Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"Long have I waited for your coming home to Me."

Welcome Back Weekend October 15/16

Saturday, October 15 Pasta With the Pastors 5:00 p.m. Senior Services of Van Buren County

Enjoy free food, music, and an opportunity to meet our fellow Christians of all denominations. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 16

It's been a long and sometimes hard 2 1/2 years, but now it's time to reconnect, and renew our love for our Church and our God.

Come to the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, October 16, for a joyous celebration.

After Mass enjoy an Oktoberfest lunch of hot dogs and sausage and other goodies provided by St. Basil Knights of Columbus and Women's Service Guild.

Check out the ministry fair and other activities.

Invite your friends and family members!

Invite someone you haven't seen at Mass in awhile!

For more information, or to volunteer to help, contact Martha, 269-290-5745.

Red Paper Hearts

In the back of church you'll find a table with red paper hearts. We will be using them to encircle the interior of the church during our Welcome Back Weekend. Please sign one of the hearts with just your first name, write a brief message if you like, and place the heart in the basked marked "completed hearts."



St. Basil Catholic Church

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Don't be surprised if you see one of the ushers with an abacus counting heads at Mass. It's time for the traditional "October Count." All around the country, and in some European dioceses, this "measure of attendance" is performed during this month. The information collected by this "counting" is helpful for the parish council reflections, evaluations, and planning, and it is one of several indicators of the vitality of the parish. It is not the only factor determining that; however, it gives an idea about the level of commitment of the parishioners with the Sunday liturgy, which is "the source and summit" of our Catholic life. It will be sent at the end of the month to the Bishop's Office to give him a little overview of the engagement of the community in the parish liturgical life.

As I said last week, the month of October offers us different opportunities to enrich our life of faith. Receiving the Eucharist daily or weekly, praying in Adoration every week, reciting the Holy Rosary either "On the Bluff" or at home, and offering other personal devotions will strength our life as a community of believers, who pray like the disciples, "Lord increase our Faith." Our faith lives through words and deeds, "the Church as a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality," that is, walking together in the ways of the Lord.

I want to invite all of you to pray that the Campaign of the Churches of South Haven will be successful, as all of us open our arms in fellowship and welcome those who have been away because of the pandemic or illnesses of every kind. Let us respond to the words of God inviting us to come back to Him, "Long have I waited for your coming home to Me." Thanks for all the hard work of those preparing this effort, from many places and through many activities. Your generosity is the first expression of welcoming. May God bless you all.

We pray this weekend along with the healed lepers as we live daily in gratitude for every blessing we have received. May our prayers and solidarity help those affected by natural tragedies or the tragedy of war and injustice where it happens. Acting as God's servants, we will hear Jesus saying to us "your faith has saved you."

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Fabio

Public Square Rosary Crusade

Saturday, October 15, 12:00 Noon On the bluff across from our church

Organized by Robin Brindley, this is your opportunity to join in public prayer seeking the intercession of our Blessed Mother. All are welcome to pray!

Proposal 3 Information

Available on the table in the Connector



Durante el mes de Octubre se realiza en todas las parroquias del país lo que se llama el *Conteo de Octubre*. Que no es más que contar cuantas personas asisten a la Santa Misa cada domingo. Esos números nos dan una visión de la vitalidad de la parroquia, al menos en cuanto a las celebración litúrgica se refiere. No es el único factor que define la vida de la parroquia, pero da una idea sobre el nivel de compromiso de los feligreses con la liturgia dominical "fuente y cumbre" de nuestra vida católica.

Como dije la semana pasada, en este mes tenemos diferentes oportunidades para enriquecer nuestra vida de fe. Participar en la Santa Misa, no solo en octubre, sino toda la vida. Participar en los tiempos de Adoración Eucarística cada semana; rezar el Santo Rosario ya sea en casa o uniéndose a muchos en la página de Facebook de la Hna. María Eugenia, cada noche a las 8pm. Sumado a eso otras devociones personales fortalecerán nuestra vida como comunidad de creyentes. Ese es nuestro modo de decirle a Jesús, "Señor aumenta nuestra Fe". Para seguir construyendo con palabras y obras "la Iglesia como comunidad de solidaridad, fraternidad y acogida, viviendo siempre en un ambiente de sinodalidad", es decir caminando juntos los caminos del Señor.

Los invito a ofrecer una oracion especial por el éxito de la Campaña de las Iglesias de South Haven, invitando a sus miembros a volver a celebrar juntos, a seguir participando de la vida de las iglesias a las que pertenecen. La invitación de Dios ha sido siempre *Vuelvan a mí con todo el corazón*. Agradezcamos los esfuerzos de muchas personas involucradas en esta campaña, desde diversos lugares y a través de varias actividades. Esta generosidad es ya la primera expresión de Bienvenida y Acogida. Que Dios los bendiga a todos.

Seamos agradecidos, vivamos diariamente en gratitud por cada bendición que recibimos. Si no lo han hecho, tome uno de los corazones rojos a la entrada de la Iglesia, escriba su nombre y deposítelo en la otra canasta.

Que nuestra oración y solidaridad ayuden a los afectados por tragedias naturales, por la tragedia de la guerra, la injusticia donde ocurra y con corazón abierto a Dios y a los hermanos, ojalá escuchemos a Jesús que nos dice "tu fe te ha salvado". Que tengan una feliz y bendecida semana,

P. Fabio

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday October 11th 6:30 PM in the Upper Level.

On the agenda:

- Continuing discussion of membership going forward
- 2023 100th anniversary of our Church building
- 2023 80th anniversary of our grotto

Fellow parishioners welcome.



Readings for the week of October 9

Sunday Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13;

Lk 17:11-19

Monday Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1;

Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a & 6-7; Ps 95:8;

Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday Memorial of Saint John XXIII, Pope

Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48;

Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6;

Lk 11:42-46

Thursday Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6;

Lk 11:47-54

Friday Memorial of Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13;

Lk 12:1-7

Saturday Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and

Doctor of the Church

Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7;

Lk 12:8-12

Welcome Through Baptism

Aaron Zavala Juarez, son of Joel and Margarita Zavala baptized on September 3

Elowyn Alice Savard

daughter of Ryan and Jacquelyn Savard

baptized on September 10

Layla Marie Gutierrez

daughter of Alex and Laura Gutierrez

Leandro Alexander Alcaraz

son of Antonio and Nidia Alcaraz

Natalia Nicole Cruz

daughter of Jose Cruz and Elvia Carapia

baptized on September 17

Marley Jean Ibarra

daughter of Gilberto Ibarra and Meaghan Dalecki

baptized on September 18

Nathan Aburto

son of Sidronio and Marie Aburto

baptized on September 24

Welcome to the St. Basil Church family!

Religious Education

Our Family of Faith session begins with an opening prayer and gathering song, with many thanks to Michele Woodhams. The song "Our God is Here" featured a few of the children on percussion with Michele and Emiliano.



Join us twice a month as we journey together through "The Sacrament" with singing, rejoicing, sharing, and praying. No Faith Formation class next Sunday, October 16.

Grotto Paver Bricks—Last Chance!

Final opportunity to order a grotto paver brick for installation this fall! 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 outside the church office window, or on our website under the Info tab, then Links. Forms and payment must be in the parish office by October 10 for brick placement this fall.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 8

5:00 p.m. † Juan Hernandez, Jr. 7:00 p.m. People of the parish

Sunday, October 9

9:00 a.m. † Harry Sarno 11:00 a.m. † Merna Llorens

Monday, October 10 No Mass

Tuesday, October 11

9:00 a.m. † Richard Zelasko

Wednesday, October 12

9:00 a.m. † Jack Sage

Thursday, October 13

9:00 a.m. † John Robinson

Friday, October 14

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

Saturday, October 15

5:00 p.m. † John Stewart

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

Sunday, October 16

9:00 a.m. † Gerry and Margo Sherman

11:00 a.m. † Edward Kusmider

St. Basil Catholic School

Our Girls Volleyball team plays this week on Monday, the 9th, at 4:30 at St. Paul's in Stevensville, and on Wednesday, the 12th at St. Paul Lutheran here in South Haven at 4:30.

Speaking of sports, we have students interested in playing co-ed basketball but we need coaches. Games will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning early to mid-November, through February. Coaches must be Virtus-trained, and have a background check. Please call the school office for more information, 269-637-3529.





Our Walk-a-thon was a great success. Many parents and friends of our school surrounded the block to cheer the students on. The energy was never-ending, and they all enjoyed frozen treats when the running was finished. It's not too late to contribute to this little fundraiser; drop off a monetary donation at the school office if you feel so inclined!



Saturdays 7:30 a.m. Upper Level

All men of the parish are welcome. Our fall semester is entitled "All Things New." Contact Deacon John at johrstorfer@yahoo.com

Focus on Life Benefit Dinner

Monday, October 24 6:00 p.m. First Baptist Church, South Haven Sponsored by Van Buren County Right to Life

Guest speaker Rod Karrer

Contact Jack Bley at vanburenrtldinner@gmail.com for more information and for tickets.

Trauma Recovery Program

The Trauma Recovery Program is available to adult survivors of childhood trauma (emotional, physical, or sexual abuse, or severe neglect). The program focuses on the present, rather than the past, and teaches skills for more effective daily functioning. Call Trauma Recovery Associates at 269-459-2121 and learn about our free programs.

Can You Help?

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

The Women's Service Guild is coordinating our parish effort for this very worthwhile ministry. Volunteers are needed to pack bags of food to go home with local students for weekend meals. If you are available to help, our packing dates are October 28, December 22, February 23, March 23, and April 27 at 10:30 at North Shore Elementary School. Please arrive no earlier than 10:20. We usually finish packing and restocking in about an hour. If you can help on any or all of these days, please join us.

Parish Playpen Project

Our parish is collecting the following items throughout the month of October:

- ⇒ Fall/Winter coats sizes newborn-5T
- ⇒ PJ's and sleepers sizes 12, 18, 24 months
- ⇒ Clothing for boys, sizes 3T-5T
- ⇒ Detergent and dish soap
- ⇒ Shampoo, deodorant, and toothpaste
- ⇒ Baby hygiene (soap and lotion)
- ⇒ Diapers sizes, 5&6

Look for the playpen display in the Connector. Caring Network provides pro-life services for pregnant and parenting women in the ninecounty Diocese of Kalamazoo.



American Blood Drive

Sponsored by St. Basil Knights of Columbus

12:00—5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18 in the Church basement

Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. Donating once can help save more than one life. Visit www.redcrossblood.org to make an appointment for October 18.

St. Basil Church Replica

For sale in the church office, these beautiful 6" color wooden replicas of our church celebrating our 2023 centennial are available for purchase, \$25. Come see us during our business hours and pick up this one-of-a-kind remembrance.





Our Stewardship

October 2

Envelope Offering (70) \$ 9,158.00 Electronic Contributions \$ 3,435.00 Loose Offering \$ 1,867.70 Total Collection \$ 14,460.70

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.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

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Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.		
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Friday		
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DRE/Youth Faith Formation		
ConfirmationMargie Little		
Coordinator of RCIA Geralyn Monacelli		
Parish Pastoral Associate For Hispanic		
MinistrySister Maria Eugenia Gomez		
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Confessions		
Saturday 3:30 p.m.		

Mass Schedule		
Saturday	5:00 p.m.,	
7:00 p	.m. (en Español)	
Sunday9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.		
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and		
Friday9:00 a.m.		
No Mass on Monday		
Eucharistic Adoration		
Thursday	.6:00—9:00 p.m.	
Friday afto	er morning Mass,	
with Be	nediction at 2:30	
Mass In Our Collabor	ative	

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.

- ➤ So that we all may be fully present at Mass, please silence your cell phones.
- We recommend that everyone wear a mask for the safety and protection of all.
- ► 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.