

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

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

Weekend Mass:

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

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

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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.



Blessed
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FR. GEORGE DARLING, PASTOR

Liturgies  For The Week

Sat, July 15 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Joe & Josephine Kozarski; Leo Antor
Sun, July 16 9:00 am	15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Eleanor Anteck
11:00 am	Parish Family
Mon, July 17	WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Tues, July 18	WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Wed, July 19 8:30 am	WEEKDAY Sr. Amata Fabbro OP
Thurs, July 20 8:30 am	WEEKDAY Robert Dill
Fri, July 21 8:30 am	WEEKDAY Frank Bray
3:00 pm	LeMire/Van Epps wedding
Sat, July 22 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Tony Jaglowski; John & Mary Kandra
Sun, July 23 9:00 am	16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Lynn Heeringa
11:00 am	Parish Family

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of July 16, 2017

Sunday	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1-8; Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday	Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday	Ex 11:10—12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	St. Mary Magdalene Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 10-15, 23-24; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

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

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Pat Antor. Cards may be sent to 2221 Mapleton St NE, 49505. Let Pat know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

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BY GEORGE....

Every other year we are assigned a missionary to come and talk with us and to solicit funds as a reminder of our responsibility to promote the Catholic faith and to assist those around the world who work in the mission fields. This is our year to host a missionary and so this weekend we are joined by Bishop Jaya Rao Polimera, the Bishop of the Diocese of Eluru in India.

Before he was ordained a Bishop, Fr. Jay worked for five years from 1998 to June of 2003 as the Associate Pastor of St. Philip Church in Battle Creek. He then returned to his home Diocese of Warangal in India where he was appointed the rector of the Cathedral Parish. Six years later he was named the Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese. Then in May of 2013 he was appointed the Bishop of the Diocese of Eluru, and was ordained Bishop on July 25, 2013. This Diocese has been a separate diocese only since 1997, and Bishop Jay is only the second Bishop that the Diocese has had.

The Diocese of Eluru has about 8.8 million people living in it, of which about 320,000 are Catholic. (There are roughly 150,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Grand Rapids and perhaps 8.8 million people in the whole state of Michigan). In the Diocese of Eluru there are about 120 diocesan priests, 80 religious order priests, and nearly 800 religious sisters. There are around 100 parishes plus hundreds of mission stations and schools. The literacy rate of the Diocese of Eluru is listed at 58% which is a little bit higher than the literacy rate in the nation of India as a whole. The average income is reported as 13,000 rupees per year, or about \$300 US dollars.

The geographical size of the Diocese is 10,775 sq. kilometers, or 4,159 sq. miles (compared to 6,795 square miles in the Diocese of Grand Rapids). Consider what it would be like to squeeze all of the people in Michigan into Ottawa, Kent, Ionia, Muskegon, Newago, and Montcalm counties. That perhaps would be what it would be like to be living in the Diocese of Eluru.

Coming with Bishop Jay next weekend will be Fr. Chuck Fischer, a retired priest from the Diocese of Kalamazoo, who was Fr. Jay's Pastor at St. Philip's Parish in Battle Creek from July 2001 to June of 2003.

In this bulletin you will find a donation envelope for your assistance to Bishop Jay. You can return it to the collection basket next weekend with your check made out to Blessed Sacrament Parish. We will total all of the donations and send in one check from the Parish to the Diocesan Mission Office to forward to Bishop Jay.

STEWARDSHIP - Week ending July 9

<u>Week 2/52</u>	
Adult Envelopes (155 used)	\$10,192.50
Automatic Envelopes (51 used)	3,915.00
Youth	32.47
Loose Stewardship	880.73
Total Stewardship this week	\$15,020.70
YTD	\$27,846.32
Budget YTD	\$29,807.69
Last YTD	\$28,060.36
5% Tithe this week	\$751.04
YTD Tithe	\$1,392.32

~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~

Sun/July 23: 10am & noon Coffee & donuts, Church garden



SUMMER TITHING

Now that summer is here and many of you will be away on vacation, have you remembered to drop off your contribution envelopes? If not, automatic giving might be a good solution for you. You can make your weekly or monthly Parish contribution via an automatic deduction from your checking or savings account. You can find a form in the stewardship tower in the narthex, in the Parish Office or on our website. Fill out the form and return it to the Parish office by mail, hand deliver it, or you can drop it in the collection basket at Mass on the weekend.



Banns of Marriage

3rd Banns

Alisha LeMire &
Brad Van Epps

thank you

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped make this year's garage sale a huge success!! Because of you, our profit was well over \$3,800 and there is more money coming! Thanks for sharing your time, talents and treasures! If you donated items to the sale, there are tax donation forms in the stewardship tower in the Church narthex.

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All Saints Academy www.asagr.org

A quote from New York City Cardinal Timothy Dolan: "There is no more tried and true way of passing on our Catholic faith to our kids than by sacrificing to put them in a Catholic school. Data proves they persevere in the faith at higher rates, pray better, are more faithful to Sunday Mass, live gospel values, are more generous to their parish, even have happier marriages, volunteer more and transmit the faith to their own children that those not in a Catholic school."

Become part of the ASA family. All Saints Academy is currently enrolling, preschool through eighth grade. Call 364-9453 for more information. Financial aid is available.



You can make your CSA donation online by visiting our parish website. On the main page there is a link to the Diocese of Grand Rapids website. Go to that link and it will tell you how to make your donation. Don't forget to reference Blessed Sacrament when filling out the form.

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~OUTSIDE THE PARISH~

OUR LADY OF SORROWS MULTI-CULTURE FESTIVAL

A celebration of Faith, Music, Food and Culture, Our lady of Sorrows Church, 101 Hall St. **Saturday July 29 11am to 9pm & Sunday July 30 11am to 7pm.** Festival includes games, food, comedy, live music and outdoor Mass on Sunday at 11am.



AQUINAS COLLEGE 8TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Friday, July 28th at Boulder Creek Golf Club. Registration opens at 8am, shotgun starts at 9am, scramble format. Cost is \$90 per person/\$360 per team. Dinner to follow, with opportunities to win cash and other prizes. Wonderful door prizes for all golfers. Any questions please contact Coach Joe Powers; cell 517-862-4299 or email jrp003@aquinas.edu.



MONTHLY LUNCHEON AT ST. MARY'S

Thursday, July 27, at noon in the St. Mary Activities Center, 420 2nd St. NW. 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 tel. [616.459.7390](tel:616.459.7390) by noon on Monday, July 24.