

Blessed Sacrament Parish



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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mass Times

Sunday 10:30 a.m. | **Tuesday** 8:30 a.m. | **Wednesday** 10:30 a.m.

Confession Times

Wednesday 11:15 a.m. to noon

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April 13, 2025 | Palm Sunday

Holy Week

As we complete our Lenten journey and enter Holy Week, I hope this Lent has been a memorable one. One way to look at Lent is a sort of boot camp in which we refocus spiritually in order to be prepared for the rest of the year. We train ourselves for what lies ahead.

If we approach Lent this way, then we don't merely "give up" something for 40 days and go back to our old ways. We actually grow and lay the foundation for continually growth. As we reflect back on the Lent and consider how we will go forward, I encourage us to look for the ways we have grown in holiness and created good habits that can carry forward.

...This is a Jubilee Year, which has been given the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." According to the U.S. Bishop website: "The concept of 'Jubilee' has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home." There are many events across the diocese and we will be adding some throughout this year at the parishes.

In particular, I will be leading a pilgrimage as the chaplain for Catholic Charities of West Michigan to Detroit to visit the Tomb of Blessed Solanus Casey on May 14. Information about this affordable pilgrimage can be found elsewhere in the bulletin. I wrote quite extensively about Blessed Solanus last fall. He is certainly a model of hope, especially in the face of adversity. His care for the poor and vulnerable was inspiring.

...Lastly, as we enter this Triduum, I pray the Lord may speak to us in a profound way that helps us encounter him anew and awakens a deeper desire to live our faith with great hope and love. May our worship lift our hearts to the Lord in powerful ways.

In Christ,
Fr. Christopher

Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday

6:30 p.m. - St. Alphonsus

7 p.m. - Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Confession - St. Alphonsus

1:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross - St. Alphonsus

1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Blessed Sacrament

2 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy - St. Alphonsus

2:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy - Blessed Sacrament

Easter Vigil

9:15 p.m. - St. Alphonsus & Blessed Sacrament



Easter Morning Masses

7 a.m. - St. Alphonsus

9 a.m. - St. Alphonsus

10:30 a.m. - Blessed Sacrament



Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

Mass at 10:30 a.m. | 1k 23:1-49

+Art Choma, +Virginia Schmich

Tuesday, April 15

Mass at 8:30 a.m. | Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

+David Wrona

Wednesday, April 16

Mass at 10:30 a.m. | Mt 26: 14-25

+Paul Kaderabek

Sunday, April 20 - Easter

Mass at 10:30 a.m. | Jn 20: 1-9

+Hal Clinger

Parish Events

Tuesday, April 15

9:15 a.m. Bible Study

1 p.m. Card Making Ministry

6 p.m. Pickleball

7 p.m. Adult Choir

Wednesday, April 16

10:30 a.m. School Mass

11 a.m. Adoration

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday each year on the Second Sunday of Easter. This solemnity reminds us of God's enduring mercy, particularly as revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska. Some of our parishes are hosting events to mark this special day. All are welcome. Visit rebrand.ly/divine-mercy-sunday to learn more.



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Religious Education Update

“The question for all of us as we walk with Jesus from Palm Sunday to Good Friday is: Where is our allegiance? Are we part of that ragamuffin discipleship band following Jesus fully aware that we are on a collision course with the values of our secular culture? Do we only want to follow Jesus when we think he promises wealth, power and happiness? Have we so misunderstood him and his purpose that we are ready to turn against him when he turns out not to be who we thought he was?

Perhaps, we’re not part of Jesus’ procession at all. Perhaps we’re standing at the other gate, cheering for the symbols of the empire, enthusiastically, supporting our own idea of a messiah that looks more like the Roman emperor than the humble servant Jesus. Dazzled by power, attracted to wealth, wanting to identify with the victors, not the vanquished, hoping to be counted as one of the elites of our time.

Actually most of us are probably part of both processions – wanting to follow this Jesus whom we find so attractive yet whom we don’t fully understand but also caught up in the excitement of Easter egg hunts and spring fashion displays.

The beauty is that Jesus, in his humanity, sees and knows all of us. . . the flawed humanity that surrounds him. . . the flawed humanity of each of us. . . and he sees it and he forgives it, and loves us, and gives his blessing to all of us as he clops along the dusty road toward his confrontation with power, his time of trial, his abandonment, his death.” Godspace

Please keep out Sacrament students and their families in your prayers. It won’t be long before they join us at the table of the Lord!

Card Ministry: Please remember in your prayers, parishioner Mary Zarzecki. Mary is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Cards to Mary may be sent to 3240 Essex NE, 49525.

Puzzles: Be sure to explore our latest collection of puzzles in the conference room across the stairs. New donations welcome and feel free to take any return when you’re finished.

Weekly Offertory

Offertory for April 6 , 2025
 Adult Envelopes: \$8,156.60
 Automatic Envelopes: \$3,791
 Youth:
 Loose Stewardship: \$524
 Total Stewardship this week: \$12,471.60
 YTD: \$482,893.04
 Budget YTD: \$499,735.85
 Last YTD: \$507,929.19
 5% Tithe this week: \$623.58
 Tithe YTD: \$24,144.65
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Thursday, April 4
 6 p.m.

Friday, April 18 1:15 p.m.

Monday, April 21
 5:30 p.m.

Catechesis of The Good Shepherd: Easter Triduum

Families with children of all ages are invited to experience the Easter Triduum with scriptural presentations, prayer, songs, and discussions designed specifically for young children.

Holy Thursday, April 17 6 p.m. (immediately prior to the 6:30p.m. Mass) The Cenacle This scriptural account of the Last Supper helps the children visualize Jesus’s Passover meal with His disciples and the institution of the Eucharist with His words “Take and eat, this is my Body; take and drink, this is my Blood.”	Good Friday, April 18 1:15 p.m. City of Jerusalem Using a three-dimensional map of Jerusalem, we will walk with Jesus from the site of the Last Supper through the events of Good Friday. The children will get a sense of where these events took place within the city to help them visualize the events from Jesus’s Passion, grounding these passages in a real, physical location.	Liturgy of Light Monday, April 21 5:30 p.m. This beautiful liturgy celebrates Jesus’s Resurrection, proclaiming Him as “the Light of the World” (John 8:12), giving each of us His Light to share with others. The goal of this liturgy is to help your children enter fully into the life of the Church and the mystery of the Easter Vigil. The liturgy lasts approximately 40 minutes and includes the engraving and lighting of a mini-Paschal Candle and a procession with singing!
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Join Fr. Christopher for a pilgrimage to the Solanus Casey Center

Searching for peace? On May 14, join Catholic Charities West Michigan as we embark on a pilgrimage to the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit. Inspired by the life and example of Blessed Solanus Casey, the center serves as a place of pilgrimage, healing, reconciliation, and peace – a perfect opportunity to draw closer to God in this Jubilee Year. Celebrate Mass, tour the center, and more. Tickets are \$70, which includes your bus ride to and from the center along with lunch. For more information or to register, visit ccwestmi.org/jubilee-year. Questions? Please reach out to Sarah Stechschulte at sstechschulte@ccwestmi.org.

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