

# Advent





## Mission El Sitio 2023

In my last article I shared with you my reflection on the events our delegation participated in with the community in El Sitio as they remembered the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the massacre at Capapayo where many relatives and friends were victims of this terrible event.

I want to thank the many generous parishioners of Saint Catherine in Portage, Saint Basil in South Haven, Our Lady of the Lake in Edwardsburg, and Saint Ann in Cassopolis. Your prayers, your donations of supplies, and financial generosity allowed our delegation to continue to carry out our 23 year mission to support health care and education.

Among our many activities we were able to do the following:

- ♥ Some of our delegates spent three mornings visiting each home in the village. They delivered small boxes of first aid supplies. A census was taken of each family, especially making sure there were no serious health needs and making sure all the young elementary students were going to school.
- ♥ A couple of mornings we offered fluoride treatments for the children and teens, offered vision testing, and given glasses for reading.
- ♥ Many of the elderly were able to receive a professional massage from one of our delegates.
- ♥ Each day the children were entertained with arts and craft projects: tie-dyeing t-shirts to keep, drawing and doing puzzles, writing letters to students at St. Basil Elementary School, making bracelets with beads and yarn, and playing soccer. They spent an entire afternoon on the soccer field doing team games and challenges that ended in a huge water balloon fight.
- ♥ The delegation had meetings with the teachers of the school, the community leadership committee, the health care committee, and the leadership of a new program for the community hosted at the library.
- ♥ We again hosted and paid for a community dinner on the outdoor basketball court where we served 250 meals. The highlight was a small group of children who sang "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" in perfect English.

In the next bulletin I will give a financial report, and share my reflections on the amazing delegates who represented our parishes in such a wonderful way.

Fr. Bob Flickinger



## Misión a El Sitio 2023

En mi último artículo compartí con ustedes mi reflexión sobre los eventos en los que participó nuestra delegación con la comunidad de El Sitio al recordar el 40 aniversario de la masacre de Capapayo donde muchos familiares y amigos fueron víctimas de este terrible suceso.

Quiero agradecer a los generosos feligreses de Santa Catalina en Portage, San Basilio en South Haven, Nuestra Señora del Lago en Edwardsburg y Santa Ana en Cassopolis. Sus oraciones, sus donaciones de suministros y su generosidad financiera permitieron a nuestra delegación continuar llevando a cabo nuestra misión de 23 años de apoyar la atención médica y la educación.

Entre nuestras muchas actividades pudimos realizar las siguientes:

- ♥ Algunos de nuestros delegados pasaron tres mañanas visitando cada hogar del pueblo. Entregaron pequeñas cajas con suministros de primeros auxilios. Se hizo un censo de cada familia, especialmente para asegurarse de que no hubiera necesidades de salud graves y de que todos los jóvenes estudiantes de primaria asistieran a la escuela.
- ♥ Un par de mañanas ofrecimos tratamientos con flúor para niños y adolescentes, ofrecimos pruebas de la vista y ofrecimos anteojos para leer.
- ♥ Muchos de los ancianos pudieron recibir un masaje profesional por parte de uno de nuestros delegados.
- ♥ Cada día, los niños se entretuvieron con proyectos de arte y manualidades: teñir camisetas para guardarlas, dibujar y resolver rompecabezas, escribir cartas a los estudiantes de la escuela primaria St. Basil, hacer pulseras con cuentas e hilo y jugar fútbol. Pasaron una tarde entera en la cancha de fútbol haciendo juegos de equipo y desafíos que terminaron en una enorme pelea de globos de agua.
- ♥ La delegación se reunió con los maestros de la escuela, el comité de liderazgo comunitario, el comité de atención médica y el liderazgo de un nuevo programa para la comunidad alojado en la biblioteca.
- ♥ Nuevamente organizamos y pagamos una cena comunitaria en la cancha de baloncesto al aire libre donde servimos 250 comidas. Lo más destacado fue un pequeño grupo de niños que cantaron "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" en perfecto inglés.

En el próximo boletín daré un informe financiero y compartiré mis reflexiones sobre los increíbles delegados que representaron a nuestras parroquias de una manera tan maravillosa.

Padre Bob

## Notes from Sister Karen, Parish Pastoral Associate for Hispanic Ministry

We will begin the posadas for the preparation of Christmas on December 16 at 6:30 p.m. Families who want to support us in these activities can contact Sister Karen: 269-203-6639.

Las posadas para la preparación de la navidad las iniciaremos el día 16 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm. Las familias que quieran apoyarnos en estas actividades, puede contactarse con la hermana Karen, 269-203-6639



## Scripture Readings for the Week of December 10

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
<b>Monday</b>	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</b> Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
<b>Friday</b>	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

## From the Desk of Fr. Richard...

The opportunity to receive the Precious Blood began last weekend. To review your options:

- 1) Take the cup from the Extraordinary Minister, sip, and hand it back; the EM will wipe and turn the cup.
- 2) Take the cup without sipping, say a brief prayer, and hand it back.
- 3) Stop at the cup and make a brief bow in acknowledgement and reverence

At no time do we dip the Body of Christ into the cup.

Children may receive the Blood of Christ **with the parent**.



## Please pray for...

Bennett Mills,  
son of Susan Till and Dave Mills,  
brother of Parker Mills,  
grandson of Bernice Mills;  
and for  
Virginia Patnaude  
wife of Kevin Patnaude, mother of Amy and April



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.

## Religious Education

### 1st Year Confirmation

Sunday, December 17 10:00 a.m.

### 2nd Year Confirmation

Sunday, December 17 12:15 p.m.



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 9

5:00 p.m. † Stephen Howe, 1st anniversary

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

### Sunday, December 10

9:00 a.m. † Sharon Forbes

11:00 a.m. † William Murphy

### Monday, December 11

**6:00 p.m. Diocesan Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

### Tuesday, December 12

9:00 a.m. † Patrick Shanahan and Charles O'Toole

### Wednesday, December 13

9:00 a.m. † Chuck Hutson

### Thursday, December 14

9:00 a.m. † Caroline and Max Boury

### Friday, December 15

9:00 a.m. † Helen Salasky

### Saturday, December 16

5:00 p.m. † Deceased members of the Haug family

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

### Sunday, December 17

9:00 a.m. † Kay Mielke, 1st anniversary

11:00 a.m. † Joanne McCarthy, 1st anniversary

## Flower/Decoration Fund

If you would like to help offset the cost of flowers and altar decorations for Christmas, please use the white envelopes in the pews, and mark the box "flower fund." There is a line on the envelope to make a contribution in memory of someone; donations received by **December 17** will have that person's name listed in the "in memory of" section of the December 31 Feast of the Holy Family bulletin. Please write legibly. Your contribution will greatly boost our flower/decoration budget.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Diocesan Bilingual Mass

Monday, December 11 6:00 p.m. at St. Basil Church

Most Reverend Edward M. Lohse,

Bishop of Kalamazoo presiding

### Advent Penance Service

Sunday, December 17 5:00 p.m. St. Basil Church

Monday, December 18 6:30 p.m. St. Peter Church, Douglas

## St. Basil Catholic School

While our robotics team didn't win their competition, they had a great time and sure learned a lot! We are already planning and plotting for next year, generating ideas, practicing code and programming, and learning how to use a CAD program with our new 3D printer to make new parts. Due to all the interest, we'll likely run two teams next season. Look out world, the Ursa Major teams are coming for you!

Many thanks to all our sponsors and to our parents for keeping everyone well fed at the competition. Our next project-Sled Racers and Ice Carving for Ice Breaker Festival!



## Little Towns of Bethlehem

### Many Cultures, One Christmas

St. Peter Parish in Douglas has an exhibit of Nativity sets from around the world. Open to all the following dates:

Sat. Dec. 9th and 17th 12:00—5:00 p.m., 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Sunday Dec. 10 12:00—5:00 p.m.

Weekdays Dec. 11-15, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Visit the website for more info: <https://www.stpeter-douglas.org/>

## Parish Closings Due to Weather

The church will be closed if South Haven Schools are **closed** due to hazardous road conditions. In the event of a school delay, we delay opening the church as well. And, if schools are closed, our parish office will also be closed.

**If the church is closed, the Mass intention for that day will be moved to the nearest date available unless you contact the office.**

## Church Closed Wednesday, December 27

The church floor is being cleaned that day. There will be no Mass and the office will be closed.



### Pancake Breakfast

*Prepared and served by St. Basil Knights of Columbus*

**Next Sunday, December 17 here at St. Basil!**

**Serving 9a.m. to 12noon**

## Are You Ready?

This year the 4th Sunday in Advent lands on December 24, which is also Christmas Eve. You will need to attend a Mass to fulfill your Sunday obligation **AND** one to fulfill the Christmas Holy Day obligation. Our 4th Sunday of Advent Masses remain on the regular weekend schedule. For your Christmas Mass planning, here is our Mass schedule

Sunday, December 24	5:00 p.m.
	8:00 p.m. en Espanol
	10:00 p.m.
Monday, December 25	10:00 a.m.

## 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

Please place your gently worn coats, hats, mittens/gloves in 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. Collection; ends December 31.

### Blessings in a Backpack

Next date to help pack is February 22.

## Giving Tree Deadline Dec. 11

It's not too late to support the "Teen Tidings" program with a gift card for young people age 13-18. Simply drop the gift cards in the box in the office during our regular hours, or place in the collection basket on the weekend. You may also support the program by purchasing/donating a 50"x60" fleece blankets which the teens love. In order to make sure gifts get processed and delivered, we must have everything **by December 11**. Thank you!

## Movie Night

**This Sunday, December 10 5:00 p.m.**  
**Upper Level Meeting Room**

Come join your fellow parishioners in a viewing of *The Chosen Christmas Special*.



*Women's Service Guild*

### Cookie Tray Sale

**December 16-17**

Bakers, rev up your mixers, crank up the ovens, and let the baking begin! The Cookie Tray Sale is coming soon! Drop off 4-6 dozen of your homemade delights in the church basement on Friday, December 15 between 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

If you would like to help put the trays together, plan to meet in the church basement on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Cookie trays may be pre-ordered. A beautiful tray of cookies sells for \$20 and will save you time during the holiday season! Place your order by calling GERALYN Monacelli, 637-6714, or DIANE SKUZA, 637-7098.



## Our Stewardship

### December 3

Envelope Offering (68)	\$ 7,805.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 3,480.00
Loose Offering	\$ 1,082.70
Total Collection	\$ 12,367.70
Weekly Budget Amount	\$13,750.00
Over/Under	(\$ 1,382.30)

## 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.

*Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation*

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## St. Basil Catholic Church Directory

513 Monroe Blvd. South Haven, MI 49090

Parish Office.....269-637-2404  
Fax .....269-637-8374  
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.

### 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

Friday .....after morning Mass,  
with Benediction at 2:30

## Parish Staff

Pastor ..... Fr. Evelio Ramirez  
Senior Parochial Vicar ..Fr. Richard Altine  
269-692-5142

Deacon ..... Deacon John Lohrstorfer  
Deacon ..... Deacon Bill VanDril  
Pastoral Associate ..... Tom Eggleston  
Office Manager ..... Andrea Aleman  
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Bulletin Editor ..... Cecilia Wondergem  
Facilities Manager ..... Charlie Hamlin  
School Principal ..... Camille DeLano  
Coordinator of RCIA ... Geralyn Monacelli  
Parish Pastoral Associate for Hispanic  
Ministry ..... Sister Karen Zea Patiño  
Pastoral Associate for the  
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.