# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

FR. GEORGE DARLING, PASTOR OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY—FRIDAY, 8:30AM –4:00PM LITURGICAL SCHEDULE 2275 Diamond Avenue NE Weekday Mass: Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: Wednesday: 10:30am Weekend Mass: Telephone: (616) 361-7339 Fax: (616) 361-1327 E-Mail: church@bsacrament.net Saturday: 4:30pm www.bsacrament.net Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00an **FINANCE COUNCIL** Charlie Goode, Chair. Jim Wila, Vice Chair. Tim Callery **Bob Dean** Jim Frey Beth Eliopoulos Barb Lawrence Terry Staskey PASTORAL COUNCIL Dan Armock, Chair Laura Ellis Mary Kahnoski Jeremy Reed Brian Schaab Kathy Schwartz Joe Townshend Scott Ware Donna Wrona SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays at 3:30 pm SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Parish registration of six months is required. Preparation session required Contact the parish office for details SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Contact the parish office a minimum of six Ath Sunday months prior to the preferred wedding date. Marriage preparation sessions are required PARISHIONER MEMBERSHIP New members are always welcome to our Parish. Parishioner status is maintained by registration in the parish, active participation in weekend liturgies and full participation in the parish stewardship program. All family members 18 years and older should be individually registered with the parish. dvent Parish membership and participation is required of those desiring the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Matrimony.

## Liturgies Tror The Week

Sat. Dec 23 VIGIL: 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4:30 pm Wendelin Schmich; Harry & Jeremy

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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sun, Dec 24

9:00 am Parish Family 11:00 am Bev Wylie

VIGIL: CHRISTMAS

Parish Family 4:30 pm 10:00 pm Parish Family Mon, Dec 25 **CHRISTMAS** 10:00 am Parish Family

Tues, Dec 26 ST. STEPHEN, THE 1ST MARTYR

\*\*No Mass\*\*

Wed, Dec 27 ST. JOHN, APOSTLE

\*\*No Mass\*\*

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS Thurs, Dec 28

\*\*No Mass\*\*

Fri, Dec 29 **5TH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF** 

**CHRISTMAS** \*\*No Mass\*\*

Sat. Dec 30 **VIGIL: THE HOLY FAMILY** 

4:30 pm Josephine Kozarski Sun, Dec 31 THE HOLY FAMILY 9:00 am Parish Family

11:00 am For Holy Families

8:30 am

### SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of December 24, 2017

Sunday 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;

Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-28 Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17,

22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Monday

Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,

Tuesday St. Stephen, the 1st Martyr

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17;

Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday St. John, Apostle

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Friday** 5th Day within the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday 6th Day within the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Ps 128:1-5;

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

#### PASTORAL TEAM

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#### BY GEORGE....

From a sermon by Saint Bernard, abbot

"We know that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible. In the first coming he was seen on earth, dwelling among men; he himself testifies that they saw him and hated him. In the final coming all flesh will see the salvation of our God, and they will look on him whom they pierced. The intermediate coming is a hidden one; in it only the elect see the Lord within their own selves, and they are saved. In his first coming our Lord came in our flesh and in our weakness; in this middle coming he comes in spirit and in power; in the final coming he will be seen in glory and majesty.

Because this coming lies between the other two, it is like a road on which we travel from the first coming to the last. In the first, Christ was our redemption; in the last, he will appear as our life; in his middle coming, he is our rest and consolation.

In case someone should think that what we say about this middle coming is sheer invention, listen to what our Lord himself says: If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. There is another passage of Scripture which reads: He who fears God will do good, but something further has been said about the one who loves, that is, that he will keep God's word. Where is God's word to be kept? Obviously in the heart, as the prophet says: I have hidden your words in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

Keep God's word in this way. Let it enter into your very being, let it take possession of your desires and your whole way of life. Feed on goodness, and your soul will delight in its richness. Remember to eat your bread, or your heart will wither away. Fill your soul with richness and strength.

If you keep the word of God in this way, it will also keep you. The Son with the Father will come to you. The great Prophet who will build the new Jerusalem will come, the one who makes all things new. This coming will fulfill what is written: As we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, we shall also bear the likeness of the heavenly man. Just as Adam's sin spread through all mankind and took hold of all, so Christ, who created and redeemed all, will glorify all, once he takes possession of all."

#### STEWARDSHIP - Week ending December 16 & 17

Week 25/52

Adult Envelopes (193 used)	\$8,631.50
Automatic Envelopes (63 used)	6,987.50
Youth	28.41
Loose Stewardship	826.64
Total Stewardship this week	\$16,474.05
VTD	\$364 121 82

**Budget YTD** \$372,596.15 Last YTD \$362,810.80

5% Tithe this week \$823.70 YTD Tithe \$18.206.09

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Tues/Dec 26 6:20-6:50pm Honor Choir rehearsal, Church MPR 6:50-7:20pm Children's Choir rehearsal, Church MPR 7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal, Church MPR

#### TUESDAY ADORATION

There will be no Adoration on Tuesday, December 26th and Tuesday, January 2nd. They will start up again on Tuesday, January 9th.



#### TRUMPET TO PURCHASE

We have a request from a parishioner who needs a trumpet for their child. If you or someone you know has a used trumpet that you are willing to sell for a reasonable price, please contact Lori in the Parish Office, 361-7339. Thank you~

### ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR **EMAIL ADDRESS?**

Please let us know by calling the Parish Office or you can go to our website, under the tab "About Us" and use the form there to get us that info. Thanks for helping us keep our Parish records up-to-date.



Happy holidays, one and all! Our Advent Journe

~In Our Thoughts & Prayers~ Homebound Parishioner of the Week

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Mike Poplawski. Cards may be sent to St. Ann's Home, 2161 Leonard St NW, 49504. Let Mike know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of him.



**"D**avid's posterity shall endure

### ~Deacon George Fund News

With the end of the month of December we will have come again to the end of a quarter in our fiscal year. That means it will be time once again to distribute the grants from the Deacon George Social Justice Fund. Remember that the charities nominated need to be involved in the work of social justice and cannot be involved in any activities that are contrary to the teachings of or practices of the Roman Catholic Church. To nominate a charitable organization to receive a grant you can use the form that you will find in the stewardship tower in the narthex of the church, download a form off of the parish web site, or contact Lori in the Parish Office and she can send you one by email or by the United States Postal Service. The deadline for nominations will be January 21, 2018.



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As we near the Christmas season and the end of 2017, we ask that you keep All Saints Academy in mind. Is your family looking to make a holiday donation to truly celebrate the spirit of the season? Do you need to improve your overall tax picture for the past year? Does your company fund charitable donations at Christmas time?

Your kindness will go a long way toward helping an ASA student family afford the cost of tuition, and will help us keep our classroom learning tools up to date. We can make your donation anonymous, or recognize your family or company, if you prefer. Please contact us at 364-9453 or at <a href="mailak@asagr.org">imatlak@asagr.org</a> for more information or to make a donation to All Saints Academy.

# 4th Sunday of Advent

forever. His kingship finds its fulfillment in the son of Mary, Jesus the Christ. To him be glory and praise forever."

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