic and told her about God. She saw the world through his eyes, trusted his wisdom and found comfort in his quiet strength.

"Valentine, does God really hear our prayers?" Julia asked one day. "I pray every morning and night to see. I want so much to see everything you've told me about!"

"God does what is best for us," Valentine answered.

"I do believe," Julia said fervently. They sat quietly together, praying. Suddenly there was a brilliant light in the prison cell. Julia cried, "I can see! I can see!"

On the eve of his death, Valentine wrote one last note to Julia, urging her to stay close to God, and signed it: "From Your Valentine." He was executed the next day, February 14th, 270 A.D. and buried in what is now the Church of Praxedes in Rome. It is said that Julia planted a pink-blossomed almond tree near his grave. Today, the almond tree remains a symbol of abiding love and friendship. On each February 14th, St. Valentine's Day, messages of affection and love are exchanged around the world.



February 18th Ash Wednesday Schedule

| Time | Church | Presider | Service |
|--------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 9:00a | St. Thomas | Dcn Skip | Scripture/Ashes |
| 9:00a | St. Richard | Bsp Monforton | Mass |
| 12:00p | St. Mary COOJ | Dcn Bob | Scripture/Ashes |
| 12:00p | St. Thomas | Fr. Larry | Mass |
| 12:30p | St. Mary | Dcn Ralph | Scripture/Ashes |
| 12:30p | St. Richard | Fr. Sean | Mass |
| 7:00p | St. Mary COOJ | Fr. Larry | Mass |
| 7:00p | St. Mary | Fr. Sean | Mass |
| 7:00p | St. Richard | Dcn Ralph | Scripture/Ashes |

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This N That by Deacon Skip

I am pleased to report that my sister Cathy came through her surgery successfully. She required a hysterectomy to remove a cancerous tumor. The only hitch in things is that the tumor turned out to be much larger than predicted and the cancer diagnosis was elevated from stage one to stage two. None the less she is home recuperating now. The verdict is still out whether she will require radiation or chemo therapy; thank you to everyone who lifted her up in prayer.

It looks like we may be getting a bit of a reprieve from the harsh winter weather. I have a hard time remembering a winter with such an extended period of cold temperatures. Even my sister down in Georgia had below freezing temperatures. She and my brother-in-law did experience the big ice storm that hit the south, but had no adverse effects. I have not heard from my brother Christopher, but I cannot begin to imagine what this winter has been like for the good people of East Jordan.

Our food pantry is looking for a new leader. Give it some thought. There is a demanding aspect to the job, for sure, but a highly rewarding one as well. There will always be people in need.



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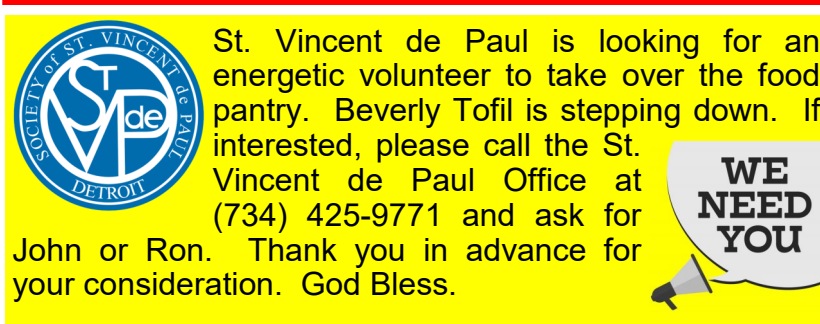
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**We will NOT be accepting food donations
until further notice.**



St. Vincent de Paul is looking for an energetic volunteer to take over the food pantry. Beverly Tofil is stepping down. If interested, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Office at (734) 425-9771 and ask for John or Ron. Thank you in advance for your consideration. God Bless.

WE NEED YOU

Scripture Readings for the Week of February 8, 2026

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16

Monday, February 9, 2026

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11;
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

1 Kings 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 12, 2026

1 Kings 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40;
Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 13, 2026

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab,
12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 14, 2026

**Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius,
Bishop**

1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab,
19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

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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

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|------------------|----------|---|
| 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)

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| 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

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SATURDAY

FEB
14

ST. MARY
WAYNE

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WAYNE, MI 48184

JOIN US FOR OUR SECOND ANNUAL
HANDBELL WORKSHOP AND PERFORMANCE!
DR. RICHARD SCHNEIDER, CLINICIAN

8:00 AM LOAD-IN
8:30 WORKSHOP
11:30 LUNCH BREAK
(LUNCH PROVIDED)
12:15 WORKSHOP
1:00 PERFORMANCE
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Our "World-Famous Fish Fry" Needs you!

It's almost time for our World-Famous Fish Fry and we need your help! We are still looking for 2 people to come in on Fridays at 6:30pm to help with dishes and kitchen work. We have a dish washer but we need 2 people to dry dishes and put them away. It should take about 2 hours to complete the task. Can you help????

Can you push a cart and serve coffee during the Fish Fry?? We need you too!!

This is a great Lenten sacrifice and a way to build community by working together. It's not a glorious job but IT IS VERY APPRECIATED!

Sign-Up sheets will be in the gathering area this weekend so please sign up to help or call the parish office and let them know you can help. 734-427-1533 Thank you!

God Bless,
Jill Kolpacke

| Worship Schedule | | February 14 & 15, 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 | STEPHANIE GALDES | ADAEZE ENWERE CHIAMAKA ENWERE |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST | CORDELIA CHUKWUDI DIANE PROUTY TONY SIVAKO VIKKI WOROSZ | DAN LOBB JOAN PALMER JESSICA PIETKA EILEEN POHL | RUTH EBBITT RITA PATE SALLIE QUINN MISSY TAYLOR |
| LECTORS | LINDA LUTKE | GEORGETTE KATTULA | STEVE KOVALESKI |
| SACRISTAN | CAROL STEC | ANN MYLES | SALLIE QUINN |
| MASS INTENTIONS | KAPANKE-OMILIAN FAMILY + BERNICE KARWAN + DAVID BUTKA + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GUINIVAN FAMILY + DOROTHY & CHARLES DAUPHINAIS + AGGIE & CHARLES HENDERSHOT + AL & ROSE PIEKNIK | + DEBBY TIDDERINGTON | + MARIE & DELPHIN DEMPSEY + BRIAN DEMPSEY + RUDI BENZINGER + ROBERT HOELSCHER |

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.

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.

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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
February 9-13, 2026

Tuesday, February 10
9:00 am

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Wednesday, February 11
12:00 PM

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Friday, February 13
9:00 am

+LLOYD WOROSZ

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.



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
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, Thomas
LeVair, Lorraine
LeVair, Sherry
Lobb, Cindy
Lowe, Jannette
Lowe, Jonathan
Malish, Rosemary
Mathison, Bonnie

Murawski, Veronica
O'Connell, Evan
Oliverio, Jr., Robert
Pastula, Shirley
Prosser, Cindy
Rintala, Genevieve
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

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. 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 Josphe 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 & 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

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 Confirmation students and families were blessed to spend a Saturday morning at the Solanus Casey Center along with our friends from St. Mary Cause of our Joy. Together we learned about the many lives he touched, and the wonderful healings that are attributed to his intercession. We pray the special prayer for him to become a saint for all that he has done. It is awesome to think that a man who is so relatable to many (he grew up in a family that had to work hard for what they had, he struggled in school, he faced many challenges on his road to becoming a priest) is on his way to sainthood and he spent many years ministering in **our area!** *(It is said that he LOVED the Detroit Tigers!!)* As our students continue their journey towards Confirmation, please keep them in prayer as they choose a saint name for themselves and strive to emulate and imitate the works that brought that person to sainthood.



We were also blessed to have two high school students from our parish attend the RISE conference. The message of the conference is to be UNAFRAID in our faith. A full day was put in beginning with Mass, listening to our energetic keynote speaker Chika, and wrapping up the evening with a beautiful adoration service. It was so powerful to see so many young people on fire for their faith. God is SO good!



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