

HOPE

be vigilant at all times



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 28**

4:00—5:00 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. † Genaro Alcaraz (en Español)

Sunday, November 29

9:00 a.m. † Deceased members of the Haug family

11:00 a.m. † Larry Leckner

Monday, November 30

9:00 a.m. † Diane Rey

Tuesday, December 1

9:00 a.m. † Tim McMorrow

Wednesday, December 2

9:00 a.m. † MaryCarole Perry, 1st anniversary

Thursday, December 3 No Mass**Friday, December 4**

5:00 p.m. Intention of Lourdes and Joel Birnbaum

Saturday, December 5

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

Sunday, December 6

9:00 a.m. † Mae Steinmiller

11:00 a.m. † Lucy O'Toole and Rose Lopata

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.

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 22**

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday printing schedule, our collection report for November 22 will appear in the December 6 bulletin.

This week's bulletin sponsor is
Compton Land Improvement.

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

*Lord, make us turn to You;
let us see Your face and we shall be saved.*

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Parish Office Closed**Feast of the Immaculate Conception****Vigil Mass**

**Monday, December 7
7:00 p.m. in Spanish**

Tuesday, December 8

**9:00 a.m. Mass
(livestreamed on Facebook)
5:00 p.m. Mass**

Attendance is by reservation only,
through Signup Genius, accessible on our website
www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org,
"Mass Signup Instructions"
or call the parish office, 637-2404.

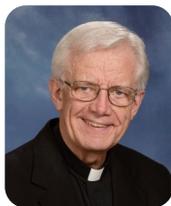


Please pray for
Tom Leva

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.



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.



Advent. It's here already! But what it celebrates is not here already, well, at least not completely. Confused? Let me explain.

The secular world is busy celebrating "the holidays," a time to eat, drink, be merry, be generous, be nostalgic, make contact with family and friends (although more carefully and safely this year), etc. There is nothing wrong with any of that, and a lot of it is really good, but we in the Church are in a time of anticipation. The word "advent" means "coming," and that's what we celebrate, the coming of the Lord! Last week we celebrated Him as "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe" and that's who it is we await, and it will certainly be a momentous occasion when it comes! He comes to put an end to evil, He comes to bring light to the world, He comes to "free us all from Satan's power when we had gone astray! O tidings of wonder and joy! "

Wait a minute. How did a Christmas carol get into the discussion? And, besides, didn't He already come? Yes, as a matter of fact, He did! That, too, is what we anticipate during Advent -- our celebration of the fact that He has already come. He shared in our humanity by His birth over two-thousand years ago, and we look forward to sharing in His divinity at the end of time!

Advent is a preparation time, not only for the celebration of Christmas but for what God has in store for us at the end of time. Advent is a wondrous time, a mystical time, a time to grow in both love and fidelity. Let's celebrate it well!

Fr. Jim

BAA 2020—BUILDING STRONG PARISHES

PARISH GOAL: \$101,637

PLEDGES & PAYMENTS: \$85,300

Please prayerfully consider your gift to the appeal for this year and help us reach our goal. No contribution is too large or too small!

2021 CHURCH CALENDARS

We are happy to be able to offer our parishioners a beautiful 2021 calendar featuring special feasts and saints, available in the South Lobby. These calendars are provided at no cost to you thanks to our advertisers: John Valenziano of Jaqua Realty, Dennis Dascenzo of Storage South Haven, and Roberta Otto, CPA, PLC.

IN OUR DIOCESE

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Envelopes are in the back of Church on the bulletin shelves for your convenience.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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 formation Zoom sessions for the children begin at 12:30 for 1st through 3rd grade and 1:30 for students in 4th through 7th grade.

No ZOOM sessions this weekend.

Sessions will resume December 5/6 as we begin our Advent season sharing ways to prepare for Christmas through prayer, reflection, and good deeds.



No Confirmation preparation sessions will be held over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Preparation sessions scheduled for Sundays in December

First-year preparation

December 13

Lesson 5: "Who is Jesus?"

Second-year preparation

December 6 and December 20

Lesson 13: "What does the Holy Spirit do for me?"

Sessions will be held virtually on Zoom with Father Jim and Sylvia Verdonk. Join at 4:00 PM or 7:30 PM 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 with questions and/or concerns.

"When trying to evangelise, no tool is more effective than that of personal witness...."

People can argue with points of doctrine, but no-one can argue with a personal testimony!"

St. Francis Xavier, Feast day December 3

THOMAS MERTON'S "THOUGHTS IN SOLITUDE"

from Deacon John

In the next few weeks we will review excerpts from another of Thomas Merton's books entitled "Thoughts in Solitude." With the success of his autobiography "The Seven Storey Mountain" published in 1948 (and still is the best selling book for the publication company, Harcourt Brace), requests for more of Merton's writings continued. "Thoughts", published in 1958, based on reflections written between 1953-54, was considered by some to be one of his "wisest" books.

On Prayer: "We can ruin prayer if we are constantly examining our prayer and seeking the fruit of prayer in a peace that is nothing more than a psychological process. The only thing to seek in contemplative prayer is God; and we seek Him successfully when we realize we cannot find Him unless He shows himself to us, and yet at the same time that He would not have inspired us to seek Him unless we had already found Him... What is the use of praying if at the very moment of prayer we have so little confidence in God that we are busy planning our own kind of answer to our prayer?"

ST. BASIL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

With many Thanksgiving gatherings cancelled due to COVID, the question of “Who would you invite to Thanksgiving and why?” hits close to home with these 5th & 6th graders.

- My cousin because I haven't seen him in two years ~Joshua
- Grayson because I never see him ~Josh
- I would invite any animals and people who need food and shelter. ~Harper
- My family (aunts, uncles, cousins) since I haven't met most of my family ~Abryl
- My cousins from Mexico because she has never celebrated Thanksgiving ~Lessly
- My birth siblings ~Kaya
- My family because I like to see them ~Keaton
- I would invite Joe Biden because he is the president and I want to meet him ~Isaac
- My cousin because I haven't seen her in a long time ~Michael
- My grandparents who live really far away ~Brigid

OUR PRESCHOOL STUDENTS ARE THANKFUL FOR:

Computer Games ~Katija My sister ~Maggie
 Garbage collectors ~Danny TV Time ~Harper and Lorelai
 Healthy Safe Family ~Baye God ~Nick and Sophie
 Mom's job ~Alexa Family ~Annabelle
 Jesus ~Will and Presley Mom and Dad ~Caden
 That Mom's out of the hospital ~Mariana
 Dad ~River Friends ~Angelina
 My cousin Presley ~Addy Time with Dad ~Rhonin
 Playing at the Park ~Chase My brother Alex ~Aldo
 And from Miss Sue: healthy grandchildren



Third and fourth grade students in Ms. Willenborg's class recently wrote personal narratives and presented them to their fellow classmates.



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.

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.



WE CARE I.N.C. GIVING TREE

It's that time of year again when we come together as a parish to consider those less fortunate, especially when it's holiday time. The Giving Tree is in the Connector near the parish office, and you are welcome to take a tag and return a gift, any gift that you might give one of your loved ones at Christmas. From toys for all ages to festive winter hats & gloves, from slippers to cozy throws, from sweatshirts to puzzles and games, any new item you care to donate will be appreciated. Bring your item to the church, unwrapped, and place it under the Giving Tree, knowing that you are making someone's Christmas a little bit brighter in these difficult times.

FOOD BASKETS

While we are not asking for Food Baskets this year, we are placing the grocery cart near the Giving Tree and ask that if you are able to give non-perishable “Christmas dinner” items, they will be distributed to the less fortunate. Items such as canned vegetables and soups (think green bean casserole), stuffing mixes, dessert mixes, boxed potato/rice dishes, or maybe even a box of chocolates will be more than welcome!



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!

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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 30

9:00 a.m. Mass

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00 a.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 a.m. Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 No Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:00 p.m. Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 p.m. Mass—Español

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

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. 29

Sunday

First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7;
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
Mk 13:33-37

Monday

Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

**Saint John Damascene, Priest and
Doctor of the Church**

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

SUNDAY CHURCH BULLETINS FOR CHILDREN

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.

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