

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



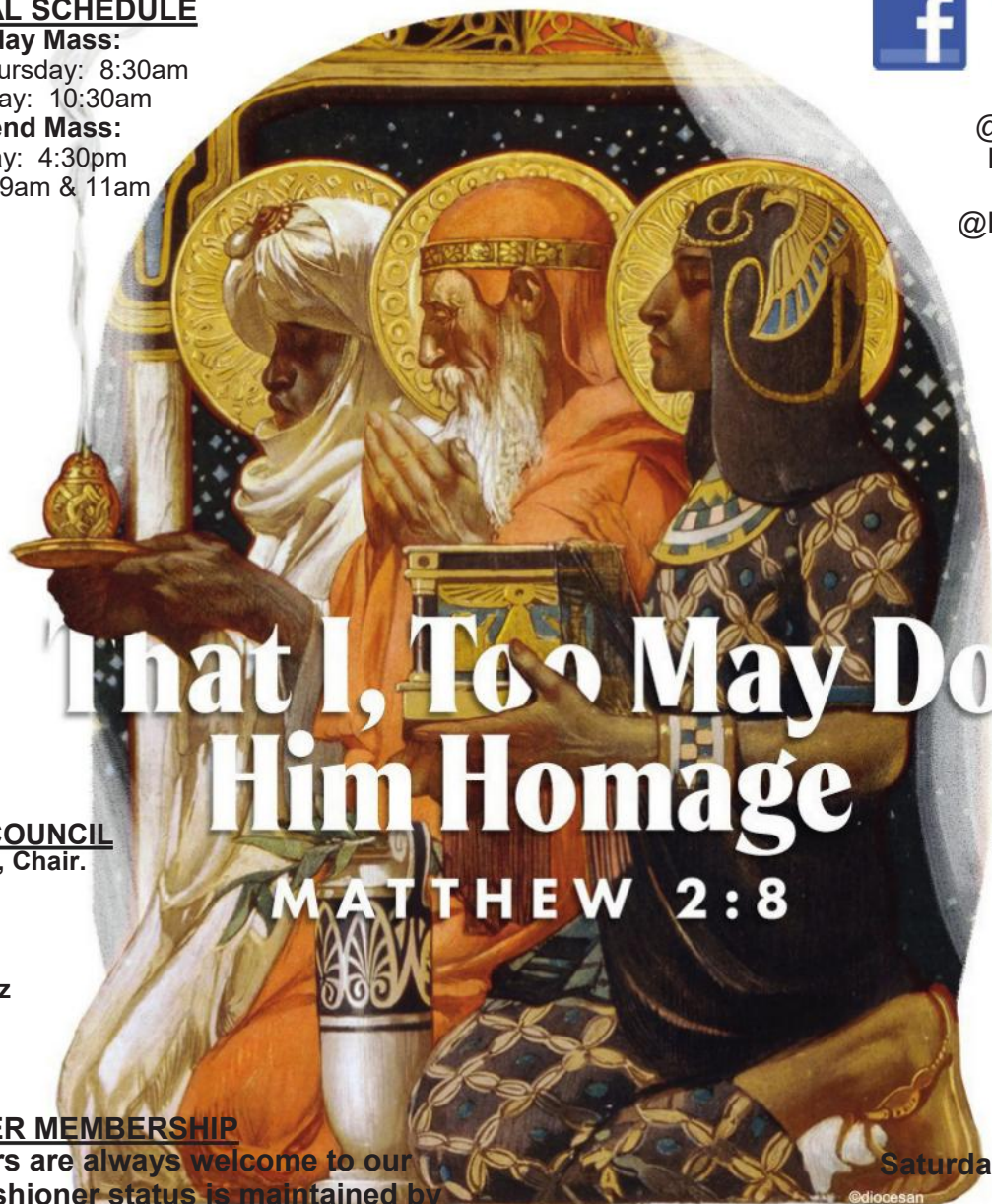
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PARISHIONER MEMBERSHIP

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.

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MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat, Jan 7 4:30 pm	VIGIL: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Parish Family
Sun, Jan 8 9:00 am 11:00 am	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Frank Plank Bridget Augar
Mon, Jan 9	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD **No Mass**
Tues, Jan 10 8:30 am	WEEKDAY L/D members of the Amato family
Wed, Jan 11 10:30 am	WEEKDAY Lloyd Teerman
Thurs, Jan 12 8:30 am	WEEKDAY Patricia Beckwith
Fri, Jan 13	WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Sat, Jan 14 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Leo Boruta
Sun, Jan 15 9:00 am 11:00 am	2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family Melanie Kraus



Peace on Earth

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of January 8, 2023	
Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday	The Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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BY GEORGE....

Today we celebrate the *Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord*. Tomorrow, i.e, Monday, we celebrate the *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*. With this celebration of the *Baptism of the Lord* we come to the end of our Christmas season. That means all of the decorations and trees disappear and we go back to green for our liturgical color. We will continue in Ordinary Time until Lent begins on February 22nd as we celebrate Ash Wednesday.

This means that it is time to thank all of you who gave your time and talents to assist with our celebrations of the Christmas season. Those of you included would be all of the liturgical ministers who helped with the Masses, those who donated gifts for the giving tree or helped to deliver the packages, those who shoveled snow, and anyone else who I may have forgotten to thank here. To all of you who were involved in any way, on behalf of your fellow parishioners, I would like to say thank you. In addition I would like to thank the many of you who have offered to me personally the kind wishes and Christmas cards filled with your gracious words, thoughts, prayers, gifts, and the goodies to eat. Our prayers for one another truly make this a season of joy.

As December brought us to the end of the second quarter of the parish fiscal year 2022-23 it is time again to make the distribution of grants from parish tithe and the Deacon George Social Justice Fund. If you would like to nominate a charity to receive a grant remember that the charity has to be involved in the work of social justice, and not be involved in any activity that is contrary to the teachings or practices of the Roman Catholic Church. Nomination forms can be found on the parish web site, in the stewardship tower in the parish narthex, or contact Lori in the parish office and she can mail or email a form to you. Thank you for your continued support which allows us to participate in those works of charity of Christ.

The following thank you is from a recent grant from the Deacon George Social Justice Fund:

"Dear Fr. Darling,

Thank you for your organization's generous gift to Feeding America West Michigan! Your support enables us to continue providing food assistance to neighbors in West Michigan and the Upper Peninsula throughout this holiday season and beyond.

While this time of year brings joy to so many, it can also bring financial strain for families working to make ends meet. High prices for everything from groceries, to gas, to rent will only exacerbate that strain this year and could cause many people to seek food assistance for the very first time. Thankfully, your support will allow the food bank to provide the assistance those neighbors need during hard times.

On behalf of everyone here at the food bank, thank you for making this season a little brighter for our neighbors facing hunger.

Gratefully,
Kenneth R. Estelle
President and CEO"

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon Jan 9: 1:00pm **Book Club**, Church MPR
Tues Jan 10: 9:00am-1pm **Eucharistic Adoration**, Church
 9:15am **Adult Bible Study**, MPR
 5:30-6pm **Children's Choir rehearsal**, MPR
 6-6:30pm **Honor Choir rehearsal**, MPR
 6:45pm **Adult Choir rehearsal**, MPR
Wed Jan 11: 6:30pm **Adult Bible Study**, MPR
Thurs Jan 12: 6:30pm **Religious Ed classes**, school classrooms

thank you

On behalf of all the organizations that were included on this year's Advent Giving Tree, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated gifts this year. As always, you show so much generosity toward those who need a helping hand, especially at this time of year.

I am always so happy to see the amount of gifts that our wonderful volunteers deliver to the various organizations, knowing how much they will be appreciated when they are received.

With warmest thanks~
 Lori Borek
 Parish secretary

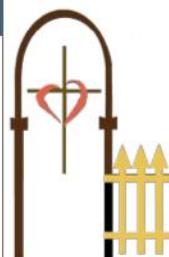
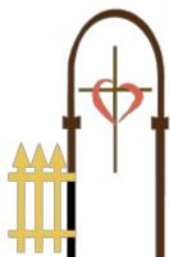


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Week 26 & 27/52	12/24 & 25	12/31 & 1/1
Adult Envelopes (180)	\$12,186.00	\$10,061.00
Automatic Envelopes (94)	\$7,279.15	\$1,391.00
Youth	\$292.75	\$4.00
Loose Stewardship	\$472.25	\$323.00
Total Stewardship this week	\$19,967.15	\$11,779.00
	YTD	\$340,300.87
	Budget YTD	\$358,269.23
	Last YTD	\$368,446.25
	5% Tithe this week	\$588.95
	YTD Tithe	\$17,015.04

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Dolores Powers. Cards may be sent to 2031 Ontario Ave NE, 49505. Let Dolores know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.



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