

Blessed Sacrament Parish

Offering Transformational Encounters with Jesus

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Mass Times: Sunday 10:30 a.m. | Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

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Bulletin submissions: communication@stalphonsusgr.org



July 13, 2025 | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Vacation Bible School July 21-24 | 9 a.m. to noon

All Saints Academy in collaboration with Blessed Sacrament and St Alphonsus parishes will offer **Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments**. Vacation Bible School will be available for children who are 4 years old or entering grades K-5 in the upcoming school year.



Join the VBS Team: Adult and Teen volunteers are welcome for many roles. Teens entering grades 6-12 in the upcoming school year are invited to serve on the music, art, or skit teams. We also need Trail Guides and assistants at the craft, games, snack or faith station. Join the fun!



Please donate to support the Wilderness Adventure Vacation Bible School this summer. We need various supplies and appreciate your help. Check the VBS Donation area after Masses or contact Rebecca at rebecca@stalphonsusgr.org or (616) 821-4899 for details. Thank you!

To register, volunteer, donate, or questions please contact Rebecca at rebecca@stalphonsusgr.org or (616) 821-4899

Parish Schedule

Sunday, July 13 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. **Mass** | Lk 10:25-37
+Tony Hehl Jr.

Tuesday, July 15 – Saint Bonaventure

8:30 a.m. **Mass** | Mt 11:20-24
+Mary Garzelloni

Thursday, July 17

7:00 p.m. **Revive Ladies Basketball**

Sunday, July 20 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. **Mass** | Lk 10:38-42
+ John & Mary Kandra

Altar Server Training

We are seeking to train new altar servers to serve at the weekend Masses. Those entering fourth grade or higher are eligible to learn how to serve in this important role. To express interest, parents can email Fr. Christopher, including the best days/times for training, cepplett@stalphonsusgr.org. Please also include child's age, grade, parish(es), and any other relevant information. Training will occur later this summer



Card Ministry

Please remember in your prayers parishioner Joanne Dusendang. Feel free to include a birthday wish as she is celebrating her birthday this month. Cards to Joanne may be sent to 834 Purchase DR NE, Grand Rapids, 49525.



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Pastoral Council

Hopefully, you have had a moment to review the diocesan pastoral plan, titled "Rooted in Christ." For those who haven't seen it, what pertains most to our parishes was summarized in two sentences: The parishes of Blessed Sacrament and St. Alphonsus in Grand Rapids will be clustered and served by one pastor. Upon the completion of the terms for the pastors at St. Isidore the Laborer and St. Jude, the configuration of the parishes of St. Alphonsus, St. Jude, St. Isidore, and Blessed Sacrament will be reassessed.

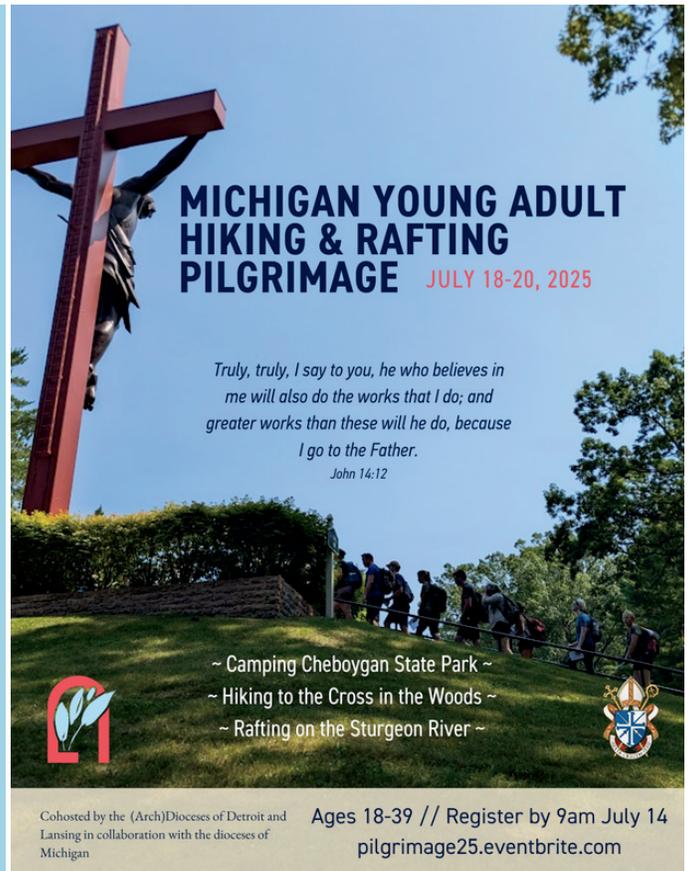
"Rooted in Christ" recommends in situations with a cluster of two or more parishes, the pastoral councils be combined. To me, this makes sense, as we will move in one direction pastorally with a single plan implemented. To do this, we have dissolved the two parish councils and will begin the process of selecting new members.

So, what is the purpose of a pastoral council? It is mainly a consultative body for the pastor. Based upon diocesan norms and Canon Law, I offer the following summary of its main purpose:

- In consultation, the council supports the pastor in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the parishes, offering insight and assistance in carrying out his vision for the parishes.
- Suggestions, insights, recommendations, and support is offered through consensus, not by voting – faithful to the promptings of the Holy Spirit (prayer is primary). The results of this are shared with the pastor on an ongoing basis. The pastor presides over the council and his responsibility for the parishes is respected.
- Upon the request and direction of the pastor, the council strives to identify the needs of the parish, study and reflect upon those needs, and may make recommendations, including offering potential strategies and tactics
- Additionally, the council or its individual members may play a role in helping navigate difficult situations as they arise at the parish, especially when the pastor seeks advice for complex decisions. The council also rallies around key initiatives and may help gather parishioners around various endeavors.

One thing I want to avoid is the image of the pastoral council as some elite group or as being the only way through which ideas and feedback can be shared. I prefer an open door policy in which all parishioners feel free to speak to me and the staff. Ultimately, I want to see every parishioner feel empowered as disciples who, through continual growth and formation, become effective in evangelizing as we "go" forth from Mass each Sunday into our communities.

Peace,
Fr. Christopher



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Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father.
John 14:12

~ Camping Cheboygan State Park ~
~ Hiking to the Cross in the Woods ~
~ Rafting on the Sturgeon River ~

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Pastor Installation Mass

Our new pastor, Fr. Christopher, will be formally installed at 10:30 a.m. Mass on August 17.

Bishop Walkowiak will be at Blessed Sacrament for this special occasion.

Bulletin Box outside of Church

For your convenience, you are able to pick up a copy of our weekly bulletin anytime. The bulletins are in the box that is attached to the brick on the outside of our church. The box is located near the double doors that face south to the entrance of church. Feel free to pick up a copy anytime. In addition, you can view the bulletins on-line at DiscoverMass.com or MyParish.com.

Weekly Offertory - July 6

Adult Envelopes: \$7,957.25
Automatic Envelopes: \$3,716
Youth: \$2
Loose Stewardship: \$271
Total Stewardship this week: \$11,946.25

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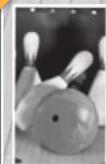


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