



Blessed Sacrament Parish

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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

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.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Jim Wila, Chair.

Tim Callery

Tammy Chartier

Bob Dean

Barb Lawrence

Deb Schmalzel

Terry Staskey

Steve Stoddard

17th
Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

Matthew 13:44

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Scott Ware, Chair.

Liz Connell

Jim Fochtman

Kelly Garbacik

Doug Graves

Jeremy Reed

Kathy Schwartz

Mark Steiner

Donna Wrona

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.



Masses for the Week

Sat, July 25 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Leo Boruta; ;John Hickey
Sun, July 26 9:00 am 11:00 am	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family John Alkasses
Mon, July 27	WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Tues, July 28	WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Wed, July 29	ST. MARTHA **No Mass**
Thurs, July 30	WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Fri, July 31	ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST **No Mass**
Sat, Aug 1 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jean, Emmet & Ken Amidon
Sun, Aug 2 9:00 am 11:00 am	17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Richard Banka; Greg Gethers Parish Family



SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of July 26, 2020

Sunday	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday	Jer 13:1-11; (Ps) Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	St. Martha Jer 15:10, 16-2; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18
Thursday	Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6b; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Jer 26:1-0; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-2
Sunday	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21



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BY GEORGE....

This is a repeat of last week's article in case you didn't see it:

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last May, Pope Francis issued *Vos estis lux mundi* ("You are the light of the world"), a motu proprio, following the Meeting on the Protection of Minors in the Church in February 2019. One integral piece of *Vos estis lux mundi* (VELM) is the requirement that all dioceses must provide a system to report and deal with allegations of abuse by cardinals, bishops, patriarchs, and heads of religious institutes, along with ensuring that anyone who covers up or fails to adequately respond to allegations of abuse while in one of these positions is held accountable.

In the United States, the system is called the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting service (CBAR). The system is run by a third-party, Convercent, Inc., and is operational in our diocese. Convercent, Inc. is a commercial vendor of ethics reporting services and has no authority within the Catholic Church. You can reach the hotline at reportbishop-abuse.org or at 800-276-1562.

Any individual can report an allegation of abuse by a U.S. Catholic Bishop or report a person who, in the exercise of their office, intentionally interfered with a civil or Church investigation into allegations of sexual abuse committed by another cleric or member of a religious order. CBAR is secure and confidential. The privacy of individuals making a report will be respected, and identities will not be shared outside of the appropriate civil and Church authorities who need to act upon the report. The ability to make an anonymous report is also available. Once a report is filed, the filer is given an access number and password that allows them to follow-up on their report.

VELM is a significant step forward for the global Church in continuing our commitment to protect God's children from the sin of sexual abuse. Many of the directives outlined in the document have been in place in the United States for almost two decades, upon the adoption of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. It affirms these practices already in place:

- A commitment to care for the spiritual and emotional well-being of survivors and their families
- The duty to comply with civil law and the appropriate civil authorities
- The guarantee of a prompt investigation
- The assurance that laity will be involved

Survivors have courageously come forward and reported what happened to them. Their reports can lead to justice, a safer environment and help those who need healing. CBAR adds new ways to protect our young people and bring justice to those who committed evil acts. The Church stands ready to welcome and adopt these improved measures. More information can be found on the diocesan website at <https://bit.ly/GRdioceseReportAbuse>.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
 Bishop of Grand Rapids



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

SUMMER OR COVID-19 TITHING

With summer here and many of you away on vacation, have you remembered to drop off your contribution envelopes? If not, automatic giving might be a good solution for you. You can make your weekly or monthly Parish contribution via an automatic deduction from your checking or savings account. You can find a form in the stewardship tower in the narthex, in the Parish Office or on our website. Fill out the form and return it to the Parish office by mail, hand deliver it, or you can drop it in the collection basket at Mass on the weekend.

PARISH PICNIC

Due to these uncertain times, we have decided to cancel the annual Parish Picnic in September. However, the Knights of Columbus will still have their raffle and they will be mailing out the tickets the first week of August.

Hope you are finding ways to stay cool during these hot summer days!



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Roman Catholic Christian community of Blessed Sacrament, nourished by and united in the Eucharist, empowered by the Holy Spirit, dedicate ourselves to being the Body of Christ, and actively living the gospel. As faithful stewards we will continue to develop and build the body of Christ by prayer and service.



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All Saints Academy

All Saints Academy is now enrolling students for the 2020-2021 school year. School begins Wednesday, August 19. While it is too early to precisely predict what ASA will look like in the fall, we are committed to prioritizing as many in-school days as possible for as many students as possible. Whatever the circumstances may be, the foundational values of Catholic school education remain the same. During these times, we are reminded by the words Jesus said to his disciples: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives, do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." JN 14:27



Due to the parish secretary's scheduled vacation, collection information from the weekend of July 18 & 19 will be published in next week's bulletin.



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

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Jane Reus. Cards may be sent to 2341 Dawson Ave NE, 49505. Let Jane know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

