

# 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



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## 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.

# Advent

## Third Sunday

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Sat, Dec 10</b> 4:30 pm	<b>VIGIL: 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Leo Boruta
<b>Sun, Dec 11</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Parish Family L/D members Waranica family
<b>Mon, Dec 12</b>	<b>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</b> <b>**No Mass**</b>
<b>Tues, Dec 13</b> 8:30 am	<b>ST. LUCY, VIRGIN</b> Nick Noto
<b>Wed, Dec 14</b> 10:30 am	<b>ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST</b> Sam & Catherine Cesare
<b>Thurs, Dec 15</b> 8:30 am	<b>ADVENT WEEKDAY</b> Virginia Fate
<b>Fri, Dec 16</b>	<b>ADVENT WEEKDAY</b> <b>**No Mass**</b>
<b>Sat, Dec 17</b> 4:30 pm	<b>VIGIL: 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Jim Schmidbauer; Wendelin Schmich
<b>Sun, Dec 18</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Jerry Korstange; Rosemary Banka Parish Family

**SACRED SCRIPTURE**

<b>Readings for the Week of December 11, 2022</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; (Ps) Jdt 13:18bac, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Lucy, Virgin</b> Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St. John of the Cross, Priest</b> Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 54:1-10; ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Lk 7P:24-30
<b>Friday</b>	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; ps 67:2-33, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
<b>Saturday</b>	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> Is 7:10-14; ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

**PASTORAL TEAM**

<b>Father George E. Darling, Pastor.....</b>	<b>father@bsacrament.net</b>
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<b>Michael Debri, Principal ASA.....</b>	<b>mdebri@asagr.org</b>

**BY GEORGE....**

This coming Tuesday evening from 7-8 p.m. we will have a holy hour in the Church with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This is in response to a request made by Bishop Walkowiak that every parish in the diocese at the same time have the opportunity for people to come to church and pray before the Blessed Sacrament as part of a National Eucharistic Revival. Because of your work or school schedules many of you aren't able to participate in exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. which we have each week. Perhaps you may be able to participate on Tuesday evening.

Recently the Deacon George Social Justice Fund Board met and made the following grants each in the amount of \$5000.00.

A grant was given to North End Community Ministry which assists the hungry and needy in the north end of the city of Grand Rapids.

A grant was given to Feeding America West Michigan which provides food for the hungry in west Michigan.

A grant was given to Catholic Charities of West Michigan to assist with the God's Kitchen ministry which provides a hot meal once a day to the hungry in the city of Grand Rapids.

A grant was given to Help Pregnancy Aid which provides assistance to needy mothers so that they have an alternative to having their baby aborted.

A grant was given to the Samuel Omogo Foundation which provides assistance to the thirsty in Africa by drilling wells so that people and their communities have clean non-polluted water for their drinking, cooking, and daily needs.

In addition, a while back, we sent \$2,000 from the Deacon George Social Justice Fund to the Bishop's Emergency Disaster Fund for Hurricane Relief for the hurricane that hit Florida.

If you would like to nominate a charity to receive a grant from the Deacon George Social Justice board please remember that the charity must be involved in the work of social justice and cannot be involved in any activity that is contrary to the teaching or practice of the Roman Catholic Church. You can find nomination forms in the stewardship tower in the church narthex, on the parish web site, or you can contact Lori in the parish office and she can send you one by email or US postal mail. If you have questions you can contact me or any of the members of the Deacon George Social Justice Fund board who are Tim Callery, Tom Paniwozik, Angie Schmidbauer, and Kathy Schwartz. Thank you for your continued support which allows the board to do Jesus' works of charity

**STEWARDSHIP - WEEK OF DECEMBER 3 & 4**

Week 23/52

Adult Envelopes (106 used)	\$9,519.00
Automatic Envelopes (69 used)	5,741.00
Youth	23.30
Loose Stewardship	282.00

**Total Stewardship this week** \$15,565.30

**YTD** \$287,542.40

**Budget YTD** \$305,192.31

**Last YTD** \$306,109.84

**5% Tithe this week** \$778.27

**YTD Tithe** \$14,377.12

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Mon Dec 12:** 1:00pm **Book Club**, Church MPR  
**Tues Dec 13:** 9:00am-1pm **Eucharistic Adoration**, Church  
 9:15am **Adult Bible Study**, MPR  
 noon **Stitched with Love Ministry**, Church MPR  
 5-5:30pm **Children's Choir rehearsal**, MPR  
 5:30-6pm **Honor Choir rehearsal**, MPR  
 6-7pm **Adult Choir rehearsal**, MPR  
 7-8pm **Holy Hour**, Church  
**Thurs Dec 15:** 6:30pm **Religious Education**, school classrooms  
**Sat Dec 17:** 6:00pm **Euchre**, MPR

thank you

Our family wishes to acknowledge our fellow parishioners and friends who were kind enough to send a card, encouraging note or prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. They are much appreciated and you will also be in my prayers. Thank you.

Ed Kazelskis

**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.

### COFFEE & DONUTS

The Knights are hosting coffee and donuts/cookies in the Family Center after all the Masses on the weekend of December 17th & 18th.

### GIVING TREE

If you haven't had a chance to return your gifts, you can drop them off at the Parish Office by Tuesday, December 13th. Thank you!

## OUTSIDE THE PARISH

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY AT ST. JUDE

You are invited! Come ring in the New Year at St. Jude Parish on Saturday, December 31st from 7pm to 12:30am. There will be dinner, dancing, drinks, raffles, and a champagne toast at midnight. The cost is \$50 per person/\$100 per couple. Our party will be benefiting a great cause, the Help Pregnancy Aid Center, a local non-profit organization that provides life-giving support to women before, during and after pregnancy. Learn more at <https://helppregnancy.org/>. Please send questions to [stjudenyeparty@gmail.com](mailto:stjudenyeparty@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

### IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Gloria Colon. Cards may be sent to Clark Home, 1551 Franklin St SE, 49506. Let Gloria know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

All Saints Academy (2233 Diamond Ave NE) is seeking fun-loving individuals to assist in our preschool/toddler child care. We are in need of caregivers after school until 6pm. Flexibility with work days. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age. If you are interested, please contact Beckie Patterson at [bpatterson@asagr.org](mailto:bpatterson@asagr.org) or (616)447-2997.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR US

We ask all parishioners of our founding parishes to pray for the faculty and staff at ASA as we strive to form saints to serve all. We also ask that you keep our students in your prayers, as well, as they grow with Christ, especially during this Advent season. Through Christ all things are possible!

Third Sunday

Behold, I am sending  
my messenger ahead of  
you; he will prepare  
your way before you.

Matthew 11:10

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