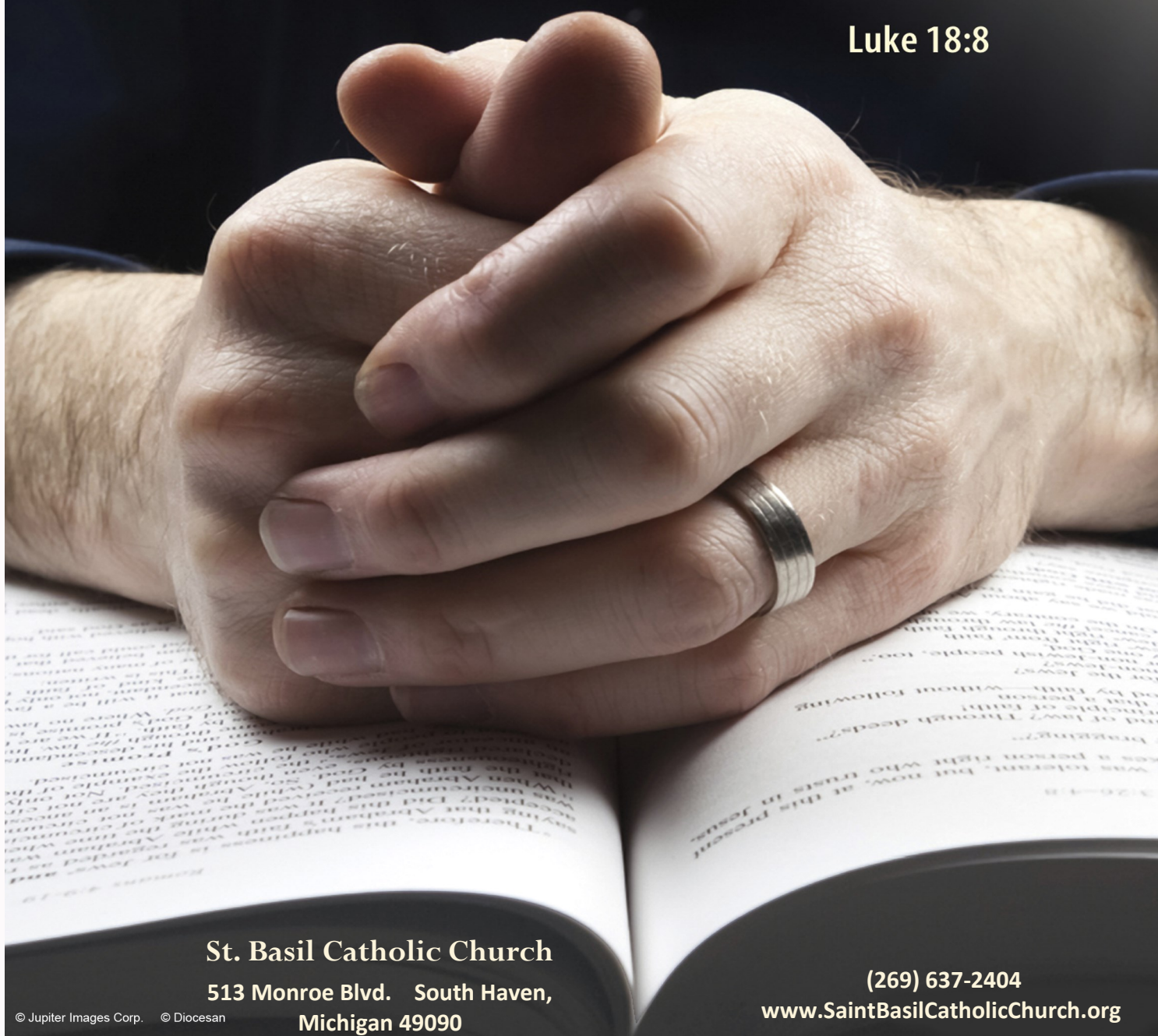


**“When
the Son
of Man
comes,
will he find faith on earth?”**

Luke 18:8



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Consistent Ethic of Life

Pope Leo XIV has stirred up some controversy in the past week by saying a couple of things that would not be a bit controversial if everyone had a clear understanding of the Church's doctrine of respect for the life and dignity of every human person.

The particular remark was this: Pope Leo said "Someone who says, 'I'm against abortion,' but says, 'I am in favor of the death penalty,' is not really pro life." What is the Church's teaching on the death penalty, and why has it changed in recent years?

In the first edition of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1992), the death penalty was permitted if it were the only possible way to defend human lives from an unjust aggressor (#2267, 1992 edition). It went on to say that such cases were "very rare, if not practically nonexistent." In our time, then, the Church has not been fully supportive of capital punishment.

In the current edition, the same numbered paragraph states, "the death penalty is inadmissible" because it is an "attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person." (#2267, 2018 edition)

Prior to this, the catechism defines the purpose of punishment, and this is important in putting the new version of 2267 in context. You can read the full text; the summary is this: punishment has three purposes: 1) Retribution (justice) to restore the moral order. 2) Protection of society (to prevent further harm). 3) Rehabilitation (to help the offender amend their life. A common term for this principle is "restorative justice.")

Capital punishment, then, may fulfill item 1, above, but is seen as unnecessary to fulfill item 2 above, since a hardened criminal can be contained by incarceration. And the death penalty negates item 3 entirely: there is no chance for rehabilitation or repentance when the offender's life has been taken.

The Church's shift from "capital punishment should almost never take place" to "it's inadmissible" is not soft on crime. But repentance, reform, and reconciliation are always the goal of the Catholic Christian. God's mercy is beyond our understanding, and we are called to make every effort to order our affairs towards consistency with the mercy shown to us by God.

Rick Hardy, Pastoral Associate for the Collaborative



Ética de Vida Consistente

El Papa León XIV generó controversia la semana pasada al decir un par de cosas que no serían tan controvertidas si todos comprendieran claramente la doctrina de la Iglesia sobre el respeto a la vida y la dignidad de toda persona humana.

El comentario en particular fue el siguiente: «Quien dice: 'Estoy en contra del aborto', pero dice: 'Estoy a favor de la pena de muerte', no es realmente pro vida». ¿Cuál es la enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre la pena de muerte y por qué ha cambiado en los últimos años?

En la primera edición del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (1992), la pena de muerte se permitía si era la única forma posible de defender vidas humanas de un agresor injusto (n.º 2267, edición de 1992). Añadía que tales casos eran "muy raros, si no prácticamente inexistentes." En nuestra época, pues, la Iglesia no ha apoyado plenamente la pena capital.

En la edición actual, el mismo párrafo numerado afirma que «la pena de muerte es inadmisibles» porque constituye un "atentado a la inviolabilidad y la dignidad de la persona" (n.º 2267, edición de 2018).

Previamente, el catecismo define el propósito del castigo, lo cual es importante para contextualizar la nueva versión del 2267. Puede leer el texto completo; el resumen es el siguiente: el castigo tiene tres propósitos: 1) Retribución (justicia) para restaurar el orden moral; 2) Protección de la sociedad (para prevenir daños mayores); 3) Rehabilitación (para ayudar al infractor a enmendar su vida. Un término común para este principio es "justicia restaurativa").

La pena capital, por lo tanto, puede cumplir el punto 1, pero se considera innecesaria para cumplir el punto 2, ya que un criminal empedernido puede ser contenido mediante el encarcelamiento. Y la pena de muerte invalida por completo el punto 3: no hay posibilidad de rehabilitación ni arrepentimiento cuando se le ha quitado la vida al infractor.

El cambio de la Iglesia de "la pena capital casi nunca debería aplicarse" a "es inadmisibles" no es indulgente con el delito. Pero el arrepentimiento, la reforma y la reconciliación son siempre el objetivo del cristiano católico. La misericordia de Dios está más allá de nuestro entendimiento, y estamos llamados a hacer todo lo posible para ordenar nuestros asuntos de manera que sean coherentes con la misericordia que Dios nos ha mostrado.

Rick Hardy

Asociado Pastoral para la Colaboración

Special Collection This Weekend

This weekend every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday. Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity.

We will take up the second collection after Communion.

Envelopes are on the bulletin shelves for your convenience.

Reception Into Full Communion

This weekend, Tami Kruger is being received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. Tami will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Congratulations, Tami!



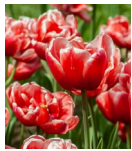


Scripture Readings for the Week of October 19, 2025

- Sunday** **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8
- Monday** Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday** Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53
- Friday** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94;
Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday** Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9



The flag flies over St. Basil Church during the month of October in memory of Patrick Shanahan



Flowers on the Altar
In loving memory of Edward Kusmider
by Jania Kusmider

Playpen Project in October

We appreciate your contributions so far for Caring Network’s Parish Playpen Project. We will continue the collection throughout October. The Diocese of Kalamazoo’s pro-life agency serves pregnant women of all ages, faiths, and marital status who need support in their life-affirming decisions!



The following items are in low supply in the Caring Closet:

- board books/coloring books, games for school-age children
- diapers sizes 4-7, Pull-Ups sizes 2T-6T
- boys pants sizes 24 months/2T; girls pants (3T), girls tops (5T)
- girls and boys pajamas (12-24 mos., 3T-5T)
- toddler socks and toddler cups
- children’s toothpaste/toothbrushes and body wash
- strollers, high chairs, pack ‘n plays, front carriers, wraps (not swaddles, but wraps for moms and/or dads to wear)
- Adult shampoo/conditioner/body wash

All donations are appreciated.

Please visit www.ccdok.org or call 381-1234 to learn more about how you can support Caring Network mothers and families in need!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 18

5:00 p.m. † Juan Hernandez, Jr.

7:00 p.m. People of the parish

Sunday, October 19

9:00 a.m. Intention of George Morgan

11:00 a.m. Intention of Mary Gazi

Monday, October 20

9:00 a.m. † Chris Neuman, O.F.M.

Tuesday, October 21

9:00 a.m. † Lois Sarno

Wednesday, October 22

9:00 a.m. † Em Neper

Thursday, October 23 No Mass

Friday, October 24

9:00 a.m. † Vicki Kahne, 10th anniversary Oct. 23

Saturday, October 25

5:00 p.m. † Shirley Jillson

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

Sunday, October 26

9:00 a.m. † Julianna Hlouschek

11:00 a.m. † Aaron Umbanhowar, 4th anniversary

Baptism Scheduling

Baptisms with Fr. Jacob officiating are held on the first Saturday of each month, and are scheduled through Andrea at the Parish Office, 269-637-2404.

Baptisms with Fr. Evelio officiating are held on the fourth Saturday of the month, and are scheduled through Sister Karen, 269-203-6639.



In Our Diocese

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.

Movie Night

This Sunday, October 19 5:00 p.m.
and subsequent Sundays
Upper Level

The Chosen, Season 5, Episode 6
Popcorn provided. All are welcome!



Book Group

Wednesday, October 22 1:00 p.m. Upper Level

We are reading "Cultural Catholics" by Maureen Day. You may still join the book group if you wish. For more information, contact Deacon John, at jlhrstorfer@yahoo.com.



That Man Is You "Worthy of the Call"

Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. Upper Level

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

Jubilee 2025

When we pray and give service to others, we prolong the provisions of God's great mercy. We carry on the great faith of our fathers and mothers, instilled in us at baptism and fortified by Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. No matter the adult life we are living—Matrimony, Holy Orders, single—we "bring forth the kingdom of mercy." Secured by Christ's cross and promised as Truth in Holy Scripture, God's message to us pilgrims is eternal love.



As the Jubilee Year of Hope comes to a close, our parish will have an opportunity to reflect on what it means in our lives to be Pilgrims of Hope. Join your fellow parishioners in a retreat led by Tom Eggleston on Saturday, November 22nd from 9:30am-3:30pm at St. Basil Parish. To sign up for the retreat, please contact Tom at teggleston@saintbasilcatholicchurch.org or (269) 637-2404 x1112

El Jubileo 2025

Cuando oramos y servimos a los demás, prolongamos la gran misericordia de Dios. Continuamos la gran fe de nuestros padres y madres, inculcada en nosotros en el bautismo y fortalecida por la Sagrada Eucaristía y la Reconciliación. Sin importar nuestra edad adulta —matrimonio, ordenación sagrada, soltería—, «damos a luz el reino de la misericordia». Asegurado por la cruz de Cristo y prometido como Verdad en las Sagradas Escrituras, el mensaje de Dios para nosotros, peregrinos, es amor eterno.

Al concluir el Año Jubilar de la Esperanza, nuestra parroquia tendrá la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre lo que significa ser Peregrinos de la Esperanza en nuestras vidas. Únase a sus feligreses en un retiro dirigido por Tom Eggleston el sábado 22 de noviembre de 9:30 a. m. a 3:30 p. m. en la parroquia de San Basilio. Para inscribirse, comuníquese con Tom en teggleston@saintbasilcatholicchurch.org o al (269) 637-2404 ext. 1112.

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

St. Vincent de Paul

Volunteers are needed to work in the thrift store at 245 W. Monroe St., Bangor.

Hours: Monday, Friday, Saturday,
10 a.m.—2 p.m. Call Kathleen Hutchins at
269-568-5122 if you can help!

Volunteers with strong arms and caring hearts are needed at the **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** in the back of Sacred Heart Church in Bangor on Thursdays, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

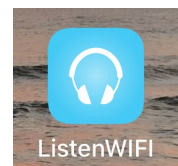
Call Mary Burnside 269-427-5108 or Janeen Barr at 269-674-3241 for more information.

WinterWear Collection

St. Vincent de Paul in Bangor is asking for donations of gently used winter outerwear for the less fortunate in our community. They are especially in need of men's winter coats. We will accept hats and gloves as well as coats. Please watch for the collection bin in the South Lobby area. We thank you for your generosity.

Hearing Assistance Available

Download the free app "Listen WiFi". From your phone's WiFi settings, select "St. Basil Listen", then tap the app icon and select "St. Basil". The church sound will come directly to your hearing aids. You can then adjust the volume on your phone.

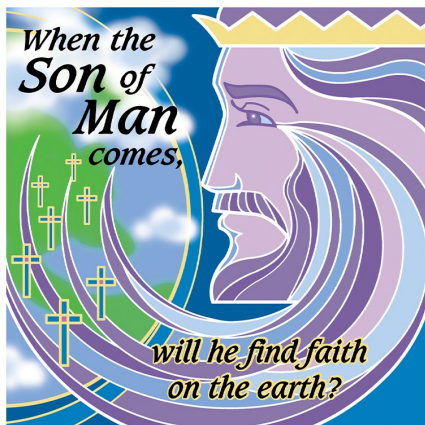


Olive Wood Sales

Come to the South Lobby and see the beautiful display of olive wood carvings from the Holy Land! Shibli Abu Farha is here and available after all the Masses. Items are available for purchase with either cash or credit card. During this time of war, this is a good way to support Christian families in the Holy Land--100% of proceeds go to the families there.

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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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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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.