



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

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1. O God, our Help in a - ges past, Our Hope for years to come,
2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,
3. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
4. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;
5. O God, our Help in a - ges past, Our Hope for years to come,



1. Our Shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal Home.
2. From ev - er - last - ing thou art God, To end - less years the same.
3. Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
4. We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - p'ning day.
5. Be thou our Guard while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal Home.

Text: CM; Psalm 90, adapted by Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: William Croft, 1678-1727.

689 Though the Mountains May Fall

Refrain



Though the moun - tains may fall and the hills turn to dust,



yet the love of the Lord will stand



as a shel - ter for all who will call on his name.



Sing the praise and the glo - ry of God.

Verses



1. Could the Lord ev - er leave you? Could the



Lord for - get his love? Though a moth - er for -



sake her child, he will not a - ban - don you.

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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, March 20

4:00—5:00 p.m. Confessions

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

Sunday, March 21

9:00 a.m. † Mary Jane Collard

11:00 a.m. † Mary Alice Janicki

Monday, March 22

9:00 a.m. † Jon Zurek

Tuesday, March 23

9:00 a.m. People of the parish

Wednesday, March 24

9:00 a.m. † Richard Horan

Thursday, March 25 No Mass

Friday, March 26

5:00 p.m. † David Chikerotis

Saturday, March 27

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

Sunday, March 28

9:00 a.m. † Dick and Carol Averill

11:00 a.m. † Harry Meltzer

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Parish Office Closed

For information on our many services, groups, and committees, please visit our website at www.SaintBasilCatholicChurch.org or follow us on Facebook.

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 March 14 weekend: \$8,680.00

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 March 14

Envelope Offering (36)	\$3,842.00
Electronic/Online Contributions.....	\$4,418.00
Loose Offering	\$420.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,680.00

This week's bulletin sponsor is *Moore Family Pharmacy.*

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 1 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday The Lord's Passion

April 2 3:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m. in Spanish

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

April 3 9:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

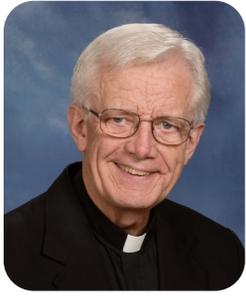
8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
 5:00 p.m. in Spanish

Attendance for all Holy Week services is by reservation only beginning Sunday evening March 21 via SignUp Genius, or call the parish office beginning Monday, March 22.

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number setup by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: (844) 324-3374.

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation.

To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.



As you may have heard, Bishop Bradley has recently updated the guidelines for in-person Masses and the other safety measures to protect us from Covid-19. As I write this, the document was published just yesterday and, though I've read through it all, I haven't had the chance to study it carefully or consult with the parishioners on my Covid-19 Task Force on how best we can follow the guidelines while keeping our people as safe as possible.

In some ways, I don't think the new guidelines are going to make much difference at our parish. For instance, whereas we have been limited to 25% of our seating capacity at any Mass, we can now have "up to 50%" while maintaining social distancing. Well, considering that social distancing means we can only use every other pew, and we can't completely fill any of those pews unless it's with a large single household, there's no way we can really get 50% of our seating capacity. In reality, with our usual group of singles, couples, small families and a few large families, we usually can't even fit our 25% in safely!

In other ways you may see a loosening of restrictions in some areas. For a few months now the bishop has allowed for up to two altar servers in the sanctuary when necessary. I think it's going to be necessary for the Holy Week celebrations. Though all of those celebrations are going to have to be less complex than under normal circumstances, altar servers will allow for at least some level of special decorum to those most solemn celebrations of the Church year. Religious education classes for children can also begin to take place under limited circumstances and with several safeguards in place. Some other restrictions may also be gradually lifted, at the pastor's discretion, but I will probably, quite happily, be slower on that than most. I don't look at these things as a matter of following arbitrary rules, or as a matter of politics, but try to follow the science of it. If you know me at all that probably doesn't come as a big surprise. I'm not an epidemiologist by any means but we all know something about how dangerous this virus is and how it spreads, so let's try to do the best we can as laymen and women who care enough to protect the health and well-being of others.

All that being said, though, I'm still happy to be seeing at least a little bit of light at the end of this long tunnel.



COMMUNITY IN MADAGASCAR

Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities, and entire countries.

That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and wellbeing of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

It's not too late to pick up your Rice Bowl on the table in the South Lobby any time the church is open.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



MARCH CONFIRMATION SESSIONS

Preparation sessions are moving from virtual to in-person beginning this Sunday, March 21.

All first- and second-year candidates will meet in the church **from 4:00-5:00 p.m.** to discuss Lesson 10, "Why tell my sins to a priest?" (The Healing Power of Confession). Students must wear masks and will be socially distanced. Father Jim will hear candidates' confessions beginning at 5:00 p.m. following the session, as desired.

No Confirmation sessions on Palm Sunday, March 28, or Easter Sunday, April 4

"Time is not our own and we must give a strict account of it".

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo



Thank you all so very much for your generous gifts to the We Care Food Pantry! Your kindness will be helping to feed many hungry people in this difficult time.

The Food Pantry Staff

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Eventually we would like to return to offering a Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 p.m. In order to do that, we will need volunteers to help with the check-in table as well as serving as ushers and cleaners. Please visit our website www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org/clean-church and see what's involved. Contact the parish office if you can volunteer on Sundays or Saturday. We can't do it without your help!



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.

IN OUR DIOCESE

Pope Francis requests our support for the Pontifical Good Friday Collection on April 2nd. The COVID-19 pandemic has added to the complex political, religious and military challenges faced by Christian communities in the Holy Land. This collection, a sign of our solidarity, enables them to continue their evangelical presence, provide humanitarian aid to refugees, and maintain schools and social structures that assist all citizens with health care, education, and peaceful coexistence, attending above all to the weakest and poorest.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

ST. BASIL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

It is beginning to look a lot like spring! And we know what that means: it's getting close to Ribs N Raffle time! We are in the midst of planning this year's event, and it will once again be online April 29-May 2 (not preferred, but necessary).

Now that we have at least one online auction under our belts, we are "upping the ante" and working to expand on last year's success, and for this we need your help. If you recall from the pre-COVID years, we would have a board of tags in the lobby asking for various donations. We have once again placed a board in the South Lobby with specific requests for items to be used for our auction. Please feel free to take a tag or two of something you would like to donate to the "cause" and drop it off at the school after March 29 (we are currently virtual due to a COVID issue and we will also be closed for spring break April 2 through the 11th). We will replenish tags the week of March 29.

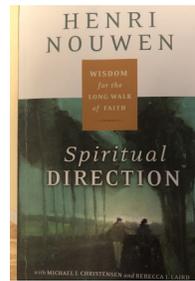
If you're not attending Mass just yet due to COVID but would still like to donate something, or you don't see something on the board you would like to donate, we are always looking for various gift cards from local merchants and restaurants. Any denomination is welcome! You may drop these off at the school, the parish office, or mail them directly to the school. We also accept monetary donations that can be used to purchase these or any other requested items. If you have other items you wish to donate, please let us know!

This year's Fund-a-Need is a new intercom system. Our old one (which we think is original to the opening of the school back in the 50's) is starting to fail. Given that this is the only way we can communicate to all classrooms at once, we need to replace it for safety reasons. We are specifically looking for a system that allows teachers to also communicate with the office in the event of an emergency; this is not an option with the current intercom system. Due to our growth as a school, we now have more students in the upstairs classrooms, so again, for safety reasons, we need something reliable and more up to date.

While we still are unable to meet and enjoy a fun evening of Ribs 'n Raffle with our Friends of Saint Basil, we hope that you will still consider joining us online that weekend for some great auction items. Postcards will be sent out soon with additional details and the website address. I will continue to update via the church bulletin.

As always, thank you for your continued support, especially this year. We appreciate all our parishioners do for our school and look forward to the day when we can once again enjoy each other's company in person. Take care and have a wonderful weekend!

FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



A GOOD LENTEN READ

by Deacon John

"Prayer is not introspection. Introspection can easily entangle us in a labyrinth of inward looking analysis of our own ideas, feelings, and mental processes leading to paralyzing worries, self absorption, and despair. Prayer is really an outward, careful attentiveness to the One who invites us to an unceasing conversation. Prayer is the presentation of all thoughts—reflective thoughts as well as daydreams and nightmares—to our loving Father who responds to them with divine compassion. Prayer is the joyful affirmation that God knows us without anything being hidden." (Psalm 138)

Continue to set a time each day during this Lent, and after, to spend time with God in prayer.

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.

St. Basil Church has always been happy to pray for the sick and those in need of God's healing. In addition to adding them to our Prayer Chain, managed by Ray Llorens, their names may be added to the bulletin's monthly Prayer List. We realize that not everyone wishes to have their name be published, so we ask that if you are calling for a friend or relative that you seek their permission first. This simple act will allow us to avoid unnecessary questions, and abide by the need or desire for confidentiality.



Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Confessions

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

JOIN OUR SCHOOL FAMILY!

We are currently enrolling students in all grades, K-8. Please contact the office via phone, 269-637-3529, or email for more information.

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To enroll, go to our website, saintbasilcatholic.com, and click on Admissions, then Prospective Families. Come be a Basil Bear!

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, MARCH 22
9:00 a.m. Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 23
9:00 a.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24
9:00 a.m. Mass

THURSDAY, MARCH 25
No Mass

FRIDAY, MARCH 26
5:00 p.m. Mass

SATURDAY, MARCH 27
7:00 p.m. Mass—Español

SUNDAY, MARCH 28
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 March 21

Sunday **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15;
Heb 5:7-9;
Jn 12:20-33

Monday Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday **Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**
Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21;
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;
Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**
Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11;
Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

Friday Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13;
Jn 11:45-56

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

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