

"Lord, save me!"

Matthew 14:30

Blessed Sacrament Parish

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Thursday, 8:00am-4:30pm

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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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Scott Ware, Chair.
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Doug Graves
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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

FINANCE COUNCIL

Jim Wila, Chair.
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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.





Masses for the Week

Sat, Aug 8 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family
Sun, Aug 9 9:00 am 11:00 am	19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Harry Wayer Camilla Sonefeld; Liz Duffy
Mon, Aug 10	ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON **No Mass**
Tues, Aug 11 8:30 am	ST. CLAIRE, VIRGIN Intention of Trent Seguin family
Wed, Aug 12	WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Thurs, Aug 13 8:30 am	WEEKDAY Mary Hartig
Fri, Aug 14	ST. MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE, PRIEST **No Mass**
Sat, Aug 15 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Gene Borek
Sun, Aug 16 9:00 am 11:00 am	20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family Deceased members Byrne/Banka families



SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of August 9, 2020

Sunday	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
Monday	St. Lawrence, Deacon 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday	St. Clare, Virgin Ez 2:8—3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Ez 12:1-2; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest Ez 16:1-5, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Sunday	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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BY GEORGE....

This Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Mass we will be celebrating First Communion with some of our younger parishioners. They are:

Amelia Barajas-Oteto
 Parker Bohan
 Isaiah Budzynski
 Taylor DeWolf
 Lydia Pereira
 Mason Reed
 Morgan Witte

Please keep these children in your prayers as they receive Holy Communion for the first time.

Next Saturday, August 15, is a Holy Day, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Notice that I didn't write "Holy Day of Obligation" as the policy of the Bishops here in the United States of America is that if this Holy Day falls on a Saturday or a Monday the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated, i.e., revoked or withdrawn. Don't ask me why they have taken that position because I don't understand the reasoning - I just know that this year there is no obligation for you to attend Mass for this Holy Day. Given the situation we are in with Masses in the day of Covid-19 I am not planning on having a Mass here, but Fr. Page has invited any who might like to attend Mass on the 15th to join them for Mass at St. Jude at 10:00 a.m. as the Assumption is a special day for the St. Jude Parish community as that is the day on which the property for the church was purchased many years ago, and the rectory is located on Assumption Drive.

In the past, on the Sunday after Labor Day we have held the annual Parish Picnic. This year due to Covid-19 we have cancelled the picnic. Given the unknown situation of the future with regard to the coronavirus, what restrictions would be in place at that time with regard to gatherings of people, our inability to control the weather such if there was to be a rainy day that day we could only have a group of 10 people inside the building as we moved the lunch into the parish hall, not wanting to make all the preparations with food and then have things occur that caused the picnic to be cancelled at the last minute and the food to be wasted, we thought if might just be more prudent this year to cancel the picnic now. However, the Knights of Columbus will still be having their raffle as the pandemic doesn't really affect their ability to mail out raffle tickets and have a drawing of winning tickets. So when you receive a letter from the Knights with raffle tickets please remember that the picnic lunch and games are cancelled but the raffle and drawing of raffle tickets is not cancelled.

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary this year please see the notice in this bulletin concerning the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass which is held at the Cathedral of St. Andrew each year. Bishop Walkowiak will still be offering the Mass but couples will not be invited to participate in that Mass this year due again to Covid-19.



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Wedding Anniversary Mass

Together with your families, the Church in the Diocese of Grand Rapids honors the faithful witness to your vocation of marriage and wishes to celebrate with you. Bishop Walkowiak will celebrate the 10am Mass on Sunday, October 11 for the intentions of all couples in the diocese celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. Because of the current situation, we are asking couples to attend Mass at their own parish that day or to participate from home by watching the regular broadcast of the televised Mass on FOX 17 or the livestream on the diocesan Facebook page.

If you would like your marriage to be included in the Mass intention, please RSVP by calling or emailing your parish office to confirm your names, home address and number of years married.

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All Saints Academy

SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 19

All Saints Academy begins the new academic year in just a few weeks - and we've been preparing ever since the spring. We are planning to welcome students in person, safely and prudently, on August 19, and to provide remote learning in circumstances that demand it. Read the Diocese of Grand Rapids return to school plan at CatholicSchools4U.org.

Attention All Mask-Makers

All Saints Academy will have a need for "loaner" face masks for students and visitors at both of our campuses. They will be laundered between uses. If you like to sew, would you kindly consider making a few extra masks, in various sizes, for us? We also have some fabric available for you to use at the elementary campus office (2233 Diamond Ave NE). Completed masks can be dropped off there as well. The Elementary office is open M-F 9am-3pm. Thank you so much!



Congratulations to all making
their *First Communion* this
weekend!

STEWARDSHIP - Week of August 1 & 2

Week 5/52

Adult Envelopes (79 used)	\$5,848.00
Automatic Envelopes (35 used)	1,441.00
Youth	30.00
Loose Stewardship	138.00
Total Stewardship this week	\$7,457.00
YTD	\$63,101.05
Budget YTD	\$68,269.23
Last YTD	\$66,506.34
5% Tithe this week	\$372.85
YTD Tithe	\$3,155.05



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

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Bonnie Van Eck. Cards may be sent to 2640 Riverside Dr NE, 49505. Let Bonnie know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

