

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 10:30am

Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am



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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday, 8:00am-4:30pm

Fr. George Darling, Pastor

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.

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.

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"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat, July 8 <u>4:30 pm</u>	VIGIL: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time John & Mary Kandra
Sun, July 9 <u>9:00 am</u> <u>11:00 am</u>	14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family John, Patricia & Anita Koepke
Mon, July 10	WEEKDAY No Mass
Tues, July 11 <u>8:30 am</u>	ST. BENEDICT, ABBOT Jose Saborio; Amato Family
Wed, July 12 <u>8:30 am</u>	WEEKDAY Fr. Ray Bruck
Thurs, July 13 <u>8:30 am</u>	WEEKDAY James & Loretta Oosdyke
Fri, July 14	ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN No Mass
Sat, July 15 <u>4:30 pm</u>	VIGIL: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Tony Hehl Jr.
Sun, July 16 <u>9:00 am</u> <u>11:00 am</u>	15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family Catherine Davidson

**SACRED SCRIPTURE****Readings for the Week of July 9, 2023**

Sunday	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30
Monday	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1-3, 6-8, 15
Wednesday	Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	St. Bonaventure, Bishop Gn 49:29-31, 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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BY GEORGE....

This is the time of the year when families who need additional financial assistance with paying for Catholic School tuition come to see me for that help. For this coming school year the tuition cost for one student at All Saints Academy is \$8,000. Of that amount the family is asked to pay \$4,255 and if the family is registered in the parish, participating at Mass on the weekends, and using their contribution envelopes to support the work of the church, then with my approval the parish pays \$3,745. (For two children the parents pay \$7,350 and the parish pays \$8,650.) The idea behind this payment plan is not that parents cannot or don't want to pay the tuition but rather the reason that you are paying part of the cost for other parishioners' children is that we are investing in the future generation of the church. That is why we have the requirements that the parents and family be serious about practicing their Catholic faith now because the parents are the primary educators of their children in the ways of the faith as they promised at the baptism of their child that they would raise that child in the Catholic faith. How do they do that if they don't hold the Eucharist to be important enough to be regular participants, or they don't believe the work of the church to be sufficiently important enough that they are willing to invest in it financially? Sometimes parents want to have their children at ASA because they are not happy with the public school district in which they are located. We have to explain that if they are not interested in raising their child or children in the Catholic faith then there is nothing for us to invest in because their unhappiness with the public school district is irrelevant to us. If we have room we will happily take their children but the parents would have the responsibility to pay the full cost of the tuition.

For those parents who are serious about their Catholic faith we have a number of ways to help them if they are *sincerely* not able to afford the cost of tuition. One is the tuition angel program that you often read about in the bulletin. Another is the Blessed Sacrament Education Endowment Fund which provides for tuition assistance for students from Blessed Sacrament Parish. Another is the All Saints Academy Endowment Fund which provides tuition assistance to anyone whether they are Catholic or not as the school is also a tool for evangelization. Another is the Kandra Family Endowment Fund which was started by the children of John and Mary Kandra who some of you will remember. The purpose of the Kandra Family fund is to provide one tuition assistance grant to a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish and a second tuition assistance grant to a student who is *not* a member of Blessed Sacrament, St. Alphonsus, St. Isidore, or St. Jude Parishes again as a tool for evangelization. Another is the Schanz family trust of which the parish is a beneficiary and which provides funds annually to provide tuition assistance grants to financially needy students at All Saints Academy who are members of Blessed Sacrament Parish. Obviously we are trying to grow the endowment funds to provide even more assistance in the future. If you might be interesting in making a donation to one of them feel free to contact Darrell Beckwith, our business manager at both the Parish and at ASA, or me.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon July 10: 1:00pm **Book Club**, MPR
Tue July 11: noon **Stitched with Love Ministry**, MPR
 7:00pm **Knights of Columbus Meeting**, Conference Room
Thurs July 13: 6:30pm **Ladies Revive Basketball Group**, Family Center

STITCHED WITH LOVE

A reminder about this important ministry. This group provides blankets or small throws to those parishioners who might need a little extra love and comfort. If you have an interest in joining this group, please contact Marie LeMire at 616-260-4685 or email at mlemire@bsacrament.net and find out how you can help. They meet this coming Tuesday, in the church multi-purpose room at noon.

BOOK CLUB

Are you interested in joining a book club? Did you know we have one at Blessed Sacrament? Our club meets the 2nd Monday of each month from 1:00-3:00pm in the Church multi-purpose room. You can contact the parish office, 616-447-7554, if you have questions about joining this group.



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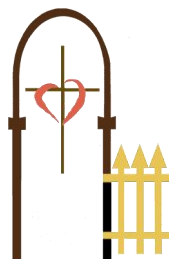
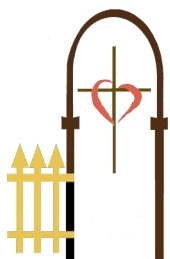
5% Tithe this week	\$673.37
YTD Tithe	\$33,582.10

Due to the Fourth of July holiday printing schedule, collection information from the weekend of July 1st & 2nd 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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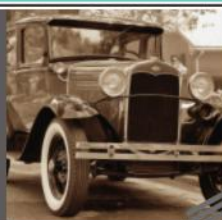
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