



For today in
the city of
David a savior
has been born
for you who
is Messiah
and Lord.
Luke 2:11

Hoy en la
ciudad de David,
ha nacido para
ustedes un salvador
que es el Mesías
y el Señor.
Lucas 2:11

As we are ready to celebrate Christmas, the greatest gift we have received, the Incarnation of the Son of God in all its splendor, is unfolding in front of our eyes. *"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."* (Jn. 1:14)

At that very moment time stopped, the whole of creation held its breath, stopped in its course and was renewed with His presence. Words are not enough to describe that moment... The world was made new and was filled with all His blessings ... *Love, light, hope, peace and joy* and all what comes from them is now ours. Everyone, every place and culture, is called to live by them, and we, the followers of Jesus, are asked to be people whose lives are filled with such great gifts. We bear witness to them in our families and communities, making another world possible, the one that God wants to be built among us, today and here.

On behalf of our Pastoral and Administrative Team, I want to wish you a Blessed Christmas Day and Season, anticipation of a New Year lived in the same light, love, hope, peace, and joy that He brought to us. That will be my intention at Christmas Masses, as I will express to the Lord my deepest gratitude for all of you who make Saint Basil Parish and School a community of people "called by Baptism, nourished by the Eucharist, inspired by the Holy Spirit, living as people of the Good News of Christ..."

May you and your family be blessed this Christmas season and may God's Grace and Peace be yours throughout the New Year.

Fr. Fabio



Ya en los días finales de este camino de adviento hacia la Navidad, celebraremos el regalo más grande que nos ha dado Dios, la Encarnación de su Divino Hijo. Nos lo recuerda San Juan en palabras familiares... *"Y el Verbo se hizo carne y habito entre nosotros... , y vimos su gloria, la gloria como del Hijo unigénito del Padre, lleno de gracia y de verdad". (Juan 1:14)*

El mundo fue hecho nuevo y fue lleno de todas sus bendiciones... *Amor, Luz, esperanza, paz, alegría* y todos los frutos que nacen de vivir estas bendiciones cada día.

Damos testimonio de ellas en nuestras familias y comunidades, haciendo posible otro mundo, el que Dios quiere que se construya entre nosotros, hoy y aquí. En nombre de nuestro Equipo Pastoral y Administrativo, quiero desearles una muy Feliz Navidad, augurio de un Año Nuevo vivido en la misma luz, amor, esperanza, paz y alegría que Él nos trajo.

Esa será mi intención en las Misas de Navidad, al darle al Señor, mi más profunda gratitud por todos ustedes que hacen de la Parroquia y la Escuela de San Basilio, una comunidad de personas "llamadas por el Bautismo, alimentadas por la Eucaristía, inspiradas por el Espíritu Santo, viviendo la Buena Nueva de Cristo..."

Fr. Fabio

Our Grateful Thanks

Our beautiful ten-foot live Christmas trees were made available through the generosity of the Armintrout family. We extend our thanks to them as well for the installation of them, which is no easy feat! God bless you all!

Christmas Flowers

In gratitude to our parish families and our visitors for their contribution to the Flower Fund, we remember.....

G Oma Maria Nagy
Edgar William Heinrich
Don, Virginia, & Jeff Walantyn
Mary Najwa Watson
Tom, Marie, and Kay Mielke
Gary Hazen, Richard Hazen, Pearl & Jim Poder,
Mary Postregna, friends and other members of the Hazen family
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Readings for the week of December 25

Sunday	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) <i>Vigil Mass:</i> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25 <i>Mass during the Night:</i> Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 <i>Mass at Dawn:</i> Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 <i>Mass during the Day:</i> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Monday	Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3CD-4, 6 & 8AB, 16BC & 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday	Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8;
Wednesday	Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Friday	Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Are You Being Called To....

- Serve as videographer to livestream our 9:00 Sunday Mass? It's easy!
- Organize and implement a new pictorial directory, especially with our centennial in 2023? Perhaps you and a few friends would be interested?

The Church is a community of believers, and each of us has a gift of service in some way, shape, or form. Please prayerfully consider becoming involved in our parish life. Call the parish office, 269-637-2404, to lend a hand!

Religious Education

Classes resume January 8

Sunday, January 8 Family of Faith Formation 12:30 p.m.

Monday, January 9 First Communion Prep Year 1
6:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 15 Confirmation Prep
1st year 12:30 p.m. 2nd year 2:30 p.m.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 24

4:00 p.m. People of the parish
6:00 p.m. People of the parish
8:00 p.m. People of the parish
10:00 p.m. People of the parish

Sunday, December 25

10:00 a.m. People of the parish
12:30 p.m. People of the parish (en Espanol)

Monday, December 26 No Mass

Tuesday, December 27

9:00 a.m. † Mary Jo Thomas

Wednesday, December 28

9:00 a.m. † Edward Kusmider

Thursday, December 29

9:00 a.m. † Steven Gazi

Friday, December 30

9:00 a.m. † Gilberto Sammano

Saturday, December 31

5:00 p.m. † James Penrose

Sunday, January 1

9:00 a.m. † Steve Howe

11:00 a.m. † Nancy Whitten

Office Hours Update

To allow our staff to spend time with family over the holidays and come back refreshed and renewed, our office will be closed December 26-30, and re-open on January 2. Phone messages and e-mails will be checked daily.



Please pray for...

Joanne McCarthy

and

Kay Mielke

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.

St. Basil Catholic School

Merry Christmas! I hope this finds everyone enjoying the beautiful holiday season with family and friends. I am spending the holidays celebrating with family both near and far, and also enjoying some much needed down time. Thanks to a water leak and two rowdy Golden Retrievers, we've had to do some unexpected house projects this fall and I'm looking forward to having some time to put the place back together again!



As I reflect on the past year, I am so very grateful to everyone who in some way touched and supported our parish school. We have seen amazing growth and many new opportunities come our way. It has been such a wonderful experience watching our students participate in school sponsored sports and robotics. They are SO very proud to represent Saint Basil and wear a uniform with our Basil Bear logo. After a couple of rough COVID years, it is very rewarding to see their smiles and hear their laughter as they can once again just be kids and have fun.

We have been so blessed by the generosity of many, giving us the opportunity to not only move forward but to also really plan for the future of our school. I am excited for the upcoming year and all the promise it holds as we continue to grow and welcome new families-Saint Basil has so much to offer students. As parishioners and friends of Saint Basil, I hope you are proud of our efforts. It is through your continued generosity and prayers, along with the hard work of our families and staff, that we are able to achieve such success.

May you have a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year-see you in 2023!
Camille DeLano, Principal

St. Basil Bears Basketball Schedule

January 9 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
St. Paul Lutheran, South Haven

Parish Closings Due to Weather

Morning Mass will be **cancelled** if South Haven Schools are **closed** due to hazardous road conditions. If there is a school **delay**, we will still have morning Mass. And, if schools are closed, our parish office will also be closed.

If Mass is cancelled, the Mass intention will be moved to the nearest date available unless you contact the office.

2022 Church Contributions

In order to receive credit on your church contributions statement for 2022, any donations must be in the church office (postmarked by December 31) or collection basket by December 31 in order to be posted for 2022. Contributions received after December 31 will be posted for 2023.

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.

Personal Care Pantry

First Assembly of God, 06500 Blue Star Highway
Wednesdays 10:00 –1:00

Coat Collection for St. Vincent de Paul

There are many families in need of gently used outerwear. Please place your contributions in the container in the South Lobby.

Blessings in a Backpack

The Women's Service Guild is asking for volunteers to help pack bags of food to go home with local students for weekend meals. If you are available to help, our packing dates are 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.

Cold Winters Need Warm Hearts!

The Diocesan Home Heating Assistance Program provides emergency heating assistance to anyone in the nine counties of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Donations can be made directly anytime at www.ccdok.org/donate or use the special envelope in your packet. Your contribution is both needed and appreciated. God bless you!

Sox Collection

These cold wintery days call for extra warm sox. As we consider this season of giving, could you toss an extra pair of sox into your cart and donate it to our cause? Sox are often the most needed yet least donated items to homeless shelters. Think new, practical, and warm!

In Our Parish

We are looking for two parish representatives to take an active role in the Diocesan Synod on Priestly Life and Ministry. To be a representative one must be a Catholic in good standing, be able to make a profession of faith, be able to attend a Deanery meeting on February 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and be willing to potentially be able to serve as a delegate during the synodal process that will include multiple Wednesday meetings March through May. For more information, or to voice interest, contact Fr. Richard.



Our Stewardship

December 18

Envelope Offering (65)	\$6,480.00
Electronic Contributions	\$3,750.00
Loose Offering	\$2,814.50
Total Collection	\$13,044.50

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.

*Today is born our Savior,
Christ the Lord!*

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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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School Principal..... Camille DeLano
DRE/Youth Faith Formation
Confirmation.....Margie Little
Coordinator of RCIA ... Geralyn Monacelli
Parish Pastoral Associate For Hispanic Ministry Sister Maria Eugenia Gomez

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 p.m.

Mass Schedule

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday..... 6:00—9:00 p.m.
Fridayafter morning Mass,
with Benediction at 2:30

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.

- ▶ 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.



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