

31st 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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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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"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled. But whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Matthew 23:12

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat, Nov 4 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Leo Boruta
Sun, Nov 5 9:00 am 11:00 am	31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family Maribeth Garzelloni
Mon, Nov 6	WEEKDAY No Mass
Tues, Nov 7 8:30 am	WEEKDAY Special Intention
Wed, Nov 8 10:30 am	WEEKDAY Michael V. Doyle
Thurs, Nov 9 8:30 am	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA Lloyd Host
Fri, Nov 10	ST. LEO THE GREAT, POPE No Mass
Sat, Nov 11 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Maribeth Garzelloni
Sun, Nov 12 9:00 am 11:00 am	32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family Audrey Richter

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of November 5, 2023	
Sunday	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-2
Monday	Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36
Tuesday	Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1cde, 2-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25:33
Thursday	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Friday	St. Leo the Great, Pope Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-3

BY GEORGE....

As I look out the window as I write this I am watching the snowflakes fall. We might ask how we can have snow already but today as I write this it is October 31, which means tomorrow is November and November snow is not an exception here where we live. This weekend we change our clocks moving them back an hour which means it will be a little lighter in the morning as the children come to school but it will be darker earlier in the evening. It won't be as extreme here as I remember it being 40 years ago when I was in the seminary in Belgium. If we moved that location to this continent we would find ourselves in the middle of Hudson's Bay as Belgium is that much farther north than is Michigan. I remember it getting dark an hour earlier in the winter and light an hour earlier in the summer than it does here. It was not unusual for us to be walking home to the seminary after our afternoon class at 4:30 and find the street lights on as we were walking in darkness. Also I remember in the summer being in the backyard of the seminary and playing volleyball at 11:00 p.m. without any lights on as it was still light enough for us to see. It is at this time of the year though that we get to spend more of our time in darkness.

Darkness is an important concept when we come to reflect upon our spirituality as followers of Christ. In John's theology of his Gospel and letters we know that Jesus is the "light of the world". For him "darkness" is a symbol of ignorance and sin. When we finally come to understand a difficult concept that someone is explaining to us we say that we have become "enlightened" or in the cartoons a light bulb would come on above our heads. Light is synonymous with understanding and dark is synonymous with not understanding or not knowing or ignorance. An easy example for those of us who are advanced in age is simply our experience that it becomes more difficult to drive after dark as our eyesight starts to fade with age. In darkness our abilities are limited and it is harder to see what is ahead of us as we drive. With our natural theology of living in Michigan this time of year heading into Christmas is a time that we can reflect on our encountering darkness -- not just the physical darkness we encounter with our spending less time in the sun but also the spiritual darkness we encounter with our spending less time in the Son as we reject his message and we give ourselves over to sin. This is a time of the year when a reading of the three short letters of John at the end of the New Testament can benefit us as John reminds us that "God is love and there is no darkness in him".

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STEWARDSHIP - WEEK OF OCTOBER 28 & 29

Week 18/52	
Adult Envelopes (100 used)	\$8,289.00
Automatic Envelopes (33 used)	1,286.00
Youth	27.00
Loose Stewardship	416.00
Total Stewardship this week	\$10,018.00
YTD	\$209,261.05
Budget YTD	\$234,346.15
Last YTD	\$219,576.70
5% Tithe this week	\$500.90
YTD Tithe	\$10,463.05

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tues Nov 7: 9:00am-1pm **Eucharistic Adoration**, Church
 9:15am **Adult Ed**, MPR
 5:45-6:15pm **Children's Choir rehearsal**, MPR
 6:00pm **Pickleball**, Family Center
 6:15-6:45pm **Honor Choir rehearsal**, MPR
 7:00pm **Adult Choir rehearsal**, MPR
 7:00pm **Knights of Columbus**, Conference Room
Thurs Nov 9: 6:30pm **Ladies Revive Basketball Group**, Family Center
 6:30pm **Religious Ed classes**, school classrooms

PARISH APP

You may remember, a few years ago we launched a Parish App, which can be used on your Apple or Android devices. It's free to use, so visit the app store and search for myparishapp, then select Blessed Sacrament, Grand Rapids, MI, from the list of available parishes.

Features of the app include: Sunday and weekday readings, a list of prayers, parish Mass times, access to the weekly bulletin, parish info that will help you easily connect with staff, messages from the parish, and much more.

There will also be some extra meditations and reflections to help get through the Advent Season.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

West Catholic Alumni Memorial Mass

On Monday, November 6th at 7pm. West Catholic High School will hold its annual Alumni Memorial Mass in the school's St. Maria Goretti Chapel. At this Mass, we will be remembering deceased students, faculty and alumni of West Catholic. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Josh Kohane at joshkohane@grwestcatholic.org with any questions.

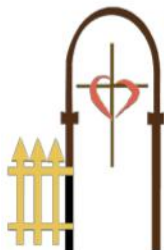
Veterans Mass

West Catholic would like to invite all veterans to attend our annual Veterans Mass on Friday, November 10th at 10:20am in our competition gym. We will be honoring those who have served our great nation at this special Mass. After Mass, veterans are encouraged to join us for a light luncheon. Question? Contact Megan Eversman at meganeversman@grwestcatholic.org or (616) 233-5969.



IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Lois Kolenda-Glashower. Cards may be sent to 4944 Cedar Ridge St NE, 49525. Let Lois know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.



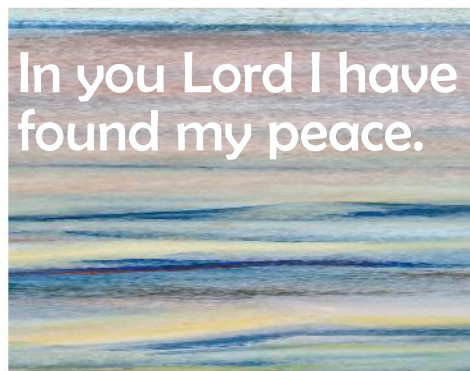
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ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day is a big celebration for our school community. The day started with an all school rosary, crafts with the early childhood students, and an all-school picture. Our K-8 students then traveled to St. Isidore for Mass and a Praise and Worship concert. Pictures will be available on our Facebook page this coming week.

JOIN US FOR MASS!

ASA students in grades K-8 attend Mass each week, and you are invited to join us! The Lower Campus students (K-2) attend Mass at 10:30am every Wednesday at Blessed Sacrament Church. The Upper Campus students (3-8) attend Mass at 8:30am every Thursday at St. Jude Church. Mass is celebrated by a different priest from our four founding parishes each week. We believe that all things are possible through Christ!



In you Lord I have
 found my peace.

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Starting Nov. 15 at Holy Cross,
St. Peter & Paul, Mt. Calvary & St.
Andrew Cemeteries - wooden crosses
(purchased through Holy Cross) &
Christmas wreaths (zip tied to a
tripod) may be placed at graves.

Dec. 1st these items may be
placed at Resurrection Cemetery.
No grave blankets are allowed at
any of these cemeteries.

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