



Blessed Sacrament Parish

2ND SUNDAY
of Easter

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm

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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.

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, Apr 10 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER Art Chomas; Leo Boruta
Sun, Apr 11 9:00 am 11:00 am	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER Parish Family Fr. John Wisneski
Mon, Apr 12	EASTER WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Tues, Apr 13 8:30 am	EASTER WEEKDAY Nisla Dutari
Wed, Apr 14 10:30 am	EASTER WEEKDAY Kimberly Frank
Thurs, Apr 15 8:30 am	EASTER WEEKDAY Tony Hehl
Fri, Apr 16	EASTER WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Sat, Apr 17 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER Joe & Josephine Kozarski
Sun, Apr 18 9:00 am 11:00 am	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER Parish Family Barbara Hernes



SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of April 11, 2021

Sunday	2nd Sunday of Easter Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31
Monday	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-0; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42; ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7; ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday	3rd Sunday of Easter Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



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BY GEORGE....

Last Sunday, April 4, would have been the feast day of St. Isidore if it wasn't Easter. Here is a reflection from the *Book of Maxims* by St. Isidore:

"Prayer purifies us, reading instructs us. Both are good when both are possible. Otherwise, prayer is better than reading.

If a man wants to be always in God's company, he must pray regularly and read regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us.

All spiritual growth comes from reading and reflection. By reading we learn what we did not know; by reflection we retain what we have learned.

Reading the holy Scriptures confers two benefits. It trains the mind to understand them; it turns man's attention from the follies of the world and leads him to the love of God.

Two kinds of study are called for here. We must first learn how the Scriptures are to be understood, and then see how to expound them with profit and in a manner worthy of them. A man must first be eager to understand what he is reading before he is fit to proclaim what he has learned.

The conscientious reader will be more concerned to carry out what he has read than merely to acquire knowledge of it. For it is a less serious fault to be ignorant of an objective than it is to fail to carry out what we do know. In reading we aim at knowing, but we must put into practice what we have learned in our course of study.

No one can understand holy Scripture without constant reading. The more you devote yourself to a study of the sacred utterances, the richer will be your understanding of them, just as the more the soil is tilled, the richer the harvest.

Some people have great mental powers but cannot be bothered with reading; what reading could have taught them is devalued by their neglect. Others have a desire to know but are hampered by their slow mental processes; yet application to reading will teach them things which the clever fail to learn through laziness.

The man who is slow to grasp things but who really tries hard is rewarded; equally he who does not cultivate his God-given intellectual ability is condemned for despising his gifts and sinning by sloth.

Learning unsupported by grace may get into our ears; it never reaches the heart. It makes a great noise outside but serves no inner purpose. But when God's grace touches our innermost minds to bring understanding, his word which has been received by the ear sinks deep into the heart."



~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~

Mon Apr 12: 1:00pm **Book Club**, Church MPR
Tues Apr 13: 9:15am-3pm **Eucharistic Adoration**, Church
 9:15am **Adult Bible Study**, MPR

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WILL BEGIN A THREE WEEK STUDY ON:

"The Road to Emmaus"

In this study we will learn the meaning of the Bible Story and how to apply it to our lives as fellow disciples of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Join us on Tuesday mornings in the Church multi-purpose room from **9:15 - 10:45am on April 13, 20 & 27**. Any questions please contact Jody DeGraw 616-340-9041.

BOOK CLUB

The Blessed Sacrament Book Club will meet on **Monday, April 12 at 1:00pm** in the Church multi-purpose room. Please remember that we will need to social distance and wear a mask. If you have any questions, you can contact Kathy Schwartz at 616-459-4728.

PARISH APP

As you may remember, a few years ago we launched a Parish App. During this time of covid-19, we thought it a good time to remind you that it is there and ready to be used on your Apple or Android devices. Visit the app store and search for myparishapp, then select Blessed Sacrament, Grand Rapids, MI, from the list of available parishes.

Features of the app include: Sunday readings (which is helpful to have when you are watching Mass from home or in Church), a list of prayers, parish Mass times, access to the weekly bulletin, parish info that will help you easily connect with staff, messages from the parish, and much more.



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STEWARDSHIP - Week of April 3 & 4

Week 40/52

Adult Envelopes (149)	\$17,112.00
Automatic Envelopes (67 used)	4,948.00
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Total Stewardship this week \$22,482.00

YTD	\$535,434.41
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ASA CAN DRIVE

All Saints Academy is hosting a Can and Bottle Drive April 16-18. The donation site will be in the teacher lot at the Upper Campus at 4 Mile by the Paper Gator. Our donation times will be:

- Friday, April 16, 7:45-9am & 4-6pm
- Saturday, April 17, 11am-2pm
- Sunday, April 18, 11:30am-2:15pm

This is a great way to get a jump on spring cleaning of your garage!

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Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Tim Lamie, recovering from heart surgery. Cards may be sent to 942 Innes St NE, 49503. Let Tim know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of him.



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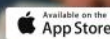
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