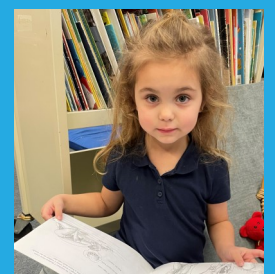
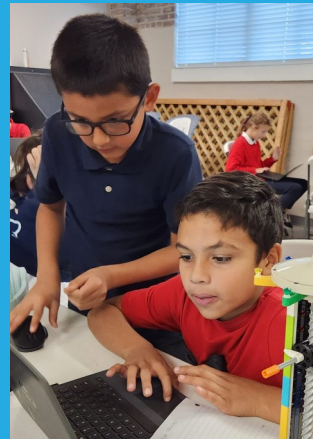
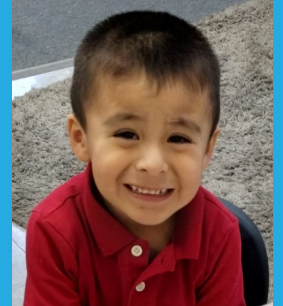
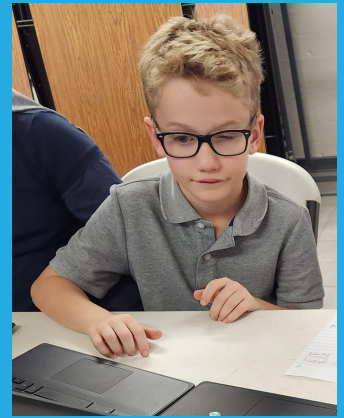


# St. Basil Catholic School Celebrates Catholic Schools Week







**Catholic Schools**  
United in Faith and Community

This week begins Catholic Schools Week all across the nation. The celebration started 50 years ago this week!

What was the purpose behind Catholic schools? As more and more Catholic immigrants began to arrive

in the 19th century, public schools had a religious component. In addition to prayer, the King James Bible was frequently used to teach Scripture in the schools. Protestants were suspicious of Catholics and hoped that they could help indoctrinate them by way of the school system. Catholics became concerned that the Catholic faith could be lost as Catholics began to integrate into American society. There were also strong anti-Catholic feelings, especially for anyone that might get involved in politics.

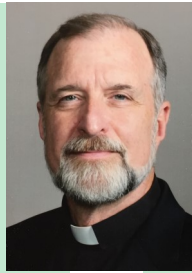
To counteract the Protestant influence in schools and anti-Catholicism, the Catholic Church decided they needed to form their own schools in order to promote, encourage, and foster the Catholic faith. Until a Catholic school was available in our parish in Hillsdale, I attended kindergarten and first grade in public school, where we began the day with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. And, on Friday afternoons, we had a minister come in that would give a Bible talk using a felt board. This was fairly common until the Supreme Court banned prayer in public schools.

Catholic schools continued to flourish, and eventually enrollment reached a high of 4.5 million elementary students in the mid-1960s. The schools were supported in large part by religious orders which involved nominal cost. In addition to the teaching of the Catholic faith, almost all vocations to the priesthood and religious life were a result of Catholic school education.

All of that has changed in the last 60 years. The decline of religious sisters and the rising cost of tuition and the impact on parish finances has greatly affected the ability to operate a school. We are fortunate that we have a Catholic school here at St. Basil and pray that the knowledge and practice of our Catholic faith will continue.

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

*Deacon John Lohrstorfer*



Esta semana comienza la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas en todo el país. ¡La celebración comenzó hace 50 años esta semana!

¿Cuál fue el propósito de las escuelas católicas? Cuando comenzaron a llegar más y más inmigrantes

católicos en el siglo XIX, las escuelas públicas tenían un componente religioso. Además de la oración, la Biblia King James se usaba con frecuencia para enseñar las Escrituras en las escuelas. Los protestantes desconfiaban de los católicos y esperaban poder ayudar a adoctrinarlos a través del sistema escolar. Los católicos comenzaron a preocuparse de que la fe católica pudiera perderse a medida que los católicos comenzaron a integrarse a la sociedad estadounidense. También había fuertes sentimientos anticatólicos, especialmente hacia cualquiera que pudiera involucrarse en política.

Para contrarrestar la influencia protestante en las escuelas y contrarrestar el sentimiento anticatólico, la Iglesia Católica decidió que necesitaba formar sus propias escuelas para promover, alentar y fomentar la fe católica. Hasta que hubo una escuela católica disponible en nuestra parroquia en Hillsdale, asistí al jardín de infantes y al primer grado en una escuela pública, donde comenzamos el día con el juramento a la bandera y la oración. Y los viernes por la tarde venía un ministro que daba un discurso bíblico usando una tabla de fieltro. Esto era bastante común hasta que la Corte Suprema prohibió la oración en las escuelas públicas.

Las escuelas católicas continuaron floreciendo y, finalmente, la matrícula alcanzó un a 4,5 millones de estudiantes de primaria a mediados de los años sesenta. Las escuelas fueron sostenidas en gran parte por órdenes religiosas, lo que implicó un costo nominal. Además de la enseñanza de la fe católica, casi todas las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa fueron resultado de la educación escolar católica.

Todo eso ha cambiado en los últimos 60 años. La disminución del número de hermanas religiosas y el aumento del costo de la matrícula y el impacto en las finanzas parroquiales han afectado en gran medida la capacidad de operar una escuela. Somos afortunados de tener una escuela católica aquí en San Basilio y oramos para que el conocimiento y la práctica de nuestra fe católica continúen.

¡Feliz Semana de las Escuelas Católicas!

*Deacon John Lohrstorfer*



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### From Fr. Richard...

Each Confirmation student is required to attend a retreat as part of their preparation to receive this special sacrament. We are looking to help offset the cost of the retreat for these young people. You may use the white envelopes in the pew, write "Confirmation" in the space provided, and place it in the collection basket. You may also stop by the parish office to contribute. Thank you for considering this opportunity to ensure each of our forty Confirmation students has the means to participate in the mandatory retreat.



### Online Giving Made Easy

This QR code takes you directly to the online giving page of our parish website. No checks to write, no envelopes to fill, just enter the appropriate information and your contribution goes directly to St. Basil Church.



## Scripture Readings for the Week of January 28

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28
<b>Monday</b>	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest</b> 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</b> Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Ansgar, Bishop, and Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr</b> 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

## Blessing of the Throats

After all Masses next weekend, Feb. 3-4, the faithful will have the opportunity to participate in the time-honored tradition of the Blessing of the Throats in celebration of the feast of St. Blaise.

## Special Collection

Next weekend our parish will take up a second collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension.

Envelopes are on the bulletin shelves for your convenience, and we will conduct the second collection after Communion next weekend.

To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

## Looking Ahead to Lent

Customarily, palms may be returned to the Church before Ash Wednesday, and they will be burned and used for ashes. Please plan to bring them in before February 14, the first day of Lent.

## End-of-Year Contribution Statements

These have not yet left our office but will be mailed on or before January 31.

## Religious Education

### 1st Year Confirmation

Sunday, February 4, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 18, 10:00 a.m.

### 2nd Year Confirmation

Sunday, February 4, 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, February 18, 12:15 p.m.



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, January 27

5:00 p.m. † Stephen Howe

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

### Sunday, January 28

9:00 a.m. † John McGuirk, 1st anniversary

11:00 a.m. † Bennett Mills

### Monday, January 29 No Mass

### Tuesday, January 30

9:00 a.m. † Richard and Marion Schiele

### Wednesday, January 31

9:00 a.m. † Denise Sullivan

### Thursday, February 1

9:00 a.m. † Madeline Shiflett, 1st anniversary

### Friday, February 2

9:00 a.m. † Edna Flickinger

### Saturday, February 3

5:00 p.m. † Hildegard Molter

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

### Sunday, February 4

9:00 a.m. † Felipe Figuracion

11:00 a.m. † Bennett Mills

## Church Doors

Please help us keep the church toasty warm this winter! We will be keeping the interior wooden doors CLOSED in order to maintain the heat in the church. We appreciate your cooperation.

## Listening Sessions Vision 2030

**February 8 and 15, 12:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Upper Level**

Be sure to take part! What are the best qualities of St. Basil? What are our challenges? How can we grow in our faith, our discipleship, and our service to others? What should our parish look like in 2030?

Please choose ONE of these sessions that works in your busy schedule, and plan to enjoy a lively process that ensures that your ideas will be heard, along with those of your fellow parishioners. Call the parish office to let us know which session you'll attend! 269-637-2404

## St. Basil Catholic School

Happy Catholic Schools Week, the Catholic school version of spirit week! Our students are looking forward to many fun activities, dress up days, and a week of less homework.

One of the things we're doing for CSW is collecting new and gently used (and clean) mittens and gloves for those in need. If you are like me, you have plenty stashed here and there, requiring the periodic clean out. Please drop them off by the parish office (a box is provided) and we'll collect them from there.

Come right down to the church basement after this weekend's 11:00 a.m. Mass for some hot soup! Our Booster Club is hosting a soup luncheon fundraiser as part of our CSW Kick-off weekend. Soup, bread, and dessert will be served from noon until 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child age 10 and under, maximum \$30 per family.



We are also hosting a McTeacher night from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30 at the South Haven McDonald's. We'll be selling cookies, too—cash only for the cookies. We'll also be on hand behind the scenes to help feed our friends and families. Come join us for an evening of fun—a delicious way to support our parish school.

So about that insert . . . YOU have been so instrumental in helping build Saint Basil School into what it is today, and I can't thank you enough for that. As we look to the future, we are working to continue providing a Saint Basil education to anyone wanting one. Please take a moment to read about our successes, and a new program we're calling Sponsor a Student (on the back of the letter). Thank you again for everything you all do for us!

Please stay safe and warm, and have a wonderful weekend!

*Camille DeLano, Principal*

## Save the Dates!

February 21	Culver's Give Back Night	5-8 p.m.
March 9	Trivia Night	Church basement 6:30 p.m.
	Teams of ten players compete...more details will be coming soon!	

Our Booster Club is very active in planning events and opportunities for you to support our school!

## 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.**

**Parish closings will be posted on both WWMT Channel 3 and WOODTV-8.**

## 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.

### **Personal Care Pantry/Baby Care**

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

### **Blessings in a Backpack**

We will pack on Thursdays: February 22, March 27, April 25, and May 23. Please arrive at North Shore Elementary School at 10:30. If you can volunteer for about an hour, you can make a big difference for children in need of food over the weekend. Please note that when SHPS are closed, we do not pack. You are welcome to be part of the packing crew for any and all dates.

## School Security/Church Doors

Due to school security regulations, the front doors (Monroe Blvd.) and north doors (Superior St.) of our church will remain locked on school days. You may still enter the church by using the west doors near the office and the South Lobby doors on Van Buren Street.



## Movie Night

**This Sunday, January 28 5:00 p.m.**  
**Upper Level Meeting Room**  
**"His Only Son"**

After being called on by the Lord, Abraham's faith is tested on his three day journey to sacrifice his son. All are welcome! Bring a snack and enjoy the show!



## That Man Is You (TMIY)

**Saturday mornings, 7:30-8:45**

Contact Deacon John for more information: jlohrstorfer@yahoo.com.

We do not go to Holy Communion because we are good;  
we go to become good.

*St. John Bosco, Feast day January 31*

## Women's Service Guild

### Meet 'n Greet

**Wednesday, January 31 12:00 Noon**  
**Van Buren County Senior Services**

Come join the ladies of the parish and enjoy lunch and fellowship. Please pay for your meal upon your arrival, and then wait in the lobby space until all have arrived.



## Our Stewardship

### January 14

Envelope Offering (34)	\$ 1,850.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 2,868.50
Loose Offering	\$ 468.00
Total Collection	\$ 5,186.50
Weekly Budget Amount	\$13,750.00
Over/Under	(\$ 8,563.50)

### January 21

Envelope Offering (71)	\$ 7,995.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 750.00
Loose Offering	\$ 1,058.13
Total Collection	\$ 9,803.13
Weekly Budget Amount	\$13,750.00
Over/Under	(\$ 3,946.87)

*If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.*

This week's bulletin sponsor

**Moore Family Pharmacy**

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## St. Basil Catholic Church Directory

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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  
269-857-7951

Senior Parochial Vicar ..Fr. Richard Altine  
269-692-5142

Deacon ..... Deacon John Lohrstorfer

Deacon ..... Deacon Bill VanDril

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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.

Mon., Tues. Thurs., Fri. 8:30 a.m.

**San Felipe, Fennville, MI**

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 12:30 p.m.