

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY—THURSDAY, 8:30AM –4:00PM

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday: 8:30am

Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 pm or by appointment.

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
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. Parish membership and participation is required of those desiring the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Matrimony.



Mass Schedule

Sat, Aug 11	VIGIL: 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1:00 pm	Willer/Feldpausch wedding
4:30 pm	Leo Boruta
Sun, Aug 12	19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am	Gene Borek
11:00 am	Parish Family
Mon, Aug 13	WEEKDAY
	No Mass
Tues, Aug 14	ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST
8:30 am	**No Mass**
Wed, Aug 15	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Holy Day)
8:30 am	Parish Family
7:00 pm	Parish Family
Thurs, Aug 16	WEEKDAY
8:30 am	Mary Adams
Fri, Aug 17	WEEKDAY
8:30 am	Robert Duffy
Sat, Aug 18	VIGIL: 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:30 pm	Harry & Jeremy Waranica
Sun, Aug 19	20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am	Parish Family
11:00 am	Marc Sonefeld

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of August 12, 2018

Sunday	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51
Monday	Ex 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest Ez 2:8—3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10bc, 11-12ab, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday	Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-063; (Ps) Is 12:2-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

~In Our Thoughts & Prayers~

Homebound Parishioner of the Week

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Gary Oisten, recovering from surgery. Cards may be sent to 2730 Mayfield Ave NE, 49505. Let Gary know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of him.

PASTORAL TEAM

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BY GEORGE....

This coming Wednesday is a Holy Day of Obligation the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass times for the Holy Day can be found in the Mass schedule to the left of this column.

The following is from the Bishop's Office regarding the possibility of a Diocesan wide fund drive:

"Feasibility study update – Final dates to attend town halls

Only two more town hall meetings remain for the feasibility study. All of them have been well received and provided everyone in attendance a chance to find out more about the proposed campaign goals and give their feedback. If you haven't yet participated, please consider attending one of these remaining meetings:

1. Monday, August 13, 5:30 p.m.
Prince of Peace, 1110 Dykstra Rd., N. Muskegon, 49445
2. Thursday, August 16, 5:30 p.m. (English), 7 p.m. (en Español) at the Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S., Grand Rapids, 49503

If you prefer, go online to dioceseofgrandrapids.org/ feasibility and click "Take the Planning Study Survey" to learn more and provide comments. The password is: **Study.**

A few weekends ago I wrote here about the success blood pressure checks that we offered after the weekend Masses coordinated by Dr. Kevin Smalley who said 19 people took advantage of his offer. During coffee and rolls after Mass that weekend we talked about making this a regular event, perhaps once a month. In order to do so we would need more medical personnel who would be willing to take blood pressures after the Mass in which they participated. So far we have one doctor and three nurses who have offered their services to help. If you are a person such as a doctor, nurse, or someone who is competent to take blood pressures for people and would be willing to help out for a few minutes after a Mass, I ask that you please contact Lori in the Parish Office and once we get a team together we could possibly offer this service every month or two as it seemed to be something well received. My thought is that we would have teams of people ready to help after each of the three Masses such that all you would have do to is stay for a few minutes after Mass to help with the blood pressure checks. Thank you for your future help with this service.

STEWARSHIP - Week ending Aug. 4 & 5

Week 6/52	
Adult Envelopes (153 used)	\$8,276.00
Automatic Envelopes (59 used)	4,352.50
Youth	26.13
Loose Stewardship	556.86
Total Stewardship this week	\$13,211.49
YTD	\$79,717.83
Budget YTD	\$87,853.85
Last YTD	\$88,365.985
5% Tithe this week	\$660.57
YTD Tithe	\$3,985.89

~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~

- Mon/Aug 13:** 11:00am Book Club, Church MPR
7:00pm Knights of Columbus, Church MPR
- Thurs/Aug 16:** after 8:30am Mass Coffee & Donuts, Church MPR
1:00pm Prayer Blanket Ministry, Church MPR
- Sat/Aug 18:** 5:30pm Ice Cream Social, Church garden
- Sun/Aug 19:** after Masses Coffee & donuts, Church garden

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We will be registering students for Religious Education classes in September. Instruction begins Thursday, **October 4th at 6:30pm**. A packet of information will be mailed to families who attended last year. If you are new to the parish or to our program, please give us a call, 616-361-7339 ext 1253, so we can get the materials to you. Some of our parish children have special educational needs. If parents make our office aware of those needs, proper placement can be determined which will most benefit the child. In some cases regular religious education teachers simply need to be apprised of reading difficulties, medical problem, or behavioral techniques that are more effective than others.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for a few people to share their faith with our children in the Religious Education program, Children Liturgy of the Word and the RCIA process. All materials and support are provided. Please call or email if you are interested. If you wish to get involved but not sure where you fit, please contact Jody, there is a place for you. Jody DeGraw, jdegraw@bsacrament.net, text 616-340-9041 or call 616-361-7339 ext 1253

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday August 18th after the 4:30pm Mass, the Knights of Columbus will be handing out ice cream treats in the Church garden, barring inclement weather. There will also be a signup sheet for anyone who wishes to volunteer to help at this year's Parish Picnic.



You can make your CSA donation online by visiting our parish website. On the main page there is a link to the Diocese of Grand Rapids website. Go to that link and it will tell you how to make your donation. Don't forget to reference Blessed Sacrament when filling out the form.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Candidates! We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Tuesday, October 9, 2018** at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Bishop Walkowiak will be presiding. If anyone in your family would like to volunteer as an Usher, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar server please contact me. We meet on Sunday, September 9th in the Church multi purpose room from 6-8pm. Be sure to hand in your service project assignments at this time. Don't forget to remind your sponsors that we meet on September 16th at the 11am Mass. We gather for lunch and presenting projects until about 2pm.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Morning Bible Study begins **September 18th** in the Church multi-purpose room from 9:15am - 10:45am. Fellowship at 9:15am and Bible class at 9:30am. We are studying the Acts of the Apostles, using the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture, "Acts of the Apostles," by William S. Kurz, SJ. We hope you can join us!

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an opportunity to learn about the Catholic Church. Inquirers have an opportunity to study the Church with a team of experienced Catholics, in an informal setting through Scripture, Catechism, tradition and personal stories. If you are interested in learning more about this process or know of someone who may be interested contact Jody, jdegraw@bsacrament.net or call or text 616-340-9041.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

This week's sponsor is **Robbins Lock Shop**. Please see this ad on the back of the bulletin.

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THEY'RE BACK!

The Middle School office reopens this week, beginning **Wednesday, August 15, 9:00am - noon**. The elementary school office remains open 9:00am - 2:00pm until the first day of school. Teachers and staff are returning to both buildings this week. Desks and books will be gathered, bulletin boards decorated, class lists prepared, faculty meetings attended, and many other preparations are taking place for the first day of school next Tuesday, August 21st. It will be a full day of school with uniforms. We look forward to seeing how much our students have grown over the summer!

WELCOME BACK ASA FAMILIES!

Come visit your child's Pre-8 classroom, meet the teachers and catch up with other ASA families and friends at the Ice Cream Social. Both campuses will be open for visits and ice cream **Thursday, August 16th 6:30-8:00pm**.

thank you

Thank you to Father George for being so helpful, patient and compassionate during the planning of Marc's funeral, and for celebrating the funeral Mass. Marc's faith was such a large part of who he was and it brought him strength and comfort.

To Katie and Mary, thank you for the outstanding job you did performing all the beautiful music for the Mass. Your talents were both tender and emotional, and it touched us all deeply.

Thank you to all who contributed to the funeral luncheon, you all did an exquisite job. We were able to share many memories of Marc during the meal.

We will miss Marc tremendously and the hurt in our hearts will never go away. With the help of our Blessed Sacrament family, it will ease the ache.

Camilla, Gayle and Hilary Sonefeld