

Blessed Sacrament Parish

Fr. George Darling, Pastor

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 10:30am

Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday

8:00am-4:30pm

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, July 10 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Richard Prince; John & Mary Kandra
Sun, July 11 9:00 am 11:00 am	15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Richard Banka Parish Family
Mon, July 12	WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Tues, July 13 8:30 am	WEEKDAY Tony Hehl Jr.
Wed, July 14	ST. KATERI TEKAWITHA, VIRGIN **No Mass**
Thurs, July 15	ST. BONAVENTURE, BISHOP **No Mass**
Fri, July 16	WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Sat, July 17 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Joe & Josephine Kozarski
Sun, July 18 9:00 am 11:00 am	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family Patricia Fish



SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of July 11, 2021

Sunday	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13
Monday	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1-8; Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday	Ex 2:1-5a; ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	St. Kateri Tekaweith, Virgin Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	St. Bonaventure, Bishop Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday	Ex 11:10—12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24; 10-15; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34



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BY GEORGE....

Today, Tuesday, is the feast day of St. Maria Goretti. I offer you the following from the homily of Pope Pius XII at her canonization in 1950.

"It is well known how this young girl had to face a bitter struggle with no way to defend herself. Without warning a vicious stranger burst upon her, bent on raping her and destroying her childlike purity. In that moment of crisis she could have spoken to her Redeemer in the words of that classic, *The Imitation of Christ*: "Though tested and plagued by a host of misfortunes, I have no fear so long as your grace is with me. It is my strength, stronger than any adversary; it helps me and gives me guidance." With splendid courage she surrendered herself to God and his grace and so gave her life to protect her virginity.

The life of this simple girl we can see as worthy of heaven. Even today people can look upon it with admiration and respect. Parents can learn from her story how to raise their God-given children in virtue, courage and holiness; they can learn to train them in the Catholic faith so that, when put to the test, God's grace will support them and they will come through undefeated, unscathed and untarnished.

From Maria's story carefree children and young people with their zest for life can learn not to be led astray by attractive pleasures which are not only ephemeral and empty but also sinful. Instead they can fix their sights on achieving Christian moral perfection, however difficult and hazardous that course may prove. With determination and God's help all of us can attain that goal by persistent effort and prayer.

Not all of us are expected to die a martyr's death, but we are called to the pursuit of Christian virtue. This demands strength of character though it may not match that of this innocent girl. Still, a constant, persistent and relentless effort is asked of us right up to the moment of our death. This may be conceived as a slow steady martyrdom which Christ urged upon us when he said: "The kingdom of heaven is set upon and laid waste by violent forces."

So let us all, with God's grace, strive to reach the goal that the example of the virgin martyr, Saint Maria Goretti, sets before us. Through her prayers to the Redeemer may all of us, each in his own way, joyfully try to follow the inspiring example of Maria Goretti who now enjoys eternal happiness in heaven."

Every two years we are required by the Bishop's Office to have a missionary come to visit up to remind us of our role as part of a missionary church. Remember that the word "mission" comes from the Latin verb meaning "to send". Each of us has been sent—be it to our family, our neighborhood, our society, the world, etc. Next weekend a priest from the Congregation of the Mission from Vietnam, will be with us to share a message from the Vietnamese Vincentian Fathers and Brothers who minister in more than a dozen dioceses of Vietnam. The missionaries provide direct service to the poor and those living in rural areas by building houses, buying new water containers, providing scholarships for students, seeds and food to the hungry, and assisting with basic needs. They also educate younger missionaries and lay missionaries so that they may continue to serve those in need.

~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~

Mon July 12: 1:00pm Book Club, Church MPR
 Tues July 13: 1:00pm Stitched with Love Ministry, Church MPR

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If any one is interested in helping to decorate the Church on a regular basis, please contact Lori in the Parish Office or talk with Fr. George. This volunteer position deals with putting up the banners, decorating the Church with flowers during the year, plus ordering flowers and decorating the Church for the Christmas and Easter seasons.

We are also in need of someone to help organize our funeral luncheons. After a number of years of dedicated service, Mary Jo Hoving and Ann Kalanta have stepped down from heading up this important ministry. Please speak with Father George or contact Lori in the Parish Office if you think you might be interested in taking control of the Funeral Luncheon Committee.

Thank you for considering helping with either of these worthwhile ministries for the Parish.

BOOK CLUB

The Blessed Sacrament Book Club will meet on **Monday, July 1th at 1pm** in the Church multi-purpose room. If you have any questions, you can contact Kathy Schwartz at 616-459-4728.



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STEWARDSHIP - Week of July 3 & 4

Week 1/52	
Adult Envelopes (107)	\$11,816.00
Automatic Envelopes (66 used)	4,913.00
Youth	8.50
Loose Stewardship	110.00
Total Stewardship this week	\$16,847.50
YTD	\$16,847.50
Budget YTD	\$13,250.00
Last YTD	\$17,706.05
5% Tithe this week	\$842.38
YTD Tithe	\$842.38

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

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Judy Jankowski. Cards may be sent to Vista Spring, 3740 Vista Spring Ave NE #1, 49525. Let Judy know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

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Summer Update & Value of Loving

All Saints Academy continues to provide summer child care throughout the summer. Students spend their days doing various crafts, visiting Aberdeen park and splash pad, playing games, spending time outside, and much more. Each week on our Facebook page, we highlight pictures and updates of what our students do throughout the week. This past week, our older students finished up a chess and checkers tournament. After the game, the winning chess student told one of our aides that he was going to give his prize to the runner-up. When asked why, he said, "Because she worked so hard, she deserves a prize." This student surely executed our ASA value of loving and his comment highlights how our values of faith, learning, loving, and serving are seen throughout our building, not just during the school year. The community at ASA is truly one where we are always growing as disciples of Christ!

Invitation to Pray

In your personal, family, or even small group prayer this next week, please consider offering your prayers for our summer child care employees, that they may be able to provide the love of Christ to every child who steps into our building this summer, and for our families who attend our summer child care, that they may find this summer one of rest and joy!



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NOTICE:
Please be sure any decorations that you have at your loved ones grave(s) are in the inground vase or baskets (not allowed at Resurrection). All other decorations will be removed after July 4th.

Please refer to our Rules and Regulations for allowable decorations.
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