

# BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 pm

## 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.

### FINANCE COUNCIL

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Weekday Mass:

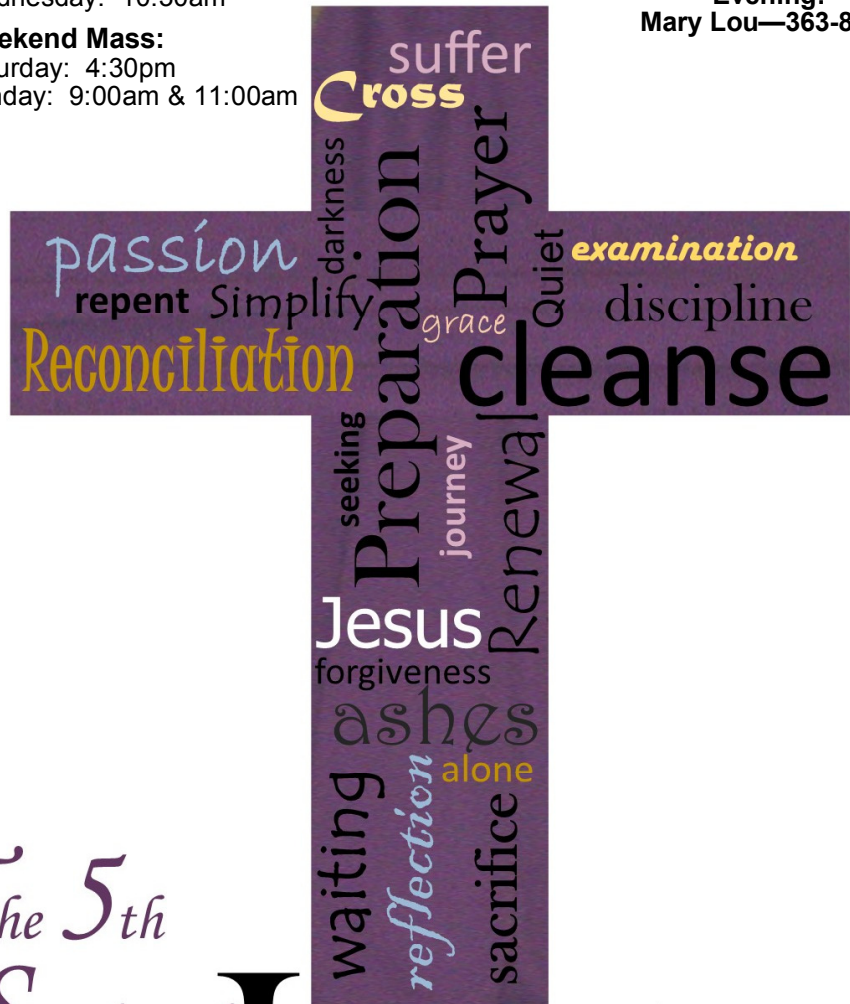
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30am  
Wednesday: 10:30am

### Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 4:30pm  
Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

## PARISH PRAYER LINE

Daytime:  
Judy—363-9404  
Evening:  
Mary Lou—363-8710



The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Masses for the Week 

<b>Sat, Apr 1</b> 4:30 pm	<b>VIGIL: 5th SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Mary Ann Surman
<b>Sun, Apr 2</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>5th SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Alfred Kowalewski Jr. Parish Family
<b>Mon, Apr 3</b>	<b>LENTEN WEEKDAY</b> <b>**No Mass**</b>
<b>Tues, Apr 4</b>	<b>LENTEN WEEKDAY</b> <b>**No Mass**</b>
<b>Wed, Apr 5</b> 8:30 am	<b>LENTEN WEEKDAY</b> Wes Jankowski
<b>Thurs, Apr 6</b> 8:30 am	<b>LENTEN WEEKDAY</b> Jeff Zylstra
<b>Fri, Apr 7</b> 8:30 am	<b>LENTEN WEEKDAY</b> Josephine Piereson
<b>Sat, Apr 8</b> 4:30 pm	<b>VIGIL: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b> Tony Hehl; Art Choma
<b>Sun, Apr 9</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b> Parish Family Dick Dodge

**SACRED SCRIPTURE**

**Readings for the Week of April 1, 2017**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> Ex 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
<b>Monday</b>	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; (ps) Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
<b>Thursday</b>	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
<b>Friday</b>	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
<b>Saturday</b>	Ex 37:21-28; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b> Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

~In Our Thoughts & Prayers~  
Homebound Parishioner of the Week

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Mike Poplawski. Cards may be sent to St. Ann's Home, 2161 Leonard NW, 49504. Let Mike know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of him.

**PASTORAL TEAM**

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**BY GEORGE....**

On Monday, April 10, we will be offering a neighborhood Reconciliation Service at 7:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Church. Priests from St. Alphonsus Parish, St. Jude Parish, and I will be available there for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The last couple of years we have offered this Reconciliation Service with all of us priests there so that parishioners from any of the three parishes might have the opportunity to seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation from a priest other than their own parish priests. Please know that you are most welcome to participate in this service.

I hear confusion from people with regard to how often they should receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. One of my concerns is what I hear from some who equate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with magic insofar as if they just go to confession and confess whatever sin has become a habit to them then that sin will just magically disappear and they will never be tempted again. From my experience that is not how it works. Instead maintaining our spiritual health is just like maintaining our physical or psychological health -- it is a constant effort that we have to undertake each and every day. With God's help we can be successful but there is no quick or easy fix that takes away our struggle whether it is to eat whatever that food is that is not good for us or doing whatever that action is that is not good for us. Just like we go to the doctor when our bodies are sick, so we go to the doctor (i.e. confessor) when our souls are sick.

In Canon 959 of the Code of Canon Law we can read, "*In the sacrament of penance the faithful, confessing their sins to a legitimate minister, being sorry for them, and at the same time proposing to reform, obtain from God forgiveness of sins committed after baptism through the absolution imparted by the same minister, and they likewise are reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by sinning.*" Notice here that there is no magic, but rather a process with different steps by which those sins are forgiven. Add to this Canon 989 which reads, "*After having attained the age of discretion (i.e., age 7), each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sin at least once a year.*" On Monday, April 10 we will offer to all of you the opportunity to confess those serious sins should you need to do such, so please feel free to join us then at 7:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Church.

**STEWARDSHIP - Week ending March 26**

<b>Week 39/52</b>	
Adult Envelopes (180 used)	\$10,140.00
Automatic Envelopes (44 used)	\$3,519.00
Youth	\$49.82
Loose Stewardship	\$927.30
<b>Total Stewardship this week</b>	<b>\$14,636.12</b>
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$584,166.25</b>
<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>\$600,000.00</b>
<b>Last YTD</b>	<b>\$610,543.04</b>
<b>5% Tithe this week</b>	<b>\$731.81</b>
<b>YTD Tithe</b>	<b>\$29,208.31</b>

~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~

**Tues/Apr 4:** 6:10-6:40pm **Honor Choir rehearsal**, Church MPR  
 6:50-7:20pm **Children's Choir rehearsal**, Church MPR  
 7:30pm **Adult Choir rehearsal**, Church MPR  
**Thurs/Apr 5:** after 8:30am **Mass Coffee & Donuts**, Church MPR  
 1:00pm **Prayer Blanket Ministry**, Church MPR  
**Fri/Apr 6:** 4:45-7:00pm **Fish Fry**, Family Center  
 7:00pm **Stations of the Cross**, Church  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation after the Stations



If you wish to make your CSA donation online instead of filling out and returning the pledge card you can visit our parish website. On the main page we have included a link to the Diocese of Grand Rapids website. Go to that link and it will walk you through the steps to make your donation. Don't forget to reference Blessed Sacrament when filling out the form.



**FISH FRY DESSERT TABLE**  
 As always, we could use your help with donations to the Fish Fry dessert table. Bring your baked goods to the Parish Office on Friday during the day. Contact Marie LeMire with any questions, 616-260-4685.

**Attention:** There will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, April 4th**. We will be back to our regular schedule on **Tuesday, April 11th**.

**SUNDAY COFFEE & DONUTS IS BACK!**  
 Members of the Strong Catholic Family group will once again be organizing groups to serve coffee & donuts following both Sunday Masses. The first one will be Sunday, April 30th. Please check the bulletin and our monthly calendar insert for more upcoming dates.  
 If you might be interested in helping with this event, please contact Laura Ellis at [lchojnowski@yahoo.com](mailto:lchojnowski@yahoo.com) for more information.

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**ASA** Michael Debrì, Principal  
 All Saints Academy [www.asagr.org](http://www.asagr.org)

All Saints Academy sixth-grader Maddie Pastoor and fourth-grader Gracie Ellis are two of the many student volunteers at our parish Fish Fry, and they have a lot to say about their school. Both girls describe ASA as "awesome," and point to the projects they're working on for Alleluia Day, scheduled for May 18 at the Middle School Campus at St. Jude. "It's a special day of celebrating our faith," according to Maddie and Gracie. Students use any medium they want to portray their dedication to their faith, using both Old and New Testaments as their guide. It's just one way All Saints Academy blends our faith into every aspect of curriculum. We're enrolling now, pre-school through eighth grade. For more information, go to [www.asagr.org](http://www.asagr.org), or call 364-9453.

~OUTSIDE THE PARISH~

**HIS LAST DAYS**  
 A story in song about the last days of Christ here on earth, the agony and the triumph, from his viewpoint, as told by Him.  
 This event is presented by the St. Alphonsus Music Ministry and will take place at St. Alphonsus Church on **Palm Sunday, April 9th at 3:00pm**.  
 Come experience the voice of Jesus as we enter Holy Week.

**HELP** Pregnancy Crisis Aid is once again being supported by the Notos Spring Charity Wine Fest. We invite you to attend on **April 21st**, 6-10pm for VIP (\$100) or 7-10pm general admission (\$60- \$65 on the day of the event). Fifty dollars of every VIP and \$10 of every general admission ticket will go to HELP PCA. There will be food, wine, celebrity chefs, live entertainment, and auctions. Thank you for your support. Thousands of children in the Grand Rapids Area have clothing, diapers, food and basic care items with your help. Tickets can be purchased at [helppregnancy.org/events/](http://helppregnancy.org/events/).

**A LENTEN PRAYER**  
 Fast on self-concern;  
 feast on compassion for others.  
 Fast from fear;  
 feast on truth.

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**job posting**

St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Wyoming is seeking a secretary/receptionist for the front office. Applicants should be bilingual in English and Spanish, personable in dealing with the public, capable on a computer, and have good organizational skills. Work hours are from 9am until 4pm Monday through Thursday. For a more detailed job description, please contact Fr. Steve Cron at 456-7982 or [stevencron@sanjoseobrero.net](mailto:stevencron@sanjoseobrero.net).

