

I know that there is nothing  
better for people than to be happy  
and to do good while they live.  
That each of them may eat and  
drink, and find satisfaction in all  
their toil - this is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

Labor Day



**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.*

**MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, September 5**

4:00—5:00 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. People of the parish (en Español)

**Sunday, September 6**

9:00 a.m. † Nancy Schlacks

11:00 a.m. † Catherine Zelasko

**Monday, September 7 No Mass****Tuesday, September 8 No Mass****Wednesday, September 9 No Mass****Thursday, September 10 No Mass****Friday, September 11 No Mass****Saturday, September 12**

7:00 p.m. People of the parish (en Español)

**Sunday, September 13**

9:00 a.m. † George Zapolski

11:00 a.m. † John Stewart

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**Parish Office Closed****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 August 30: \$7,753**

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 August 30**

Envelope Offering (31) .....	\$4,685.00
Electronic/Online Contributions .....	\$2,293.00
Loose Offering .....	\$775.00
Total Collection .....	\$7,753.00

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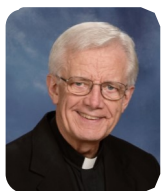
*If today you hear His voice,  
harden not your hearts.*

**PRAYER REQUEST DAILY CHAIN**

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



Joe Aleman	Randall Latorre
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Labor Day weekend, Summer's last fling! But it is also an opportunity to reflect on the dignity God gives to human labor. In the Book of Genesis, when God created the first human being, he "took him and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it." (Gen 2:15) This was before God created

Woman so the entire human race is represented here. The whole human race is called to "cultivate and care for" our surroundings! Human work, in one way or another, is meant to make the world a better place. We are called to make what we do not just a job, but a gift to God.

Labor Day does mark the end of Summer Vacation. It will be interesting to see what effect this will have on Sunday Mass attendance. I have heard from some who, wisely, have been staying away from the larger Summer crowds to keep themselves safe, but are thinking about coming back when the visitors have left and it is safer. That gives me an opportunity to reiterate the importance of keeping all the safety protocols at Mass: wear a mask and wear it correctly (it doesn't protect anyone unless it covers both your mouth and nose), even with a mask, keep six feet of separation between you and people who are not in your household, and don't come to Mass if you know you're sick. That's not a complete list, but you get the idea.

In any case, Bishop Bradley has extended the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass until November 22, the last Sunday of the Church Year so, if you can't attend Mass because of what COVID could do to you or someone you love, you don't have to feel guilty about it. You do, however, have a commandment from God to keep the Lord's day holy in some fashion. No bishop can dispense you from that law.

I'll be on vacation this week, and Deacon John is still serving with the Red Cross down in Louisiana. There will be no Masses or Communion services during these weekdays. I will return for Confessions and Masses next Saturday and Sunday.

*Fr. Jim*

### NEWS FROM DEACON JOHN

Deacon John is currently away administering spiritual care through the Red Cross, assisting at shelters for those affected by Hurricane Laura. He arrived in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and traveled two hours from there to a shelter in Alexandria where 60+ people are lodged, mostly senior citizens from Lake Charles whose homes and properties have suffered major damage.

Deacon John reports that the people are generally upbeat and faithfilled. One woman in particular arrived with only a small bag of belongings yet she was full of gratitude and hope. She lost her husband a few months ago, she lost her elderly mother last month, she lost the roof of her house in the hurricane which destroyed most of the house and her belongings, and she was in a car accident on Thursday which totaled her car. She explained that she does not belong to any religion or denomination but she is a person who is very spiritual. She was genuine and, despite all the losses she has suffered, she was a person of deep faith and appreciation. Deacon John writes, "*I'm* the one that left today with a lesson on how to live. *I'm* the one left with the blessing!"

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD!

Dayana Perez Negron made her First Holy Communion on Saturday, August 29 at the 7:00 p.m. Mass.



Any student in eighth grade or older who is new to the St. Basil Confirmation preparation program this year and who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2022 should contact Sylvia Verdonk, Confirmation Director, as soon as possible. Confirmation preparation is a two-year program and sessions will begin online later this month. Materials will be made available to registered students after Labor Day. Register with Sylvia by phone or text at 616-446-5113, or by email at [sverdonk4@yahoo.com](mailto:sverdonk4@yahoo.com). The cost is \$40 per student.



Father Jim has received approval from Bishop Bradley's office to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on sixteen candidates at two Masses, each at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 11 and Sunday, October 18. We are planning to live stream these Masses on the St. Basil Facebook page.

Candidates being confirmed in October should sign-up for the virtual *Greater* Confirmation retreat. There is no cost for this retreat. Parent resources are also provided in English and Spanish so that they can journey in this 4-week retreat with their child. Weekly online small-group discussions are also being planned through Zoom. Contact Sylvia Verdonk for the retreat link and the special parish registration code.

We must speak to them with our hands by giving,  
before we try to speak to them with our lips.  
*St. Peter Claver, feast day September 9*



I am very grateful to my St. Basil parish family for all the prayers during my recent health issues. I have been released from all doctor care and medical supervision, and am doing well. Prayer works!

*Tom Mielke*



PRAY FOR...

Please pray for  
Mary Mason,  
mother of Patty Zurek,  
and  
Ben Plachta,  
longtime parishioner,

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



## ST. BASIL CATHOLIC SCHOOL—WELCOME STUDENTS AND STAFF!



### WELCOME, MS. BORJA!

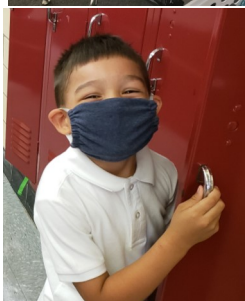
Our new Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Cindy Borja, grew up in the Philippines and moved to Battle Creek, Michigan, in 2013 to be reunited with her family. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Integrated Science from Western Michigan University in April 2020. This will be her first year of teaching and

she is very excited to be a part of the Saint Basil team. In her spare time, Ms. Borja enjoys reading, writing, nature walks, and teaching Science!

### NEWS FROM MS. WILLENBORG

Our new 3rd/4th grade teacher, Ms. Tessa Willenborg, reports that her greatest joy this year, being her first year of teaching, will be meeting her students. She is going to ease into the school year by planning! She says, "Planning always calms me down, so it's perfect that I became a teacher with lots of planning to do."

Over the summer Ms. Willenborg did lots of camping and outdoor activity with close friends and family. "With the new restrictions we made it work and kept safe while having lots of fun."



The first week of school our teachers took time to let the kids re-adjust, visit with each other, and get to know each other. The focus the first days of school is on classroom management, relationships, and social/emotional concerns. Students will spend as much time as possible outdoors enjoying the fresh air and God's beautiful gift of the lakeshore!

### "Fore the School" Golf Outing

*sponsored by St. Basil Booster Club*

**Saturday, September 19 at Hawkshead Links**

**9 a.m. shotgun start**

**\$80 per person, \$320 per foursome**

If you want to play but you're lacking a foursome we can assist in putting you with others in need of additional players. Registration forms may be found in the church, at the Information Center in the Connector by the stairs. Contact Dave Mills for more info: 269-214-8880.

### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Saint Basil Catholic School is looking for qualified substitute teachers. The candidate should be a certified teacher and/or able to present or acquire a Michigan substitute teacher permit. All substitute teachers must be VIRTUS trained (or willing to become trained) and submit to fingerprinting and a background check.

Please inquire with Camille DeLano at the school if interested: 269-637-3529.

### SUNDAY CHURCH BULLETINS FOR CHILDREN AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

You may download one from our website, under the Education tab, and use it at home as we practice social distancing. We will also have some on the bulletin shelves in the back of church.

### FOOD PANTRY DROP OFF AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Please take non-perishable food 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.**



Our parish office remains 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.



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).

## 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 THURSDAY 6:30 P.M.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**  
No Mass  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**  
No Mass  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**  
No Mass  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**  
No Mass  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**  
No Mass  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**  
7:00 p.m. Mass—Español  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
11:00 a.m. Mass

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday and Sunday Mass attendance requires advance registration: <https://www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org/sign-up-for-mass>

We are grateful to the volunteers who have offered to check-in our Mass participants, usher, and clean the church after each Mass.

Please contact Andrea at the parish office if you can help, 269-637-2404, ext. 1102.

### Scripture Readings for the Week of Sept. 6

**Sunday** **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;  
Rom 13:8-10;  
Mt 18:15-20

**Monday** **Labor Day**  
1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12;  
Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday** **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c;  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

**Wednesday** **Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest**  
1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17;  
Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13;  
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24;  
Lk 6:27-38

**Friday** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12;  
Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday** **The Most Holy Name of Mary**  
1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;  
Lk 6:43-49



### MUSIC FOR SUNDAY MASS

The gathering hymn and closing hymn may be found on our parish website, <https://saintbasilcatholicchurch.org/music-for-mass>.

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