



# *2nd Sunday of Easter*



Divine Mercy Sunday celebrates a mercy that knows no bounds. Yes, no limits. You and I are the ones who limit the people or places where this mercy can reach.

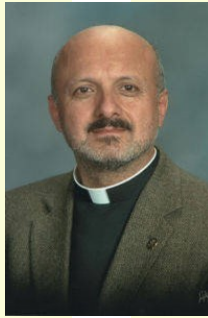
Mercy is not the only gift we receive. It comes along with a powerful greeting, "Peace be with you." Both gifts are offered to all of us who, in faith, gather today and every day. They are at hand when we face doubt, uncertainty, and despair. Empowered by the abundance of Easter graces with hearts, minds, and lives open to them we can live accordingly, and our testimony will prolong what the first disciples did. Like them, we can go around and bring Good News to our suffering world. Ah, and "when necessary, use words." Your way to live like a disciple will be enough for many.

We are beginning a season of abundance of sacramental life expressed in the celebration of baptisms, weddings, First Communions, and Confirmations which will enrich the life of the church. Our community has been blessed with a good number of Elects who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation in the Church on Easter Vigil. Let us support them, care for them, and offer them the testimony of people showered in mercy and peace.

May the Easter joy fill your days ahead and may all the Lord's blessings come upon you and your loved ones.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Fabio



Hoy celebramos el Domingo de la Divina **Misericordia**. Esta Fiesta nos habla de una Misericordia que no conoce límites, que es para todos y en todas partes. Nosotros, con nuestro egoísmo y nuestra autosuficiencia, somos los que limitamos que ese regalo llegue a muchos, en muchos lugares.

Este domingo celebra no solamente el regalo Divino de la Misericordia, sino otro regalo más que llega con ella, el regalo de la **Paz**. "La paz sea con ustedes" es el saludo que nos ofrece hoy Nuestro Señor Resucitado. Y su Paz llena nuestros días y nuestros caminos.

Fortalecidos por esta abundancia de Gracias Pascuales, con corazones, mentes y vidas abiertas a la Vida Nueva que nos trae Jesús, podemos vivir como lo hicieron los primeros discípulos. Seremos una Comunidad de Amor, de Fe, de Esperanza, que llevara a otros, en palabras y obras, la Buena Nueva de la salvación.

Comenzamos una temporada de abundancia de vida sacramental, con la celebración de bautismos, bodas, primeras comuniones, confirmaciones, que enriquecerá la vida de la iglesia. Prolongaremos la alegría que ya comenzó en la Vigilia Pascual, con la celebración de los Ritos de Iniciación en la Vigilia Pascual, para un buen número de creyentes de varias edades. Apoyémoslos, cuidémoslos y ofrezcámosles el testimonio de personas que hemos renacido en la Misericordia y la Paz de Dios.

Que la Alegría de la Pascua llene sus días por venir, y que todas las bendiciones del Señor vengan sobre ustedes y todos sus seres queridos.

Que tengan una muy feliz y bendecida semana.

P. Fabio



We will conduct the Bishop's Annual Appeal in our parish over the next few weeks. All of our diocesan programs and ministries serve people in ways that we as a parish alone could never do. Please prayerfully consider what you as an individual and as a family can pledge to support the educational, pastoral and religious programs and services offered by our diocese. Our parish goal is 100% participation and, with your gift, we can do it! Remember, no gift is too small or too large.

## 100 Years Celebration

Mark your calendars for our parish centennial celebration on June 11, beginning with the 11:00 Mass followed by a picnic on the bluff. We will also be celebrating the 80th anniversary of the installation of our grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes. Plans are in the works for making this a very special day. If you'd like to help out, please contact the parish office and leave your name and phone number.

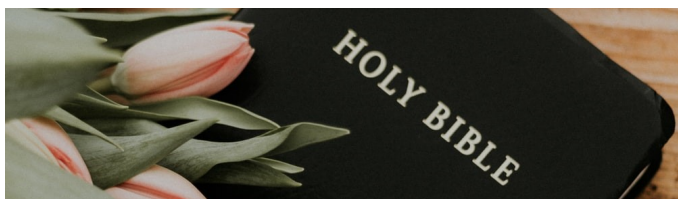
## In Our Diocese

### *Day of Reflection for adults with cognitive/developmental disabilities*

Saturday, April 29 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish (Portage) in the Stanley Center, The theme is "Following Christ with the Saints." Cost is \$15 (scholarships are available). For more information and registration forms contact Lisa Irwin at 269-381-9800 x227 or [lisairwin@ccdok.org](mailto:lisairwin@ccdok.org). Registration deadline is April 20<sup>th</sup>. The event is sponsored by Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo.

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](http://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.



### Scripture Readings

#### For the Week of April 16, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b> Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn: 3:7b-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

### Divine Mercy

We will be celebrating Divine Mercy this Sunday, April 16, at 2:00 p.m. with Adoration and Reconciliation, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m.



### CRS Rice Bowl

You may still bring your Rice Bowl in to the parish; drop it off at the parish office or bring it to a weekend Mass and place on the window ledge of the office **by April 30**. Any checks received for the Rice Bowl will be processed mid-May.

### Personal Care/Baby Care Pantry

Personal care items needed include bathroom items, paper products, soaps and shampoo, lotion, etc. For baby care: disposable diapers and wipes, bibs and washcloths, powder and diaper rash cream. You may place your items in the grocery cart in the Connector, and they will be delivered to the We Care I.N.C. Personal Care Pantry.

### Movie Night

**April 16 and 23 5:00 p.m. Upper Level**

The film Risen will be shown. This is the story of a Tribune who witnesses the Crucifixion and is tasked to seal the burial tomb. When the tomb is discovered to be empty, Pilate orders him to find the followers who took the body and recover the body in order to disprove the claims of resurrection. All are welcome!

### Religious Education

Sunday, April 16	Confirmation Prep 1st year 12:30 p.m. 2nd year 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 23	Family of Faith Formation 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 29	First Holy Communion 11:00 a.m.

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, April 15

5:00 p.m. † Cheryl Allen  
7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

#### Sunday, April 16

9:00 a.m. † Mary Jo Thomas  
11:00 a.m. † Joe Koridek

#### Monday, April 17 No Mass

#### Tuesday, April 18

9:00 a.m. † George Meltzer

#### Wednesday, April 19

9:00 a.m. † Margo Sherman, 13th anniversary

#### Thursday, April 20

9:00 a.m. People of the parish

#### Friday, April 21

9:00 a.m. † Cheryl Allen

#### Saturday, April 22

5:00 p.m. † Ann Dubas  
7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

#### Sunday, April 23

9:00 a.m. † Randall Latorre  
11:00 a.m. † William Murphy



### Please pray for...

Elda Sarno  
and  
Ross McNicholas,

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

### Grotto Paver Bricks

St. Basil Parish offers you an opportunity to order a grotto paver for installation in the late May. 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. You may mail in your form and payment. Call Cecilia at the parish office for more information, 269-637-2404, extension 1103.



# St. Basil Catholic School

Spring break is over and we're now into the home stretch of our 2022-23 school year. This year felt like it went by so fast-but I know EVERYONE in the building is ready for summer and some down time. We've had a busy year and it's been a good one.

We are already gearing up for next fall. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling children at Saint Basil, please let me know. We are rearranging classes next year so that we can have some space for additional students. As I always tell folks, the more the merrier!

Our Ribs 'n Raffle auction is coming up on May 20 and we could use a little help with purchases for our silent auction baskets. There is a "parishioner" list available below that offers a number of ideas for purchase. For those interested in joining us for an evening of fun on May 20, tickets are available at [2023RNR.givesmart.com](https://2023RNR.givesmart.com). Like last year, there will not be printed tickets. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, you can also do so at the GiveSmart website or send your donation to the school. This year we are raising funds for building improvements such as carpeting and paint for interior and exterior trim, safety enhancements such as a fencing around the playground, a mobile unit for additional classroom space and STEM/Science lab, plus several other needs. Our goal is to continue to provide the best possible learning experience for our students. We have come a long way in six years, and we are excited for what the future holds!

With the beautiful weather finally here, it's been nice to get the students outside to burn off some energy! Feel free to stop by and shoot a few hoops with them, kick around the soccer ball (watch your shins!), or just chat with a few. We have a rather fun group of kids and watching them enjoy life is infectious.

Thank you for all you do for Saint Basil Catholic School!  
Camille DeLano, Principal

## Auction Baskets...Can You Help?

We're looking for items to put in the Silent Auction baskets. If you're able to help us out, please drop off the items at the school office by Monday, May 8.

Sleeping bag	craft beers	Wine	Cooler
Kid Books—toddler to young adult		Lottery tickets	
Whitecaps tickets	Other sports team tickets		
Gift cards to local establishments		Kid craft items	
Fishing rod	Tackle box	Frisbee	STEM kits
Lego sets	Nerf items	Charter boat trip	
Gift certificate to local meat supplier		Suitcase	
Wine tasting gift cards	Spa gift cards	Gas cards	

Or, you may make a cash donation and our Booster Club will do the shopping!

## Women's Service Guild Meet 'n Greet

**Thursday, April 27 12:00 noon**  
**At Senior Services of Van Buren County**

Please sign in and pay for your meal, then wait in the lobby so we can be seated together. We hope you'll join us!

## 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/Baby Care

Deposit items this month in our grocery cart in the Connector!

### 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 next packing date is 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.

## Women's Bible Study Walking With Purpose

**Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.**  
**In the Upper Level**

Questions? Contact Bobbie Otto at 269-313-1761 or [rotto281015@gmail.com](mailto:rotto281015@gmail.com)

## St. Basil Book Group

**Thursday, April 27**  
**1:00 p.m. Upper Level**

St Basil Book Group will continue to read "Learning to Pray" by Fr. James Martin, focusing on chapters 14 & 15 on the topic of Centering Prayer. Even if you haven't read other previous chapters you may still join the discussion. Everyone is welcome. Contact Deacon John Lohrstorfer for more information: [jlrohrstorfer@yahoo.com](mailto:jlrohrstorfer@yahoo.com).

*Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,  
His love is everlasting.*

## GrandBear Club

**Tuesday, April 25 10:00 a.m.**  
**Upper Level**



If you are a grandparent of a Saint Basil School student, or would like to be an honorary Grandbear, come join us for coffee on April 25 to discuss ways that the Club can support the children and staff of our parish school. Please come and bring ideas! If you are interested, please call the school at 269-637-3529.



## Our Stewardship

**April 9**

Envelope Offering (85)	\$12,103.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 1,056.00
Loose Offering	\$ 13,160.69
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 26,319.69</b>
 Weekly Budget Amount	 \$ 10,096.00
Over/Under	\$ 16,223.69

## 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.

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### St. Basil Catholic Church Directory

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School Office .....269-637-3529  
[www.SaintBasilCatholicChurch.org](http://www.SaintBasilCatholicChurch.org)

#### 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

**Pastor** .....Fr. Fabio Garzon  
**Senior Parochial Vicar**.. Fr. Richard Altine  
269-692-5142

**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

#### 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**

#### Confessions

**Saturday** .....3:30—4:30 p.m.

#### Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday** ..... after 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 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.