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The Seal of Confession

The seal of confession is a supremely sacred obligation of every priest, and to violate it is the single most dishonorable thing a priest could do. Such a violation results in the immediate excommunication of the offending priest. The worst priest you ever met would nevertheless go to great lengths and personal cost to keep the Seal intact. It's that serious. The Seal of Confession is not to protect criminals, it is to protect the Sacrament of Reconciliation itself.

The Seal is in the news from time to time, when civil authorities desperately want to use information from a confession in order to solve a crime. For example, what about a confession of sexual abuse of a child, or of anyone? What can the priest do to protect both the sacrament and the victim of abuse?

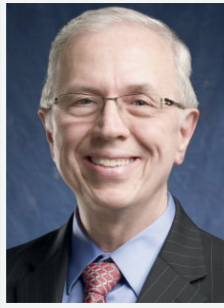
A priest can delay absolution when he is not certain that sincere contrition is present. The priest can, with proper prudence, encourage the penitent/offender, as a sign of true contrition, to surrender to civil authorities, and the penitent would receive absolution upon doing so. But in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest's role is to guide the penitent toward justice and reconciliation, and not to act as an agent of the state.

The sacrament of Reconciliation is sometimes seen by skeptics as a free pass for sinners, but it is not. To seek absolution without sorrow (contrition) is a misuse of the sacrament, and is itself sinful.

"Whose sins you shall forgive are forgiven them," says Jesus to the Apostles, "and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." (John 20:23) Jesus expects the Apostles, and their successors, the bishops of today and the priests they ordain, to make decisions in some cases. God's mercy is given freely — *to those who are truly repentant*.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a true sign of God's mercy and forgiveness; the Seal must not be violated, and we can trust the priest to put this sacred trust ahead of any other pressure he may encounter.

*Rick Hardy
Pastoral Associate for the Collaborative*



El Secreto de Confesión

El secreto de confesión es una obligación sagrada de todo sacerdote, y violarlo es la mayor deshonra que un sacerdote podría cometer. Dicha violación resulta en la excomunión inmediata del sacerdote infractor. Sin embargo, el peor sacerdote que haya conocido haría todo lo posible para mantener el secreto intacto. Es así de serio. El secreto de confesión no protege a los criminales, sino al Sacramento de la Reconciliación.

El secreto de confesión aparece en las noticias de vez en cuando, cuando las autoridades civiles buscan desesperadamente usar la información de una confesión para resolver un crimen. Por ejemplo, ¿qué ocurre con la confesión de abuso sexual de un menor o de cualquier persona? ¿Qué puede hacer el sacerdote para proteger tanto el sacramento como a la víctima del abuso?

Un sacerdote puede retrasar la absolución cuando no está seguro de que exista una contrición sincera. El sacerdote puede, con la debida prudencia, animar al penitente/ofensor, como muestra de verdadera contrición, a entregarse a las autoridades civiles, y el penitente recibiría la absolución al hacerlo. Pero en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, la función del sacerdote es guiar al penitente hacia la justicia y la reconciliación, y no actuar como agente del Estado.

El sacramento de la Reconciliación a veces es visto por los escépticos como un pase libre para los pecadores, pero no lo es. Buscar la absolución sin dolor (contrición) es un mal uso del sacramento y, en sí mismo, un pecado.

"A quienes perdonen los pecados, les quedarán perdonados", dice Jesús a los Apóstoles, "y a quienes se los retengan, les quedarán retenidos" (Juan 20:23). Jesús espera que los Apóstoles y sus sucesores, los obispos de hoy y los sacerdotes que ordenan, tomen decisiones en algunos casos. La misericordia de Dios se concede gratuitamente a quienes están verdaderamente arrepentidos.

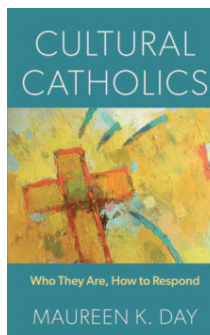
El Sacramento de la Reconciliación es un verdadero signo de la misericordia y el perdón de Dios; el Sigilo no debe violarse, y podemos confiar en que el sacerdote antepondrá esta sagrada confianza a cualquier otra presión que pueda encontrar.

*Rick Hardy
Asociado Pastoral para la Colaboración*

Volleyball Champions!



Congratulations to our St. Basil Youth Volleyball team on winning the championship title, surpassing nine other teams in a summer season diocesan-wide Catholic church league.



Book Group

Begins Wednesday, September 10
Continues on alternating Wednesdays
1:00 p.m. Upper Level Meeting Room

All are welcome to join the discussion of "Cultural Catholic" by Maureen Day.

For more information, contact Deacon John, jlhrstorfer@yahoo.com.



Scripture Readings for the Week of September 7, 2025

- Sunday** **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17;
Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33
- Monday** **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
- Tuesday** **Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest**
Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab;
Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11;
Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday** **Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**
1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7;
Lk 6:43-49

Please pray for

- Brenden Bayer
- Tony Brush
- Tommy & Andrea Connors family
- Laurie Davidson
- Jeff Edwards
- Nancy Egan
- Louise Llorens Ford
- John Gazi
- Lyle Harrison
- Ellie Hoban
- Bob Hughes
- Rick Juriga
- Jim Kummeth
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- Carol Vissett
- Darrin Wabanimkee
- Fabian Wabanimkee, Jr.
- Patt Welder
- Mark Williams



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together, we can help end
hunger in our community.
Double Match Day Sept. 13

Please consider helping our local St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Bangor by purchasing a Simply Give card when you are in the checkout lane at Meijer in

South Haven. Once purchased, the donation is converted to a Meijer Food-Only Gift Card and is then distributed to the Bangor Food Pantry. This is especially beneficial on the double match day September 13.

Religious Education News



Sign up now for Faith Formation and sacramental prep for the upcoming school year. **The deadline to register is this Sunday, September 7th.** We cannot accommodate late registrations this year.

Ahora se puede inscribir a sus hijos para clases de fe y la preparación para los sacramentos. **La fecha límite de inscripción es el domingo 7 de septiembre.** No se puede inscribir después de esa fecha.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 6

- 5:00 p.m. † Blanche Mosley
- 7:00 p.m. People of the parish

Sunday, September 7

- 9:00 a.m. † Julianne Lovejoy
- 11:00 a.m. † Nenita Figuracion

Monday, September 8

- 9:00 a.m. † Tom Flickinger

Tuesday, September 9

- 9:00 a.m. † Fr. Mike Danner, 4th anniversary

Wednesday, September 10

- 9:00 a.m. Intention of Patricia Haizman

Thursday, September 11 No Mass

Friday, September 12

- 9:00 a.m. † Gras Soergel

Saturday, September 13

- 5:00 p.m. † Shirley Jillson
- 7:00 p.m. People of the parish (Español)

Sunday, September 14

- 9:00 a.m. † Barb Peckstein
- 11:00 a.m. † Ann Dubas

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.



Movie Night

Sunday, September 14 5:00 p.m. Upper Level

The Chosen, Season 5, Episode 1
All are welcome!

Rummage Sale Update

As with any sale we have leftovers, and many ask what happens to them. This year we donated to the unsold items to the following charities:

St. Basil Church and Migrant Ministry
Senior Services Al Van Animal Shelter
Open Door Red Cross
Lift Up Network St. Vincent DePaul
Habitat for Humanity Restore Christ Child Society
several West Michigan women's shelters

We welcome any suggestions of additional places to donate.

Once again the Rummage Sale team wants to thank our parish and friends for whatever you did to help make our sale a success, from donating items, bringing food, praying, and anything else you did. We are eternally grateful to our dedicated volunteers; it takes everyone to have a very successful sale.

Pilgrimage to Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Wednesday, September 17

9:00 a.m. departure from St. Basil grotto

Join your fellow parishioners for a day pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Notre Dame, Indiana. This will be a mostly self-directed day of prayer that will fulfill all the requirements to obtain the Plenary Indulgence of the Jubilee. Plans are to carpool to Notre Dame (65 minute drive), tour the Basilica, with an opportunity for Reconciliation and Mass followed by a parish rosary. Lunch will be at a food court, or bring your own. Return when your group is finished. RSVP to Dick Allen at rjallensh@yahoo.com by Sunday, September 14, so we have a rough count. Please include if you are able to drive or will need to ride share.



Jubilee Year 2025

"To go on a pilgrimage is to feel called, compelled to journey together, asking the Lord for the grace to change past and present anger and mistrust into new opportunities for fellowship."

~ taken from "Faith Is A Journey: Meditations for Pilgrims and Wayfarers" by Pope Francis

Please join St. Basil in a pilgrimage this month. Ask a friend, your neighbor in the pews, a fellow Catholic. Carpool together.

Sept. 8 7:00 - Jubilee Mass at Sacred Heart of Mary, Silver Creek

Sept. 17 Pilgrimage to Notre Dame for Mass and rosary – leaving at 9:00 a.m. from St. Basil Church

Sept. 24 5:15 – A Jubilee Mass at Notre Dame, IN

Sept. 26 Diocesan Mass for Catholic Charities and Charitable Workers – St. Augustine

Please check the designated church for time before leaving.



Can You Help?

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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.

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Saturdays

7:30 a.m. Upper Level

All men of the parish are welcome! Contact Deacon John for more information: jlohrstorfer@yahoo.com



Grotto Paver Bricks

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. Bricks that are ordered now will be ready for installation in early October. 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.

Año Jubileo 2025

"Peregrinar es sentirse llamado, impulsado a caminar juntos, pidiendo al Señor la gracia de transformar la ira y la desconfianza del pasado y del presente en nuevas oportunidades de comunión." – tomado de "La Fe es un Viaje: Meditaciones para Peregrinos y Caminantes" del Papa Francisco.

Por favor, únense a San Basilio en una peregrinación este mes. Invítenle a un amigo, a su vecino de la iglesia, a un compañero católico. Compartan el auto.

Sept. 8 7:00 p.m. Misa Jubilar en el Sagrado Corazón de María, Silver Creek

Sept. 17 Peregrinación a Notre Dame para la Misa y el Rosario - salida a las 9:00 a.m. desde la Iglesia de San Basilio

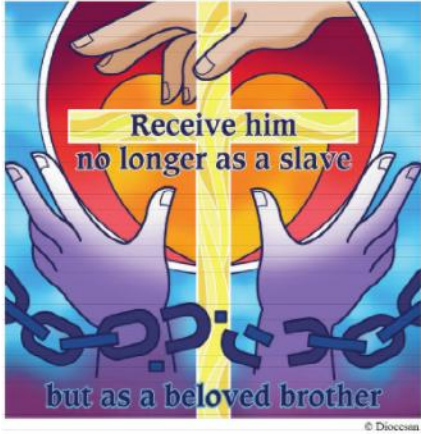
Sept. 24 5:15 p.m. - Misa Jubilar en Notre Dame, Indiana

Sept. 26 Misa Diocesana para Caridades Católicas y Trabajadores Caritativos - San Agustín

Por favor, consulten la hora en la iglesia designada antes de partir.

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.



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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 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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

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