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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday: 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.

He cured many
who were sick
with various
diseases, and he
drove out many
demons, not
permitting them
to speak because
they knew him.
Mark 1:34

ORDINARY

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.

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Masses for the Week

Sat, Feb 6 **VIGIL: 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 4:30 pm Norton Thompson & Carolyn Szubinski Sun, Feb 7 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am Dorothy Czernev 11:00 am Parish Family Mon, Feb 8 WEEKDAY **No Mass**

Tues, Feb 9 WEEKDAY

8:30 am Katherine Veneklase

Wed, Feb 10 ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

10:30 am Donald Fuller Thurs, Feb 11 **WEEKDAY** **No Mass** WEEKDAY

Fri, Feb 12 **No Mass**

Sat, Feb 13 **VIGIL: 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:30 pm Doris Aman

Sun, Feb 14 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am Parish Family 11:00 am June Kubiak



SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of February 7, 2021 Sunday **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 47:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk

Monday Gn 1:1-0; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c;

Mk 6:53-56

Gn 1:20-2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13 Tuesday

Wednesday St. Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30;

Mk 7:14-23

Thursday Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-15; Mk 7:24-30 **Friday** Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4c, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10 Saturday

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31—

11:1; Mk 1:40-45



PASTORAL TEAM

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BY GEORGE....

As you read this it will have been a little over two weeks since I got out of isolation for testing positive for Covid-19. Life since then has been interesting. I still can't smell which I have discovered has its benefits. I can throw the chicken papers in the trash can in the kitchen and leave them there until the trash bag gets full as I cannot smell it when I start to get the chicken stink in the kitchen. I still have a foul taste in my mouth that comes and goes (I call it the covid taste since I had it the whole time I had covid). At least now it is coming and going instead of being constant. I am becoming proficient at taking cat naps as my energy levels seems to be less than it was before testing positive. How long will these symptoms last? If you have tested positive and had a similar experience with your own particular symptoms you know well that we are told "we will just have to wait and see". When people around here have asked me how it was possible that I caught Covid-19 given that I have been so careful to wear a mask even when I am the only one in the church, have kept my distance from people not greeting in the narthex before or after the Masses, and have washed my hands until my skin cracks. My doctor told me that despite my efforts Covid-19 is airborne such that I could have walked into a room two or three minutes after someone else who was infected walked out of the room and still have caught the virus as it was floating in the air. I would think that we would all know by now that keeping our distance from others, wearing a mask (including covering our noses), and frequently washing our hands are no more of a guarantee of not catching Covid-19 than driving slowly on icy roads is a guarantee of not having an accident. As safe as we can try to be undesired results can still occur. Hence, we are hopefully letting our experience with Covid-19 teach us some things about life that we may have forgotten or ignored such as:

> As much as we try we are in control of little if anything at all, and especially not in control of mother nature. Trying to be safe whether it is Covid-19 protocols or driving slowly is no quarantee of avoiding bad results.

Every moment of life is of great significance as one moment in which we are distracted or not paying attention can be a moment in which our behavior leads us to bad consequences. Whether it is Covid-19 or driving the car a moment's distraction can be harmful to us as undesired things can happen very quickly.

We all need the help of one another in order to survive, live, continue, etc. For Jody, the best part of Covid-19 was when she got to play deacon on a Sunday morning and all of the compliments she received from many of you. Isn't it nice to know that someone other than a priest can lead community prayer?

Sickness is no fun nor trivial. Do your best to be careful and try your best not to contract Covid-19. If you end up being one who does get it don't be afraid to ask for help from others.

\sim This Week in our Parish \sim

Tues Feb 9: 9:15am-3pm Eucharistic Adoration, Church

AREA FISH FRYS

As Blessed Sacrament is not having a fish fry this year, we thought we would share with you a few places that are having them.

CASINO CLUB FISH FRY

- ~Fridays February thru April 2nd
- ~Drive up or To Go only
- ~Lunch 11:30am-1pm Dinner 5:30-7pm
- ~Fish, Fries, Cole Slaw, Bread
- ~Cost is \$10



WEST CATHOLIC FISH FRY

Fridays:Feb 19 thru March 26; 4:30-7pm

West Catholic High School - 1801 Bristol Ave NW, Grand Rapids

Drive-thru only this year! On the menu is fried lake perch, fried walleye and breaded shrimp – all served with homemade coleslaw and your choice of french fries or baked potato. New this year, we are also offering cheese pizza from Uccello's and homemade onion rings.

Adults \$11 (Seniors 60+ get \$1 off) Pizza and fries \$5, Onion rings \$5



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ASA MARCHES ONLINE WEB-A-THON

We are excited to host our first ever web-a-thon this spring on Saturday, March 13! Families are encouraged to complete the free registration in advance in order to receive email updates about the web-a-thon. We also encourage families to purchase an ASA gift box to make their web-a-thon watch experience come to life! All details about the web-a-thon, including registration and raffle ticket & gift box sales, can be found at asagr.org/marchesonline.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for parishioners at our four founding parishes opens Monday, February 8th! We invite all new families who are considering ASA next year to schedule a tour today and learn more about how affordable a Catholic education can be for your children. Information about enrollment can be found at https://www.asagr.org/intent-to-enroll-your-child.

STEWARDSHIP - Week of January 30 & 31

Week 31/52

 Adult Envelopes (92)
 \$9,161.45

 Automatic Envelopes (36 used)
 1,456.00

 Youth
 0.50

 Loose Stewardship
 213.00

Total Stewardship this week

YTD \$404,596.23 Budget YTD \$408,365.38 Last YTD \$436,474.05

> \$541.55 \$20,229.81

\$10,830.95

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

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Lorraine Veneklase. Cards may be sent to Heron Woods, 2110 Leonard St NE, 49505. Let Lorraine know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.



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