

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY—FRIDAY, 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

33RD 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

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| Sat, Nov 17 4:30 pm | VIGIL: 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME James Fillmore; Helen Boruta's 90th birthday |
| Sun, Nov 18 9:00 am 11:00 am | 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family Mike Poplawski |
| Mon, Nov 19 | WEEKDAY **No Mass** |
| Tues, Nov 20 8:30 am | WEEKDAY Charlotte Jones |
| Wed, Nov 21 | PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Loyd Host |
| Thurs, Nov 22 9:00 am | ST. CECILIA, VIRGIN In thanksgiving |
| Fri, Nov 23 | WEEKDAY **No Mass** |
| Sat, Nov 24 4:30 pm | VIGIL: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Jeremy & Harry Waranica |
| Sun, Nov 25 9:00 am 11:00 am | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Parish Family Werner Schneider |

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of November 18, 2018

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| Sunday | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32 |
| Monday | Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43 |
| Tuesday | Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10 |
| Wednesday | Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1-6; Lk 19:11-28 |
| Thursday | St. Cecilia, Virgin Rv 5:1-0; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 19:41-44 |
| Friday | Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48 |
| Saturday | St. Andrew Dung-Lac & companions, Martyrs Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1-2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40 |
| Sunday | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37 |

~In Our Thoughts & Prayers~

Homebound Parishioner of the Week

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Helene Despres. Cards may be sent to 1924 Meadowfield Dr NE, 49505. Let Helene know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

PASTORAL TEAM

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BY GEORGE....

Back in my Grandville days at this time of the year we would have been doing our annual stewardship renewal. Dave, the stewardship director for the parish, would have invited his fellow parishioners to "take a step". He would have challenged them that if they were presently praying for five minutes a day could they then "take a step" and make it six minutes, or seven, or ten, to grow in their relationship with God. If they were volunteering one hour a week could they then "take a step" and help for an hour and a quarter or an hour and a half a week. If they were contributing one percent of their income to the church and the works of charity could they then "take a step" and make it a percent and a half, or two percent, or the full tithe of ten percent. The point of Dave's invitation each year was that in our spiritual lives as in all aspects of our lives the goal is to grow - to go forward, not to go backward. Hence, he had the image of "taking a step" to keep encouraging the other parishioners to continue to move forward in a direction toward, not away from, God and God's Kingdom.

As we come to this time of the year we are coming to the end of the liturgical year with the arrival of the Feast of Christ the King next Sunday. Our Gospel reading for this Sunday and next Sunday and the following Sunday being the first Sunday of Advent all are going to direct us to focus on the end - the end of times, the end of our lives here on earth, the end of earthly life in general. The focus of those Gospel readings will be to keep us moving forward, forward toward God not just spiritually but literally. Notice that our focus here in Church will be somewhat different than the focus of our secular society at this time of the year with Black Friday and Christmas advertisements trying to convince us that the good deals we can get shopping will provide us with that stuff which will make our lives more meaningful -- until, of course, we get the credit card bills for what we splurged to buy and then realize that more important to us than the stuff that we didn't really need is the interior peace of living a life centered on the Kingdom of God, not on the material things that do not reflect God to us.

Simply look out the windows at the trees. At this time during the year what are the trees telling us as they lose their leaves? What do the cold winds from the north tell us and the snow that will soon blanket everything? The end is coming to us all at some time probably unknown to us. When that end comes the question for us is where we would like to be found at that time of the end. If Dave were here I am sure that he would remind us to be sure to take the step in the right direction not the wrong one.

STEWARDSHIP - Week ending November 10 & 11

Week 20/52

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| Adult Envelopes (167 used) | \$10,838.05 |
| Automatic Envelopes (60 used) | 4,382.50 |
| Youth | 58.00 |
| Loose Stewardship | 614.70 |

Total Stewardship this week \$15,893.25

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| YTD | \$271,434.25 |
| Budget YTD | \$292,846.15 |
| Last YTD | \$286,236.31 |
| 5% Tithe this week | \$794.66 |
| YTD Tithe | \$13,571.71 |

~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~

Tues/Nov 20: 9:15am-3pm **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, Church
 6:00pm **Zumba**, Family Center
 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

Sun/Nov 25: noon **Adult Choir rehearsal**, Church MPR

BOWLING LEAGUE

Senior bowlers, join us at Northfield Lanes on Tuesdays at 12:30pm. This is a fun league. Cost is \$9.00. Any questions, please contact Paul Kaderabek.

MISSING A DISH?

Please check the parish conference room for dishes you may have left behind from your generous donation to a funeral luncheon. Please take a look after Mass.

Have a blessed and safe
Thanksgiving Holiday!



~OUTSIDE THE PARISH~

ST. JUDE UNEMPLOYED SUPPORT GROUP

Are you headed in the right direction? Do you need help determining what direction is the right direction for you? We know how unsure you can be when you are without a job. Join us in our small group setting, and we will help you discover your direction and confirm all the positive assets you have to offer an employer. Our goal is to help you prepare yourself to present the best "you" to your next employer. All are welcome. Please join us on the **second Wednesday of the month 9:30-11am** at the St. Jude Brophy Center, or contact, Dan at danmakowski@comcast.net or Mary at mmtomaszewski@comcast.net for more information.

A FREE COOKING CLASS CATHERINE'S HEALTH CENTER 205 CARRIER ST. NE COMMUNITY ROOM

Join us for a GREAT time at Cooking Matters, a free cooking class, Tuesday nights 5-7 starting November 13th! Invite a friend or family member to double the fun! It is 6 weeks of classes and hands-on lessons with free groceries to take home after every class! You don't need to wait until the New Year to start some healthy habits. You can begin today! To sign up, contact Trish at 616-336-8800 ext 208 or tabalo@cahterineshc.org.

SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Welcome the Christmas season with the Chamber Choir of Grand Rapids at the annual Sounds of Christmas Concert on **Saturday, Nov. 24 at 7:30pm** and **Sunday, Nov. 25 at 3pm** at the Basilica of St Adalbert. With wonderful holiday music and a chance to sing some favorite carols, this concert will be well worth attending! Purchase tickets early at Schuler Books for \$5 off the adult price OR at the door: Adults \$20 Seniors \$15 Students \$10. www.chamberchoirgr.org

WEST CATHOLIC ARTS & CRAFT SHOW Saturday, December 1, 9am - 3pm

West Catholic High School
1801 Bristol NW, Grand Rapids, MI
Free parking
Food, snacks, and shopping fun!
#200 or more booths represented
\$2 Admission

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ONE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST is the name of the nearly life size painting now hanging in the lobby of the Middle School (1110 4 Mile Rd NE). It depicts 12 saints, including the patron saints of three of our four parishes, adoring the Blessed Sacrament. You are welcome to come see this amazing work of art, painted by Catholic artist John McCoy. Stop by, ring the doorbell, and our office staff will welcome you in M-F 7:30am - 4:00pm.

THANKSGIVING BREAK - NOVEMBER 21-23

School is closed Wednesday-Friday, November 21-23, 2018 for Thanksgiving Break. Child Care is open Wednesday, November 21, but closed on Thanksgiving and Black Friday.

SUPPORT ASA THROUGH AMAZON SMILE WHEN CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

If you shop on Amazon, please consider using Amazon Smile (<https://smile.amazon.com>), and designating your support for All Saints Academy. With no other effort on your part, a portion of your purchases will be sent to ASA. Just remember to login to your Amazon Smile site each time you order - the prices are the same.

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—Daniel Cardinal DiNardo



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