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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 20, 2025 | Easter Sunday

Happy Easter!

Jesus Christ is risen! This most joyous news brings us a hope like no other hope — hope for eternal life. It is fitting that we are in the midst of a Jubilee Year, which is themed “Pilgrims of Hope.”

That’s really who we are as Christians. We are pilgrims on a journey to our heavenly home. We have hope not because of the things of this world, but because of our citizenship in heaven. Easter reminds us that despite many reasons to worry or despair, the resurrection of Jesus wins for us a prize beyond compare. Thus, let us enter this season with great celebration and radiant joy.

The Jubilee Year has its origin in the Old Testament tradition. The purpose is to experience rest and reconciling on a greater level. Every fifty years marked a time in which debts were forgiven, slaves were freed, and workers rested. In the Catholic tradition, we celebrate an Ordinary Jubilee every 25 years. The focus now is a more spiritual one, which leads to various pilgrimages locally and globally. I encourage all of us to spend this Jubilee Year as an opportunity for renewal and cultivate within ourselves a deeper disposition of eternal hope.

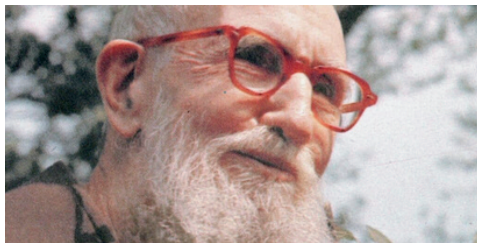
There are many great resources to learn more about the Jubilee Year and Easter is a great time to do this. I recommend Catholic Answers (www.catholic.com) as well as USCCB and National Catholic Register. For a direct link to the article use the QR Code below: [Year of Jubilee](#) | [Catholic Answers Guide to Jubilee 2025](#) | [Catholic Answers Tract](#)

May you experience great joy and an even greater hope as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

-Fr. Christopher



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.

Sunday, April 20- Easter Sunday

Mass at 10:30 a.m. | Jn 20:19-31

+Hal Clinger

Tuesday, April 22

Mass at 8:30 a.m. | Jn 3:7b-15

+Evelyn Krupiczewick

Wednesday, April 23

Mass at 10:30 a.m. | Jn 3:16-21

+Donna Sacha

Sunday, April 27 - Divine Mercy

Mass at 10:30 a.m. | Jn 21: 1-19

+Charles & Cecilia Lane

Parish Events

Tuesday, April 22

9:15 a.m. Bible Study

noon Stitched with Love

6 p.m. Pickleball

7 p.m. Adult Choir

Wednesday, April 23

10:30 a.m. School Mass

11 a.m. Adoration

Thursday, April 24

4:30 p.m. Euchre

7 p.m. Revive Women’s Basketball

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.



Interested in Catholicism?

Are you searching for a deeper relationship with God? Fulfillment of your purpose in life? Are you attracted to the truth, beauty, and goodness you’ve experienced in the Catholic Church?

Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact cepplatt@stalphonesgr.org

Religious Education Update

An Easter Poem

By Shannon K. Evans

Bring in your dead.
Bring in your flattened.
Bring in your hopeless cases
and your lost causes.
Bring in your trampled hearts.
Bring in your dry eyes
that have long shed all tears.
Bring in everything that has lost its pulse.
And wait.

There is a resurrection song;
can you hear it?

There is a promise that hangs overhead.
There is a life to come,
a world unseen,
a presence of something too real to believe.
There is an angel in your ear, whispering,
no really, all shall be well.

A Blessed and joy-filled Easter Sunday to all!
We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.
-St. John Paul II



Card Ministry: Please remember in your prayers, parishioner Nancy Dobry. Nancy is recovering from a car accident. Cards to Nancy may be sent to 4105 W. Gables Ct, 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 13, 2025

Adult Envelopes: \$6,161.06

Automatic Envelopes: \$1,086

Youth: \$2

Loose Stewardship: \$641.15

Total Stewardship this week: \$7,890.21

YTD: \$435,763.69

Budget YTD: \$450,981.13

Last YTD: \$452,188.01

5% Tithe this week: \$394.51

Tithe YTD: \$27,788.18

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G.I.F.T.E.D. Group

Do you know of an adult with special needs who is interested in deepening their faith? Our G.I.F.T.E.D. Group (growing in faith together every day) might be just the perfect fit! We meet in St. Alphonsus' parish lounge on the 1st and 3rd Sunday during the school year and monthly during the summer. Our meetings run from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. We pray together, read the weekly gospel, discuss how it applies to us and then usually have an activity to tie it all together by the end of our meeting. We sing and share so much laughter together that we're clearly given a glimpse of God's kingdom everytime we gather. Please contact : faithformation@stalphonsusgr.org for more information.

Is God calling you to consider the permanent diaconate?

Has the Vocations Prayer moved you to question if God is calling you to become a deacon? The Office of Diaconate Formation invites men with interest or questions about discernment and formation to a Discerning the Diaconate information session.

Monday, May 5 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S. Grand Rapids.

To RSVP or learn more, contact Deacon Jerry Roersma, director of Deacon Formation, at 616-288-0913 or jroersma@grdiocese.org

Euchre Night



Please join us for an evening of Euchre Thursday, April 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Blessed Sacrament. Snacks/hors d'oeuvres are welcome. RSVP to Marie LeMire at 616-260-4685



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