

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time



*W*hen John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.

Matthew 21:32

*P*orque Juan vino a abrirles el camino derecho y ustedes no le creyeron, mientras que los publicanos y las prostitutas le creyeron. Ustedes fueron testigos, pero ni con esto se arrepintieron y le creyeron.

Mateo 21:32

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 26**

4:00—5:00 p.m. Confessions

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

Sunday, September 27

9:00 a.m. † George Wondergem

11:00 a.m. † Catherine Banner

Monday, September 28

9:00 a.m. John Stewart

Tuesday, September 29

9:00 a.m. † Mike Byford

Wednesday, September 30

9:00 a.m. † People of the parish

Thursday, October 1 No Mass**Friday, October 2**

5:00 p.m. † Shirley Brumbaugh

Saturday, October 3

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

Sunday, October 4

9:00 a.m. † Marge and Bill Callan

11:00 a.m. † Helen L. Fellows

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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 limitations of capacity for participation at Mass.

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

Weekly collection September 20: \$6,492

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 September 20

Envelope Offering (42)	\$4,963.00
Electronic/Online Contributions	\$958.00
Loose Offering	\$571.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,492.00

Remember Your mercies, O Lord.

**WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM**

Daniel Alexander Hernandez
son of Hernan and Maritsa Hernandez
baptized August 8

Maleny Monserrat Arguello
daughter of Magdaleno and Laura Arguello

Suri Alexa Ruiz
daughter of Santiago and Adrana Ruiz

Jose Julian Esparza
son of Jose and Delma Esparza

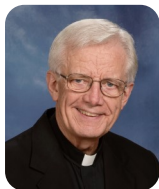
Ema Monserrat Alcaraz
daughter of Eduardo and Adilene Alcaraz

Elian Omar Guajardo
son of Lilianna Alcaraz Guajardo

Adrian Alfaro
son of Leonel and Gloria Alfaro

Sebastian Gael Martinez
son of Miguel and Paloma Martinez
baptized August 15

Neveah Leigh Lindemulder
daughter of James and Kristina Lindemulder
and little sister of Noah Lindemulder
baptized August 22



Not a lot to write about this week it seems. (So watch me go on and on!) It seems that Autumn has come a little early this year with all the cold weather we've been having in September. Maybe it will be nice to me and warm up again that first week of October when I'll be taking the second half of my vacation. (I'm taking it in sections this year so I don't miss any weekends -- or other things such as weddings and Confirmations. The latter are coming up on October 11th and October 18.) Bishop Bradley has delegated me to celebrate the sacrament with those who have been preparing at our parish for the last couple of years. I'm looking forward to it!

Otherwise we're just plugging along through these COVID times. I noticed a lot more of our year-round parishioners at the Masses this past weekend. Welcome back! I know we can't wait until this is all over with, but do keep practicing the safety protocols. The sloppier we get with the protocols, the longer it is going to take to control the spread of the disease enough to be rid of them.

The tuck-pointing I spoke of last week should be starting this week. They have already moved a lift in and parked it on Superior Street. The company can't guarantee it, of course, but they hope, weather permitting, to be able to finish the project before the really bad weather sets in. Any money collected for the Bishop's Annual Appeal above 50% of our target goal will go, after the fact, to pay for the tuck-pointing and interior plaster repair. So, in addition to financing the good works of our diocese, donors will be helping the parish. *Fr. Jim*

IT'S COMMITMENT WEEKEND!

We are on our way and doing great! Our parish goal for this year is \$101,637. We have current pledges and payments of \$26,674! Anything raised over \$50,829 will be returned to the parish and used for tuck-pointing the church.

Contributions may be made using the envelopes mailed from the diocese last week, envelopes in the church Connector, the diocesan giving website (<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/867>) or our website (www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org) and click on "Donate Now" and then direct your gift to Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please contact the business office at 637-2404 or email businessoffice@saintbasilcatholicchurch.org with any questions.

Please prayerfully consider your payment and/or pledge, and commit this weekend to meet that goal! The appeal funds the works of the diocese and builds strong parishes!

CONFESSIONS

MON. 2:00—3:00 P.M. SAT. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Congratulations to Elizabeth Gutierrez, Adamariz and Lesly Alcaraz who all made their First Holy Communion this past weekend.

Religious Education Classes resume today, Sunday, September 27, via Zoom at 12:30 PM. A link has been emailed to all parents for our sessions today.

Please call or text Margie Little for more information at 269-355-5671.



At St. Basil, Confirmation preparation is a two-year program and sessions will begin for **new students** this Sunday, September 27 at 12:30 p.m. Sessions will be **online** until at least January, 2021.

The first online session for **returning students** will be Sunday, October 4 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Contact Sylvia Verdonk by phone or text at 616-446-5113 if you are in the second year of Confirmation preparation and did not receive the letter sent this past week.

All students will receive a Zoom invitation for their respective session. Contact Sylvia if you do not receive an invitation.

Calling all adults desiring to share their faith with the youth of the parish! Do you enjoy being online with friends? Are you VIRTUS-trained, or would you be willing to participate in an online "VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children" training session? Would you be willing to spend an hour once or twice a month interacting with teenage students as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? During this COVID-19 pandemic, when so many of us feel unsure and unsafe in large groups - even at Mass - we would love to have you join us from the comfort of your home to interact with our young people, mentor them on their journeys, and provide a virtual "community of faith." Contact Sylvia if you would like a Zoom invitation and would be willing to help.

*Holiness consists simply in doing God's will,
and being just what God wants us to be.*

St. Therese of Lisieux, The Little Flower



Marriage Blessings

Dustin and Michelle (Fleck) Coulter
joined in Holy Matrimony
September 19



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.

ST. BASIL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Thank you all who were able to make it out last weekend for our annual Fore the School golf fundraiser! It was a beautiful day with a frosty start, and from the sounds of it everyone had a great time. The staff, students, and I appreciate the continued support of our school!



Now that we have our routine down, we're all getting our academics on! The 7th & 8th graders took a bit of a field trip down to the lake to make some observations as part of their science investigation on waves. What had promised to be gale force winds fizzled to a light breeze, but one thing to learn about science investigations is that things just don't

always go as planned. Students were still able to take some notes, and have been promised a trip back for comparison purposes on more windy day.

I've been keeping our older students busy with some math each day. The 6th graders have been spending time doing operations with decimals ("Now where exactly does that decimal point go?" is a constant question). The 7th grade students have been learning the ins and outs of integers using integer discs for assistance. It's been great fun hanging out with the middle school group this year!

I also had a chance to spend time with our littlest of the littles during afternoon recess. This group really got into their play action, making cities in the sand box, hosting friends in the play house, and there were even a few slam dunks with the basketball. I don't know about them, but I was exhausted at the end of it all!



I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend. I've been noticing all the stunning fall colors on my travels home each night; they definitely add to the view! Thank you again for all your support!

Camille DeLano, Principal

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.

PETITION DRIVE ENDS

In July the Michigan Bureau of Elections issued a report finding that there were not 340,047 valid signatures in the Michigan Values Life petition drive to ban dismemberment abortions. Our volunteers did an excellent job, but we were 20,000 signatures short of our goal of 400,000. We must hit our goal next time we do a petition drive.



PARISH PLAYPEN PROJECT

*Sponsored by Caring Network,
a program of
Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo*

St. Basil Church will be sponsoring **Caring Network's Parish Playpen** during the month of **October!** Caring Network assists pregnant women of all ages, faiths, and marital status with life-affirming decisions. The agency is running low on the following items for the women and children they serve:

- ♥ Winter coats (newborn- 4T)
- ♥ Towels for infants
- ♥ Socks for infants (0-12 mo.)
- ♥ Pacifiers (newborn - 12 mo.)
- ♥ Sleepers and PJs (newborn to 5T)
- ♥ Receiving blankets/Swaddle blankets
- ♥ Nursing bras

You may place your purchases in the playpen that will be in the Connector beginning October 3/4 weekend.

Your generosity helps bring our Mission to life! Thank you for being so generous! Call 269-381-1234 or visit www.ccdok.org for more information!

THOMAS MERTON, TRAPPIST MONK

from Deacon John

For several months now we have been publishing articles about our patron, St Basil, a fourth century monk. Today, I would like to transition to a 20th century monk, Thomas Merton (1915 to 1968).

Thomas Merton became a convert to Catholicism at age 23 and entered the strict Trappist monastic order at the Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemane when he was age 26. From 1941 to his death in 1968 he lived and wrote at the abbey located near Bardstown, Kentucky. He was the author of over 50 books, his most famous being his autobiography *Seven Story Mountain* (1948) published by Harcourt which today still remains their best seller. His autobiography has been compared to that of St. Augustine's *Confessions* as it recounts his life, his conversion, and his entrance into the monastery. By 1949 it was one of the best non-fiction sellers and had a tremendous impact on Catholics. It is considered one of the best 100 nonfiction books of the 20th century. By 1984 the book had sold over 3 million copies.

Merton is not only known for his writings on prayer and the spiritual life but later he also tackled civil rights, racism, peace, war, and social issues of which his observations are still relevant today. In 1963 he published a book called *"Life and Holiness"* and for the next several months we will print selections from that book that have practical applications for us as Catholics as we live our lives in this rapidly changing world.

In these challenging times Merton states that being holy is not only someone sanctified by the presence and action of God but is also "not a matter of being 'less' human but 'more' human. This implies a greater capacity for concern for suffering, for understanding, for sympathy but also for humor, for joy, for appreciation of the good and the beautiful things in life."

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 28

9:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 a.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 a.m. Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

No Mass

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

5:00 p.m. Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00 p.m. Mass—Español

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

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. 27

Sunday	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; Phil 2:1-11, or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32
Monday	Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday	Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday	Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels Jb 38:1, 12-21; Jb 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

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