

# Blessed Sacrament Parish

Fr. George Darling, Pastor

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

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### **Weekday Mass:**

Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 10:30am

### **Weekend Mass:**

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am

## PARISHIONER MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome to our Parish. Parishioner status is maintained by registration in the parish, active participation in week-end 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

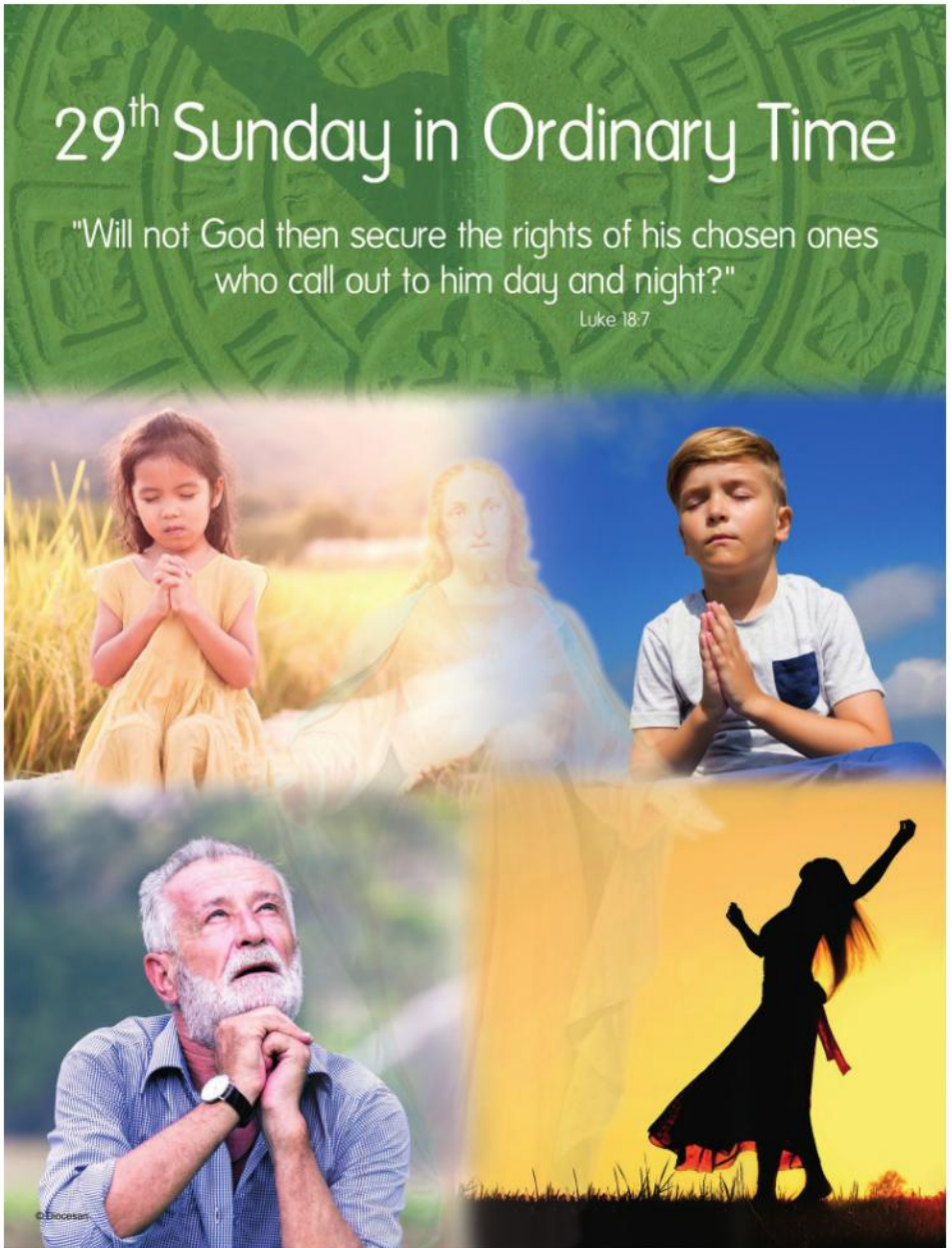
Saturdays at 3:30 pm or by appointment.

## 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**

<b>Sat, Oct 15</b> 4:30 pm	<b>VIGIL: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Peter Schmucker
<b>Sun, Oct 16</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Parish Family Evelyn Matlak
<b>Mon, Oct 17</b>	<b>ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP</b> <b>**No Mass**</b>
<b>Tues, Oct 18</b> 8:30 am	<b>ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST</b> Sabine Gardeski
<b>Wed, Oct 19</b>  10:30 am	<b>Ss John de Brebeuf &amp; Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions</b> Elizabeth Longo
<b>Thurs, Oct 20</b> 8:30 am	<b>WEEKDAY</b> Leon Drongowski
<b>Fri, Oct 21</b>	<b>WEEKDAY</b> <b>**No Mass**</b>
<b>Sat, Oct 22</b> 4:30 pm	<b>VIGIL: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Brenda Wiebenga
<b>Sun, Oct 23</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Tom Jewell Parish Family

**SACRED SCRIPTURE**

<b>Readings for the Week of October 16, 2022</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8
<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop</b> Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Luke, Evangelist</b> 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Ss John de Brebeuf &amp; Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions</b> Eph 3:2-12; (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4b-6; Lk 12:39-48
<b>Thursday</b>	Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
<b>Friday</b>	Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
<b>Saturday</b>	Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

**PASTORAL TEAM**

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**BY GEORGE....**

This week I would like to share the letter below from Bishop Walkowiak:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On October 23, World Mission Sunday, we join Catholics worldwide in this annual Eucharistic celebration for the Missions of the Church.

Pope Francis reflects on this year's theme: "You shall be My witnesses" (Acts 1:8). He emphasizes the call to every Christian to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Beginning in 1822, the universal fund of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith provided some \$7 million in help to the new and growing Churches in the United States. Your prayers and generous support today sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot began this work 200 years ago. As Pope Francis reminds us, "She accepted God's inspiration to establish a network of prayer and collection for missionaries so that the faithful could actively participate in the mission 'to the ends of the earth.'" Her vision would lead to World Mission Sunday, which helps the Pope support missionary activity.

When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you make it possible for the Holy Father to provide for the formation of our seminarians and religious men and women. You assist in building the schools and orphanages that care for children in places few visit. Missionaries can build churches in areas with scarce resources. Priests and religious Brothers and Sisters can buy food and the bare essentials that make it possible to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

I encourage your generosity on World Mission Sunday, especially in this bicentennial anniversary year. Your prayers remain your greatest gift, and your financial support is life-giving to our brothers and sisters in the world's most vulnerable communities.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
Bishop of Grand Rapids"

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**Inserted in this bulletin is a contribution envelope for World Mission Sunday. Please make the check out to Blessed Sacrament and return it in next week's collection.**





# *An Analysis of Proposal 3's Extreme Constitutional Amendment*

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL TEXT

*"Every individual has a fundamental right to reproductive freedom, which entails the right to make and effectuate decisions about all matters relating to pregnancy, including but not limited to prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion care, miscarriage management, and infertility care."*

*"An individual's right to reproductive freedom shall not be denied, burdened, nor infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest achieved by the least restrictive means."*

*"Notwithstanding the above, the state may regulate the provision of abortion care after fetal viability, provided that in no circumstance shall the state prohibit an abortion that, in the professional judgment of an attending health care professional is medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual."*

*"The state shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right."*

## ANALYSIS

The amendment specifically says it will impact **ALL** matters relating to pregnancy and lists several examples. These words have extremely far-reaching consequences. The word individual is not defined as to age, meaning the provisions in this amendment will apply to children as well as adults.

This amendment specifically defines a compelling state interest, which would severely restrict any possible abortion law or regulation.

This confusing language appears to allow late-term abortion bans, but by introducing a "mental health" exception, it would allow late-term abortions for practically any reason.

Notice that it does not mention doctors, but "health care professional," which under Michigan law, covers more than just physicians. For example, a dentist could approve a late-term abortion on mental health grounds—and even perform one with no consequence.

If this were to be added to the constitution, the state would likely be seen as singling out abortion with its ban on taxpayer funded abortions through the Medicaid program. With this provision, the state would be required to fund abortion, sterilization, and unethical infertility measures as any other medical procedure.

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## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL TEXT

*"The state shall not penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against an individual based on their actual, potential, perceived, or alleged pregnancy outcomes, including but not limited to miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion."*

*"Nor shall the state penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against someone for aiding or assisting a pregnant individual in exercising their right to reproductive freedom with their voluntary consent."*

*"For the purposes of this section:*

*A state interest is "compelling" only if it is for the limited purpose of protecting the health of an individual seeking care, consistent with accepted clinical standards of practice and evidence-based medicine, and does not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision-making."*

*"Fetal viability" means: the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of an attending health care professional and based on the particular facts of the case, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus's sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures. This section shall be self-executing. Any provision of this section held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of this section.*

## ANALYSIS

This section could stop investigations of infanticides. For example, if someone gives birth and then abandons the baby in the trash, the state cannot investigate the situation because investigation is an "adverse action" against a "perceived pregnancy outcome."

People do not have a right to kill a newborn baby, but this amendment could give them one, and make the state enforce it.

This could stop the state from investigating someone who assists with any abortion as long as consent is given. A school counselor could take a 13-year-old girl to get an abortion without telling her parents, and there is nothing her parents could legally do when or if they find out. An untrained employee at an abortion facility could perform an abortion, and health and safety regulators could be powerless to address it.

This section is likely intended to invalidate the state's pro-life laws. Any existing law related to pregnancy, sex, abortion, sterilization, etc. must overcome three separate obstacles:

- First, the law can only be for the purpose of protecting "health," which is not defined.
- Second, the law must agree with "accepted clinical standards of practice," which are written by the abortion industry itself.
- Third, no law on anything related to pregnancy can infringe on a person's "autonomous decision making."

This means that the amendment makes a female's consent the only legal limit on abortion.

Fetal viability is usually defined as the point a child can survive outside the womb. The amendment changes this definition so that any newborn with a significant illness could be defined as a non-viable child. ■



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Tues Oct 18:** 9:00am-1pm Eucharistic Adoration, Church  
 9:15am Adult Bible Study, MPR  
 1:00pm Card Making Ministry, MPR  
 5:30-6pm Children's Choir rehearsal, MPR  
 6-6:30pm Honor Choir rehearsal, MPR  
 6:45pm Adult Choir rehearsal, MPR  
**Wed Oct 19:** 6:45pm Adult Bible Study, MPR  
**Thurs Oct 20:** 6:30pm Religious Ed classes, school classrooms

**REMINDER:** If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Marie LeMire at 616-260-4685 to arrange a visit.

## OUTSIDE THE PARISH



**Saint Isidore Church Craft Sale**  
**Saturday, Oct. 29th 9am – 3pm**  
**625 Spring Ave. in the Gym**

Hand-made Crafts; Polish lunch will be available for purchase; Bake Sale of items made by our young parishioner ladies; over 60 vendors with tables filled with crafts!



**SS. Peter & Paul Vacation Bible School Fundraiser**  
**"Take Out" Burrito Dinner**  
**Saturday, October 22, 2022**

This is a TAKE-OUT ONLY event. Please pre-order your burritos thru 3pm Friday, Oct. 21. The pre-ordered burritos will be ready when you arrive on Saturday between 4-6:30pm or place your order in person the day of the event while supplies last.

Burritos are made to order and can include any or all of the following .... meat, beans, cheese, tomatoes, lettuce and onions. Cost is \$10 each. Call the parish office at 616-454-6000 or email [dennisv@ssppgr.org](mailto:dennisv@ssppgr.org) to place your pre-order.

## STEWARDSHIP - WEEK OF OCTOBER 8 & 9

Week 15/52

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| Adult Envelopes (82 used)     | \$6,943.00 |
| Automatic Envelopes (69 used) | 5,746.00   |
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| Loose Stewardship             | 260.00     |

**Total Stewardship this week** \$12,963.75

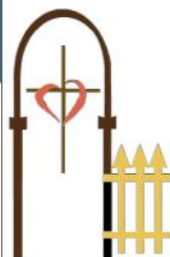
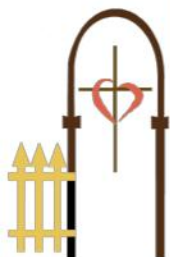
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| YTD        | \$187,959.88 |
| Budget YTD | \$199,038.46 |
| Last YTD   | \$197,664.08 |

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| 5% Tithe this week | \$648.19   |
| YTD Tithe          | \$9,397.99 |

## IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

### HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Esther Heemstra. Cards may be sent to 3406 Waterford Ct NE, 49525. Let Esther know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.



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## BLESSINGS OF THE PETS

To celebrate St. Francis' feast day, Monsignor Hankiewicz blessed the pets of our K-2 students on October 4th. Pets and family members joined us outside for song, prayer, and a special blessing.



"But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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