

St. Basil Catholic Church

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Seventeenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

Luke 11:9

“Pues bien, yo les digo: Pidan y se les dará, busquen y hallarán, llamen a la puerta y les abrirán.”

Lucas 11, 9





In January 2021, Pope Francis instituted a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. It is to be celebrated on a Sunday close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This year it will be on Sunday, July 24th. In thinking about it, I placed myself looking at the face of our own community, to whom I belong too, and I found so rewarding and encouraging the theme Pope Francis chooses for this second Journey: **"In old age they will still bear fruit"** (Ps 92:15). "These words..." as Pope Francis said, "are glad tidings, a true 'gospel' that we can proclaim to all on this day. They run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life..."

Thinking about it, I believe grandparents and elders prolonged the "hospitality" we have been invited to exercise every day as "Good Samaritans," as Jesus' followers. Even in their own limitations, overcoming big challenges, they "bear abundant fruits"; they welcomed us with joy in the home of their hearts and lives. We, their children are part of their fruitful harvest. Our gratitude to them, and our prayer for them.

The pandemic times have challenged us to reflect on how we take care of the elderly of our society. Many have felt increasingly neglected, isolated and lonely. Today, as we honor our grandparents and the elderly of our community, we thank God for their courage and their witness to love. They have contributed so much to our growth and to our spiritual wellbeing. *"How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage which is so essential for each and every society! Grandparents are a treasure in the family. Please take care of your grandparents; love them and let them talk to your children!"* - Pope Francis.

I invite everyone to offer an extra act of gratitude toward your grandparents and elders— a card, a call, a text message, or a grateful prayer. A small gesture of love, gratitude, respect, forgiveness, can bring some needed encouragement, light, joy, life into another person. A simple smile can bring joy to many around us.

We entrust them to the prayerful intercession of St. Anne and St. Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus. And I think St. Basil would be ready to give us a hand on this holy endeavor. We pray that grandparents and our elders feel respected, cared for, and loved. St. Anne and St. Joachim - Pray for us. St. Basil – pray for us!

Fraternally,
Fr. Fabio



Please pray for...

Lena Little,
mother of Ken Little,

that she may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for her family and friends, that they find peace in the promises of Christ.



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, July 23

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

Sunday, July 24

- 8:00 a.m. Intention of Liam Donovan
- 9:30 a.m. † Joan Overton
- 11:00 a.m. † Sharon Borkovec

Monday, July 25 No Mass

Tuesday, July 26

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

Wednesday, July 27

- 9:00 a.m. Intention of Fr. Jim Morris

Thursday, July 28

- 9:00 a.m. † Deceased members of the Dubas family

Friday, July 29

- 9:00 a.m. † Sheila Biedermann

Saturday, July 30

- 5:00 p.m. † Edward James Pobuda, Jr.
- 7:00 p.m. People of the parish (en Español)

Sunday, July 31

- 8:00 a.m. † Annette, Wallace, and Dolores Bacehowski
- 9:30 a.m. † Catherine Zelasko
- 11:00 a.m. † Joan Overton

Weekday Mass Opportunity

When you arrive Tuesday through Thursday for our weekday Mass, please take the opportunity to sign up for any of the ministries! We welcome you to share the joy of active participation in celebrating the Mass, such as serving as lector, or bringing up the gifts at Offertory.



Readings for the week of July 24

Sunday	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
Monday	Feast of St. James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday	Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Jer 14:17-22; Ps ; 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Worship on the Riverwalk

Sunday, July 24 7:00 p.m. The Hope Love Band

St. Basil Parish is one of the proud sponsors of this opportunity to enjoy Christian music live and in person along the beautiful Black River.

Come join the fellowship on the lawn at the south side marina!

*Lord, on the day I called for help,
You answered me.*

Flowers on the Altar

There are many dates available to arrange for flowers on the altar. Please call the parish office to schedule a date, 637-2404, and then contact your favorite local florist to make the arrangements.

Women's Service Guild Rummage Sale Info

We hope you've saved your items for the Annual Women's Service Guild Rummage Sale. We will take clean useable clothing, shoes, household items, linens, and sporting and exercise equipment. We are unable to accept books, toys, TVs or computers.

Drop Off Dates

Saturday, July 30 after 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 31 after all the Masses

Monday and Tuesday August 1 & 2 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Bring your items to the church basement; carts will be available in the South Lobby.

Sale Dates

Wednesday, August 3 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 4 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday, August 5 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

We are looking for more volunteers. Please consider helping, even if only for an hour or two.

Contact Mary Lou 269-767-1850 or Mary Ann 637-2593, to volunteer or if you have a question about donating a specific item.

Women's Service Guild Meet 'n Greet

Thursday, July 28 12:15 p.m.

Senior Services of Van Buren County

All women of the parish are welcome to gather for a delicious hot meal, \$5.00. We will gather in the lobby and all sit together for fellowship.

*"If you want God to know that you are hungry,
know that another is hungry.*

If you hope for mercy, show mercy.

If you look for kindness, show kindness.

If you want to receive, give."

St. Peter Chrysologus

Feast day July 30

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.

St. Basil Catholic School

Over the years, I've heard a number of "myths" about Catholic schools and I thought this might be a good time to play a little trivia with our readers.

Did you know that Saint Basil has a wealth of technology available for teachers and students? That's right! We are a 1:1 school, with every student K-8 assigned a school Chromebook. All teachers are equipped with laptops and tablets, and all classrooms have projectors and document cameras. We utilize Google Classroom and other Google programs, as well as a multitude of online applications for classroom and student use, including Canva, Peardeck, and Ascend Math, to name a few.

Did you know that Saint Basil offers a number of programs, both in school and extracurricular? Many people think we don't or can't offer much for our students beyond the 3 R's, but that's just not the case. Our students participate in PE, art, band and orchestra during the school day. We also have two Lego Leagues and a middle school Robotics team, along with athletics. We are also looking into the possibility of an art club and a school children's choir for school Masses. These are all in addition to the awesome activities, STEM, DCIR (Drawing Children Into Reading), and others provided to students through their regular classroom studies.

While Catholic schools obviously teach the Catholic faith, did you know they teach other subjects too? Yes, folks, in addition to theology, we cover math, science, STEM, reading, writing, and social studies. As a Catholic school, we infuse our faith across all curriculums, and we set high standards for learning in all that we do.

Did you know that Saint Basil has a very diverse student and staff population? Not only do we have Catholic students, but we also have many non-Catholic students. We all appreciate the opportunity to learn about each other on our faith journeys. Beyond faith, we have Hispanic students, African American students, those with Native American backgrounds, as well as those who are Indian, Polish, Croatian, Irish, you name it! We have staff who are bilingual, have multiple degrees beyond education as well as those with Master's degrees, and those who bring to the classroom a multitude of unique experiences to share. There are teachers who are fairly new to the "teachers' club" and a few of us who have been around for a while. We celebrate and embrace our diversity as we are richer for it. All are welcome!

Did you know that Saint Basil is affordable? Yes, we offer financial aid so that any family wishing to send their children to Saint Basil can do so. We at Saint Basil believe that a Catholic education is for all who desire one. It is YOUR support, through prayers and donations, that help us make this happen.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Camille DeLano, Principal

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 9 12:00-5:45 p.m.

Sponsored by St. Basil Knights of Columbus

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Visit Redcrossblood.org, enter 49090 to find the St. Basil blood drive, and sign up for a time!



In Our Diocese

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.



Our Stewardship

July 17

Envelope Offering (80)	\$ 6,095.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 3,265.00
Loose Offering	\$ 3,486.41
Total Collection	\$12,846.41

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

PastorFr. Fabio Garzon
Senior Parochial Vicar.. Fr. Richard Altine
Deacon Deacon John Lohrstorfer
Deacon Deacon Bill VanDril
Church Manager Andrea Aleman
Music & Liturgy
CoordinatorCecilia Wondergem
Facilities Manager Charlie Hamlin
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

Saturday3:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday6:00—9:00 p.m.
Friday after morning Mass,
with Benediction at 2:30

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.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and
Friday9:00 a.m.
No Mass on Monday

Weekend Mass seating

If you wish to be seated in our social distancing space at Mass, please see an usher upon your arrival.

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.