

# La Sagrada Familia



# The Holy Family



**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, December 26**

4:00—5:00 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Evelyn Nower

**Sunday, December 27**

9:00 a.m. † Dick and Carol Averill

11:00 a.m. † Lois Verdonk

**Monday, December 28**

9:00 a.m. People of the parish

**Tuesday, December 29**

9:00 a.m. † Edward Kusmider

**Wednesday, December 30 No Mass****Thursday, December 31**

5:00 p.m. Al Watson

**Friday, January 1**

9:00 a.m. Mae Steinmiller

**Saturday, January 2**

7:00 p.m. People of the parish

**Sunday, January 3**

9:00 a.m. † Robert Baken

11:00 a.m. † Helen Biernacki

**CONTACT US**

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**Parish Office Closed**

*Blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in His ways.*

**OFFERTORY GIVING**

We have all felt the financial impact of COVID 19 in one way or another. Our offertory has dropped significantly with the limitations of capacity for participation at Mass.

**Average weekly contribution needed to meet budget:**

**\$11,050**

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.

Our parish received a PPP (Payroll Protection Program) loan in April which helped our cash flow for several months this year. Giving levels are approximately 30% lower than prior years, and the difference will be funded from savings. More detailed announcements about our current finances will be coming after the first of the year.

**Our Generosity to God  
for the weekend of December 20**

Due to the Christmas holiday printing schedule,  
our collection report for December 20  
will appear in the January 3 bulletin.

This week's bulletin sponsor is  
*'50's Drive-in.*

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

**WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM**

Nicholas Hugh Lopez

Emma Elaine Lopez

children of Jesus Lopez and Sylvia Saucedo-Torres

Ariana Jade Saucedo

Jayden Esteban Saucedo

children of Esteban Saucedo and Leticia Alcaraz

baptized on November 21

Welcome to the faith community of St. Basil parish!

**Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of God**

You must make a reservation to attend Mass at St. Basil  
for holy days of obligation as well as weekend Mass. Visit  
our website and click on "Mass Signup Instructions" or  
contact the parish office, 269-637-2404.

**St. Basil Church**

Thursday, December 31 5:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1 9:00 a.m.

**St. Peter in Douglas**

Friday, January 1 10:00 a.m.



Amidst this trying time of COVID, sickness and separation, I wish to send my best wishes and blessings to all at Saint Basil parish: Father Jim, Deacon John, the staff, and many more people I know and don't know.

I hope you had a merry and blessed Christmas, and that you will enjoy a much better New Year.

Some time next year I hope to make my appearance again, serving in my function as your Deacon.

*Your hiding Deacon Bill and wife Carolina. Van Dril*

## REACHING OUT TO OUR PARISHIONERS

Throughout these months of continued social distancing, if you are able, consider reaching out to those you used to see regularly at Mass. Especially during the holidays, it's important to check in on each other, and take care of each other. A quick phone call, a short note, some treats dropped off at the door....any little thing can make all the difference to those who are isolated while staying safe.

Please remember to pray for the sick and those in nursing homes or who are homebound. We are still unable to make nursing home visits, and prayers are always needed. Perhaps you can send a card to any parishioners who are homebound or in the nursing homes to let them know you are thinking about them and praying for them.

## 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.

## MUSIC FOR SUNDAY MASS



If you are watching our live-stream of the 9:00 Mass on Sunday morning, the gathering hymn and closing hymn may be found on our parish website, "Music for Mass".

## 2021 CHURCH CALENDARS

We are happy 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.

There are still some left, so visit the South Lobby during our open hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m.—3:30 p.m.



Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Confessions

Monday, 2:00 p.m. Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



I wish you each a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year.

May our hearts be lifted in praise this Christmas season for

the wonderful gift of Jesus and

the love and joy He brings to each of our lives.

*Margie Little, DRE*

There will be No Zoom Sessions held this weekend or January 2/3. Zoom sessions will resume on January 9/10.



*For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given.... (Isaiah 9: 6a)  
May the hope, peace, and love of  
the Savior born in a manger  
be with you and your families.  
Merry Christmas*

Confirmation sessions will begin again on January 10, 2021. New schedules will be sent to candidates and their families this week.

Because restrictions on in-person meetings remain in place, Zoom sessions for Confirmation preparation will continue into the new year. It is VERY important that all students registered in the St. Basil Confirmation preparation program prepare ahead of time and "attend" the scheduled Zoom sessions. Parents and sponsors, please help your child/candidate by supporting him or her on this journey, urging him/her to actively participate in preparing for and participating in the Zoom sessions, and by sharing your own faith journey through dialogue and experiences. Father Jim, Sr. Maria Eugenia, and Sylvia Verdonk are available to help in your efforts. Please reach out to them if you have any questions or concerns. We are all part of the family of God; as a community, we must support our youth and keep them in our prayers as they journey to reception of this final Sacrament of Initiation.

## BAA 2020—BUILDING STRONG PARISHES

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

**PLEDGES & PAYMENTS: \$88,350**

**Can you help us reach our goal by year end?** Any funds that are donated now will come back to the parish to help pay the cost of tuckpointing the exterior of the bell tower and the main church building. Pledges are payable through March 2021 and can be made with envelopes available in the church Connector, by visiting the diocesan giving website <https://diokzoo.org/give> or on our parish website <https://www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org/giving> and then direct your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your generosity to help our parish stay strong in these unprecedented times is truly doing the work of God!

## FOOD PANTRY DROP-OFF AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

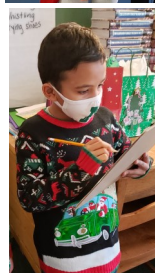
Please take non-perishable food items to First Congregational Church, 651 Phoenix Street, during this national health crisis. They are open **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. till noon.**

**ST. BASIL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Christmas blessings  
and a  
Happy New Year  
to all!



*From the staff, students, and families  
of St. Basil School*



All the students enjoyed Ugly Christmas Sweater Day!

**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.



Our parish office remains closed. You may still contact us at 269-637-2404. 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.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is still going strong. During these stay-at-home days, perhaps you can spend some time knitting or crocheting! There is a constant need for prayer shawls, and we have gifted many to members of our parish and our community, accompanied by a specially written prayer. Completed shawls may be dropped off near the office window.

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

**2020 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

In order to receive credit on your church contribution statement for 2020, any donations must be in the church office OR collection basket by **December 31<sup>st</sup>** in order to be posted for 2020. **Contributions received after December 31 will be posted for 2021.**

**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!

**LAST CHANCE TO DONATE SOCKS**

You have been so very generous! Our final week-end to collect socks for the homeless shelter in Benton Harbor is **this weekend**. God bless all who have been able to help with this worthwhile ministry.

**GROTTO PAVER BRICKS**

St. Basil Parish offers you an opportunity to order a grotto paver for installment in May. 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 church outside the office window and also on our website under the Info tab, then Links. You may mail in your form and payment. Call Cecilia at the parish office for more information, 269-637-2404, ext. 1103.



A tree is known by its fruit;  
a man by his deeds.

A good deed is never lost;  
he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and  
he who plants kindness gathers love.

*St. Basil the Great, feast day January 2*

**Trauma Recovery Program**

The Trauma Recovery Program is available to adult survivors of childhood trauma (emotional, physical, or sexual abuse, or severe neglect). The program focuses on the present, rather than the past, and teaches skills for more effective daily functioning. Call Trauma Recovery Associates at 269-459-2121 and learn about our free programs.

**DIOCESAN HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Do you know someone who needs heating assistance? Anyone in need can access up to \$300 of heating assistance. Contact Catholic Charities, 269-381-9800, to learn more.

If you can help by contributing to the fund, **green envelopes are on the bulletin shelves**. Please give generously and help our brothers and sisters in need stay warm this winter. All funds serve southwest Michigan.

**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, DECEMBER 28**

9:00 a.m. Mass

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29**

9:00 a.m. Mass

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30 No MASS**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1**

9:00 a.m. Mass

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 2**

7:00 p.m. Mass—Español

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3**

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 Dec. 27**

**Sunday**

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3;  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,  
8-9; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or  
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;  
Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

**Monday**

**Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8;  
Mt 2:13-18

**Tuesday**

**Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr**

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6;  
Lk 2:22-35

**Wednesday**

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10;  
Lk 2:36-40

**Thursday**

**Saint Sylvester I, Pope**

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13;  
Jn 1:1-18

**Friday**

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;  
Lk 2:16-21

**Saturday**

**Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;  
Jn 1:19-28

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