



*Peace  
I  
leave  
with  
you*

## “Is the blood of Christ cherry juice or real blood?”

Love, Israel, age 6

Dear Israel,

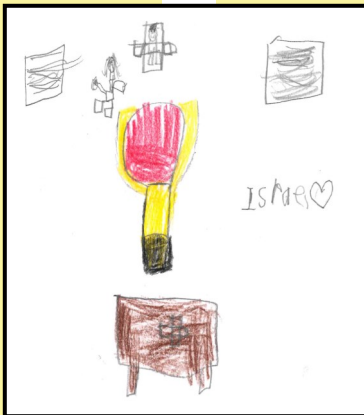
What a great question. Next year, you will be in classes to get you ready for your First Holy Communion, and you will get to ask even more questions like this. I'm happy that I get to answer your question because we have 25 kids from our parish making their First Communion this year, so this is an important question!

During the Mass, the liquid we drink goes through a transformation. At the beginning of Mass, it is wine made from grapes. The wine we buy comes from a local vineyard—so the grapes are grown nearby. There is nothing special about the wine—it is just like any other wine made from grapes. At Mass, we use wine because that is what Jesus used when eating with his disciples. You might even be able to imagine that—Jesus enjoying wine and bread with his friends.

During the Mass, the wine undergoes a change. Through God's power, it becomes the Blood of Christ. Next year at your First Communion, what you drink from the cup will taste like wine, smell like wine, look like wine. Everything about it seems like wine, but God has changed the wine into something new in order to share his Presence with us.

At your First Holy Communion, you will eat and drink God's real presence. It will be a new way of experiencing God's care for you. God loves you so much that he is always looking for ways to be present in your life. In Holy Communion, God gives you His real presence in such a special way that you can eat it, and God himself is inside you.

Sincerely,  
Tom Eggleston  
Pastoral Associate for St. Basil Parish



## “¿Es la sangre de Cristo jugo de cereza o sangre de verdad?”

Con cariño, Israel, 6 años

Querido Israel:

¡Qué buena pregunta! El año que viene, asistirás a clases de preparación para tu Primera Comunión y podrás hacer aún más preguntas como esta. Me alegra poder responder a tu pregunta, ya que este año 25 niños de nuestra parroquia hacen su Primera Comunión, ¡así que es una pregunta importante!

Durante la Misa, el líquido que cambia. Al principio de la Misa, es vino de uva. El vino que compramos proviene de una viña local, por lo que las uvas se cultivan cerca. No tiene nada de especial; es como cualquier otro vino de uva.

En la Misa, usamos vino porque era lo que usaba Jesús al comer con sus discípulos. Incluso podrías imaginarlo: Jesús disfrutando del vino y el pan con sus amigos.

Durante la Misa, el vino se transforma. Por el poder de Dios, se convierte en la Sangre de Cristo. El año que viene, en tu Primera Comunión, lo que bebas de la copa sabrá a vino, olerá a vino, se verá a vino. Todo en ella parece vino, pero Dios lo ha transformado en algo nuevo para compartir su Presencia con nosotros.

En tu Primera Comunión, comerás y beberás la presencia verdadera de Dios. Será una nueva forma de experimentar el cuidado de Dios por ti. Dios te ama tanto que siempre busca maneras de estar presente en tu vida. En la Santa Comunión, Dios te da su presencia real de una manera tan especial que puedes comerla, y Dios mismo está dentro de ti.

Atentamente,  
Tom Eggleston  
Asociado Pastoral de la Parroquia de San Basilio

## St. Basil Education Endowment Update

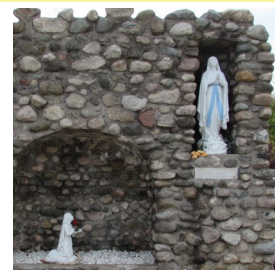
With the closing of our parish school many have asked about the Education Endowment. The following is a statement from Jim Marcoux, Vice president of the Education Endowment fund:

*“The St. Basil Education Endowment Fund has been in existence since 1982. Its purpose is to support the Catholic education of St. Basil children. With the school closing that purpose still exists, and while the primary responsibility of raising our children in the Catholic faith rests with our parish and parents, the Fund will continue to be available to assist where necessary. That could be to assist children in need to attend Catholic schools outside of our parish, including transportation, and Religious Education efforts within our own parish. The Education Endowment Fund will remain intact, grow, and continue to support our children's faith formation.”*

## Grotto Paver Bricks

### Final Opportunity for Summer Placement

Interested in the grotto paver bricks? 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.



Deadline to order for early June placement is **Tuesday, May 27**. You may mail in your form and payment or bring it to the parish office. Call Cecilia at the parish office for more information, 269-637-2404, ext. 1103.



**Scripture Readings for the Week of May 25, 2025**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest</b> Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</b> Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Zeph 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

**Our Stewardship**

	<u>April</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD 7/1-4/30</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Contributions	\$ 56,911	\$ 571,497	\$ 668,000
Other Income	5,882	98,733	81,325
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>62,793</b>	<b>670,230</b>	<b>749,325</b>
Expenses	88,171	668,617	748,855
Chg in Reserves	<u>\$ (25,378)</u>	<u>\$ 1,613</u>	<u>\$ 470</u>



**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.



**Church Replicas**

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

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, May 24**

5:00 p.m. † Em Neper  
7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

**Sunday, May 25**

8:00 a.m. † Clarence and Margaret Schultz and  
Bob Brusich  
9:30 a.m. † Richard Zelasko  
11:00 a.m. † Deceased members of the  
Plachta family

**Monday, May 26**

9:00 a.m. † Em Neper

**Tuesday, May 27**

9:00 a.m. † Ed and Emmy Haug

**Wednesday, May 28**

9:00 a.m. † Gras Soergel, first anniversary (May 29)

**Thursday, May 29 No Mass**

**Friday, May 30**

9:00 a.m. † Suella VanDyke

**Saturday, May 31**

5:00 p.m. † Deceased members of the  
Faustmann family  
7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

**Sunday, June 1**

8:00 a.m. † Fr John Young, ordination date 1957  
9:30 a.m. † Collette Frederick  
11:00 a.m. Intention of the Ambrose family



*Flowers on the Altar*

*In loving memory of the  
deceased members  
of the Plachta family*

**Flowers on the Altar**

There are many dates available to arrange for flowers on the altar. Please call the parish office to schedule a date, 637-2404, and then contact your favorite local florist to make the arrangements.

**Welcome, Visitors!**

All visitors are welcome, and we invite you to volunteer to participate at Mass by serving as an usher, an Extraordinary Minister, or altar server. Please see anyone who is wearing a nametag to offer your assistance. We would love to have your help!

## St. Basil Catholic School



May is a month where we honor Mary. This can take on many forms. At St. Basil this year, we especially recognized Our Lady of Fatima during May. Classes learned about how she came to visit in Portugal and asked the children to pray the rosary.



We held our school-wide May Crowning at our school Mass on May 13. The girls brought forth flowers to honor Mary, and then some of our 8th graders placed the crown of flowers on the statue. Because Mary is the Mother of God, we want to honor her and express our love for her. The students also tried to wear some white on that day to honor Mary's purity.

## 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.



## Calling All Graduates!

We invite you to come to the 9:30 a.m. Mass on June 1, in your caps and gowns, to be part of our liturgy. You will process in with our priest, and you may wish to bring up the gifts at Offertory. And, you will receive a special blessing at the end of Mass.

Please contact the parish office to let us know if you will be here on your special day! 269-637-2404



## Women's Service Guild Meet 'n Greet

Our next meeting will be at St. Basil this Thursday, May 29. We will gather at the grotto at noon to pray and leave flowers to honor our Blessed Mother. Please bring a small bouquet of flowers if your garden is in bloom; vases will be provided. Please bring a sack lunch to enjoy in the Upper Level Meeting Room.

## 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

### We Care In the Name of Christ

Hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday thru Thursday  
Closed Fridays 269-637-4342

## Movie Night

**Sunday, June 1 5:00 p.m.**  
**Upper Level Meeting Room**

We will continue watching House of David. Popcorn provided; all are welcome!



## Memorial Day Bake Sale



Come and enjoy some delicious home-baked goodies by our Women's Service Guild, in the South Lobby all weekend. We happily accept donations of any amount!

## From Spring to Summer

As you begin rearranging your closets, porches, decks, and garages for the start of summer, be sure to look and see if there's anything you'd care to donate to the Women's Service Guild Rummage Sale!

**Drop off dates:** July 19-22

**Sale dates:** July 30-August 1

Please save those important dates; more information will be coming later.

## Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 10

12:00—6:00 p.m.

Church basement



You may schedule your appointment online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), enter 49090 for the zip code, and look for St. Basil Church.

You may also call Red Cross Blood to make an appointment: 800-733-2767.

## 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.



*O God, O God,  
let all the nations praise You!*

This week's bulletin sponsor  
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## St. Basil Catholic Church Directory

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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 ..... 8:00, 9:30, 11:00

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

& Friday ..... 9:00 a.m.

No Mass on Thursday

### Confessions Saturday 4:00-4:30 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.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Friday.....after morning Mass,  
with Benediction at 12:00

## Parish Staff

Pastor.....Fr. Evelio Ramirez

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Deacon ..... Deacon Jeronimo Mendez

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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.