

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY—FRIDAY, 8:30AM—4:00PM

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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



Alleluia!



He is Risen

Liturgies  For The Week

Sat, Apr 15 **8:30 pm**	VIGIL: EASTER SUNDAY Parish Family
Sun, Apr 16 9:00 am 11:00 am	EASTER SUNDAY Parish Family Parish Family
Mon, Apr 17	MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER **No Mass**
Tues, Apr 18	TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Emily Maxim
8:30 am Wed, Apr 19	WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Jacob Kroon
10:30 am Thurs, Apr 20	THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER **No Mass**
Fri, Apr 21	FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Jeff Zylstra
8:30 pm Sat, Apr 22	VIGIL: 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER Emmit Amidon
4:30 pm Sun, Apr 23	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER Carole Sommerdyke
9:00 am 11:00 am	Parish Family

SACRED SCRIPTURE	
Readings for the Week of April 16, 2017	
Sunday	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
Monday	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-8
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday	2nd Sunday of Easter Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

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

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Sharon Friedl, who is recovering from a broken ankle. Cards may be sent to 748 3 Mile Rd NE, 49505. Let Sharon know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

PASTORAL TEAM

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BY GEORGE....

The term of one of the members of the Parish Pastoral Council is coming to an end. Therefore we will need a new member. The Council normally has 9 members. In the past I have always liked a mixture of men and women, and a mix of ages on the Council so that when we discuss a topic I hear voices with different perspectives. I would like to have someone who is in his or her 20's or 30's, whether married or single doesn't matter, and whether parent or not doesn't matter as we haven't had much representation from that age group. As you see the information coming in the next couple of weeks in the bulletin about nominating yourself or another for the Parish Pastoral Council I would ask you to reflect and pray about who might be a good member of this advisory body. Remember what the qualifications are for membership: a registered member of the Parish, who is a person of faith and prayer, willing to advise me on matters of people and programming, who can live with the gray in life and doesn't have to have everything black and white. If you are a person who has to have accomplished something concrete at each meeting then this group is not for you as much of what the Pastoral Council does is brainstorming, reflecting, discussing, dreaming, creating a vision, trying to make the possible a reality. This is not the place for people with axes to grind or preset agendas. The ability to listen is perhaps more important here than the ability to speak. The term would be for three years and would begin in July of 2017. Nominees will be contacted and briefed by telephone with additional opportunities to talk directly to me or one of the current Pastoral Council members for more detail. On June 4 (Pentecost Sunday), at the 9 am Mass a new member will be chosen by lot if we have nominees before then. We trust in the Holy Spirit to guide this process. Please take some time in prayer and reflection and consider if you or someone you know might be called to assist in this role of being a counselor to me in the matters of pastoral care for the people of the Parish.

If you are interested or feel called to this service or if you feel you know someone whom you would like to nominate, please simply submit your name or your nominee's name by May 21st to the Parish Office or to the chairperson of the Pastoral Council: Dan Armock. You may also deposit a written nomination on the little form below in the offertory collection basket at Mass before May 21st. Thank you for your wisdom and your help.

Just a note, in the past we have drawn the names of Pastoral Council members at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Pentecost, but this year Deacon Steve Geerling will be ordained as a priest on Saturday, June 3rd, and will be presiding at his "first Mass" at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Pentecost, June 4th, which means we will draw the names at 9:00 a.m. Mass. Mark June 3rd on your calendar in case you would like to attend the ordination Mass of the future Fr. Steve Geerling at the Cathedral.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council Nominee

Nominee's name _____
 Nominee's phone number _____
 Nominating persons' name _____

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

- Sharon Colon, Chair.
- Jim Frey, Vice Chair.
- Tim Callery
- John Connell
- Bob Dean
- Beth Eliopoulos
- Charlie Goode
- Jim Wila

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Dan Armock, Chair.
- Mike O'Connor, Vice Chair.
- Laura Ellis
- Mary Kahnoski
- Tim Nawrocki
- Brian Schaab
- Kathy Schwartz
- Joe Townshend
- Donna Wrona

~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~

Tues/Apr 18:	9:15am Adult Bible Study , Church MPR
	9:15am-3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament , Church
	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
Wed/Apr 19:	7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting , Rectory conference room
Thurs/Apr 20:	1:00pm Prayer Blanket Ministry , Church MPR
	6:30pm Religious Ed Class , Classrooms
Sun/Apr 23:	10:00am & noon Pancake Breakfast , Family Center
	6:30pm Confirmation Class , Church MPR

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
Monday, June 26 – Thursday, June 29th, from 9:30am-12:00pm. VBS leader training will be Monday, June 12th and Tuesday, June 13th from 10am– 12pm. If you are interested in being a part of this team please contact Jody DeGraw.

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. Check the bulletin and our monthly calendar insert for more dates.
 If you think you'd like to help with these events, please contact Laura Ellis at lchojnowski@yahoo.com for more information.

Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, **Sunday, April 23rd**, following the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses.



SACRAMENTAL WINE-MAKING & SOCIAL HOUR
When: Saturday April 22nd, 6pm
Where: The McGavin Home
 1735 Westlane NE, Grand Rapids
 The Glynn's & the McGavin's invite fellow parishioners 21 years and older to the inaugural wine making event. Join us to prepare Sacramental wine to be used at our Masses in the future and also to sample different wine varieties and snacks at this social event. RSVP by April 19th to Judy Hardy in the Religious Ed Office at 361-7339, ext. 1254 or jhardy@bsacrament.net.

STEWARDSHIP - Week ending April 9	
Week 41/52	
Adult Envelopes (184 used)	\$10,503.98
Automatic Envelopes (51 used)	\$4,160.00
Youth	\$31.34
Loose Stewardship	\$1,010.79
Total Stewardship this week	\$15,706.11
YTD	\$611, 563.17
Budget YTD	\$630,769.23
Last YTD	\$642,498.98
5% Tithe this week	\$785.31
YTD Tithe	\$30,578.16

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
 We, the Roman Catholic Christian community of Blessed Sacrament, nourished by and united in the Eucharist, empowered by the Holy Spirit, dedicate ourselves to being the Body of Christ, and actively living the gospel. As faithful stewards we will continue to develop and build the body of Christ by prayer and service.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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Check this box for a new authorization or a change to banking information. Please attach a copy of a voided check and complete the following:

Bank Name

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Check this box to change an existing authorization. Please change the amount and/or the frequency as indicated below.

Authorization:

We/I _____
authorize Blessed Sacrament Parish to deduct from the above bank account the amount indicated below to be applied as our contribution.

Frequency:

_____ Weekly on Mondays

_____ Monthly on the 5th 15th 25th
(Circle date preferred)

Amount: _____

Effective Date: _____

Signature: _____

This authorization can be cancelled at any time either verbally or by written notice. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 361-7339.

~OUTSIDE THE PARISH~

Aquinas College Visit Day – Friday, April 21st

Aquinas College is hosting an AQDay for all high school juniors and seniors interested in visiting their beautiful 117-acre campus. The Admissions Office invites you to come and discover what life at AQ is really all about. Get the inside scoop on academics, athletics, scholarships, service learning, study abroad, and more.

Please visit aquinas.edu/aqday for more details or to register for the event on April 21st.

ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sunday, April 30th, 11am to 3pm, at Our Lady of Sorrows, 101 Hall St SE. Dinner is served with Italian meatballs, salad, bread, dessert & drink. Prices are \$10 for adults (\$9 advanced tickets), \$5 for children ages 5-10, children 4 and under are free. Takeout will be available. Call Pat Greene at 616-243-0222 (Tues-Fri, 10am-3pm) by April 20th for advance purchase tickets.

ST. JUDE

UNEMPLOYED SUPPORT GROUP

Do you need help determining what direction is the right direction for you? We know how unsure you can be when you are without a job. Join us in our small group setting, and we will help you discover your direction and confirm all the positive assets you have to offer an employer. Our goal is to help you prepare yourself to present the best "you" to your next employer. All are welcome. Join us on:

The Second Wednesday of the month, 9:30-11am, Brophy Center
For more information, please contact, Dan at danmakowski@comcast.net
Mary at mmtomaszewski@comcast.net

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ST. MARY MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 27, at noon in the St. Mary Activities Center, 420 2nd St. NW, Grand Rapids. Only \$8 gets you a great meal (by Billy K Catering) and great company to hang out with. Stay a little bit and play Bingo with us after the meal! Please call in your reservation to 616-459-7390 by noon on Monday, April 24.

HURT PLAGUING YOUR MARRIAGE?

Did you know that according to the State of Michigan website there were 29,478 divorces in the state of Michigan in the year 2015? Of these, 4,575 were right here in the west Michigan area. Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse?

Rediscover healing and love and find hope in your marriage by attending Retrouvaille. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. **The next Retrouvaille weekend is June 9-11, 2017.** Space is limited, please reserve your spot today. To register or to sponsor a couple: call 616 752-7004 or email retrograndrapids@gmail.com or to register online visit retrouvaille.org.



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.

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