



# 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

**28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday**  
*in*  
**Ordinary**  
**Time**

"Many are  
invited, but  
few are  
chosen."

*Matthew 22:14*

## 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

<b>Sat, Oct 10</b> 4:30 pm	<b>VIGIL: 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Parish Family
<b>Sun, Oct 11</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Liz Duffy; Camilla Sonefeld Walt & Charlotte Rozegnal
<b>Mon, Oct 12</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b> <b>**No Mass**</b>
<b>Tues, Oct 13</b> 8:30 am	<b>WEEKDAY</b> Norman Pelak
<b>Wed, Oct 14</b> 10:30 am	<b>WEEKDAY</b> Sabine Gardeski
<b>Thurs, Oct 15</b> 8:30 am	<b>ST. TERESA OF JESUS</b> Special intention of Anne Rookey
<b>Fri, Oct 16</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b> <b>**No Mass**</b>
<b>Sat, Oct 17</b> 4:30 pm	<b>VIGIL: 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Richard Prince; Jim Schmidbauer
<b>Sun, Oct 18</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Parish Family Felix & Leona Sawosko



### SACRED SCRIPTURE

#### Readings for the Week of October 11, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-4 or 22:1-10
<b>Monday</b>	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Tuesday</b>	Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
<b>Wednesday</b>	Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin</b> Eph 1:1-0; Ps 98:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
<b>Friday</b>	Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop</b> Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3b, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 98:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21



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### BY GEORGE....

The following letter is from the Bishop:

"Dear Friends in Christ,

God calls us to be in relationship with one another. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And all who believed were together and had all things in common." (Acts 2:42-44) These words remind us of the importance of the Christian community. It is the place where we are nourished by Word and Sacrament. Therefore, I am happy to announce the ability to open our churches in the diocese more widely. I have provided guidance to our pastors allowing them to admit to Mass the number of people they are able to safely accommodate while maintaining proper social distancing.

We have been able to safely and effectively return to public Masses for the last four months. Within this timeframe and across our 80 parishes, we are aware of only five people who have tested positive for COVID-19 after attending Mass. We have no reason to believe that any of these cases were a result of transmission at a parish. To safely maintain public Masses with an increased seating capacity, parishioners need to continue to follow our guidelines including wearing a face covering, practicing social distancing, and frequently washing their hands. Parishes will continue to ensure that high-touch surfaces are disinfected after every liturgy.

It is good that more of you will now be able to attend Mass. I also realize, however, that by maintaining proper social distancing, our churches still face some occupancy restrictions. I am extending the dispensation for all Catholics within the territory of the Diocese of Grand Rapids from their obligation of attending Sunday Mass through November 23 to address this concern.

I grant this dispensation to ensure that anyone who needs to stay home to protect the common good can do so in good conscience. If you are homebound, please contact your parish to inquire about the ability to have Communion brought to you. Mass will continue to be televised at 10 a.m. Sunday on FOX 17 and livestreamed on the diocesan website (grdiocese.org) and Facebook page (Diocese of Grand Rapids).

Those who are able to attend Mass should return, remembering that our physical presence at the Eucharistic table is irreplaceable. While this dispensation is in effect, all baptized Catholics are reminded of their obligation to keep the Lord's Day holy.

We entrust our prayers to the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, patroness of those who suffer illness. Please continue to check the diocesan website: <http://bit.ly/GRdioceseCOVID19Updates> and social media for the latest information on our COVID-19 response.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
 Bishop of Grand Rapids"

## ~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~

**Tues Oct 13:** 9:15am-3pm Eucharistic Adoration, Church  
 9:15am Adult Bible Study, MPR  
 10:30am Adult Bible Study, MPR  
 6:30am Adult Bible Study, School Learning Center  
 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice, MPR



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](http://grdiocese.org). That link will tell you how to make your donation. Don't forget to reference Blessed Sacrament when filling out the form.



### FROM THE DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

All metal baskets and loose items must be removed, and all vases must be inverted by **October 15th**, at all Diocesan Catholic cemeteries.

Christmas Wreaths, secured to a tripod stand, are allowed at: Resurrection Cemetery starting on **December 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021**, and Holy Cross, Mt. Calvary, Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Andrew Cemeteries on **November 15, 2020 - March 31, 2021**.

Wooden Crosses, only purchased through the Holy Cross Cemetery office, are allowed November 15, 2020-March 31, 2021.

**GRAVE BLANKETS** are NOT allowed at any of these 5 cemeteries.

### KoFC TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The weekend of **October 17 & 18**, the Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus will be holding a tootsie roll drive after all the Masses. This drive raises money that will assist those with intellectual disabilities.

### STEWARDSHIP - Week of October 3 & 4

Week 14/52

Adult Envelopes (104 used)	\$9,795.45
Automatic Envelopes (61 used)	4,686.00
Youth	8.50
Loose Stewardship	121.00
<b>Total Stewardship this week</b>	<b>\$14,610.95</b>
YTD	\$183,512.79
Budget YTD	\$184,423.08
Last YTD	\$188,831.00
5% Tithe this week	\$730.55
YTD Tithe	\$9,175.64

## ~In Our Thoughts & Prayers~

Homebound Parishioner of the Week

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Judy Gorkowski. Cards may be sent to Stonebridge Manor, 3511 Leonard St NE, Walker, 49534. Let Judy know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

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 Michael Debri, Principal  
 All Saints Academy [www.asagr.org](http://www.asagr.org)

### No SCHOOL OCTOBER 15-16

There is no school for grades Pre-8 on October 15 and 16. The faculty will be attending professional development. Child care will be open. Please sign up in the child care rooms.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC 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. 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.



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