

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever.
They immediately told him about her.
He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.

Mk 1:30-31



La suegra de Simón estaba en cama, con fiebre,
y enseguida le avisaron a Jesús.
Él se le acercó, y tomándola de la mano, la levantó.

Mc 1, 30-31

5° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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, February 6**

4:00—5:00 p.m. Confessions

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

Sunday, February 7

9:00 a.m. † Robert Baken

11:00 a.m. † Shirley A. Hill

Monday, February 8

9:00 a.m. † Tom Leva

Tuesday, February 9

9:00 a.m. † Gerald Sherman, 1st anniversary

Wednesday, February 10

9:00 a.m. † Anna Meltzer

Thursday, February 11 No Mass**Friday, February 12**

5:00 p.m. People of the parish

Saturday, February 13

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

Sunday, February 14

9:00 a.m. † Dick and Carol Averill

11:00 a.m. † Skyler James Rediess and
Michael Lamons**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

Offering for January 31 weekend: \$7061.15

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 January 31

Envelope Offering (27)	\$3,749.90
Electronic/Online Contributions (24)	\$3,038.00
Loose Offering	\$273.25
Total Collection	\$7,061.15

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As we finish up Catholic Schools Week, someone suggested that I reflect here on my own Catholic School experience. I guess I should be in a pretty good position to do so: during most of my childhood and all of my adult life I've been associated with Catholic schools in one way or another. From being a grade school student at St. Augustine's and then Hackett Catholic Central in Kalamazoo, then teaching at Hackett for nineteen years before going to that special kind of Catholic school called seminary, and then working with the schools at every parish to which I've been assigned, I've got a lot of experience with Catholic School education!

And I love it! And I know how much we need it. Now I can't say that Catholic schools are Heaven on earth. I can't say that no Catholic schools ever have any problems and that everyone always has a perfect experience in them. There are human beings there after all! It's just that Catholic schools are aiming for a higher goal. It's not just about the academics -- although we are certainly no slouches in that department -- it's about the Catholic part of Catholic schools.

In an increasingly secular world, where decisions about right and wrong are becoming devoid of anything more than the opinions of the current majority, or the ones with the biggest voices, or the biggest pocketbooks, we need a place where attention is paid to a higher law, a law we did not make for ourselves. Catholic schools put the ultimate focus right where it belongs, on God!

Fr. Jim



VIRTUAL SOUP LUNCHEON

*A St. Basil fundraiser for
We Care I.N.C. Warm Your Heart*

February has traditionally been the month that our parish hosts a Soup Luncheon to help support We Care I.N.C. Last year, between the Soup Luncheon and the Knights of Columbus soliciting donations downtown on the street corners, we raised \$6000 for Warm Your Heart month. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we can't host the soup luncheon, but that doesn't stop We Care I.N.C. from needing our help. We offer several ways to support We Care I.N.C. during Warm Your Heart Month:

- 1) bring a can (or more) of soup to the South Lobby and place it in the green grocery cart; this will keep the Food Pantry well supplied.
- 2) Donate cash or check (**checks should be made out to We Care I.N.C.**) and drop it off in the soup tureen at the check-in table when you come to Mass on Sunday or during the week.
- 3) Take a special envelope from the bulletin shelves, and drop off your donation at the parish office during the day; slide it through the window or under the door.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Candidates in the second year of preparation to receive the sacrament will meet on Zoom this Sunday, February 7 at either 4:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. Contact Sylvia Verdonk if you did not receive a Zoom invitation. It is expected that all second-year candidates will attend one of these sessions. Discussion will focus on Lesson 15, "Why do I have to go to Mass?"

First-year candidates will meet on Zoom next Sunday February 14 at either 4:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. to discuss Lesson 7 of the *Chosen* program, "Where am I going?" Zoom invitations to the sessions will be sent out at the end of the week.

All candidates currently registered in the Confirmation preparation program should plan to attend a virtual retreat led by the New Evangelization Team (NET) Ministries members on Sunday afternoon, February 28, from 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. **Mark your calendars!** This is one of two retreats required by our diocese prior to Confirmation. NET retreats are AMAZING! It will be a terrific afternoon. More detailed information will be coming, but **plan now** so that you are able to attend this retreat on February 28.

*"I asked you for a favor and you would not listen,
so I asked God and He did listen."* -

St. Scholastica, Feast day February 10



Thank you for your generosity to our recent collection for El Sitio in El Salvador. We received just over \$1200. We will continue to accept donations to help improve the health, education, and economic stability of this community. Simply put "El Sitio" on the memo line of your check and drop it off at the parish office, sliding it under the door or through the office window. If you have any questions please contact Bobbie Otto at 269-313-1761.



February 17

9:00 a.m. Mass,
ashes distribution

12:15 p.m. Scripture Service, ashes distribution

5:30 p.m. Mass, ashes distribution

7:00 p.m. Mass, ashes distribution
(*en Español*)

**Sign-up required for all services.
Please use our Signup Genius or
call the parish office to make a reservation.**



Please pray for
Dan Moritti,
PRAY FOR... 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.

ST. BASIL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Another Catholic Schools Week is in the books! Due to publishing deadlines, I will share photos in next week's bulletin. Visit our school Facebook page to view some of our fun activities during this weeklong celebration of Catholic Schools. As you'll see, great fun was had by all as we celebrated our school and our Catholic faith.

This weekend I'd like to use my space here to say a few words about the school Endowment Committee. This supportive group meets with me each fall to discuss the status of the school, the progress we've made, and the needs of our school and students. Each year they generously bestow on the school a check to help with those needs. This year they presented Saint Basil School with \$35,000! Their contribution helps fund technology (a much needed commodity especially this year!), textbooks, classroom supplies, and other materials used to enhance the learning experience of our students. We are so appreciative of their support, especially this year with a pandemic sweeping across our country. I can't thank this committee and the donors who contribute to the fund enough for all their efforts. You make a difference in the education of our students.

If you would like to contribute to the Endowment Fund, there are beige envelopes in the South Lobby area at the top of the stairs, or you may contact the school for more information and assistance. Know that your contribution will help Saint Basil School continue its tradition and mission in providing a quality Catholic education to all who seek one.

I hope you all have a wonderful week. Thank you for all you do for Saint Basil Catholic School!

Camille DeLano, Principal

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, our pre-school students tell us what they love about attending St. Basil School.

I love my teachers. ~Laiken

I like going outside. ~Olivia

I like playing with the cars. ~Beckham

I can build with Legos. ~Willow



Third and fourth graders weighed in by answering the question "What's so special about St. Basil School?"

Everyone is so helpful. ~Carly

That we are Catholic. ~Joseph

That we get to learn about God. ~Mathias

All the teachers are kind and helpful. ~Elke

Easy to make friends. ~Elizabeth

Each year we get a new classroom experience. ~Haven

Everyone is so friendly. ~Adamariz

We get to go to Mass each week. ~Isabella

We get to have friends in different grades. ~Annabella

JOIN OUR SCHOOL FAMILY!

We are currently enrolling Preschool and Kindergarten aged children of school families and St. Basil church families for Fall 2021. Please contact the school for more information: minniesalgado@saintbasilcatholic.com, camilledelano@saintbasilcatholic.com, or call the school office, 269-637-3529. We would love to have you join us. Come be a Basil Bear!

Thank you!

Thank you for your generous donations of coats and all types of winter outerwear for St. Vincent de Paul. This past few months. The response was overwhelming! Because of you, men, women, and children in our wider community were warmer both physically and spiritually. Many blessings to all who contributed as God will not be outdone in generosity.

THOMAS MERTON'S "THOUGHTS IN SOLITUDE"

from Deacon John

In his observations on prayer Merton writes, "If my prayer is centered in myself, if it seeks only the enrichment of myself, then my prayer itself will be my greatest distraction.... if my prayer is really just trying to cajole God into enriching me with some experience or I have a secret hunger for spiritual riches, then I will never really discover true prayer."

Merton says we should seek "the gift of silence, poverty and solitude where everything is turned into prayer: where the sky is my prayer, the birds are my prayer, the wind in the trees is my prayer, for God is all in all."



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. Just about everything you need from us can be handled via phone and email.

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.

IN OUR DIOCESE

Diocese of Kalamazoo Caregivers Connection

Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability? Do you sometimes feel alone or overwhelmed? You are invited to a virtual gathering from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 21. The focus is to build relationships, share faith and experiences, and create a supportive community. To learn more or to register go to <https://diokzoo.org/caregivers> or contact Lisa Irwin at the Diocese of Kalamazoo 269-903-0177 or by email at irwin@diokzoo.org.

Zoom link will be sent to those who register by February 18.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The Annual Collection for the Churches in Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, and Latin America supports the needs of the rapidly growing Church in Africa, the recovery and rebuilding of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and the strength and stability of the Church in Latin America. Please give generously to this collection. Special pink envelopes are on the bulletin shelves for your convenience.

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, FEBRUARY 8

9:00 a.m. Mass

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 a.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00 a.m. Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

No Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

5:00 p.m. Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00 p.m. Mass—Español

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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 Feb. 7

Sunday

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Monday

Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Gn 1:1-19;
Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c;
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

Gn 1:20—2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17;
Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30;
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

Our Lady of Lourdes

Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;
Mk 7:24-30

Friday

Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7;
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13;
Mk 8:1-10

*Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord,
praise the Lord who
heals the brokenhearted.*

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