

# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. George Darling, Pastor

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

#### **Weekday Mass:**

Tuesday — Friday: 8:30am

#### **Weekend Mass:**

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday, 8:30am-4:00pm

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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.

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Jim Wila, Vice Chair.

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### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Doug Graves

Jeremy Reed

Kathy Schwartz

Mark Steiner

Scott Ware

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*"In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

Luke 15:10





## Masses for the Week

<b>Sat, Sept 14</b> 4:30 pm	<b>VIGIL: 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Leo Boruta; Harry & Jeremy Waranica
<b>Sun, Sept 15</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Parish Family Doris Aman; special intention of Barbara Schmuker
<b>Mon, Sept 16</b>	<b>SS CORNELIUS, POPE and CYPRIAN, BISHOP</b> <b>**No Mass**</b>
<b>Tues, Sept 17</b> 8:30 am	<b>WEEKDAY</b> Norton Thompson & Carolyn Szubinski
<b>Wed, Sept 18</b> 10:30 am	<b>WEEKDAY</b> James Fillmore
<b>Thurs, Sept 19</b> 8:30 am	<b>WEEKDAY</b> Frank & Betty Herman
<b>Fri, Sept 20</b> 8:30 am	<b>SS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON and PAUL CHONG HA-SANG, MARTYRS</b> Emma Kennedy
<b>Sat, Sept 21</b> 4:30 pm	<b>VIGIL: 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Gene & Jim Borek
<b>Sun, Sept 22</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Jim Surman Parish Family

### SACRED SCRIPTURE

#### Readings for the Week of September 15, 2019

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-3 or 15:1-10
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop</b> 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9, Lk 7:1-10
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3b, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang</b> 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>St. Matthew, Apostle</b> Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Liz Duffy. Cards may be sent to Clark at Keller Lake, 2499 Forest Hill SE, 49546. Let Liz know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

### PASTORAL TEAM

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### BY GEORGE....

Somewhat overdue to you is the financial report from this past year's Lenten Fish Frys. Here it is. Gross receipts were \$20,989.90. Total expenses were \$17,502.89 including the food we fed people, supplies to make the food, filtering of the oil in the deep fryers each week, and sales tax. Hence we had a net profit of \$3,487.01. Add to this a profit of \$1,437.17 from the desert table from which there were no expenses to the Parish to be deducted and our next profit for the Fish Frys was \$4,924.18. Thanks again to all of those of you who were involved in any way in making this profit to the Parish possible.

It has been five weeks since I have written to you about the Our Shepherds - Our Future Capital Campaign, i.e., Bishop Walkowiak's fund drive to raise money to provide for the cost of educating seminarians to become your future priests. In the past I have explained that our parish target for the \$33,000,000 campaign is \$938,460. In order to help in the process of raising that amount of money we will need the help of many to be in communication with the rest of us to encourage and assist us in the donating of the money. Those helpers are being called "ambassadors". In the past I have explained that we will need about 30-40 ambassadors to make the process work smoothly. So far we have received notice from you that six of you are willing to help. Hence we need many more willing to serve as ambassadors. I have suggested that this might be a good way for some of you who are on the younger side to have a role in helping to build the Church as those who will be seminarians whose educational costs are assisted by this fund will be the priests of the future who will serve you and your families in years to come. I have received notice this week that the training sessions for "ambassadors" will take place in October such that we will be able to begin the campaign as November arrives. Therefore now is another time for you to think about this, pray about this, and then let me know who among you would be willing to help as an "ambassador", working with the Steier Group fundraisers to help as many members of the parish as possible to participate in this campaign. Even if we don't meet our target we will have been considered to have a successful campaign if we make a "good faith effort" to get as many parishioners as possible involved in the effort both by assisting as ambassadors and as donors of amounts large and small. In order to do that we need your help, for which I am asking again now.

### STEWARDSHIP - Week of September 7 & 8

#### Week 11/53

Adult Envelopes (135 used)	\$9,377.00
Automatic Envelopes (31 used)	1,285.00
Youth	46.61
Loose Stewardship	877.98

**Total Stewardship this week** \$11,586.59

<b>YTD</b>	\$146,494.49
<b>Budget YTD</b>	\$155,057.69
<b>Last YTD</b>	\$147,483.05
<b>5% Tithe this week</b>	\$579.33
<b>YTD Tithe</b>	\$7,324.72

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## CONFIRMATION

We will Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Andrew on Tuesday, October 15th. We are asked to be sitting in our pew by 6:20pm.

The Bishop asks that we dress modestly in at least business casual. In general, this means that men are attired in long dress pants and dress shirt and woman in skirts or dresses of knee length or longer, or dress pants, with shoulders covered and no open backs. Low-heeled shoes are advised as the candidate will need to walk up a ramp and down steps in the Cathedral Sanctuary.

## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Morning Bible Study begins September 17th in the Church multi-purpose room from 9:15 - 10:45am. Fellowship at 9:15am. Bible class at 9:30am. Join us as we finish our study of the Acts of the Apostles.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It is time to register for Religious Education classes! Instruction begins Thursday, October 3rd at 6:30pm. A packet of information will be emailed to families who attended last year. If you are new to the parish or to our program, please give us a call 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 appraised of reading difficulties, medical problem, or behavioral techniques that are more effective than others.

## RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an opportunity to learn about the Catholic Church and perhaps become Catholic. 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 please contact Jody, [jdegrow@bsacrament.net](mailto:jdegrow@bsacrament.net) or call or text 616-340-9041.

## 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 our RCIA process. All materials and support are provided. Please give me a call or an email if you are interested. If you wish to get involved but are not sure of where you fit, please come and talk with me. I know there is a place for you.

Please contact Jody DeGraw at [jdegrow@bsacrament.net](mailto:jdegrow@bsacrament.net), text at 616-340-9041 or call 616-447-7554 ext 1253.



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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Authorization:

We/I \_\_\_\_\_  
authorize Blessed Sacrament Parish to deduct from the above bank account the amount indicated below to be applied as our contribution.

Frequency:

\_\_\_\_\_ Weekly on Mondays

\_\_\_\_\_ Monthly on the 5th 15th 25th  
(Circle date preferred)

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This authorization can be cancelled at any time either verbally or by written notice. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 361-7339.

## ~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~

**Sun Sept 15:** noon-2pm Confirmation Presentation, Church & Family Center  
**Tues Sept 17:** 9:15am-3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Church  
9:15am Adult Bible Study, MPR  
12:00pm Card making, MPR  
6:00pm Zumba, School music room #208  
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal, MPR  
**Wed Sept 18:** 7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting, Rectory conference room  
**Thurs Sept 19:** 1:00pm Stitched with Love group, MPR  
**Sat Sept 21:** 5:30pm Euchre/Potluck, MPR  
**Sun Sept 22:** after Masses Coffee & donuts, Church garden

### BLESSED SACRAMENT KIDS' CHOIRS- ALL ARE WELCOME

The Blessed Sacrament Children's, and Honor choirs will hold their first practice Tuesday, September 24. The Children's choir is open to all Kindergartens-4th graders, and the Honor choir is open to 5th-8th graders.

Children's Choir and Honor Choir meet in the Church multi-purpose room every Tuesday evening. Children's choir will practice from 6:20-6:50 and Honor choir will practice from 6:50-7:20.

Both choirs sing at a different 9:00am Sunday Mass each month, and combine occasionally. We practice weekly and will end the year with a pizza and bowling party. It's a great way for your kids to be involved in the Church and we welcome all young singers!

Please call Katie Jandernoa (460-8835) with any questions.

### MATTER OF BALANCE

Participants in this class learn to view falls and fear of falling as controllable, set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and exercise to increase strength and balance. This class meets in the multi-purpose room on Tuesdays from 2:30 - 4:30pm for eight weeks starting **September 24th**. Class size is limited and cost \$20. Call or text Marie LeMire at 260-4685 to sign up.

### PULL FOR RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Recycled beverage tabs help support the Ronald McDonald House, a temporary home away from home for the families of seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals. Put your tabs in the container next to the box tops and Spartan receipt containers on the table in the narthex. All beverage metal tabs are accepted.

### CARD MAKING MINISTRY

Join us on the first and third Tuesday of the month in the MPR from 12 - 2 for this new ministry. We will be recycling old cards into new cards. We will be making cards for hospice, nursing homes, hospitals and for our personal use! Please save us your old cards for this ministry! There is a basket in the Narthex to put them in. The first class is **September 17th**.

### ZUMBA GOLD

This fun exercise program will be starting up again on **September 17th**. All are welcome to join us for a fun, easy to follow hour of Zumba Gold. Classes meet on **Tuesday's from 6-7pm** in the school Music Room (#208). A \$3 donation is appreciated. Contact Marie at 616-260-4685 with questions.

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 All Saints Academy

**PICTURE DAY SEPT 19.** Parents should have already received a picture packet - if not, please contact the school office for another one. Picture day is a dress up day - uniforms are not required. Your child must bring the picture packet and payment to school on Picture Day. Not all photo packages contain a yearbook, please also order your child's yearbook at this time if the package you selected does not include one. All of our parish priests are invited to come have their pictures taken as well! Photos will be taken at the elementary school 8am - 1pm, and at the middle school 9:30am - 2pm.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION?** Many of our parish families struggle to afford Catholic school tuition. Some decide they simply can't afford it, even though they want to provide their children with the blessings that such an education provides. Now you can help. All Saints Academy's Tuition Angel program makes it possible for you to donate to ASA, and direct your donation to help a youngster learn and grow in God's word. Make a real difference in the life of a child. Please call 447-2997, or go to our web page at [www.asagr.org/tuition-angel-program](http://www.asagr.org/tuition-angel-program) to learn how you can make a difference today...and for years to come.

### PICKLEBALL

Join us Tuesday evenings in the Family Center from 6-9pm for pickleball. Pickleball is a combination of tennis and ping pong, and is played with a ball similar to a wiffle ball. There will be two person teams, two courts set up, and extra paddles and balls to use. There will always be someone there to teach you! This program is for adults and begins **September 24th**.

## ~OUTSIDE THE PARISH~

### EXPLORING THE PRIESTHOOD?

Join us for the 2019 Vianney Visit to the St. John Vianney College Seminary, **November 14-16**. The Diocese of Grand Rapids will be offering young men ages 16-24 an opportunity to take a closer look at the priesthood by experiencing a few days in the life of a seminarian at the St. John Vianney College Seminary at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. Transportation, accommodations and meals will be provided at no cost. Contact Pattie Reynolds at [preynolds@grdiocese.org](mailto:preynolds@grdiocese.org) to register. Registration ends November 1.

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