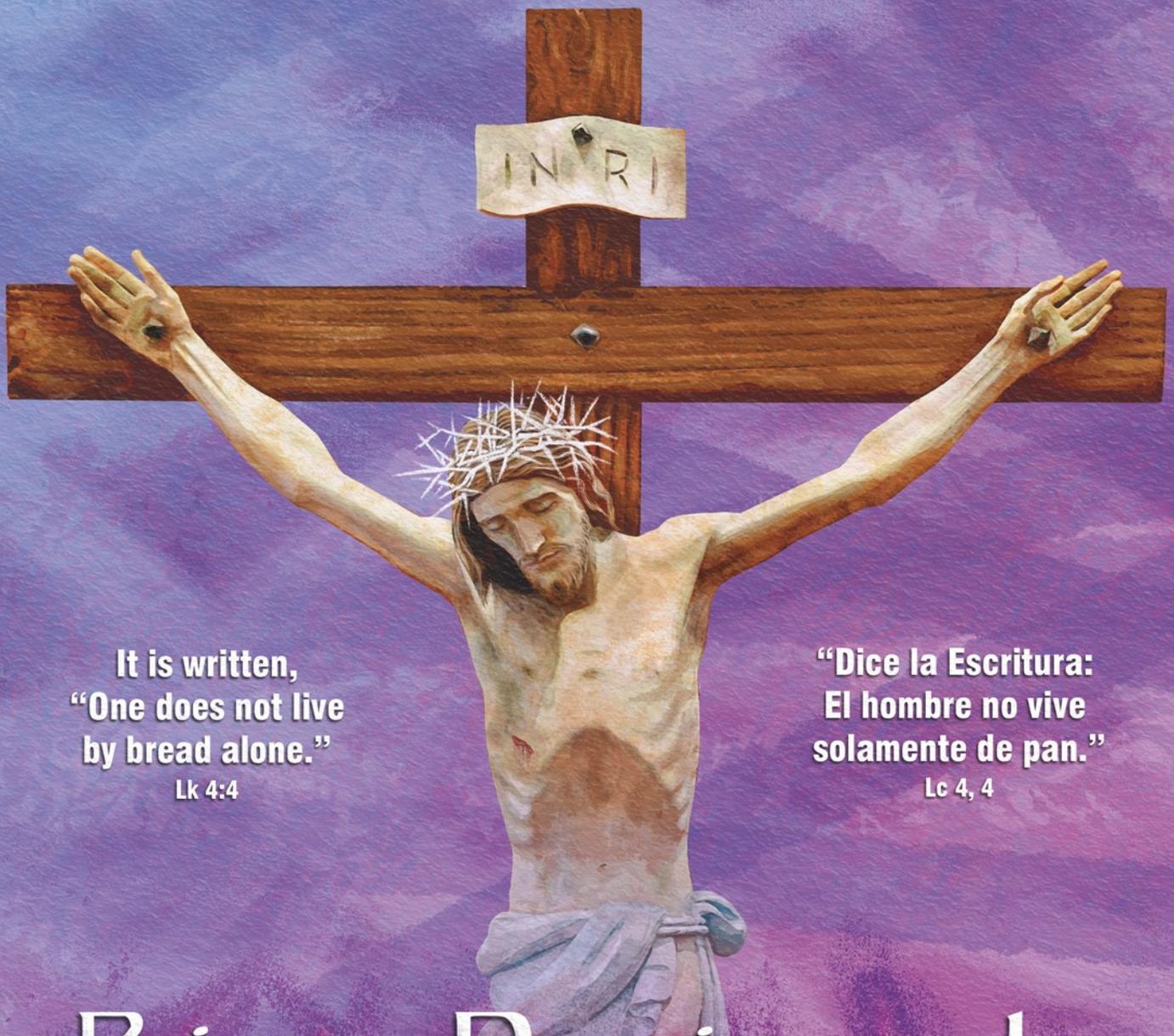


First Sunday of LENT



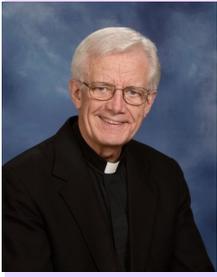
It is written,
"One does not live
by bread alone."

Lk 4:4

"Dice la Escritura:
El hombre no vive
solamente de pan."

Lc 4, 4

Primer Domingo de CUARESMA



I write this on Saturday, February 26, and have no idea what the situation is in Ukraine as you read it, but with Pope Francis and with Bishop Bradley, I ask you to pray for peace so that innocent lives can be spared.

As you may know, because of this conflict, this past Ash Wednesday was named a "Day of Prayer and Fasting

for Peace," but even if you missed that, the whole season of Lent is available for the same intention. As Bishop Bradley stated in a recent press release, "The season of Lent... provides us with an excellent opportunity to change our minds and hearts so that we can pursue peace, not war, and commit ourselves to finding solutions to all political, social, and economic differences among nations and peoples throughout the world."

Changing "our minds and hearts" is exactly the beginning we need to make to promote peace in the world. So much of what we see and hear seems designed to engage our passions more than our minds and hearts. I recently watched the reports from two news networks, of opposite political points of view, reporting on the same topic: Russia's invasion of Ukraine. They agreed that it was not right for Russia to do that but, as expected, they each gave the story their own particular "spin" by presenting only the facts that supported their own point of view. The sad thing is that I've heard people say of both of those networks such things as, "They usually tell it like it is."

Here's a Lenten challenge for you: if you regularly listen to the news from one source, find an opposing source and listen to that one too. Take turns with them: spend one day with one, the next day with the other. Use it as an exercise for the mind and the heart. Can you distinguish the facts from the manipulation? Can you find what's good in both sources as well as what's misleading? And, most of all, can you appreciate the love God has even for people who differ in their beliefs and opinions? If we can't do this sort of thing on the personal level we certainly won't be able to do it on the world scene!

Pray for peace everywhere -- in the world and in our hearts!

Fr. Jim



Please pray for Jack McLoughan, 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.

Seek in reading and thou shalt find in meditation. Knock in prayer and it shall be opened in contemplation.

St. John of God
Feast day March 8

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 5

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

7:00 p.m. People of the parish

Sunday, March 6

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

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

Monday, March 7

9:00 a.m. † Gerry and Margo Sherman

Tuesday, March 8

9:00 a.m. † Richard Zelasko

Wednesday, March 9

9:00 a.m. † Edward Kusmider

Thursday, March 10 No Mass

Friday, March 11

5:00 p.m. People of the parish

Saturday, March 12

5:00 p.m. † Harrison Brigham

7:00 p.m. People of the parish

Sunday, March 13

9:00 a.m. † Inez Mejia

11:00 a.m. Intention of the Meehan family



Lent is here! Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the U.S.—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS

Rice Bowl. Please take a Rice Bowl, located on a table in the back of church. Your Lenten alms change lives globally and locally. 75% of donations support CRS programs around the world; 25% of donations remain in the Diocese of Kalamazoo and support local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

The Pillars of Lent

As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting, and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are "elements, which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity."

How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit csrtricebowl.org to learn more.



Scripture Readings

For the Week of March 6

Sunday	First Sunday of Lent Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
Monday	Memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint John of God, Religious Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5,6-7,16-17,18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Frances of Rome, Religious Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Synod on Synodality

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. 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

A new survey is available as a part of the synodal process in the Diocese of Kalamazoo, intended for those who have not participated in one of the Synodal Gatherings in person or virtually. The survey will be online after Ash Wednesday and until Easter. www.diokzoo.org/synod

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

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 14	First Communion Prep 6:00 p.m.
March 20	Family Faith Formation, 12:30 p.m.
March 27	Confirmation Preparation 12:30—2:00 p.m. First Year 2:30—4:00 p.m. Second Year



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!

Please Pray For

Joe Aleman	Michael & Mary Ann Livovich
Colleen Barbour	Dorothy Lockwood
Tony Brush	Bill Mabry
Tommy & Andrea Connors Family	Paul Macyauski
Dennis Dascenzo	Joe Malbouef
Laurie Davidson	Bob Migut
Jeff Edwards	Richard Morales
Avery Ellis	William Murphy
Louise Llorens Ford	Kim Needham
John Gazi	Benjamin Nicoloff
Roy Hale	Joan Overton
Lyle Harrison	Dee Pavich
Joey Hartmann	Dawn Romagna
Laura Hentchel	Madeline Shiflett
Ellie Hoban	Julian Soroka
Bob Hughes	Joscelyn Spear
Marilyn Johnson	Suella VanDyke
John Ketzner	Carol Vissett
Jim Kummeth	Fabian Wabanimee, Jr.
Doe Leonard	Lucille Wabanimee
Tim Lewis	Patt Welder
	Nancy Whitten
	Mark Williams

St. Basil Catholic School

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!



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 preferred. Sign up at school office or TACO2022.givesmart.com

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.

Movie Night—The Chosen

Wednesday, March 9 • 5:30 p.m. • Upper Level

Episode 8—the finale of Season 2. In this last episode we see how the apostles contribute to the build-up to the Sermon on the Mount, and we are introduced to the last apostle, Judas.

Everyone is invited even if you haven't seen previous episodes.

Popcorn will be available, or bring your own snack.

When season 3 becomes available we will start up again!

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

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.

Saturday, March 12

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



In Our Diocese

This weekend all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Kalamazoo are holding a special collection to support our diocesan priests' retirement fund. This collection directly benefits priests of the Diocese of Kalamazoo and is separate from the annual December collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which supports retired clergy and sisters of religious orders across America. Checks should be made payable to St. Basil Church, with "priests retirement fund" in the memo line. Thank you.



Our Stewardship

For February 27

Envelope Offering (55)	\$5,565.00
Electronic Contributions	\$2,230.00
Loose Offering	\$769.00
Total Collection	\$8,564.00

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

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St. Peter • PastorFr. Fabio Garzon
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Deacon Deacon Bill VanDril
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School Principal..... Camille DeLano
DRE/Youth Faith Formation
ConfirmationMargie Little
Coordinator of RCIAGeraldyn Monacelli
Parish Pastoral Associate For Hispanic Ministry..... Sister Maria Eugenia Gomez

Confessions

Monday2:30 p.m.
 Saturday4:00 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)
 Sunday9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Monday, Tuesday,
 and Wednesday9:00 a.m.
 Thursday No Mass
 Friday5:00 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.