4th Sunday of Easter

Blessed Sacrament Parish

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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 24	**VIGIL: 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER**
4:30 pm	Jean, Ken & Emmit Amidon
Sun, Apr 25	**4th SUNDAY OF EASTER**
9:00 am	Parish Family
11:00 am	Steve Stoddard
Mon, Apr 26	**EASTER WEEKDAY**
	****No Mass****
Tues, Apr 27	**EASTER WEEKDAY**
8:30 am	Beverly Hehl
Wed, Apr 28	**EASTER WEEKDAY**
10:30 am	Jacob Fortier
Thurs, Apr 29	**ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN**
	****No Mass****
Fri, Apr 30	**EASTER WEEKDAY**
	****No Mass****
Sat, May 1	**VIGIL: 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER**
4:30 pm	Leo Boruta; Vivian Berry
Sun, May 2	**5th SUNDAY OF EASTER**
9:00 am	John Markus
11:00 am	Parish Family

Sacred Scripture

Readings for the Week of April 25, 2021

Sunday	**4th Sunday of Easter**
	Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
Monday	Acts 11:1-8; Pss 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	**St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin**
	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11a; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday	**5th Sunday of Easter**
	Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

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BY GEORGE....

Our latest numbers with regard to the Catholic Services Appeal are 264 pledge cards returned with pledges and donations in the amount of $83,895.00—89% of our assessment. Hopefully you remember that the CSA is the annual collection to provide Bishop Walkowiak with the funds needed for the operation of programs in the Diocese. Some of these programs include the televised Mass each Sunday for shut-ins or covid-19 avoiders, part of the cost of the seminary program for the formation of future priests, the work of the offices of Catholic Charities, the support of the Prison Ministry program to evangelize those who have been incarcerated, and the offices that support our Catholic schools and religious education programs.

The way in which the formula works by which the assessments for the parishes are determined simply divides the parish income into the total Diocesan income to get a percentage. For instance, this past year Blessed Sacrament Parish's income of $710,314 was 1.633% of the total income of all of the parishes in the Diocese which was $43,492,455 (down 3.5% from the prior year). The total Diocesan CSA assessment this year is $5,800,000 (down 4.2% from the prior year). Multiply that amount by our percentage of diocesan income and we discover that our parish assessment this year is $94,725.

This assessment is a decrease of 3.73% from last year's tax of $98,399 because the CSA is an income tax and our parish income has sadly decreased, so our CSA assessment has decreased. For the past year's appeal (2020), as of the end of January, we had pledges in the amount of $106,161.64. As of the end of March we have collected $105,012.64. The amount still outstanding is $1,149.00. As you will notice we have not yet collected all that was pledged but only 99% of pledges. This past year we had 307 pledges or donations, down from 371 the previous year.

We are getting to the point now that a second letter will be sent to those who have not returned a pledge card. If you want to avoid wasting that paper and postage cost simply fill out one of the CSA envelopes by the contribution baskets in church and drop it in that basket. Once again I thank you for your past support and ask you to be as generous this year as you can be given your family situation. It is my hope that everyone could give something (remember the widow's mite?). If you choose not to donate or pledge anything please simply fill out your pledge card with $0 and return it to us. If you wish to make a credit card donation you will need to do so on line at the Diocesan web site www.grdiocese.org/csa. To the 264 of you who have returned your pledge cards, in the name of the Bishop I thank you for your support, and your continued support of the work of the Diocesan Church this year. To the 300 who haven't I again invite you to return a pledge card. If you have any questions about the CSA, as always, just ask.

~This Week in our Parish~

Tues Apr 27: 9:15am-3pm **Eucharistic Adoration,** Church
9:15am **Adult Bible Study,** Church MPR
Wed Apr 28: 6:30pm **Finance Council Meeting**, Church MPR

More Masks are Needed

The students at All Saints Academy are in need of protective masks. Often, the masks that the students are wearing when they arrive in the morning do not survive the school day for one reason or another. If you enjoy sewing and would like to use your talent to help replenish our supply of masks, it would be greatly appreciated. We have an amble supply of assorted fabric for you to use for this task.

Please contact Judy Hardy in the ASA Lower Campus office, 616-447-2997, if you would like more information or to pick up some fabric.

3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Join us in congratulating the following students for making the Honor Roll at their school! We are so proud of the hard work you do to achieve this goal. If you know of any students we may have missed or students from other schools, please let us know and we would be happy to celebrate their honor.

Catholic Central
Austin Baxter - 9th grade
Emma Picarazzi - 9th grade
Stephanie Wojciakowski - 9th grade
Zachary Baxter - 11th grade
Aiden McGavin - 11th grade

West Catholic
Owen Ellis - 10th grade
Olivia Goode - 10th grade
Jessica Martinez - 10th grade
Margaret Needham - 10th grade
Francis Corona - 12th grade
Abigail Nawrocki - 12th grade
Reece Rowton - 12th grade
Isabella Spicer - 12th grade

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. That link will tell you how to make your donation. Don't forget to reference Blessed Sacrament when filling out the form.

STEWARDSHIP - Week of April 17 & 18

Week 42/52

Adult Envelopes *(103)*	$8,230.00
Automatic Envelopes *(67 used)*	5,366.00
Youth	31.25
Loose Stewardship	194.00
Total Stewardship this week	$13,821.25
YTD	$560,000.91
Budget YTD	$545,192.31
Last YTD	$589,851.38
5% Tithe this week	$691.06
YTD Tithe	$28,000.05

~In Our Thoughts & Prayers~

Homebound Parishioner of the Week

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Patricia Koepke. Cards may be sent to 214 Comstock Blvd NE, 49505. Let Patricia know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

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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 to learn how you can make a difference today...and for years to come.

A personal story to share related to tuition assistance: I encountered a mom and her son waiting for the city bus on Plainfield. The little boy was waving a cross he had made at school, and he was very proud of it. He proceeded to tell me everything he knew about Jesus, and how excited he was to know that Jesus loves him. His mom then told me how he had recently gotten on the city bus and told the driver that we are all brothers and sisters in God's family, and that God loves us no matter what! I asked the little guy where he went to school and he told me, "All Saints Academy, and I love it there!" His mom explained that they live in downtown Grand Rapids, the Heartside area, and told me how grateful she is to receive the financial assistance needed to have her son attend ASA. What a great testament to our school and our supporting parishes. As Catholics, we are called to share our faith with others and the education of our children is part of that mission. At ASA, we partner with families to ensure our children learn how to share God with our neighbors!

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