

26th 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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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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"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

Matthew 20:15-16

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat, Sept 30 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wendelin Schmich
Sun, Oct 1 9:00 am 11:00 am	26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family Elsie Yob
Mon, Oct 2	THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS No Mass
Tues, Oct 3 8:30 am	WEEKDAY Robert Wysocki
Wed, Oct 4 10:30 am	ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI Alice Host
Thurs, Oct 5 8:30 am	WEEKDAY Patricia Kubilius
Fri, Oct 6	WEEKDAY No Mass
Sat, Oct 7 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Debbie & Terry Bricker 50th Anniversary
Sun, Oct 8 9:00 am 11:00 am	27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Leo Drongowski Parish Family

**SACRED SCRIPTURE**

Readings for the Week of October 1, 2023	
Sunday	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 or 22:1-5; Mt 21:28-32
Monday	The Holy Guardian Angels Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:2, 16-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday	Zec 8:20-23; ps 87:1-7; Lk 9:51-59
Wednesday	St. Francis of Assisi Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday	Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday	Our Lady of the Rosary Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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BY GEORGE....

I would like to share the following letter with you from Bishop Walkowiak:

"Dear Friends in Christ,

Today the Catholic Church begins Respect Life Month. The theme this year is "Radical Solidarity," which means we are courageously pro-woman, promoting a choice that truly protects, accompanies, and supports women and their children. This is and has always been the work of the Church. We must remain engaged, especially after the numerous challenges to life that we have seen in Michigan.

Last November, voters passed Proposal 3, a citizens' initiative to amend the Michigan constitution to establish a new right to reproductive freedom, including the right to abortion. Just last month, Michigan lawmakers introduced the Reproductive Health Act, a series of legislation in which supporters of abortion have said they are seeking to repeal informed consent for abortion, as well as requirements that abortion clinics meet basic health and safety standards. These measures are not in "radical solidarity" with women. These common-sense measures need to remain to protect the health and safety of women seeking an abortion in our state.

As Catholics, we are called to stand for and create a consistent ethic of life in our communities. This work has never been more important than now. How can you get engaged?

- Sign up for the Catholic Advocacy Network through the Michigan Catholic Conference. Their weekly e-blast will provide you with legislative updates from Lansing and where the Catholic Church stands in her support or disapproval of the legislation.
- Join me and thousands of other Catholics for the State March for Life on Nov. 8 in Lansing. The March is one way we can use our voices on behalf of defenseless children in our state.
- Volunteer at a Catholic Charities West Michigan baby pantry, a pregnancy aid center, or with your parish's respect life group. Catholic Charities West Michigan's baby pantries provided approximately 550,000 diapers to more than 1,000 parents last year alone. What a way to witness to life!

During this Respect Life Month, let us reflect more deeply on the sacredness of every human life. I invite you to visit the diocesan website (grdiocese.org) for more information on Respect Life Month resources to support your efforts. Saint Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ David J. Walkowiak

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids"

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sun Oct 1: 9am-noon **Confirmation Class**, Church, Religious Ed Office
Tues Oct 3: 9:00am-1pm **Eucharistic Adoration**, Church
 9:15am **Adult Ed**, MPR
 5:45-6:15pm **Children's Choir rehearsal**, MPR
 6:15-6:45pm **Honor Choir rehearsal**, MPR
 7:00pm **Adult Choir rehearsal**, MPR
Thurs Oct 5: 6:30pm **Ladies Revive Basketball Group**, Family Center

thank you

The family of Beverly Fron would like to thank Father George for saying our mom's funeral Mass. We would also like to thank Marie LeMire for arranging everything that was needed. We appreciated music from Mary Frey & Ann Sartore, and of course those who donated to and put on the luncheon.

Sally Prominsky & family
 Ann Fron & family
 Steve Fron family

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

AQUINAS COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Aquinas College welcomes all high school students and their families to our Fall Open House on Sat., Nov. 11! Explore academic programs, connect with our faculty, staff & students, chat with admissions & financial aid experts, and tour our scenic campus. Registration information can be found at aquinas.edu/openhouse.

GRAND RAPIDS CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

The Diocese of Grand Rapids Catholic Cemeteries are reminding you to remove your metal baskets, flowers and invert your in-ground vases by October 15th. Any items left on the graves will be disposed of starting the week of October 16th. Thank you for your assistance.

STEWARDSHIP - WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23 & 24

Week 13/52	
Adult Envelopes (81 used)	\$6,759.00
Automatic Envelopes (55 used)	4,915.14
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Loose Stewardship	355.00
Total Stewardship this week	\$12,048.64
YTD	\$151,313.30
Budget YTD	\$169,250.00
Last YTD	\$157,944.62
5% Tithe this week	\$602.43
YTD Tithe	\$7,565.67

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Lorraine Veneklase. Cards may be sent to Heron Woods, 2110 Leonard St NE, 49505. Let Lorraine know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

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