

5th Sunday in Lent

Almsgiving  Praying  Fasting



Throughout these weeks of social distancing, if you are able, please reach out to those you usually see regularly at Mass, and check in on each other, take care of each other.

Please remember to pray for the sick and those in nursing homes or who are homebound. We are unable to make nursing home visits at this time, and prayers are always needed. Perhaps you can send a card to any parishioners who are homebound or in the nursing homes to let them know you are praying for them.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER

Monday through Thursday
10:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Friday
10:00 a.m.—noon

Saturday 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sunday
9:00 a.m.—noon

MISSION STATEMENT

Called by Baptism, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to live the Good News of Christ through Worship, Evangelization, Service, Spiritual Formation, and Stewardship.

Fr. Jim will celebrate daily Mass in private.
Mass intentions will be fulfilled.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 28	Intention of Tom and Barb Wozniak
Sunday, March 29	† Annette, Dolores, and Wallace Bacehowski
Monday, March 30	† John Stewart
Tuesday, March 31	Intention of John Gazi
Wednesday, April 1	People of the parish
Thursday, April 2	No Mass
Friday, April 3	† Gerry and Margo Sherman
Saturday, April 4	† Harry Meltzer
Sunday, April 5	† George Deja

CONFESSIONS

Friday, March 27 11:00-noon
Saturday, March 28 4:00-5:00 p.m.

All confessions will be heard from behind the screen.
Please allow a minute between penitents for sanitation.
Remember to maintain social distancing and follow all of the other instructions posted on the hand sanitizer stands.

OFFERTORY GIVING

Parish expenses continue even with the absence of Mass.
We encourage you to remain faithful to your offertory giving, either through the mail, or by utilizing electronic giving. Visit our website, www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org, and click on the GIVING tab.

Your generosity helps us continue our mission and outreach to our parishioners.

Your church contribution can be automatically debited for you weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly. Visit the Parish Forms and Links page on our website to download the PDF. You may mail the form to the parish office.

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MacDonald's Restaurants, South Haven.
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Cancelled**



PRAY FOR...

Please pray for
John Stewart,
husband of Patty Stewart,

that he may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life.
We pray also for his family and friends, that they find peace in the promises of Christ.

CONTACT US

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



So that we all may be fully present at Mass,
please silence your cell phones.

Be peace-loving. Peace is a precious treasure
to be sought with great zeal.

*St. Francis of Paola
Feast day April 2*



Our parish office is closed during the mandated stay-at-home order for Michigan effective midnight March 23. We will check emails and phone messages regularly.

We will update our parishioners via our website and Facebook.

When you call the office and press our extensions (Andrea, Cecilia, Fr. Jim, and Charlie) your call will be automatically sent to our personal phones so we can answer your questions and concerns from home. If we don't answer, your call will be forwarded to a voicemail. We WILL be available for you, just not in the office.

Please stay healthy!

PRAYER REQUEST DAILY CHAIN

If you wish to add a loved one please contact Ray Llorens at 637-1418 or email at RLloresJ@aol.com. The chain appears in the bulletin on the first weekend of the month.



The best way to communicate so far, during this COVID-19 crisis, has been through the parish website and our facebook page. Here are excerpts from some of the messages I've sent out this week:

Shock. That's what I'm feeling, shock! What? Catholic churches not having weekend Masses? I never thought I'd see the day.

But here we are, and for good reason. We need to do what we can to "flatten the curve" and slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. My doctor's office sent out a link to an informational article by the Washington Post containing an online simulation of how viruses spread. Here is the link if you would like to see it: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/world/corona-simulator/>

I admit that I was in denial for some time on this. I thought it was all being exaggerated. Have such thoughts crossed your mind? Denial is not unusual at times like this, but the threat of overwhelming our healthcare system is quite real. We all do need to do what we can to try to make sure that doesn't happen; that's why we have to take such unusual measures.

Even though our church office is closed, you may still call the parish. You will likely get the answering system and you may direct your call to the right person. We have set up the phone system to have calls forwarded to some of our personal phones. If we don't answer, your call will go to our voicemails. Please DO leave a message. We can receive the voicemail through email as well as on our phone system. We are available for you.

Keep on praying.

Fr. Jim



Daily Mass is livestreamed and available on our St. Basil Church website! Visit www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org and click on Mass times. The livestream from Word on Fire is on that page.

The Diocese of Kalamazoo will livestream daily Mass on their Facebook page, and we have a link on our website for that Mass.

EWTN streams Mass several times a day:
<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>.

Sunday Mass with Catholic extension, live at 10:00 a.m., recording available all day at:
<https://www.catholicextension.org/stories/Sunday-catholic-mass-online>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes
are cancelled
until April 19.

Can you spend some time in daily prayer?
Visit <https://diokzoo.org/sundayexperience>

CONFIRMATION

In his letter to parishioners two weeks ago, Bishop Bradley wrote, "While we must all take the necessary precautions, it is also important to remember that we can never be relieved of our obligation to maintain our Faith through regular and vibrant prayer life. We also need to be mindful of our fellow parishioners who may have special needs, especially those who may live alone, or those who have serious problems related to child care, since the schools will be closed. This should be the time when we are particularly mindful of...ways that we can reach out in charity, offering assistance, and urging our parishioners to provide that 'helping hand' wherever there are needs."

Although we must be mindful of "social distancing" and keeping ourselves and others healthy, as followers of Christ we are obliged to practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Are there friends or family members who need help with child care? Can you help for part of the week so that parents can go to work? Can you provide a meal for a family experiencing any illness, or a plate of cookies for a neighbor? Can you pick up the phone and check on an elderly neighbor or someone who is living alone? Can you call or text your friends to make sure they and their family members are well and safe? Can you pray that those who are sick will find healing, and that those who are well will remain healthy? Jesus said, "...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25: 40b)

Prayer is a vital part of our Faith community. One of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is to "pray for the living and the dead." Ascension Press, through a worldwide invitation from Pope Francis, is live-streaming the Mysteries of the Rosary at 4:00 p.m. each day for at least the next week. You can access this live video and pray along at Facebook.com/AscensionPress/. At 4:00 each afternoon, click on the "live videos" tab to connect directly to the live feed. You can also search this site for a live stream of Sunday Mass, allowing you to participate in the Liturgy of the Word and Spiritual Communion from home. Masses in English and Spanish are streamed at different times, for your convenience. Masses are also being streamed from many parishes throughout our diocese, also in English and Spanish. To find the list of participating parishes, go to diokzoo.com.

We pray that this pandemic will not be a prolonged event. During this Lent, know that Jesus knows our isolation and suffering. He is with us.



Opportunity to Dream

Young people must be provided good nutrition to be able to pursue their dreams. Did you have the opportunity to dream? What can you do to give young people the opportunity to dream? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Did You Know...

You can "like" St. Basil Catholic Church on Facebook and keep in touch on a daily basis. We post the daily Scripture readings, birthdays, anniversaries, and special events that are happening in our parish.

ST. BASIL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Week 2 is now under our belts and so far so good! Our students, staff, and parents continue to work hard via distance learning to maintain an academic "normal" during these uncertain and trying times. Kudos to all for their efforts!

However, it has not been all work and no play, as play and "downtime" are important as well. Students have spent time outdoors, made banana bread and cookies, worked on various crafts, and just spent quality time with their parents and siblings. I, too, have taken time to step away from the computer and school work now and then to do a few things I enjoy such as working on a puzzle and doing some painting around the house. Not only are the brain breaks good for the mind, they are also good for the body and soul. Who knows, maybe I'll soon be able to tackle some yard work!

Thank you again for your continued support of our school and I hope to see you all again soon!

Camille DeLano, Principal

A note from Miss Sue

In Pre-K, we are sending daily emails with reinforcement of the calendar we sent home before this started. Luckily, all our families picked up our school bags on the Friday before so that we know they have our contributions. I have received so many pictures and videos showing us what they are doing and sending love and well wishes both ways.

I am proud of all the parents who picked up the reins of teaching and are encouraging fun and active play while reinforcing what we did daily in the classroom. It is a joy to know how much we are appreciated for what Miss Melissa and I do with the children when you can see it from the families. We pray that this is soon over and we can be together again!

A note from Mrs. Beery

Besides sending home a week's worth of lesson plans and supplies, I have been talking with my parents daily via an app called Class Dojo--sharing pictures, work, worries, etc.



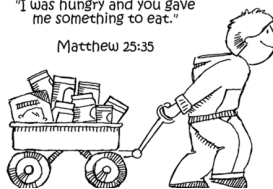
I have also been video--recording myself reading a story every day since we've been off. Even my daughter Ella joined me!



Look at these happy students enjoying their at-home learning!

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS REPLENISHING

Please, if you are able, consider donating non-perishable food to the We Care I.N.C. Food Pantry. If there was ever a time to feed the hungry, this is it. Many in our community struggle on a daily basis to feed their families, and the struggle will only get worse during the next few months.

Items may be dropped off in the South Lobby (see cover of bulletin for hours the church is open) or at First Congregational Church, 651 Phoenix Street, during this national health crisis. They are open **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. till noon.**

Dear friends,

Thank you very much for your wonderful gift of food items to the We Care Food Pantry! You are helping a great many hungry people, especially during this very difficult time.

Please let the Knights of Columbus know how much their contribution is appreciated. It will be of great help!

Thanks to all of you for your concern.

The Food Pantry Staff

Thank you!

Thank you!

PERSONAL CARE PANTRY

Thank you—to all of you—for your generous support to the Personal Care Pantry! What a blessing we received from all of you, and that blessing is passed on to the families that are in need of help! God bless!

Marion Abernathy, Coordinator, Personal Care Pantry

GROTTO PAVER BRICKS

St. Basil offers you an opportunity to order a grotto paver for installment in the spring. A contribution of \$100 entitles you to a standard 4x8 paver brick engraved with your name, your family name, or a personal message or intention. Forms are available at the parish office and also on our website under the Info tab, then Links. **Bricks ordered now will be placed in the grotto early May.** Call Cecilia at the parish office for more information, 269-637-2404, ext. 1103.



St. Basil Catholic School, South Haven, MI, is seeking a qualified and committed professional for a full time position in a grade 3 & 4 split classroom for the 2020-2021 school year. The candidate must have a current Michigan teaching certificate and should be a practicing Catholic. We are looking for a dynamic, energetic, enthusiastic individual to join our highly motivated Preschool through grade 8 teaching team. Please send a letter of interest, resume and references to:

Camille DeLano, Principal,

camilledelano@saintbasilcatholic.org.

(or 94 Superior St., South Haven, MI 49090).

IN OUR COLLABORATIVE

MASS AT ST. PETER PARISH, DOUGLAS SATURDAY 5:00 P.M., SUNDAY 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

DAILY MASS MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, & FRIDAY 8:30 A.M.

MASS AT SAN FELIPE, FENNVILLE SUN., 12:30 P.M.

*Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels
and Mother of the Americas.*

We fly to you today as your beloved children.

*We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.*

*Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.*

*In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be
patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our
hearts.*

*We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.*



*With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.*

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 29

Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Dn 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

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