

# 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

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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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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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.



## 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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## 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 12:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland (followed by Eucharistic Adoration)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am 9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City 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 9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary, Wayne
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 am 9:00 am  10:00 am 11:00 am  11:30 am 2:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland St. Richard, Westland St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary, Wayne (SPANISH)
<b>Confessions (also by appointment)</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>		St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)
<b>Saturday</b>	3:00 pm 3:00 pm 6:30 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary, Wayne 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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### 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



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**DR. RICHARD SCHNEIDER, CLINICIAN**

8:00 AM LOAD-IN  
8:30 WORKSHOP  
11:30 LUNCH BREAK  
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12:15 WORKSHOP  
1:00 PERFORMANCE  
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## 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 LUDTKE	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](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  
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  
LeVoir, Lorraine  
LeVoir, 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 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 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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