

# 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

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### 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.

### 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.





## Mass Schedule

<b>Sat, Nov 24</b>	<b>VIGIL: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b> Jeremy & Harry Waranica
<b>4:30 pm</b>	
<b>Sun, Nov 25</b>	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	Parish Family
<b>11:00 am</b>	Werner Schnieder
<b>Mon, Nov 26</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b> <b>**No Mass**</b>
<b>Tues, Nov 27</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b> Robert Peters
<b>8:30 am</b>	
<b>Wed, Nov 28</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b> Barbara Ann Johnson
<b>8:30 am</b>	
<b>Thurs, Nov 29</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b> <b>**No Mass**</b>
<b>Fri, Nov 30</b>	<b>ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE</b> <b>**No Mass**</b>
<b>Sat, Dec 1</b>	<b>VIGIL: 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Parish Family
<b>4:30 pm</b>	
<b>Sun, Dec 2</b>	<b>1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Fr. Charles Nugent
<b>9:00 am</b>	
<b>11:00 am</b>	Joe & Jay Matuszak

## SACRED SCRIPTURE

### Readings for the Week of November 25, 2018

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37
<b>Monday</b>	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 21:1-4
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St. Andrew, Apostle</b> Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 4:18-22
<b>Saturday</b>	Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

## ~In Our Thoughts & Prayers~

### Homebound Parishioner of the Week

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Ann Podein. Cards may be sent to Clark Home, 1551 Franklin SE, 49506. Let Ann know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

## PASTORAL TEAM

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## BY GEORGE....

This past week we again celebrated Thanksgiving Day. When we go back to remember the story, the story was of the Pilgrims leaving England in search of a new land in which they would be able to live their lives and practice their religion in the way that they chose. What is the greatest lesson in the story of the Pilgrims for us to learn? Perhaps it is simply the story of their understanding of stewardship and the corresponding gratitude that they showed to God.

Remember that when we talk about stewardship the theory is that nothing that we have, are, or can be, belongs solely to us. Everything belongs ultimately to God. Which one of us can claim any credit at all for our existence here on earth? Which one of us can claim any credit for the earth being here? Which one of us can claim any credit for our talents that we have. In the time that we have been given and with the talents we have been given we create our treasures be it works of art or music or athletics or family or financial gain or the cure for cancer. All of this that we have -- the time, the talents, and the treasures -- ultimately are credited not to us but rather to the One Who gave us that time, talent, and treasure in the first place -- ultimately to God.

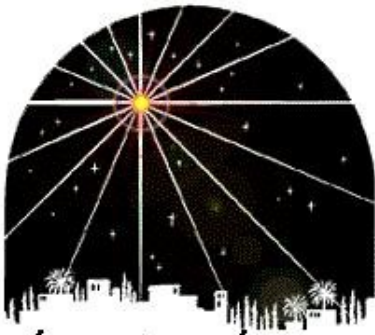
I remember when I first came here twelve years ago and spoke with a couple of you folks who were on the stewardship committee you told me that the committee was basically a tool to help Fr. John raise money. Often we hear the word "stewardship" used in that context of the Church "raising money" or people "contributing money". It would be my opinion that that is precisely why we fail when we come to stewardship as stewardship is not primarily about **raising** money but is rather about how we **spend** money. Remember that the story of the good steward was about the one who spent his master's money well. Stewardship is not about getting more but rather it is about how do we best use what God has already given us. Hence, when I came here the first decision I made was to take total control of the spending of parish money as in my opinion the problem was not with how much money the Parish had at the time but was rather with who were the people spending the parish money in ways that were not best for the parishioners. So as we reflect back on Thanksgiving this past week we ask if our attitude is one of "give me more" or is our attitude one of "gratitude", thankful to God for all that God has given us and out of gratitude then we use that time, talent, and treasure in the best way and to the best of our abilities to build not our own kingdoms but rather the Kingdom of God.



**Due to the Thanksgiving holiday printing schedule, collection information from the weekend of November 17 & 18 will be published in next week's bulletin.**







### *The Road to Christmas*

# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH ADVENT SEASON 2018

Advent is a time of anticipation, but anticipation of what? Surely we are waiting for more than the celebration of Christmas, a major feast of the church year. Nor are we awaiting the coming of Christ into history, for Christ entered history hundreds of years ago. So what are we anticipating?

We do look forward to Christmas. However, we do so not merely because it is the anniversary of a past event, but because these promises made so long ago have burst open in human history with the birth of Jesus, and ever since that first Christmas they have been struggling to take shape in the lives of women and men.

Advent is the time when this future time of peace, a time that broke into history with a past event, has the power to transform our lives in the present.

Please consider taking part in our Blessed Sacrament Advent programs:

### The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is located in the Church narthex. It is adorned with ornaments representing the groups that will benefit from your generosity this season, including tags for Meijer gift cards to benefit our fellow parishioners in need throughout the year. On the tag is a suggestion from the organization of what is needed. Please place your gift, unwrapped with tag attached under the tree when you are here for Mass. They can also be dropped by the Parish Office during the week. The gifts are due back by Sunday, December 9th or they can be dropped off to the Parish office the following day.

### The Little Blue Book

The Little Blue Book is again available to help us prepare throughout the Advent Season for the two comings of Jesus: His coming at birth and His second coming at the end of time. Please pick one up in the Church Narthex.

### Thursday, November 29th, Parish Family Advent Night

Meet in the Church to listen to Mary's Treasure Box, a touching story of Mary's memories of Jesus' birth. We will then move to the basement to make our own treasure boxes and Christmas ornaments.

### Sunday, December 2nd, Advent by Candlelight

The ladies of our parish, their friends and family are invited to listen to our keynote speaker, Jenn Amo. We need to slow down during the busy Advent season to focus on what is important in life. Join us for an evening full of friendship and fellowship. You can pick up a form in the narthex or download one from our website and return it to the Parish Office to reserve a spot. This event will begin at 4:30pm in the Church multi-purpose room.

### Saturday, December 8th, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

This Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated at a vigil Mass on Friday, December 7th and Saturday at 9:00am. We will celebrate Mary's privilege of being free from original sin from the first moment of her conception in her mother's womb.

### Monday, December 10th, All Saints Academy Christmas Program

Please join us for the All Saints Academy's Elementary School Christmas Program. This will take place from 6:30-7:30pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome!

### Monday, December 24th, Christmas Eve Caroling

Please join the choir for caroling before both Masses on Christmas Eve. Caroling will begin at 4:00pm before the 4:30pm Mass, and 9:30pm before the 10:00pm Mass.

# *Prayers & Reflections for the Advent Season*

**D**uring Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but we also check in to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk to your family about how you are doing in attending to your spiritual life as a family. Recommit yourselves to praying daily, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again.

God of Love,  
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for his coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.  
Amen.

**T**is the Season... Rediscover the Joy of Christmas with BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent you'll receive a short inspirational video, practical tips, and real life encouraging stories. To sign-up for your free daily Advent email go to <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>.



**A** nice family activity might involve the reading of the Gospel of Luke (2:1-14) while putting up your Christmas Manger. Have the family gather around the spot, with someone reading the Gospel and at the appropriate times throughout the reading, place the figures in and around the scene. Pause the reading for quiet reflection as the figures are placed. When finished with the reading, perhaps sing a favorite Christmas Carol or end with a prayer of your choosing.

## **The Magnificat**

**T**his prayer, taken from Luke's Gospel (1:46-55), is the Blessed Virgin Mary's hymn of praise to the Lord. The fourth week of Advent would be a good time to reflect on this prayer.

My soul magnifies the Lord  
And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid;  
For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;  
Because He who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is His name;  
And His mercy is from generation to generation  
on those who fear Him.  
He has shown might with His arm,  
He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.  
He has put down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has exalted the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich He has sent away empty.  
He has given help to Israel, his servant, mindful of His mercy  
Even as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever.

## ~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~

**Sun/Nov 25:** noon Adult Choir rehearsal, MPR  
**Mon/Nov 26:** 5:30pm Bunco, MPR  
**Tues/Nov 27:** 9:15am-3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Church  
 9:15am Adult Bible Study, MPR  
 6:00pm Zumba, Family Center  
 6:20-6:50pm Honor Choir rehearsal, MPR  
 6:50-7:20pm Children's Choir rehearsal, MPR  
**Wed/Nov 28:** 6:00pm Finance Council Meeting, Rectory conference room  
 6:45pm A Biblical Walk through Mass, MPR  
**Thurs/Nov 29:** 6:45pm Parish Family Advent Night, Church and MPR  
**Sun/Dec 2:** 4:30pm Advent by Candlelight, 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.

**REMINDER:** Advent by Candlelight is fast approaching: **December 2nd at 4:30pm.** It's not too late to get your reservation in to the Parish Office by Monday, November 26. We look forward to seeing you there!



## ~OUTSIDE THE PARISH~

### EVENING OF WORSHIP

Come and enjoy a beautiful evening of praise and worship during this Advent season on Saturday, December 15 at Holy Spirit Church! The evening of "lessons and carols" will begin at 7pm in the Church! Please note that previous evenings of worship began at 7:30! Appropriate for all ages and free -- come and be spiritually uplifted! Remember, Worship begins at 7pm! Come and prepare your hearts for the birth of our Lord and Savior!



### 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.



### SHOPPING FOR HOME SUPPLIES, SNOW SHOVELS, ROOF RAKES, AND ANY HARDWARE????

Steepletown Neighborhood Services is the Rylee ACE Hardware recipient for the holiday "round up" program during the month of November, 2018! Please "round up" your purchase during November at any Rylee ACE Hardware store in West Michigan. Thank you!

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### PARENT TESTIMONIAL

*All of these things reflect how my husband and I feel about our children's education in Catholic Schools. I think the ability for our children to speak of God and pray to God in a safe environment will give them strength as they grow and enter into the world of secular influences."*

— Ginny Sniezek February 01, 2013

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