

# Blessed Sacrament Parish

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

**Fr. Christopher Epplett** | Pastor | [cepplett@stalphonsusgr.org](mailto:cepplett@stalphonsusgr.org)

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July 20, 2025 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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.

## Christian Service Update

**GOD'S KITCHEN:** Serving more than 77,000 hot meals in 2024 to those in need in West

Michigan, God's Kitchen has been struggling to restock protein amid rising food costs. The most desperate need is ground beef. Donations can be made 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday at 303 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids. Questions? Contact Jeff Hoyh at (616) 454-4110 or [jhoyh@ccwestmi.org](mailto:jhoyh@ccwestmi.org)

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM:** We are excited to announce our collaboration with Catholic Charities of West Michigan for our back-to-school initiative! Catholic Charities is collecting school supplies as they prepare for their Back-to-School event! Supplies can be purchased then dropped off in the labeled blue bins in the narthex, in the parish office, or sent directly to CCWM through the Amazon wish list: <https://a.co/7iNWDg4>. The last weekend to drop off donations is the weekend of August 2-3.

## Vacation Bible School

Join us as we go into the Wilderness to explore the Sacraments together **Monday-Thursday, July 21-24, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.!** We will be celebrating the end of the week with a closing celebration at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday. **4 Year olds to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students** can register online at the parish website or using the QR Code.



If you need help with registration or have any questions, please contact Rebecca at [rebecca@stalphonusgr.org](mailto:rebecca@stalphonusgr.org) or (616) 821-4899.

## Parish Schedule

### Sunday, July 20 – Sixteenth Sunday in OT

10:30 a.m. **Mass** | Lk 10:38-42

+John & Mary Kandra, Parish Family

### Monday, July 21

9 a.m. **Vacation Bible School**

### Tuesday, July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene

**No Mass due to VBS**

9 a.m. **Vacation Bible School**

### Wednesday, July 23

9 a.m. **Vacation Bible School**

### Thursday, July 24

9 a.m. **Vacation Bible School**

10 a.m. **Mass** | Mt 13:10-17

+Mary Kirvan

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

### Sunday, July 27 – Seventeenth Sunday in OT

10:30 a.m. **Mass** | Lk 11:1-13

+Harold and +Sally Soules

## Altar Server Training

New and current altar servers are invited to a training on Wednesday, August 6 for both parishes (and for serving at ASA school Masses). The training will be held at St. Alphonsus 3:30-4:15 p.m. Parents are welcome to stay and pray in the church during the training. Altar serving is open to all those entering fourth grade this fall through high school seniors. If you cannot make this training, we will offer another option later this summer. Whether you attend regularly at St. Alphonsus or Blessed Sacrament, you can be scheduled to altar serve at either location. Contact Fr. Christopher with any questions: [cepplett@stalphonusgr.org](mailto:cepplett@stalphonusgr.org).

## Card Ministry

Please remember in your prayers parishioner Mary Lou Veneklase. Mary Lou is unable to come to Mass. Cards to Mary Lou may be sent to Story Point Senior Living, 3121 Lake Michigan DR NW, #101, Grand Rapids, 49504.



Phone: 616-447-2997

Website: [asagr.org](http://asagr.org)

Blog: [asatoday.blogspot.com](http://asatoday.blogspot.com)

### Become a sponsor!

All Saints Academy and businesses on the northeast side of Grand Rapids are working together to assist our students through the ASA Sponsors Program. We invite your business to become a sponsor by visiting our website at [asagr.org/sponsors](http://asagr.org/sponsors) or emailing [asadonate@asagr.org](mailto:asadonate@asagr.org). Sponsors are featured on our website, in our weekly newsletters and our Eaglefest booklet. You can find more information about our sponsors, how to support them, and how to become an ASA sponsor on our website at [asagr.org/sponsors](http://asagr.org/sponsors).

## Ready to Shepherd

It is a tremendous blessing and honor to be named pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish. The big advantage is the stability it offers for the parish, as it shows that my assignment is not merely a transitional one.

Appointments in our diocese are six years, though those are typically renewed for an additional six years (sometimes more). I'm very glad to have the opportunity to lead the parish during these years and work together in collaboration with St. Alphonsus as well as with the two other Northeast Side parishes.

Over time, I think we will have a strong pastoral plan in place that will lead to growth in faith, discipleship, and our ability to bring Jesus to the community by engaging in effective evangelization. We will go from our pews into our neighborhoods to fill the pews more and more. May God be praised for the work he will be doing through us!

Whenever a new pastor is appointed, a liturgical celebration takes place approximately to the beginning of his appointment. The bishop usually presides at this Mass, so I am grateful Bishop David Walkowiak has agreed to do this at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on August 16. I hope as many parishioners as possible are able to attend this special occasion. A reception will follow.

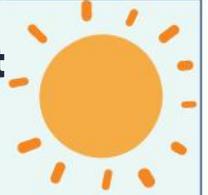
Thank you all for welcoming me in my time as your Canonical Administrator and now as your pastor. This parish community is very important to me and I will do my best to shepherd in a way that allows all of us to grow in holiness as we journey through this world into our eternal home. Please pray for me and be assured that I am praying for you.

Joyfully,  
Fr. Christopher

## 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 Fr. Christopher at [cepplett@stalphonususgr.org](mailto:cepplett@stalphonususgr.org)

## August Family Night



**Date:** August 1, 2025

**Where:** St. Alphonsus Parish.

**Time:** Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. there is the possibility that there will be confession offered an hour prior to Mass beginning.

**Meal:** Pulled Pork Sandwiches.

**Side Dish Needs:** Salads, Fruits (Watermelon), Chips, and Deserts.



**RSVP** to [jacob@pmhomes.us](mailto:jacob@pmhomes.us) by July 24

### New Catholic Homeschool Co-op:

Our Lady of Good Hope Co-op is a new Catholic homeschool co-op forming for the 2025-26 school year! The co-op will take place at SS. Peter and Paul in Grand Rapids on Fridays from 8:45am-11:30am. It is 10 weeks in the fall and 10 weeks in the winter. The fall dates are September 12-November 21, 2025 with no classes on September 26th.

**REGISTRATION OPEN:** For more information and to register, go to [ssppgr.com](http://ssppgr.com). We are accepting registration through July 24th and will have a planning meeting on July 29th at 7pm. If you have any questions, please reach out to us! If you know of anyone looking for a co-op, feel free to share our information. Our email is [OurLadyofGoodHopeGR@gmail.com](mailto:OurLadyofGoodHopeGR@gmail.com). Thank you! -Michelle & Lydia

## Weekly Offertory - July 13

Adult Envelopes: \$4,532  
Automatic Envelopes: \$3,026  
Youth: \$1  
Loose Stewardship: \$283  
**Total Stewardship this week: \$7,842**

YTD: \$19,788.25  
Budget YTD: \$23,653.85  
Last YTD: \$34,072.43  
5% Tithe this week: \$392.10  
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