



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

FINANCE COUNCIL

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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

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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.

32nd
Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time

“Stay awake,
for you know
neither the day
nor the hour.”

Matthew 25:13



Masses for the Week

Sat, Nov 7 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family
Sun, Nov 8 9:00 am 11:00 am	32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Pete Vanoooy Gladys Spangler
Mon, Nov 9	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA **No Mass**
Tues, Nov 10 8:30 am	ST. LEO THE GREAT, POPE Jack Fee
Wed, Nov 11 10:30 am	ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP World Peace
Thurs, Nov 12 8:30 am	ST. JOSAPHAT, BISHOP Cheryl Bartosiewicz
Fri, Nov 13	ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN **No Mass**
Sat, Nov 14 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ruben & Gladys Huerta
Sun, Nov 15 9:00 am 11:00 am	33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family Wanda Jones

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of November 8, 2020

Sunday	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13
Monday	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday	St. Leo the Great, Pope Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday	St. Josaphat, Bishop Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-51; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



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BY GEORGE....

It is Wednesday morning as I write this article. The news reports are that there are states where the votes have not yet all been counted, including Michigan. The question before me is which would we prefer, white smoke or hanging chads. "White smoke" is of course a reference to the election of a pope, whereas "hanging chads" is a reference, for those of us who are old enough to remember, to the presidential election of the year 2000. Or perhaps should we go back to the presidential election of 1800 when there was a tie in the electoral college between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr and the decision went to House of Representatives to decide who would be the president? Wouldn't it just be a whole lot easier to wait and see what color of smoke comes from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel to know if and when a new president has been selected? Instead we will probably be entering into that confusing world of the election of 2000 when the courts will decide who won or lost the election and this time it won't be hanging chads but it will be postmarks or signature matches on mail-in ballots.

I hearken back once again to my seminarian days in Belgium to the day when we were sitting in a pub with some of our Flemish friends having a discussion about politics and the democratic system in the United States compared to the democratic socialist system in Belgium. I remember the comment of one of our Belgian friends who said that at least the Belgians were honest enough to admit that even if they voted they didn't choose who would run their government. He questioned our claims to the superiority of our system of democracy when he challenged us to be honest enough to admit that we simply choose between one of the two people who are given to us by the ultra rich and monied powers in our country as big business and those monied powers are the ones who really chose who is to run to be president. This thought comes to my mind as I see a news report that in all of this year's elections of candidates for all offices national, state, and local, a total of \$8.4 billion was spent on campaign ads. (that is 8.4 billion with a "b"). I wonder how that money could have been better spent on a stimulus package to help those who have lost jobs due to Covid-19 instead of constantly telling us how terrible was the other person who was running against the one who had purchased the campaign ad with someone else's money. How many times did the ads tell us to "vote for me because the other candidate is worse"?

I propose that we need to reflect on the fact that perhaps our system is not the perfect system. It has its benefits and it has its flaws. Perhaps the confusion and conflict that will be inflicted on us over the next days, weeks, and hopefully not months, has been because of our own fault as a people and a nation. What would we expect when we have created a system of "separation of church and state" - when we have said that God and the things of God can have nothing to do in our secular, political world? Will the upcoming solution to the election conflict be a moral or immoral solution, one that is just or unjust? I would know what the answer would be were God involved in the election process.

~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~

Mon Nov 9: 12:30pm Book Club, MPR
 Tues Nov 10: 9:15am-3pm Eucharistic Adoration, Church
 9:15am Adult Bible Study, MPR
 6:30pm Adult Bible Study, School Learning Center
 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice, MPR



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ADVENT GIVING TREE

As we begin the month of November, it's time to start thinking about this year's Giving Tree and how it's going to work in this time of covid. We have been in touch with our friends at Arbor Circle and we are trying to come up with a way everyone can participate.

As we usually do, we will be putting a tree up in the narthex with tags for you to take and then bring back the unwrapped gift. For those who are not coming to Church right now, but may have access to a computer, we are thinking of putting a wish list on our website and you could order something online and have it delivered directly to Arbor Circle.

We will keep you updated on what we will be doing and when the tree will go up in the Church narthex.

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STEWARDSHIP - Week of October 31 & November 1

Week 18/52	
Adult Envelopes (129 used)	\$12,103.80
Automatic Envelopes (34 used)	1,416.00
Youth	0.00
Loose Stewardship	163.53
Total Stewardship this week	\$13,683.33
YTD	\$231,643.80
Budget YTD	\$237,115.38
Last YTD	\$242,105.51
5% Tithe this week	\$684.17
YTD Tithe	\$11,582.19

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DIFFERENT ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION THIS YEAR

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we were unable to gather both campuses together and celebrate Mass this year in person. Instead we joined both campuses together via Google Meet for a school-wide rosary on October 30th. We were sad to not be able to gather the entire school at St Isidore this year to celebrate All Saints Day. Please know that our all school rosary was lifted up in part for the intentions of the St Isidore parish community. We are one, and all things are possible through Christ.

SACRAMENT PREP

ASA families who have children making a sacrament this year, please reach out to your home parish for their sacramental prep requirements. All sacraments are made through the parishes, not through school.

WEST CATHOLIC ANNUAL ALUMNI MEMORIAL MASS

West Catholic High School's annual Alumni Memorial Mass will be offered on **Tuesday, November 10, at 7pm** in the school cafeteria (1801 Bristol Ave NW). Deceased West Catholic students, faculty and alumni will be remembered at this very special Mass. All are welcome as we pray for those who have gone before us over the past 50+ years.



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

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Nola Alkasses. Cards may be sent to Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation, 235 Wealthy St SE #5137, 49503. Let Nola know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

