

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY

*in Ordinary Time*



*T*he foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Matthew 25:3-4

*L*as descuidadas tomaron sus lámparas como estaban, sin llevar más aceite consigo. Las precavidas, en cambio, junto con las lámparas, llevaron sus botellas de aceite. Mateo 25:3-4

**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, November 7**

4:00—5:00 p.m. Confessions

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

**Sunday, November 8**

9:00 a.m. † Frank Zelasko

11:00 a.m. † Marge Callan

**Monday, November 9**

9:00 a.m. Communion service

**Tuesday, November 10**

9:00 a.m. Communion service

**Wednesday, November 11**

9:00 a.m. Communion service

**Thursday, November 12 No Mass**

**Friday, November 13**

5:00 p.m. Communion service

**Saturday, November 14**

7:00 p.m. Stanley Nowak, 1st anniversary  
(en Español)

**Sunday, November 15**

9:00 a.m. † Lois Verdonk

11:00 a.m. † John Stewart

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**Parish Office Closed**



Flowers on the Altar  
*in honor of*  
 Tom and Kay Mielke  
*on their 60th wedding anniversary*

**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 November 1: \$6,462**

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 November 1**

Envelope Offering (29).....	\$3,555.00
Electronic/Online Contributions.....	\$2,538.00
Loose Offering .....	\$369.00
Total Collection .....	\$6,462.00

**MASS RESERVATION REMINDERS**

Just a reminder, when you use SignUp Genius to make a reservation to attend weekend Mass, please be sure to include the number of people in your group AND list the names of all who will be attending Mass.

You may place your information on the Priority List for the following weekend only if there is not enough space for you and your family at the current weekend Masses.

Please contact the parish office if you have any questions, 269-637-2404.

**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. The chain appears in the bulletin on the first weekend of the month.

*My soul is thirsting for You,  
 O Lord, my God.*

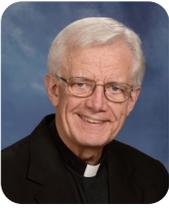
**THANK YOU**



St. Basil family, thanks to all of you for the prayers, cards, special deliveries, that were so appreciated during my recovery. Above all, "Thanks be to God. He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Corinthians 15:57).

*Terry Franklin*

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Not a lot to talk about this week. I'm glad the election is over with. I'm writing this on Monday, November 2, before knowing what the results are going to be, and I'm still planning on being glad when it's over with. Elections are getting increasingly divisive and a far cry from the kind of cooperative effort

God would like to see in His people. It seems that a lot of people have noticed something like that this year, though most don't put it in theological terms. I hope we can clean up our act for next time!

Our Book of Deceased Loved Ones and our Día de los Muertos altar are now in place and you can choose either or both as a means of honoring your deceased loved ones. Write their names in the book in the church, or place a copy of one of their pictures on the altar in the South Lobby. Both means of praying for our dead will be available until Advent starts on November 29th.

Finally, I've got one more mini-vacation in me. I explain the need on the parish website <https://SaintBasilCatholicChurch.org/this-n-that>. I'll be leaving to spend some quiet time in Kalamazoo after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, November 8, and will return before Confessions on Saturday, November 14. Deacon John will offer Communion services on the weekdays that week and will take care of Adoration on that Monday.

Fr. Jim

## MORE FROM THOMAS MERTON'S "LIFE AND HOLINESS"

from Deacon John

In living out our Christian life, and as we strive for holiness and perfection, what is our role in society and in the modern world? "The task of a Christian is not simply to concern himself with social justice, with political order and fair trade practices. It goes much deeper than that. It is a question of the very structure of society and a man's cultural heritage. The task of each Christian today is to help defend and restore the basic human values without which grace and spirituality will have little practical meaning in the life of man."

Merton recognized the importance of becoming well-informed to make responsible choices and actions. "We must be able to make a wiser and more profound view than that which is given by the mass media... One of our great problems of our time is the lack of reliable and serious information and of sound perspective in political and social affairs." Merton made this observation 58 years ago and it could have been written yesterday!

### BAA 2020—BUILDING STRONG PARISHES

**PARISH GOAL: \$101,637**

**PLEDGES & PAYMENTS: 78,100**

Please prayerfully consider your gift to the appeal for this year and help us reach our goal.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

God wants us to know Him and to love Him. But how do we do that? God showed us how to love Him and our neighbors when He gave Moses the Ten Commandments.



Our Religious Education Faith Formation Zoom classes this week will focus on the first three Commandments which show us how to love God and live a faith-filled life. These three commandments teach us to keep God always more important in our lives than anything else, trust Him, pray to Him, not use His name in disrespectful way, and to go to Mass every Sunday.

The parent Zoom sessions in English are every Tuesday night at 7:30 via Zoom. The parent Zoom sessions in Spanish are every Saturday morning with Sister Maria. Faith formations Zoom sessions for the children begin at 12:30 for first grade through third grade and 1:30 for students in fourth through seventh grade.



### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSIONS

#### FIRST-YEAR

November 8

Lesson 3: "What's your story, God?"

November 22

Lesson 4: "How do I know God is real?"

#### SECOND-YEAR

November 15

Lesson 12: "Who is the Holy Spirit?"

Sessions will be held virtually on Zoom. Join a "meeting" at 4:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. on the date scheduled. Invitations to Zoom meetings will be sent via email and text. As long as restrictions remain on in-person meetings, preparation sessions will be online and attendance at the appropriate sessions is necessary. Contact Sylvia Verdonk with questions and/or concerns.

*"In the unity of faith and baptism, therefore, our community is undivided. There is a common dignity, as the apostle Peter says in these words: 'And you are built up as living stones into spiritual houses, a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices which are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.'*

*And again: 'But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people set apart.'"*

Pope St. Leo the Great, Doctor of the Church,

Feast Day November 10

### 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.



### Got Socks?

Socks are among the most needed items at homeless shelters, yet socks are some of the least donated items. Your contribution of new socks to the St. Basil Sock Ministry will be placed with the Emergency Shelter Services in Benton Harbor. Look for the "Socks Box" located in the South Lobby.

## ST. BASIL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

From painting pumpkins to a lesson on comparing apples (are they sweet, sour, crunchy, or soft?) our students enjoyed a Halloween celebration!



On Monday, November 2, our Middle School students attended Mass for All Souls' Day. Father Jim asked them to think about and pray for special people in their lives who have died. Fifth and sixth graders' prayers went out to:

† My grandfather because he was nice and we buried him in Mexico ~Joshua

† My grandfather because he helped me make good choices ~Harper

† My grandmother because she is my grandmother ~Josh

† My grandfather on my mom's side and my grandmother on my dad's side because they are the only people I know in my family that died ~Abryl

† My Grandpa Santiago Gallegos because he was my grandpa ~Lessly

† My mom's uncle because he was important to my family ~Katherin

† My birth mom Shelly Shaw because she was my mom, I miss her, and I never knew her. I want to pray for her so she knows I love her. ~Kaya

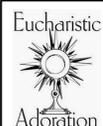
† My grandpa, Roger Devries...my connection was when I was little he had a big bouncy ball and we would go downstairs and throw it. I picked him because I love him and he was always there for me. He could also talk like Donald Duck! He was very funny! ~Keaton

† My grandpa because he is my relative ~Isaac

† I picked my grandma's dad. I picked him because I am really close to my grandma and he died when she was just a kid. ~Michael

† Grandpa Harris because I had a very good time when we visited him while he was alive ~Brigid

† My great grandma Sophie Militello. I chose her because I did not get to meet her and she died when I was one. I connect to her because she is my great grandma and she has the same name as me. ~Sophie



### Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Confessions Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

## WOMEN'S SERVICE GUILD NEWS

Unfortunately, we will **not** gather for the November Meet and Greet, which was scheduled for November 20 at Senior Services of Van Buren County. This was our last scheduled Meet and Greet for 2020. No further Meet and Greets will be scheduled at this time.

Sadly, we will **not** hold our annual Christmas Party in December due to Diocesan COVID 19 regulations. And, finally, we will **not** hold our annual Christmas Cookie Tray sale in December. Sorry to disappoint those who look forward to purchasing a tray of tasty cookies.

In other news, the WSG made donations the Playpen Project and to the Bishop's Annual Appeal this Fall.

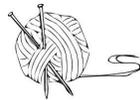
## FOOD PANTRY DROP-OFF AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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.**



## WINTER COAT COLLECTION

Our friends at St. Vincent de Paul in Bangor are requesting our help with a collection of outer winter wear for the less fortunate. Gently used coats, hats, mittens for children and adults are needed, especially men's and children's coats. There's a deposit station in the South Lobby for you to drop off your items. Thank you!



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Over the course of the past several years St. Basil has sponsored a Prayer Shawl Ministry. During that time many parishioners have knitted or crocheted over 250 prayer shawls.

If you knit or crochet, please consider creating a prayer shawl. The demand has been constant and the prayer shawls have been gifted to members of our parish and our community, accompanied by a specially written prayer, and placed on the shoulders of those receiving the gift.

If you'd like to receive a copy of the standard pattern used, please contact Cecilia, 269-637-2404, ext. 1103.



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. If we don't answer immediately, your call will be forwarded to a voicemail which we are able to retrieve from home. We remain available for you, just not in the office.



The St. Basil Booster Club is taking orders for Christmas wreaths and garlands, thanks to the support of our St. Basil Armintrout family. Beautiful 24" Fraser Fir wreaths are \$25, and 25" Fraser and Concolor garlands are \$30.

You may stop by the school during the week and place your order up until November 20. Wreaths will be delivered to the school on November 30.

## 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, NOVEMBER 9**

9:00 a.m. Communion service

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

9:00 a.m. Communion service

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

9:00 a.m. Communion service

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

No Mass

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

5:00 p.m. Communion service

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

7:00 p.m. Mass—Español

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

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 Nov. 8

**Sunday**

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;  
1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14;  
Mt 25:1-13

**Monday**

**Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17;  
Jn 2:13-22

**Tuesday**

**Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14;  
Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29;  
Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday**

**Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**

Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6;  
Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday**

**Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr**

Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10;  
Lk 17:20-25

**Friday**

**Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18;  
Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday**

3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
Lk 18:1-8

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