

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

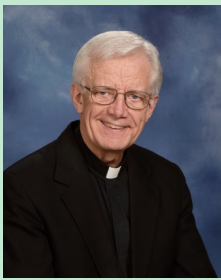
“No disciple is superior
to the teacher; but when
fully trained, every disciple
will be like his teacher.”

Luke 6:40

“El discípulo no está por
encima de su maestro,
pero si se deja formar, se
parecerá a su maestro.”

Lucas 6, 40





As you probably know, Ash Wednesday comes this week. The season of Lent begins. How do you feel about that?

A number of people don't care for Lent. For them it seems a rather negative experience, focused on rules, focused on sin, focused on abstaining from good things, focused on the death of Jesus

rather than His Resurrection. For others it is a deeply spiritual time, a time of growth, a time of prayer, a time of doing what Jesus calls us to do: "Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:15)

I am more in the latter group than the former. I see Lent as a time of reflection and prayerful growth. Could I spend more of my time with God in prayer or do I pray only grudgingly? I do converse with God as things come up during the day but I have to admit, there are also some "prayer" times when I'm just going through the motions. Do I make sacrifices, both as a development in self-discipline, which I could use, and as a form of love for God and for others? Again, sometimes yes, sometimes no. And what about giving to those who are in need in any way? I can't say I never do that, but I also can't say that I do as much of it as I reasonably could. These three, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, are the hallmarks of Lent, and I could stand to grow in every one of them.

The ashes of Ash Wednesday are an admission that I am not who I could be, who God wants me to be, who I'd be a lot happier being. The practices of Lent are an admission that we are not only spiritual beings, but also creatures of time and space. What we do physically can make a difference spiritually. So, as we begin this season of Lent, let's remember that it's not so much a time of imposed hardship, but a time for needed growth.

Fr. Jim

Adoration

We will not have Adoration on Monday, February 28. Confessions are also cancelled for that day.

There will still be a 9:00 a.m. Mass.

In Our Diocese

The Trauma Recovery Program is a free 10-week program for people dealing with the impact of childhood abuse or neglect, sponsored by the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Participants will gain an understanding of why past traumas continue to affect them and what they can do to get better.

Virtual TRP group (on Zoom) Monday evenings 6:30-9:00 pm
Begins March 14 and ends on May 16
Register by calling 269-459-2121 or email at TRA@TraumaRecoveryAssociates.com

In-person TRP group (live) Thursday evenings 6:00-8:30 pm
Begins April 21 and ends on June 23
at Visitation Parish (Byron Center)

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 26

5:00 p.m. † Harrison Brigham

7:00 p.m. People of the parish

Sunday, February 27

9:00 a.m. Intention of Ann Dubas

11:00 a.m. † Virginia Walantyn

Monday, February 28

9:00 a.m. Intention of Fr. Larry Farrell

Tuesday, March 1

9:00 a.m. Intention of Mike and Joann Nordin,
50th wedding anniversary

Wednesday, March 2

9:00 a.m. People of the parish

5:00 p.m. People of the parish

Thursday, March 3 No Mass

Friday, March 4

5:00 p.m. † Larry Lawson

Saturday, March 5

5:00 p.m. † Violeta Del Rosario Tiangco

Sunday, March 6

9:00 a.m. Intention of Mike and Joann Nordin,
50th wedding anniversary

11:00 a.m. † Autumn Jackson, 19th anniversary



Please pray for
Tom Mielke,
longtime parishioner,
and
Ken Tremaine,

that they may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life.

We pray also for their family and friends, that they find peace in the promises of Christ.

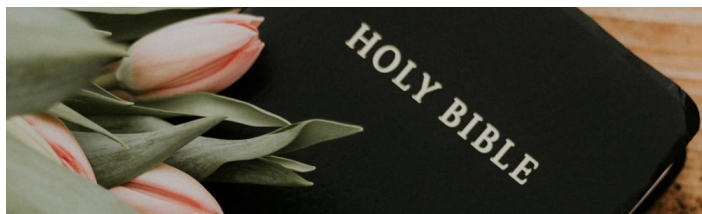
Ash Wednesday March 2

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, en Español, ashes distribution



Scripture Readings

For the Week of February 27

Sunday	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45
Monday	1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 & 10c; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday	1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Synod on Synodality

What is the Holy Spirit Saying to all people and to the Catholic Church?

Pope Francis has called a Synod on Synodality. This is a two-year process that begins with us. We are being invited to reflect on what it means to journey forward together as a Church.

You are being asked to participate because you are a valuable member of our Church. In this intentional process of mutual listening, Pope Francis wants us to rediscover the joy of being the People of God who journeys together, listening to everyone.

All are welcome - Catholics, non-Catholics, and those who have left the church, - to join us for an in-person listening session guided by the Holy Spirit where we will reflect, share, and listen to one another.

Please register to attend here <https://sttomskazoo.flocknote.com/signup/80997>

or call the parish office at 269-637-2404, or use Signup Genius.

Dates and Times

Monday, March 7 6:30 p.m. Upper Level

Wednesday, March 16 10:00 a.m. Upper Level

Religious Education

First Holy Communion Update

Watch the bulletin for retreat information.

Confirmation News

Mark your calendars for the Confirmation Retreat, being held here at St. Basil!

Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1.

Upcoming Calendar

February 27	Confirmation Preparation 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. First Year 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Second year
March 6	Family Faith Formation, 12:30 p.m.
March 13	Confirmation Preparation 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. First Year 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Second Year
March 20	Family Faith Formation, 12:30 p.m.



Diane Vinoski was welcomed into Full Communion of the Catholic Church last Sunday, surrounded by family and supported by our St. Basil parish family. Welcome, Diane!

Movie Night—The Chosen

Note time change

Wednesday, March 2 • 6:00 p.m. • Upper Level

Season 2 Episode 7 This episode leads up to preparations for the Sermon on the Mount, and the Pharisees and Romans are concerned that too many people want to be Jesus' followers

Everyone is invited even if you haven't seen previous episodes. Popcorn will be available, or bring your own snack.

If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them.

St. Katharine Drexel, Feast day March 3



St. Basil Book Group

March 10 • 1:00 p.m. • Upper Level

Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone by James Martin

We will be discussing chapter 10, "What happens when you pray?" and chapter 11, "How do I know it's God? Discerning God's voice."

Everyone is welcome. Even if you have not read the earlier chapters, please come and join us!

St. Basil Catholic School



Our St. Basil Student Council recently made a \$100 donation to the AlVan Humane Society. They also sent a \$150 contribution to We Care I.N.C. for Warm Your Heart month. (The young ladies did not get to keep the cat in the photo, named Mistletoe, so it is up for adoption!)

St. Basil students will be making Blessings Bags for the homeless throughout the Lenten season. We are looking for donations of travel-size toiletries, band-aids, Kleenex packs, etc., as well as snacks such as granola bars or goldfish crackers. We could also use gallon and/or quart-size Ziploc bags.

You may drop the items off at the school office. Thank you for your continued generosity.

2022-23 Enrollment Now Open!

Saint Basil Catholic School is currently accepting enrollment applications from our parishioner families for our 3 year old and 4 year old preschool and Kindergarten. Please contact Camille DeLano at camilledelano@saintbasilcatholic.com or go to our website, saintbasilcatholic.com, and access our online enrollment (under the "admissions" tab). Please enroll by March 1, 2022 to secure a spot as we will be opening enrollment to all after that date.

We are also currently enrolling any interested families, parishioner or otherwise, with students in grades 1 through 8. Either contact the school or enroll online at our website.

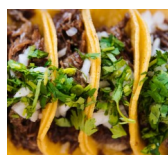


Financial aid is available Prek-8; please contact the school with questions or to request an application. We work with all families in need of assistance!

Save the Date!

May 14 • Ribs 'n Raffle

Plans are in the works for our Booster Club's annual fundraiser. It will be in-person this year, with an online auction component similar to what we've enjoyed in the past two years. Watch for the donation board coming soon to the South Lobby.



Taco Tuesday March 8 Take-out only 5:00—6:30 p.m. Church Basement

Three tacos carne asada, rice, beans, salsa, and dessert, \$10

Pre-order only! Sign up at school office or TACO2022.givesmart.com

Can You Help?

St. Vincent de Paul Needs Volunteers

Would you consider volunteering to work at their store in Bangor? Hours are Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No permanent commitment required; just drop in! Thank you!

Bloomers, Boxers, and Sox, Oh My!

Our parish is collecting new undergarments (including men's undershirts) and socks for the homeless as well as the Afghan refugees coming to the Kalamazoo area. Look for the laundry container in the South Lobby to place your contribution. Please, only **new** items, and think **sensible and practical**.

Food Pantry Drop-off

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

Blessings in a Backpack

Come join us in packing food for students to take home over the weekends. Our next St. Basil day to help is **March 24**. The fun happens at North Shore Elementary School from 10:30—11:30 a.m. Masks are required and all volunteers must be fully vaccinated. Contact Char Maternowski-Paul at 219-670-1037 if you can help.

Women's Service Guild

Meet 'n Greet

Monday, February 28 • 11:45 a.m. • Upper Level

Bring a lunch and join your fellow women parishioners! All women of the parish are welcome.



Saturday, March 5

7:30 a.m. • Upper Level

This is open to all men of the parish and you do not need to have attended any of the prior sessions in order to enjoy this program. We will be examining what it means to be a disciple. Please join us!

For more information contact Deacon John jlohrstorfer@yahoo.com

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.



Our Stewardship

For February 20

Envelope Offering (52)	\$4,030.00
Electronic Contributions	\$850.00
Loose Offering	\$880.00
Total Collection	\$5,760.00

Mass In Our Collaborative

St. Peter, Douglas, MI

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	8:30 a.m.

San Felipe, Fennville, MI

Thursday	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	12:30 p.m.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Parish Staff

St. Basil • Pastor Fr. Jim Morris
St. Peter • Pastor Fr. Fabio Garzon
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Deacon Deacon Bill VanDril
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**DRE/Youth Faith Formation
Confirmation** Margie Little
Coordinator of RCIA Geralyn Monacelli
**Parish Pastoral Associate For Hispanic
Ministry** Sister Maria Eugenia Gomez

Confessions

Monday 2:30 p.m.
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Thursday 6:00—9:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.,
7:00 p.m. (en Español)
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
**Monday, Tuesday,
and Wednesday** 9:00 a.m.
Thursday No Mass
Friday 5:00 p.m.

Weekend Mass Reservations

If you wish to be seated in our social distancing space at Mass, you will need to sign up in advance so we know how much space will be required. Please visit: <https://www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org/sign-up-for-mass> or call the parish office, 269-637-2404.

If you do not need social distancing, please seat yourself anywhere in church except in the pews specifically reserved for those who request social distancing. We still recommend that everyone wear a mask for the safety and protection of all.

- So that we all may be fully present at Mass, please silence your cell phones.
- We ask that you be considerate of others if you are coughing or sick. Please refrain from the handshake of peace. This is thoughtful consideration for the rest of the parish community. Remember, if you are sick or experiencing symptoms of sickness you are not obliged to attend Mass.