



Ascension

of the Lord

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CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER

Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 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, May 23** † Richard Zelasko
- Sunday, May 24** † Charles "Art" Bennett
- Monday, May 25** † Kim Tragna
- Tuesday, May 26** † Harry Meltzer
- Wednesday, May 27** People of the parish
- Thursday, May 28** † Alfreda Campagna
- Friday, May 29** † Fr. John Young
- Saturday, May 30** † Chuck Hutson
- Sunday, May 31** † Annette, Dolores, and Wallace Bacehowski

OFFERTORY GIVING

All have felt the financial impact of COVID 19 in one way or another. Everyone's situation is very personal to them. Our offertory has dropped significantly with the suspension of Mass.

Average weekly contribution needed to meet budget
\$11,050

Weekly collection May 17: \$10,643

Please consider giving any amount that you are able to share so that we can continue the ministry of the church and help those in need.

Contributions may be mailed in or made electronically via the church website. If you are interested in regular automatic giving, please contact the office for an ACH form or download at <https://www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org/parish-forms>

Our Generosity to God for the weekend of May 17

Envelope Offering (30)	\$9,315.00
Electronic/Online Contributions	\$1,328.00
Loose Offering	0
Total Collection	\$10,643.00

This week's bulletin sponsor is
Depue Auto Sales.

Please keep all of our advertisers in your prayers as our businesses and sponsors struggle during these times.

 Our parish office is closed during the mandated stay-at-home order for Michigan. You may still contact us at 269-637-2404.

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 which we are able to retrieve from home. We ARE available for you, just not in the office.

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CONFESSIONS

MONDAY 2:00—3:00 P.M.

SATURDAY 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.



Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



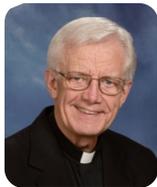
MEMORIAL DAY

On this **Memorial Day**, we **pray** for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace. Amen.



PRAY FOR...

Please pray for Virginia Martinez deLorenzo that she may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for her family and friends, that they find peace in the promises of Christ.



On Thursday, May 14, Bishop Bradley published a document allowing parishes to start celebrating Mass publicly by May 27 once the proper safety protocols are in place. (See <https://www.diokzoo.org/news/diocese-readies-to-resume-public-worship-beginning-may-27-2020>.)

The virus causing COVID-19 is still very much active and still quite deadly for the frail, the elderly, those with compromised immune systems, and others. I've read that the death rate from this virus is 6 to 20 times greater than that of the common flu. It seems to spread mainly through moisture from people's mouths, which stays in the air longer than most people think, and also from contaminated surfaces. People are most at risk of picking up the infection when in enclosed areas with other people for a period of time—as we are at Mass. Infected people, even if they do not display any symptoms, can transmit the disease to others, most likely people they love and are close to.

All of this is to say: don't be expecting Mass as usual! Under these circumstances, loving one another as God loves us means to comply with the proper safety protocols. According to the bishop's guidelines, only 25% of the seating capacity can be used. People will need to be seated in designated places as far away from one another as possible. The church building will have to be disinfected after every Mass. There will be changes to the way we receive Communion to maintain social distancing and the safety of both communicants and ministers.

Our Parish Preparation Team, a group of parish leaders, medical people, clergy, and staff members, has been working to implement the return to public Mass at St. Basil. The time has been short but we think we have a plan we can submit to the diocese for approval. Once our plan is approved we will be able to start having Masses on a limited basis. More information will be available on our parish website, our Facebook page, by letter, and by phone calls to all the registered parishioners.

Your cooperation and support during these difficult times is much appreciated.

Fr. Jim

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday this weekend, there will be no Zoom meetings scheduled. We will resume after the holiday. The next Zoom meeting will be Sunday, May 31 at 12:30 p.m.

Check out the Family Faith Formation page for activities and suggestions on ways to honor our Blessed Mother, Mary, during the month of May.

Please email me at MIlittledre@gmail.com with your feedback, ideas, and questions.



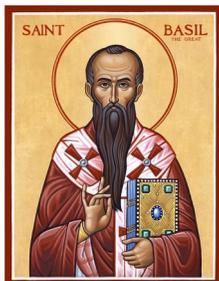
CONFIRMATION

Those students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year should be completing their letters to Bishop Bradley. If you have questions about this letter or are having difficulties writing the letter, contact Sylvia Verdonk as soon as possible.

As we make preparations for the return to in-person Masses, you may have some questions or concerns. Join with other St. Basil teens for some face time on Zoom at 8:00 p.m. this Sunday, May 24. Father Jim and Sylvia will be there and may be able to provide some answers. Please note the time change from our previous Zoom sessions. The meeting ID is the same as in past weeks; the password is **StBasil**. Contact Sylvia at 616-446-5113 by phone or text, or email sverdonk4@yahoo.com for more information. Parish and Diocese of Kalamazoo information can be found at saintbasilcatholicchurch.org and at diokzoo.org.

"Fr. Jim's Corner," found in the toolbar of the Saint Basil website, has some great information in "This 'n That" and "Reflections" as well as some fun activities in "Trivia Game" and "Question of the Week." You can also submit any question you might have about the Catholic faith at <https://saintbasilcatholicchurch.org/youth-group-question>.

Jesus is with us! At his ascension into heaven, He said, "...behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 20) Keep praying for His peace and comfort, and ask the saints and Mary, His mother and our Blessed Mother, for their help and protection. You are seen, you are known, and you are loved!



ST. BASIL - DID YOU KNOW?

St. Basil and St. Gregory were very much influenced by the writings of the early fathers including Origen. Origen is considered one of the most important early theologians of the church. Basil and Gregory compiled an anthology called Philokalia based on the works of Origen and it became a very important early text.

With the spreading of the heretical teachings of Arius, the church summoned St. Basil and Gregory from their monastic life to Caesarea. Basil was ordained a deacon in 362 and a priest in 364. That same year the new Roman emperor, Valens became an ardent supporter of Arianism

(Arius denied the divinity of Christ) and the fight began between the orthodox and the Arians. The emperor put pressure on Basil to remain silent, but Basil would not. St. Basil became a Bishop in 370. When Saint Athanasius died the mantle of "Defender of the Faith" passed on to St. Basil (see the statue at the back of our church). Not only did he produce great writings against Arianism but Basil also was known as a great orator and was able to argue very convincingly and eloquently.

Basil also composed many prayers and a famous liturgy known as "The Divine Liturgy of Basil" which is still the basis for the Byzantine liturgy today.

Next week we will see his influence and contribution on the understanding of the Holy Spirit.

ST. BASIL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Just a reminder that our annual Saint Basil Ribs 'n Raffle auction is still "on"! The school Booster Club is working to move everything to an online platform this year and the big event, themed "The Future is Now", will take place June 11-14, so mark your calendars! There will soon be additional information, including donation options if you are uncomfortable donating online. If you would like to donate items to this year's auction, please contact the school office and leave a message or contact Camille DeLano at camilledelano@gmail.com.

On Monday, May 18, our St. Basil School families treated our teachers to a drive-by parade at 1:30 p.m. From honking and cheering to beeping and waving, they offered their love and support for everything our staff does for our students and families in these trying times.



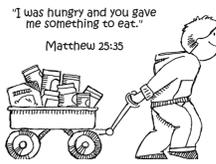
I miss my students, my classroom, my school, and my church more than I could have imagined. I felt so blessed when we were told about the parent/student parade at school, and the actual event was so priceless. To see these little faces laughing, cheering, hands clapping—it was just what we needed to give us an end of year pick-up! Thank you, families! I can't wait to be in the classroom every day again.
~Amanda Beery

Thank you!



On Monday, some of our wonderful families organized a parade for the teachers. It was so nice to stand together as a staff, but it was even better to see the smiling faces of kids and parents. One of the best parts of working at our school is how much we all care for one another, and this helped show that care. Seeing the faces of those kids outside of a computer screen was wonderful!
~Annika Otto

I so enjoyed seeing my friends from Saint Basil School! See you in the fall!
~Miss Sue



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.

We have moved the drop-off location to ensure that the items make it to the appropriate agencies. Items should be dropped off in the church near the office. You may also take non-perishable items to 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.**

PERSONAL CARE PANTRY

We will also accept contributions to the Personal Care Pantry. We Care I.N.C. asks for items such as laundry soap, shampoo, hand soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes. We will continue the collection through the month of May.



The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry remains open during the pandemic. We are providing a drive through service on Thursdays between 1-4 p.m., located at 201 S. Walnut, Bangor (back door).

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.

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 livestreams daily Mass on their Facebook page, and we have a link on our website for that Mass.

And don't forget our St. Basil **Sunday Mass**, livestreamed at **9:00 a.m. on Facebook**, with music! Music for Sunday's Mass is posted on our website.

ENROLL NOW FOR 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR!

Open enrollment is currently active for grades PK-8! We would love to have your family join our Saint Basil School family. Please contact Camille DeLano at 269-637-3529 (please leave a message and it will be forwarded to her) or camilledelano@gmail.com. You may also stop by the school office on Mondays from 11 :00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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: **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 faith filled candidate must have a current :
: Michigan teaching certificate. 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@gmail.com. :
: (or 94 Superior St., South Haven, MI 49090). :
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IN OUR COLLABORATIVE

MASS AT ST. PETER PARISH, DOUGLAS LIVESTREAMED EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.
VISIT WWW.STPETER-DOUGLAS.ORG

GROTTO PAVER BRICKS FINAL OPPORTUNITY UNTIL SEPTEMBER!

St. Basil offers you an opportunity to order a grotto paver for installment in early June. 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 late May/early June.** Call Cecilia at the parish office for more information, 269-637-2404, ext. 1103.



Cast yourself into the arms of God and
be very sure that if he wants anything of you,
He will fit you for the work and give you strength.
St. Philip Neri
Feast day May 26

ANOTHER ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK FROM MAY 3

What hobbies have you found, or returned to,
because of this sudden change in your way of life?

Returned to counted cross-stitch after twenty-six years!

*I believe I shall see the good things of
the Lord in the land of living*

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Scripture Readings for the Week of May 17	
Sunday	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
Monday	Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de 'Pazzi, Virgin Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday	Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc- 36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Saint Paul VI, Pope Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25 Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39