

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

21st 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, Aug 21 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family
Sun, Aug 22 9:00 am 11:00 am	21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Fr. Eugene Golas Jeremy & Harry Waranica
Mon, Aug 23	WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Tues, Aug 24 8:30 am	ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE Byrne/Banka families
Wed, Aug 25 10:30 am	WEEKDAY Joseph Monroe
Thurs, Aug 26	WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Fri, Aug 27	ST. MONICA **No Mass**
Sat, Aug 28 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Esther Szotko
Sun, Aug 29 9:00 am 11:00 am	22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family Al & Marilyn Bleimiller



SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of August 22, 2021

Sunday	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69
Monday	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	St. Bartholomew, Apostle Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12b; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	St. Monica 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	St. Augustine, Bishop 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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BY GEORGE....

It seems over the years that more and more couples planning to get married are living with each other prior to marriage. When I ask them why they are living together prior to marriage given that the Church teaches that couples shouldn't live together prior to marriage I always have been given the same answer. It is because they are too poor to be able to afford a second apartment, condo, parent's house, or place to live. Most of the time when I am given this answer the couple is earning around \$100,000 a year in income and still claim that they are too poor to afford a second living place. So I always offer them that given their poverty I would do them the favor of raising money from their fellow parishioners to provide them a second apartment or place to live. No one has ever taken me up on that offer over all of these years. When they tell me that their present living place has multiple bedrooms I ask them why then when they could each have their own bedroom to lessen the temptations of forsaking a life of chastity I am told that I must be crazy or that I just don't understand these things since I am a priest because why would they want to have separate bedrooms when they could be sharing a bed. When I bring up the life of chastity they tell me I am old fashioned because "everybody is doing it" now. What they ultimately tell me is that the teachings of Christ, St. Paul, the Church don't matter to them as they have forsaken their Catholic faith for what appears to them to be the ways of the world. I try to explain to them that statistics teach us that couples who live together prior to marriage have a higher divorce rate than couples that don't. They tell me that they don't really care about statistics since they know what they want and will do as they please.

Having worked at the Diocesan Tribunal for many years auditing cases for applications of nullity of marriage and having read many stories saying if only we weren't living together prior to our wedding we would probably have broken up and not gotten married I shake my head in sadness as I listen to the stories of couples who try to convince me that the wisdom of the ages no longer applies in these our modern progressive times. The problem for me is that I see our times regressing not progressing as our animal appetites have overruled our reason. For instance, if a woman is willing to live with me in a marital relationship before we have a wedding and are married why then would I want to be married to her? If she believes that it is acceptable to have marital relations with me prior to our wedding then she must think that the rule of not having marital relations outside of marriage doesn't apply to her. If she believes that the rule that marital relations outside of marriage doesn't apply to her then why would I want to be married to her if she thinks it is acceptable for her to have marital relations with someone other than me after we are married, since the rule of having marital relations only in marriage doesn't apply. The same question could be asked of her why she would want to be married to me if I don't believe in the rule of marital relations only in marriage as well. In 37 years though sadly I have never found any couple planning a wedding who would agree with my logic. Perhaps the lack of logic is why we have the number of divorces we have — couples being ruled by their emotions or appetites instead of by their rationality and settling for something less than the ideal—two people loving one another unconditionally as Christ loves each of us.

~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~

Tues Aug 24: 1:00pm Stitched with Love Ministry, Church MPR
Wed Aug 25: 6:30pm Finance Council Meeting, Church MPR

A memorial for Lorraine LaVigne is being held on Sunday, September 26th from 1:00-3:00 PM at the Casino Club. Light appetizers and desserts will be served with a balloon release scheduled for 2:30 PM. Please RSVP to Laurie at 616-293-9143 by August 25th.



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PAPERGATOR

Just a reminder to use our papergator. All money received goes toward the Blessed Sacrament Scholarship Fund. It's located to the right of the garage behind the school building. We raise approximately \$400 a year. We recently received a check for \$190.36. Thank you for supporting this program!



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Due to Lori's scheduled vacation in the Parish Office, we had to send this bulletin in for publication early. The collection information from the weekend of August 14 & 15 will be published in next week's bulletin.

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

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Joyce Lewis. Cards may be sent to 2279 Chesapeake Dr NE, 49505. Let Joyce know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.



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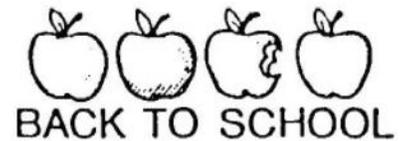
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