

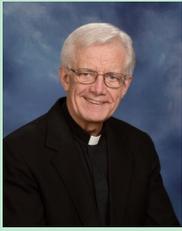
# 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Best Wishes on Your Retirement, Father Jim!



**St. Basil Catholic Church**

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What a nice sendoff! I write this on Sunday evening, June 26, after a very busy but very happy day. I thank all the folks who organized and implemented my retirement reception! It was a very pleasant experience, even for an introvert like me! I saw folks from St. Joe, New Buffalo, Gobles, Kalamazoo and, of course, South

Haven. I am grateful, too, for all the kind wishes people expressed after Mass! After the reception some friends came to help me move the bulk of my stuff out of the house/rectory to my home in Kalamazoo. If I don't count the things I left behind for use this week, I've got about 87 boxes worth of stuff to empty over the next few weeks. Wish me luck!

My mind has been going back to transitions in my life. When I started teaching back in 1971 I went into the classroom where I had completed my first Physics class four years earlier. I set up my bulletin boards and marveled that I would now be the teacher in that room. Then, after nineteen years of teaching, I went to seminary wondering what it would be like to be a student again. I remember the day after being ordained by Bishop Donovan how pleasing it was and yet how awkward it felt the first time I answered the phone saying "Hello, this is Fr. Jim." At my first weekend Masses as associate pastor (parochial vicar) at St. Joe in St. Joe, I told the people that *they* would be teaching *me* what I needed to know to be a priest. There were many things for me to learn that first year: real confessions, real baptisms, real people in my office talking about the realities of their lives. Msgr. Sears, my pastor and mentor at that first assignment, taught me to be open to the Holy Spirit when I didn't know what to do or say.

I remember suggesting to Bishop Markiewicz that he could name me Chaplain at Lake Michigan Catholic Middle School/High School, and how delighted I was when he agreed. I had worked with teens for nearly all of my adult life but came to know a different side of them as chaplain. An important part of my own spiritual development as a teen had been the Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) weekend I attended as a senior in high school. One day a parishioner came to Msgr. Sears about the possibility of restarting TEC in the Diocese of Kalamazoo. I happened to overhear part of the conversation and, long story short, became the Spiritual Director for TEC in our diocese. I am happy to have helped facilitate encounters with Christ for many young people, some of whom are still an important part of my life today.

I was able to resist becoming the pastor of a parish for longer than was common for new priests in those days but, eventually, Bishop Murray sent me to New Buffalo. There was a lot of turmoil there at the time and I felt somewhat like I was

walking into a lion's den. I spent some time in the church down there, talking to the Holy Spirit. (Thank you Msgr. Sears!) I decided to end each of the Masses that first weekend by singing the first verse of *The Servant Song*: "Will you let me be your servant..." and invited the congregation to sing the rest of it with me. It became sort of a theme song for me there. Though it was very challenging to learn all of the things pastors have to do, St. Mary of the Lake left me with some good memories and good relationships.

After seven and a half years in New Buffalo, Bishop Bradley sent me back to St. Joe to be pastor there, then here to South Haven when the collaboratives started in 2016. At first I felt stretched pretty thin in a collaborative consisting of St. Basil, Sacred Heart in Bangor, and St. Jude in Gobles, but after a year enjoying Fr. Bob's help with all that, he was assigned to Our Lady of the Lake in Edwardsburg. St. Basil was paired with St. Peter in Douglas and its mission church, San Felipe in Fennville, and we continue that arrangement today.

I remember first coming here to St. Basil when the church was being renovated and we were having Mass at First Congregational Church. That was a unique experience for me. The good relations among the ministers in this area is phenomenal! It was very satisfying, once the Restore the Glory project was finished, to preside at Mass in my new home church and come to learn the rhythm of parish life at St. Basil. Right away I noticed and admired how much of an outreach there was in the parish to the less fortunate. Joining with other churches through We Care, Fair Trade Coffee (and Chocolate) sales, and the many collections of coats, socks, skivvies, toys, etc. reflects the generosity of the people of St. Basil. It is good to see how well the parishioners support St. Basil school, helping it grow over the past few years from sixty-something students to one-hundred-thirty-something young people benefitting from Catholic School education.

What will I remember the most from my years here at St. Basil? I don't know yet. As I anticipate retirement I'm happy to be moving on to a new phase in life but I imagine there is going to be a "learning curve" involved. I still want to be active, I'm NOT retiring from the gift of priesthood itself, but how will it all work out in practice? I don't know. What's it like to be a retired priest day in and day out? I don't know. How will the calls come from other priests when they need my help? I don't know. Will there be too many calls? Not enough? What will it be like to be a priest "on the road," perhaps a different parish every week? I don't know.

What I do know is that endings are also beginnings and, as I come to the end of the "working" phase of my life, I look forward to whatever the Holy Spirit may have in mind for me next.

Thank you for all your prayers and support, both over the past six years and in the years to come.

Fr. Jim

## Summer Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. (Spanish) Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**Monday July 4 is our final Monday for 9:00 a.m. Mass.**

**Beginning July 11 daily Mass will be Tuesday., Wednesday., Thursday., and Friday. at 9:00 a.m.**



### Readings for the week of July 3

Sunday	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or Lk 10:1-9
Monday	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 & 17; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33



## Bishop's Annual Appeal

We're almost there! Our goal is \$78,361, and we hope to achieve it very soon. If you are a summer visitor and consider St. Basil your

parish away from home, you can help us reach our goal! Any amount, no matter how small or how large, will help. You may use the white or yellow envelopes in the pews, or you may donate online at our website [www.SaintBasilCatholicChurch.org](http://www.SaintBasilCatholicChurch.org). Thank you!

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy!*



Flowers on the Altar  
*In celebration of  
Theo Jordan Filbrandt's baptism,  
and happy homecomings!*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, July 2

- 5:00 p.m. † Patricia McGuirk
- 7:00 p.m. People of the parish (en Español)

### Sunday, July 3

- 8:00 a.m. † Kyle Shinske
- 9:30 a.m. † Frank Zelasko
- 11:00 a.m. † Isabelle Lago and Alex Blanco

### Monday, July 4

- 9:00 a.m. † Stella Burns, 1st anniversary

### Tuesday, July 5

- 9:00 a.m. † Edward Kusmider

### Wednesday, July 6

- 9:00 a.m. People of the parish

### Thursday, July 7

- 9:00 a.m. † Marilyn Johnson

### Friday, July 8

- 9:00 a.m. For people with cancer and their caretakers

### Saturday, July 9

- 5:00 p.m. † Patricia McGuirk
- 7:00 p.m. People of the parish (en Español)

### Sunday, July 10

- 8:00 a.m. † Mary Lou Houle
- 9:30 a.m. † Margaret and Clarence Schultz
- 11:00 a.m. † Ward and Sue Hamlin, and intentions of Charlie and Cheryl Hamlin on their wedding anniversary

## Please Pray For

Joe Aleman  
Tony Brush  
Tommy & Andrea  
Connors Family  
Dennis Dascenzo  
Laurie Davidson  
Jeff Edwards  
Avery Ellis  
Louise Llorens Ford  
John Gazi  
Roy Hale  
Lyle Harrison  
Joey Hartmann  
Laura Hentchel  
Ellie Hoban  
Bob Hughes  
John Ketzner  
Jim Kummeth  
Doe Leonard  
Tim Lewis  
Dorothy Lockwood

Michael & Mary Ann  
Livovich  
Bill Mabry  
Paul Macyauski  
Joe Malbouef  
Bob Migut  
Richard Morales  
Barbara Munn  
William Murphy  
Kim Needham  
Benjamin Nicoloff  
Dee Pavich  
Dawn Romagna  
Madeline Shiflett  
Julian Soroka  
Joscelyn Spear  
Suella VanDyke  
Carol Vissett  
Darrin Wabanimee  
Fabian Wabanimee, Jr.  
Lucille Wabanimee  
Patt Welder  
Nancy Whitten  
Mark Williams

## St. Basil Catholic School

### Got A Little Free Time?

We are planning to do a great deal of painting in the school this summer and are looking for volunteers to help us out. This will likely be a "flexible" activity to some extent as I know everyone's schedules are probably all over the place this summer.

If you are interested in giving us a hand, please contact Camille DeLano at [camilledelano@saintbasilcatholic.com](mailto:camilledelano@saintbasilcatholic.com) or call the school at 269-637-3529 (please leave a message and I will call you back). I will put you on our list of helpers and will reach out with details as we start pulling this together. Thank you!

### We're Hiring!

Saint Basil Catholic School is seeking an outstanding, energetic, dedicated and talented individual to fill a full-time elementary teaching position for the 2022-23 school year. The successful candidate will be faith-filled, dynamic, compassionate and willing to work collaboratively in a team environment.

Candidates must have a minimum B.A./B.S degree in teaching from an accredited institution or related field and valid Michigan teaching certification with appropriate endorsements.

Please send resume to Camille DeLano at [camilledelano@saintbasilcatholic.com](mailto:camilledelano@saintbasilcatholic.com).

### Vacation Bible School

**Wilderness Escape—  
Where God Guides and Provides**

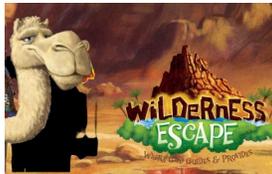
July 18-22

5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church

06321 Blue Star Highway, South Haven

All are welcome!



### Pancake Breakfast

**Sponsored by St. Basil Knights of Columbus**

3rd Sunday of the month

American Legion Post #49

129 Michigan Avenue, South Haven

### Religious Education

Religious Education is available to all young people of the parish in grades 1-8. Both First Communion and Confirmation Preparation involves a two-year commitment.

Our Faith Formation is family catechesis, designed for both children and parents to participate. Registration for the upcoming year of Faith Formation will be held the weekend of August 28.

### Fireworks Parking

Available Sunday in the church parking lot, first come, first served. Parking opportunity begins at 1:00. \$20 donation, sponsored by St. Basil Knights of Columbus



### 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!

#### **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.

#### **Greeters Needed**

Would you be willing to welcome parishioners returning to church and visitors joining us for Mass this summer? Will you volunteer to be a greeter once a month prior to a Mass you attend? As COVID becomes endemic, people are longing to reconnect with friends and to be welcomed back to St. Basil. If you are willing to help in this ministry, contact Sylvia Verdonk, call or text, 616-446-5113 to provide your name and contact information. You will be contacted to determine your availability. In this personal way, let us be Christ for one another.

#### **Van Buren Trail Cleanup**

As stewards of the earth, join the Friends of the Kal-Haven Trails in Grand Junction on Saturday, July 16, 9:00 a.m. till noon for a trail clean-up event. If you can help, please **contact Jeff Green at [info@kalhaven.org](mailto:info@kalhaven.org)**. A waiver form is required, and all appropriate safety equipment will be provided. Wear long pants, sturdy closed toe shoes, work gloves, and bring your own water.

#### **Volunteers needed at the Aleman Center**

The Aleman Center at Immaculate Conception Church in Hartford is looking for volunteers to help prepare and pack boxes of personal items, food, and clothing for area migrant workers. Volunteers are especially needed on Tuesdays, and are usually scheduled twice a month, but your commitment can be flexible. Please contact Ann at [alkuskie@gmail.com](mailto:alkuskie@gmail.com).



## Our Stewardship

June 26

Envelope Offering (69)	\$ 13,230.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 1,540.00
Loose Offering	\$ 2,898.25
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 17,668.25</b>

## 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  
Deacon ..... Deacon John Lohrstorfer  
Deacon ..... Deacon Bill VanDril  
Church Manager ..... Andrea Aleman  
Music & Liturgy  
Coordinator.....Cecilia Wondergem  
Facilities Manager..... Charlie Hamlin  
School Principal..... Camille DeLano  
DRE/Youth Faith Formation  
Confirmation .....Margie Little  
Coordinator of RCIA ....Geraldyn Monacelli  
Parish Pastoral Associate For Hispanic  
Ministry ..... Sister Maria Eugenia Gomez

### Confessions

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

### Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday ..... 6:00—9:00 p.m.

### Mass Schedule

Saturday..... 5:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. (en Español)  
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
This week only: Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.

- ▶ 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.

## 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

If you have a Mass intention scheduled for a Monday or Friday please note that have moved Monday intentions to the nearest possible available date, and Friday Mass will be at 9 a.m. not 5 p.m. Please call the office if you need to make other arrangements, 269-637-2404.