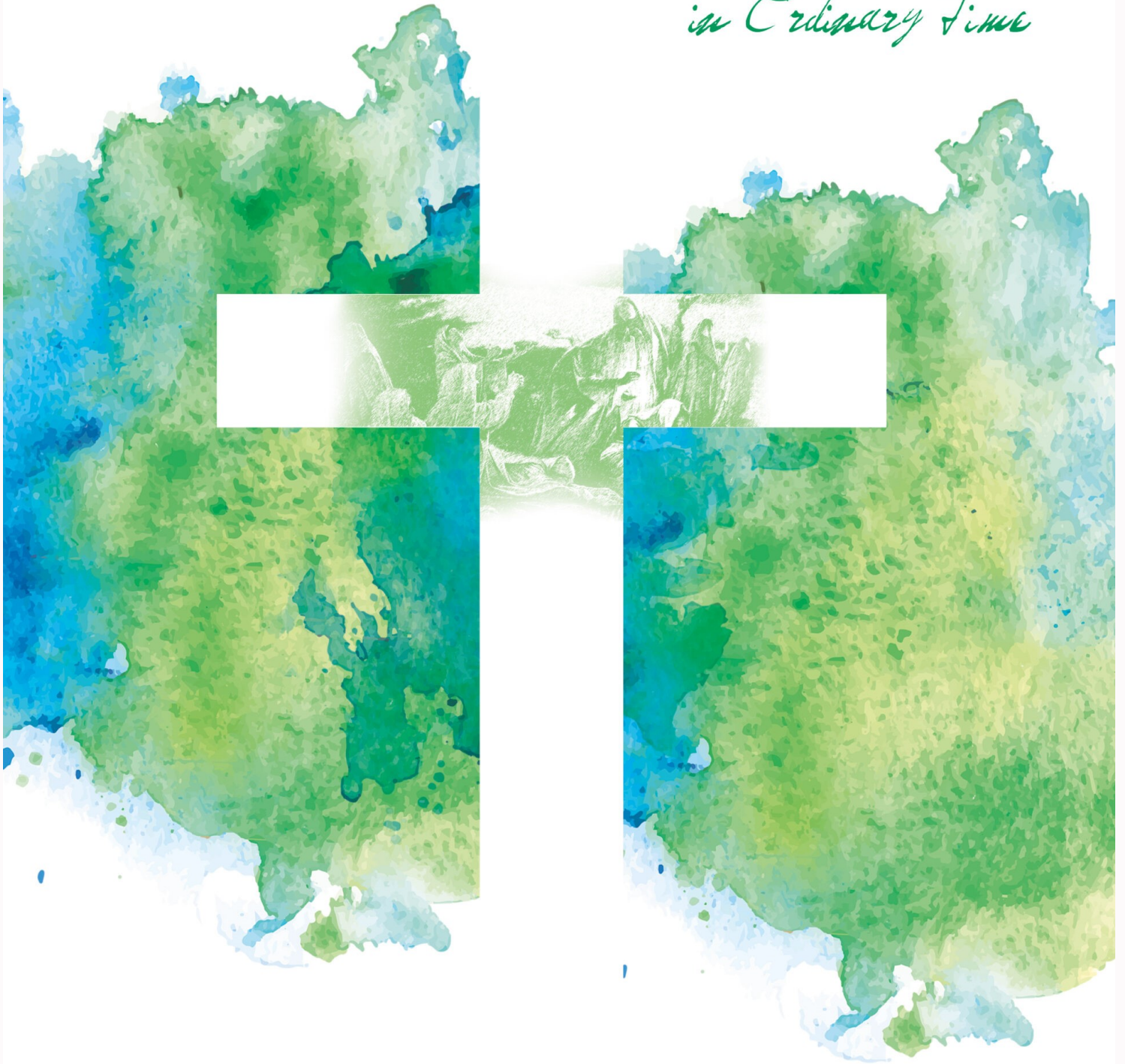


THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY

in Ordinary Time



*T*he foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought
flasks of oil with their lamps. Matthew 25:3-4

*L*as descuidadas tomaron sus lámparas como estaban, sin llevar más aceite consigo. Las
precavidas, en cambio, junto con las lámparas, llevaron sus botellas de aceite. Mateo 25:3-4

"Why didn't the wise virgins just share the light with the foolish ones?" My twelve-year-old niece posed questions about this Gospel passage as we relaxed on the beach. "Why couldn't two people hold one lamp at the same time?" Her compassion for the group of foolish virgins pointed to a discomfort with this parable I also had leading to an earnest question: Why not share light?



"Cuál es la razón que las jóvenes previsoras no les compartieron la luz con las descuidadas?" Mi sobrina que tenía doce años me hacía algunas preguntas acerca este evangelio mientras descansamos en la playa. "Por que dos personas no podían sostener una sola lampara al mismo tiempo?" Su compasión por el grupo de jóvenes descuidadas señala hacia algo incomodo de esta

parábola. Me hace preguntar de manera sincera: ¿Por qué no compartir la luz?

I was moved by her insights and heartened by the young girl as she schemed ways to sneak the foolish virgins into the wedding feast. We laughed and prayed together. It was much later, however, in reflecting on my affection for my niece, that the key to Christ's message seemed clearer. To me, this parable is not about who gets into the feast and who doesn't. It is, instead, about how God created each and every person to shine. Upon his arrival at the wedding feast, the bridegroom (who I interpret as Christ) desires to see many individual flames shining from personal lamps held by singular women. The wise women spent their day preparing light and readying themselves for a celebration. Their preparation was not selfish and individualistic; they were not hoarding oil for some future day. Each wise virgin prepared herself to rejoice, to shine personally, and through that task of preparation, to shine as a community of persons.

Me movieron los pensamientos de mi sobrina y sentía mucho cariño por ella porque buscaba maneras creativas de acomodar a las jóvenes descuidadas en la fiesta de manera clandestina. Ella y yo nos reímos juntos y oramos. Fue mas luego, sin embargo, que el cariño que sentía por mi sobrina en esos instantes me aclaró el mensaje de Cristo. Para mi, esa parábola en el fondo no quiere enfocarse en las que pueden entrar la fiesta y las que no pueden. Se trata, mas bien, de como Dios creó a cada persona para que brillen. Al llegar al banquete de bodas, el esposo (quien interpreto como Cristo) desea ver muchas llamas individuales brillando en lámparas personales sostenidos por mujeres singulares. Las mujeres sabidas pasaron su día preparándose la luz y alistándose para la celebración. Su preparación no fue algo egoísta ni individualista; ellas no guardaban su aceite para algún día en el futuro. Cada joven previsor se preparó para la oportunidad de alegrarse, para brillarse, y por el hecho de prepararse para brillarse como una comunidad de personas.

On the beach that day, my niece shined as she questioned, prodded the Gospel, joked, and prayed. She was wise in the way that humans exist when they are fully alive. What are the relationships or practices in our lives through which we share light? How might we prepare today to shine?

(This reflection was originally published on the website faith.nd.edu)

Tom Eggleston, Pastoral Associate

En la playa ese día, mi sobrina se brilló mientras que hacía preguntas, pensó aún más al profundo del evangelio, reyó, y rezó. Ella era sabia en la manera en que seres humanos existía cuando fueran vivos completamente. ¿Cuáles son las relaciones o prácticas en nuestras vidas a través de las cuales podamos compartir luz? ¿Como puedes prepararte en el día de hoy para brillar?

Tom Eggleston, Pastoral Associate

From the Desk of Fr. Richard...



- Training day for Extraordinary Ministers is this Sunday, at 12:30 p.m.
- Upcoming Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers will be Saturday, December 16 at 1:00 p.m. Location TBD.
- Distribution of the Blood of Christ begins the first weekend of the new liturgical year, December 2/3.
- Anointing of the Sick will happen on November 19 following the 11:00 Mass, with a luncheon to follow.
Please sign up at the table in the Connector if you plan to attend.

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.

Notes from Sister Karen, Parish Pastoral Associate for Hispanic Ministry

- November 25 there will be Confessions 1 hour before the 7:00 p.m. Mass (in Spanish).
- Those who wish to help with the novenas of Our Lady of Guadalupe can sign up with Sister Karen (269-203-6639).

- 25 de noviembre habrán confesiones 1 hora antes de la eucaristía de 7:00 p.m. (en Español).
- Los que deseen ayudar para los convivios de las novenas de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, pueden anotarse con hermana Karen, 269-203-6639.



Scripture Readings for the Week of November 12

Sunday	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13
Monday	Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday	Wis 2:23-3:39; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday	Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday	Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday	Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	Dedication of the Churches of Peter and Paul; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8 <i>Proper readings for Peter & Paul:</i> Acts 28: 11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 14:22-23

Lector Workbooks Have Arrived

Please stop by the parish office at your earliest convenience to pick up your lector workbook for the upcoming new liturgical year.

Fleece Throws For Teens

Consider donating a fleece blanket/throw for teens in need. We Care I.N.C. has asked our parish to gather age-appropriate motif fleece throws. The standard size is 50"x60". Look for the tote near the entrance door in the South Lobby area to drop off your contribution. We are hoping for 100 blankets. Thank you.

Luminaries in South Haven

Consider taking the opportunity to honor someone special with the purchase of a personalized luminary. These luminaries will line the streets of South Haven on Friday, November 24, from City Hall toward the beach. Sponsored by Corewell Health Hospice and Palliative Care (formerly Caring Circle), the form and payment information may be found at caring-circle.org/luminaries. Call 269-637-3825 for more info, or stop by 05055 Blue Star Highway.

WSG Christmas Gathering

Wednesday, December 6 6:00 p.m. Lower Level

All women of the parish are invited to attend this year's Christmas gathering. Tickets are \$20.

Religious Education

First Communion

Classes are starting for First Reconciliation and First Communion preparation. Contact Tom Eggleston if you have any questions or want to register a child, 269-637-2404, extension 1114.

1st Year Confirmation

Saturday, November 18 6:00 p.m.

2nd Year Confirmation

Sunday, November 12 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, November 19 12:15 p.m.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 11

5:00 p.m. † Harrison Brigham

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

Sunday, November 12

9:00 a.m. † Richard Fleming

11:00 a.m. † Clarence and Margaret Schultz

Monday, November 13 No Mass

Tuesday, November 14

9:00 a.m. † James Hess

Wednesday, November 15

9:00 a.m. † John Stewart

Thursday, November 16

9:00 a.m. † Mike Byford, 21st anniversary

Friday, November 17

9:00 a.m. † Cathy Magierski, 1st anniversary

Saturday, November 18

5:00 p.m. † Dennis Sheehy

Robert and Mary Schumacher,
40th wedding anniversary

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

Sunday, November 19

9:00 a.m. † Steve Howe

11:00 a.m. † Lorraine Hartmann



Dear Fr. Richard and St. Basil parishioners,
On behalf of the women and families we serve, thank you for the generous supply of donated items for our Caring Closet.

Our need to help is always great and your parish community always finds a way to go above and beyond to support our mission of life! We're so grateful. Thank you for making a difference in the lives that we share.

God bless,

Jeannie Boehm, Catholic Charities of Kalamazoo

St. Basil Catholic School

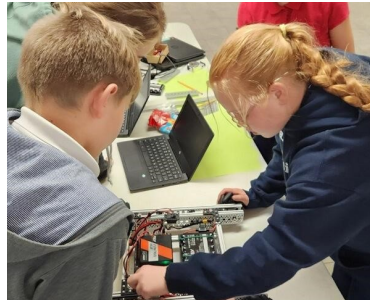
Halloween in the snow? Yes folks, it was a veritable blizzard during our Trunk or Treat, but that didn't stop the kids (or parents!) from having fun. Afterwards we came in and enjoyed classroom parties while warming up and drying off.



Now that we're into November, we're investigating vocations for Vocations Week, and prepping for "Discover Catholic Schools" week, Thanksgiving, and Giving Tuesday. The march is on as we head into the holidays and the end of 2023!

Now for a quick portable classroom update. I'm sure many of you have been wondering where that thing is! Well, it's on the east side of the state, awaiting a variance approval due to the state fire marshal requirement for the placement of the two doors. Once that is done, then we can move on this, and I am one anxious teacher/principal looking forward to getting it up and running. We have a storage room full of items just waiting to get used!

Our Lego and Robotics teams are fastidiously working on their robots as they prep for competition. The three Lego teams will compete against others on Saturday, November 18. The Robotics team heads to Coloma on December 2 to compete against other schools in the state. Details will be shared on our Lego/Robotics Facebook page-check it out for the latest! Thank you for your support and have a great week!



Wreath and Garland Sale

Please support our school Booster Club and decorate your home for the holidays with a wreath or garland. Order forms will be in the Connector, or visit the ordering website 2023Wreath.GiveSmart.com by Friday, November 17 at 5 p.m.

- * 24" wreath, undecorated -\$25
- * 24" wreath, decorated with bow and pine cones—\$30
- * 25' garland, \$30

Items will be available for pick up beginning Tuesday, November 28.

Women's Service Guild Meet 'n Greet

Wednesday, November 15 12:00 Noon

Senior Services of Van Buren County

All women of the parish are welcome!

Ongoing Events

- ♦ *That Man Is You* Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.
Upper Level Meeting Room jlohrstorfer@yahoo.com
- ♦ *Women's Bible Study, Walking With Purpose*
Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Upper Level Meeting Room
Bobbie Otto at 269-313-1761 or rotto281015@gmail.com.

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.

Winter Wear Collection

For the less fortunate in our area, we ask that you contribute gently used coats, hats, mittens/gloves. These items will be taken to St. Vincent de Paul in Bangor. Look for the container in the South Lobby. Thank you for your generosity!

Personal Care Pantry/Baby Care

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

Bloomers, Boxers, and Sox

Containers are in the South Lobby

Blessings in a Backpack

Next date to help pack is Wednesday, November 29. Arrive at NorthShore Elementary School at 10:30 a.m. If you are able to volunteer for just one hour you will make a big difference for children in need of food over the weekend.

Cold Winters Need Warm Hearts!

This winter is sure to be a time of increased suffering for many people in Southwestern Michigan. The Home Heating Assistance Program provides emergency heating assistance, to anyone in the nine counties of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Please consider making a donation directly anytime at www.ccdok.org/donate or in the special green envelope / envelope in the annual envelope donation packet / second collection the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 18 & 19. Thank you for making a difference to those in need in our community!

Movie Night

This Sunday, November 12 5:00 p.m.

Upper Level Meeting Room

Come join your fellow parishioners in a viewing of "The Scarlet and The Black." Popcorn will be provided, or bring your own snack.



Women's Service Guild

Cookie Tray Sale

December 16-17

Please watch the bulletin for more details coming soon!



Our Stewardship

November 5

Envelope Offering (80)	\$ 6,832.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 3,475.00
Loose Offering	\$ 2,085.00
Total Collection	\$ 12,392.00
Weekly Budget Amount	\$13,750.00
Over/Under	(\$ 1,358.00)

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.

*My soul is thirsting for You,
O Lord, my God.*

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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.

Mass Schedule

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

Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, & Friday 9:00 a.m.
No Mass on Monday

- 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.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30—4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridayafter morning Mass,
with Benediction at 2:30

Parish Staff

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269-692-5142

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Ministry Sister Karen Zea Patiño
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Collaborative Rick Hardy

Low-Gluten Hosts

We offer low-gluten hosts at ALL Masses, both weekend and daily. They are available at the front of church (and also in the back on weekends). Simply ask the Eucharistic minister.

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.