

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30am

Wednesday, 10:30am


Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Holy Family

Mary ~ Jesus ~ Joseph



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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, Dec 29	VIGIL: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	
4:30 pm	Joe & Josephine Kozarski	
Sun, Dec 30	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	
9:00 am	Gene Borek	
11:00 am	John & Anita Koepke	
Mon, Dec 31	VIGIL: SOLEMNITY OF MARY	
5:30 pm	Parish Family	
Tues, Jan 1	SOLEMNITY OF MARY	
10:00 am	Parish Family	
Wed, Jan 2	Ss BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY	
8:30 am	James Buffington	
Thurs, Jan 3	CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY	
	No Mass	
Fri, Jan 4	ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON	
	No Mass	
Sat, Jan 5	VIGIL: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
4:30 pm	Colleen Lewis	
Sun, Jan 6	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
9:00 am	Henry Reens	
11:00 am	Parish Family	

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of December 30, 2018

Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52
Monday	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday	The Feast of the Solemnity of Mary Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday	Ss Basil the Great and Gregory, Bishops 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Thursday	1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Friday	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Saturday	St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:P43-51
Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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BY GEORGE....

The following I share with you from *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas A Kempis:

"Do not care much who is with you and who is against you; but make it your greatest care that God is with you in everything you do.

Have a good conscience, and God will defend you securely; no one can hurt you if God wishes to help you.

If you know how to suffer in silence, you will surely receive God's help. Since he knows best the time and the way to set you free, resign yourself to him, for God helps you and frees you from all confusion.

It is good for us, and helps us to remain humble, if others know our weaknesses and confront us with them.

When a man humbles himself for his faults, he more easily pleases others and mollifies those he has angered.

God protects and frees a humble man; he loves and consoles a humble man; he favors a humble man; he showers him with graces; then, after his suffering, God raises him up to glory.

He reveals his secrets to a humble man and in his kindness invitingly draws that man to himself. When a humble man is brought to confusion, he experiences peace, because he stands firm in God and not in this world. Do not think that you have made any progress unless you feel that you are the lowest of all men.

Above all things, keep peace within yourself, then you will be able to create peace among others. It is better to be peaceful than learned.

The passionate man often thinks evil of a good man and easily believes the worst; a good and peaceful man turns all things to good.

A man who lives at peace suspects no one. But a man who is tense and agitated by evil is troubled with all kinds of suspicions; he is never at peace with himself, nor does he permit others to be at peace.

He often speaks when he should be silent, and he fails to say what would be truly useful. He is well aware of the obligations of others but neglects his own.

So be zealous first of all with yourself, and then you will be more justified in expressing zeal for your neighbor.

You are good at excusing and justifying your own deeds, and yet you will not listen to the excuses of others. It would be more just to accuse yourself and to excuse your brother.

If you wish others to put up with you, first put up with them."

Due to the Christmas holiday printing schedule, collection information from the weekend of December 22, 23, 24 & 25 will be published in next week's bulletin.

~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~



Banns of Marriage

2nd Banns

Aimee Wilson &
Derek Kitt

BOOK CLUB

Are you interested in joining a book club? Did you know we have one at Blessed Sacrament? Our club meets the 2nd Monday of each month from 1:00-3:00pm in the Church multi-purpose room. You can contact the parish office, 361-7339, if you have questions about joining this group.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, December 25 or Tuesday, January 1st**. We will start back up again on **Tuesday, January 8th**. Have a blessed Christmas!

HAVE YOU HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS?

We are beginning to update our database for next year's Parish phone/address directory. 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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

This coming week, the Parish Office will be closed on New Years Eve and New Years Day. We will be open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study will start up again on Tuesday mornings from 9:15-10:45am in the Church multi-purpose room beginning January 8 and go through March 19. All are welcome. You can contact the Religious Ed office, 361-7339 ext. 1253 for more information.



The new membership directory for Blessed Sacrament should be ready for publishing in March, 2019. Anyone interested in placing an advertisement or personal message in our new directory should call Jill Garner at (800) 544-6903 ext. 111 toll free or email her at jgarner@cathedral-directories.com. Your current ad or business card could be used or help in making up a new ad could be arranged. Please feel free to pass this information on to others. Advertisers do not need to be members of our church.

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

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Dolores Powers. Cards may be sent to 2031 Ontario Ave NE, 49505. Let Dolores know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

The students and staff at All Saints Academy pray you find many blessings in the new year.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR WEEKLY MASS AND MONTHLY ROSARY

We would love to have you join us for our weekly school masses. Grades K-3 attend every Wednesday, at 10:30 am at Blessed Sacrament Church. Join the 4th-8th graders on Thursdays, at 8:30 am at St. Jude Church. You are also welcome to our monthly rosary as well. K-3 students recite the rosary in the gym at the elementary campus (Diamond Ave.) on the first Friday of every month at 8:15am. Students in grades 4-8 recite the rosary on the 2nd Friday of each month at 8:00am, in the gym at the middle school (4 Mile Rd.). What a lovely way to start your day out with prayer.

WHY ATTEND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

While not all students who come to Catholic Schools are Catholic, all share experiences of faith and values.



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