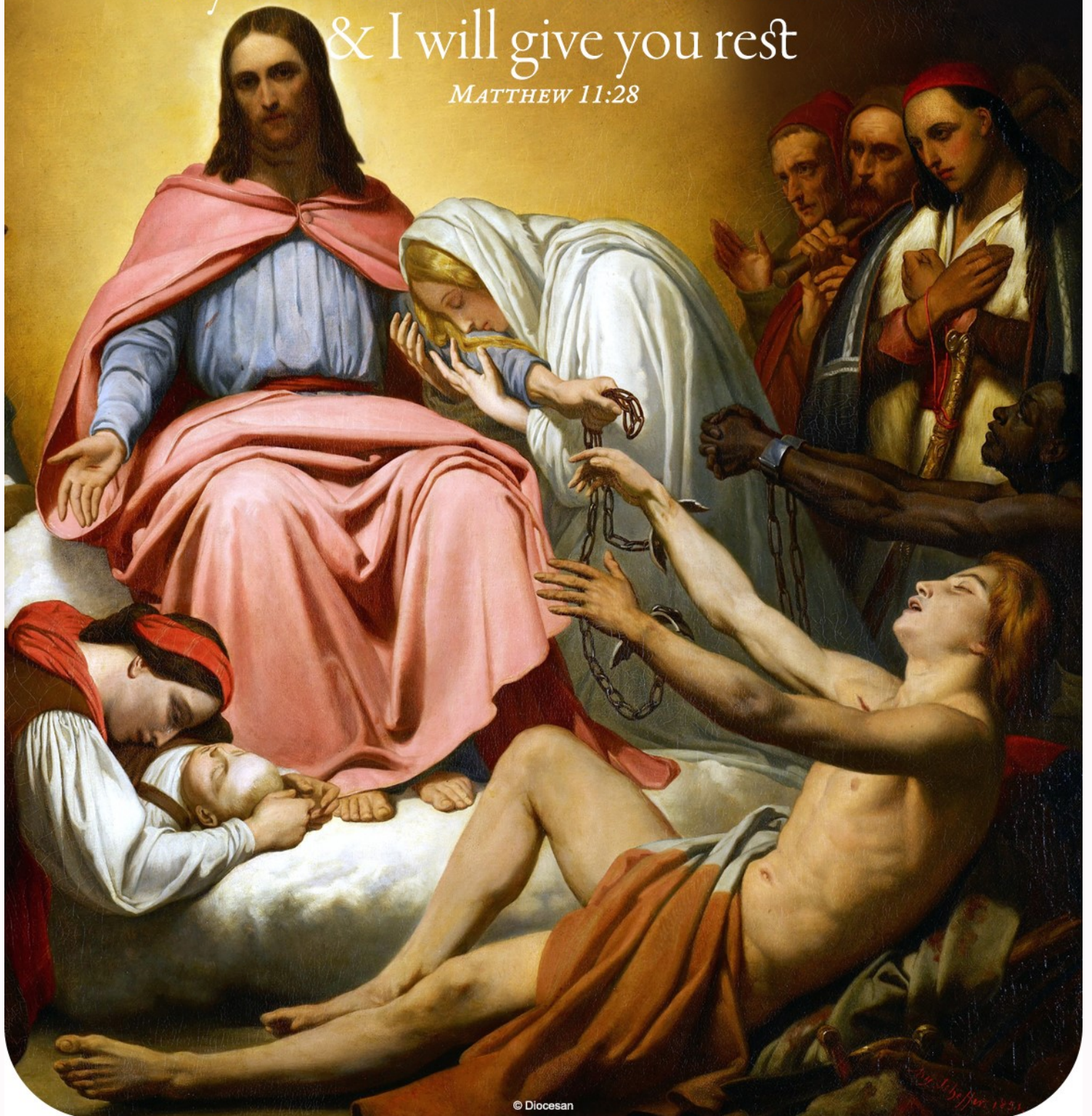


# *Come to Me*

all you who labor and are burdened  
& I will give you rest

*MATTHEW 11:28*





Good morning, dear parishioners, and visitors!

As I took my first step into these sacred grounds, I entered here with great joy. It was not in my mind a month ago when our dear Bishop Paul Bradley called me during the retreats and asked me to be your pastor. It was a great surprise and it is a great honor. As every first step of a great journey, I am filled with joy, trust, and confidence that this is part of God's plan and that you will help me to do God's will in our collaborative, especially in Saint Basil.



Joy is a gift that we can share with others, especially with those who are suffering or in need of hope. Joy is a sign of our faith and our love for God and our neighbor. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with joy and to inspire us to spread joy to everyone we meet.

Grateful for Fr. Fabio's leadership, we wish him the best in his new pastoral mission. I am certain that he did his best to serve you and to look for the best for everyone. We have been in conversation a couple of times, and, like him, I trust that you will help me to walk joyfully in the days ahead. With Fr. Richard, Deacon John, Sister Karen and the team we have in both our parish and school staff, let's continue proclaiming the joy we are invited to live and witness in today's Scripture.

As we begin a new chapter in our parish life, let us pray for each other and for me, your new pastor. May God bless us with the abundance of His joy, grace and peace.

Fr. Evelio Ramirez

Buenos días, queridos feligreses y visitantes!

Al entrar en este lugar sagrado, entro con gran alegría y mucha esperanza. Hace un mes no estaba en mis planes cambiar de parroquia. Estando en los Retiros Espirituales nuestro querido obispo Paul Bradley, me llamó, me pidió este cambio y, mis planes cambiaron. Fue una gran sorpresa y es un gran honor que acepté como Voluntad de Dios.

Como cada primer paso de una gran aventura, vengo lleno de alegría, confianza y serenidad de que Dios nos dará las luces y el ánimo, para realizar su misión aquí en nuestra Colaborativa Parroquial, especialmente en San Basilio.

La alegría es un don que podemos compartir con los demás, especialmente con aquellos que sufren o necesitan esperanza. La alegría es un signo de nuestra fe y nuestro amor a Dios y a prójimo. Pidamos al Espíritu Santo que nos llene de alegría y nos inspire a difundir alegría a todos los que encontramos.

Agradecidos por el liderazgo del P. Fabio, le deseamos lo mejor en su nueva misión pastoral. Estoy seguro de que él hizo todo lo posible para servirlos y buscar lo mejor para todos. Hemos platicado un par de veces y como él, confío en que me ayudaran a caminar con alegría los días por venir.

Al comenzar un nuevo capítulo en nuestra vida parroquial, oremos unos por otros y por mí, su nuevo pastor. Que Dios nos bendiga con su gracia y paz.

Fr. Evelio Ramirez

## Bishop Paul V. Donovan Founder's Society Award for Outstanding Service

**2023 Recipients: Reverend Robert Flickinger, and Deacon John Bodway and Mrs. Jane Bodway**



Fr. Bob was ordained to the priesthood on May 17, 1975, for the Order of the Salesians of St. John Bosco. He first came to the Diocese of Kalamazoo by invitation of Bishop Donovan in 1981. He has served at more than twelve parishes including close to ten years here as pastor of St. Basil.

Father Bob is most known for his heartfelt and unwavering connection, ministry, and advocacy to and for the Hispanic/Latino community. He was instrumental in expanding the ministry to the migrant farmworker community and expanded the number of Masses celebrated in Spanish at the various parishes he served. He has held a number of diocesan roles including Director of Vocations and Associate Director for the Diocesan Hispanic Ministry Office. In addition, Father Bob helped establish a sister parish in El Sitio, El Salvador.

Father Bob is currently retired from full-time pastoral ministry, though he frequently can be found celebrating the Mass in Spanish at Parishes throughout the Diocese.

Deacon John Bodway was the Parish Administrator for St. Jude Parish, Gobles for close to twenty years. Jane worked in the Diocesan Pastoral Center for more than twenty years in the offices of Ministry Formation, Marriage and Family and Parish Life in marriage and family life ministry. Together the couple have worked alongside one another in the areas of Deacon Formation, marriage ministry and Parish administration and volunteering.



This prestigious Founder's Society Award for Outstanding Service was established in 2021 on the diocese's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It honors the legacy of Bishop Paul Vincent Donovan who served as the first Shepherd of the Diocese from July 21, 1971, until his retirement in January 1995. He chose as his Episcopal Motto: "To serve rather than be served." (Matthew 20:28) The 2023 recipients will receive their medals of honor this Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> during the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo.



### Scripture Readings for the Week of July 9

Sunday	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30
Monday	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b & 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a; 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Henry Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

*I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.*



### Be a Flag Sponsor!

We are offering an opportunity to sponsor the flag that flies so proudly in front of our church. For a \$100 donation, your name, and the person(s) you choose to have memorialized with the flying of the flag, will be placed in the bulletin on the first Sunday of the month. Please contact the parish office, 269-637-2404, to set up the month of your choice to be a flag sponsor.



### Pancake Breakfast

*Sponsored by*  
*St. Basil Knights of Columbus*  
**This Sunday, July 9**  
**Serving 8am—12pm**

**at the American Legion, 129 Michigan Ave.**

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, July 8

5:00 p.m. † Cheryl Allen

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

#### Sunday, July 9

8:00 a.m. Intention of Lyle and Linda Harrison  
45th wedding anniversary

9:30 a.m. † Margaret & Clarence Schultz

11:00 a.m. † Makenzie Dougherty

#### Monday, July 10 No Mass

#### Tuesday, July 11

9:00 a.m. † Bill Euwer, 1st anniversary

#### Wednesday, July 12

9:00 a.m. † Bill Eck

#### Thursday, July 13

9:00 a.m. † Cheryl Allen

#### Friday, July 14

9:00 a.m. † Ward and Sue Hamlin

#### Saturday, July 15

5:00 p.m. † Suzanne Mark, 1st anniversary

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

#### Sunday, July 16

8:00 a.m. † Helen Salasky

9:30 a.m. † Terry Pekny

11:00 a.m. † Mary Lou Kulovitz



*Flowers on the Altar*  
*by Lyle and Linda Harrison*  
*in celebration of their*  
*45th wedding anniversary*

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Many parishioners have knitted or crocheted over 300 prayer shawls. If you knit or crochet, please consider creating a prayer shawl. To receive a copy of the standard pattern used, please contact Cecilia, 269-637-2404. You may drop off completed shawls at the parish office. It takes about four skeins of yarn to make one prayer shawl.



### Please pray for...

Shirley Jillson, longtime parishioner, 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.

# St. Basil Catholic School

## School Summer Office Hours

**Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

All calls to the school will be forwarded to our principal's email and will be responded to as promptly as possible. 269-637-3529

## Pardon Our Dust!

Over the course of the summer we will be completing some very necessary repair work in and around the church and school as well as some new construction to be in compliance with safety protocols. In addition, our parish school will be adding more fencing for safety, and a temporary classroom for STEM and Art classes. Plus, we will be creating new storage in the Lower Level for both church and school.



## Stained Glass Booklets

These booklets explain each stained glass window of our church, along with the Bible reference. Pick one up at the parish office for a donation of \$5 apiece.

Also available at the office are the wooden replicas of our church, \$25 donation.



## Parish Calendar Advertisers Needed

Every year we are fortunate to be able to offer our parishioners a church calendar by Catholic Extension. We depend on the calendar ads to provide this complimentary calendar. If you own a business and would like to have your ad appear on the calendar please contact Cecilia in the parish office, 269-637-2404, extension 1103. Thank you!

## Retreat Opportunity

**Summer Scripture Days at St. Francis Retreat Center  
DeWitt, Michigan August 22-24, 2023**

Spend three summer days exploring the life and letters of St. Peter with our featured speakers, Bishop Earl Boyea and CBS Instructor Katrina Iamarino! Any adult over the age of 18 that is interested in deepening their understanding of St. Peter is welcome to attend.

The cost for single occupancy is \$225, double occupancy is \$175 and commuting is \$130. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.stfrancis.ws/ssd>.

*"He who labours as he prays lifts his heart to God with his hands."*

St. Benedict, Abbot Feast day July 11

## Can You Help?

### Food Pantry

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.

Donations of gently used clothing will be graciously accepted by St. Vincent de Paul, 245 W. Monroe, Bangor.

### Personal Care Pantry/Baby Care

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

## Pictorial Directory 2023

We want you and your family to be included in the new Parish Pictorial Directory! Visit [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on Photography Appointment Scheduling Login. Enter MI1749 in the church code field. Our church password is: photos. Follow the prompts to schedule your appointment. Or visit our website, [www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintbasilcatholicchurch.org), click on the "About" tab, then click on "Photo Signup."

Photo Dates are: **July 11-15, August 14-15 and September 25.** Surely one of those dates will work for you! Summer parishioners, you are a vital part of our parish, so please include yourselves in this directory!

## WSG Rummage Sale

There's still time to "rummage" through your closets, attics, and garages! We will take clean, useable clothing, shoes, household items, linens, sports equipment. We cannot take books, toys, furniture, tvs, or computers. Call Mary Lou at 269-767-1850 with any questions, or to volunteer to help.

### Drop-Off Dates

Please take items to the church basement on these dates only:

Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23 after all Masses  
Monday & Tuesday July 24-25, 9a.m. to 4p.m.

### Sale Dates & Times

Wednesday, August 2	4pm—7pm
Thursday, August 3	9am—5pm
Friday, August 4	9am—2pm

## WSG Meet 'n Greet

**July 11 Noon on the bluff in front of our church**

Bring a lawn chair, a sack lunch, and enjoy the view as we discuss the many ways our group can serve our church and our community.



## Our Stewardship

**July 2**

Envelope Offering (77)	\$ 7,091.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 3,755.00
Loose Offering	\$ 5,700.50
Total Collection	\$16,546.50
Weekly Budget Amount	\$13,750.00
Over/Under	\$2,796.50

## 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.

This week's bulletin sponsor

### Gill's Tree Service

The advertisements that appear in this bulletin completely defray all publishing costs which the church would otherwise incur. Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin and thank them for their kind generosity.

## 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. Evelio Ramirez  
**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**.... Geralyn Monacelli

**Parish Pastoral Associate for Hispanic**

**Ministry**..... Sister Karen Zea Patiño

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday**..... 5:00 p.m.,  
7:00 p.m. (en Español)

**Sunday**.....8:00, 9:30 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 by refraining from the handshake of peace. This is thoughtful consideration for the rest of the parish community.