

19TH 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.

Liturgies  For The Week

Sat, Aug 12 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family
Sun, Aug 13 9:00 am 11:00 am	19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Joyce Grimmer Jim Surman
Mon, Aug 14	ST. MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE, PRIEST **No Mass**
Tues, Aug 15 8:30 am 7:00 pm	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Parish Family Parish Family
Wed, Aug 16 8:30 am	WEEKDAY John McCormick
Thurs, Aug 17 8:30 am	WEEKDAY Patricia Antor
Fri, Aug 18	WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Sat, Aug 19 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jeremy & Harry Waranica
Sun, Aug 20 9:00 am 11:00 am	20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family L/D members Byrne/Banka families

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of August 13, 2017

Sunday	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 17:22-27
Monday	St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday	Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-7; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday	Jos 24:1-3; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Jos 24:14-19; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-18

PASTORAL TEAM

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STEWARDSHIP - Week ending August 5 & 6

Week 6/52	
Adult Envelopes (182 used)	\$11,770.62
Automatic Envelopes (51 used)	3,995.00
Youth	28.89
Loose Stewardship	981.00
Total Stewardship this week	\$16,775.51
YTD	\$86,261.95
Budget YTD	\$89,423.08
Last YTD	\$88,365.95
5% Tithe this week	\$838.78
YTD Tithe	\$4,313.10

BY GEORGE....

This weekend we are joined by Fr. Chuck Fischer, a retired priest from the Diocese of Kalamazoo, to give you a change of pace and let you hear another voice than mine. If you were here for Masses four weekends ago you will remember that Fr. Chuck was the chauffeur for Bishop Jay Polimera from the Diocese of Eluru in India when he came to preach to us about the missionary church in India. Every other year the Bishop's Office assigns us a missionary to remind us of our role and responsibility in the missionary work of the Church. Bishop Jay came from a Diocese two thirds the size of ours in land but with nine million people living there in that small territory of which 320,000 were Catholic, which is about twice as many Catholics as we have in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. The average income of people in his Diocese is approximately \$300 a year which is why he has come to us to ask for our help both spiritually and financially. Even though there are those among us who claim to be poor because we live beyond our means I would think that an annual income of \$300, which is less than even I make in a week, would mean that they are really and truly economically poor, even though by living in that context they might be spiritually richer than some of us living in our economically rich and materialistic society. At this point when it comes to our collection to assist Bishop Jay and his people financially we have had 104 donations in the amount of \$5,754. On the one hand I have to admit that I am disappointed in the relatively small number of donations given that only 16% of our registered families in the parish made a donation. On the other hand though, I have to say that I was impressed by the college student who donated \$100 to the collection. It would seem to me that this student obviously understands the meaning of Jesus' words in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 21, verses 1-4. If you have been away on the weekends and weren't here for the visit from Bishop Jay, or have forgotten about the mission collection, or are one of our procrastinators, I just want to remind you that there are additional envelopes for the Mission Collection on the table in the narthex of the Church, so if it is your intention to make a donation you still can do such. I would hope that more than just 16% of us would find the desire to assist those in the Diocese of Eluru. If you write a check just make the check out to Blessed Sacrament as we total all of the contributions and send in one parish check to the Diocese. We will have to send in our check to the Bishop's Office in a couple of weeks so if your heart is in the right place you still have time to donate.

This coming Tuesday, the 15th of August, is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be here at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on that day as listed in this bulletin. If you are looking for a vigil Mass, St. Jude will have a Mass on Monday, the 14th at 7:00 p.m. Both parishes will have a Mass on the morning of the Holy Day, and we will then have a Mass on Tuesday evening. We do this to help you by staggering our Masses in case you might have a conflict on time with the Mass here please know that you are welcome at St. Jude just as their parishioners are welcome here.

~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~

Sun/Aug 13: 10am & noon **Coffee & donuts**, Church garden
Mon/Aug 14: 11:00am **Book Club**, Church MPR
 7:00pm **Knights of Columbus**, Church MPR
Thurs/Aug 17: after 8:30am Mass **Coffee & Donuts**, Church MPR
 1:00pm **Prayer Blanket Ministry**, Church MPR

NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Candidates! We meet on Sunday, September 10th in the church basement from 6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m. Be sure to hand in your service project assignments at this time.

Don't forget to call your sponsors and remind them that we meet on September 17th at the 11:00am Mass. We gather for lunch and presenting projects until about 2:00pm.

Our Confirmation Retreat has been rescheduled. The retreat will be Sunday, October 8th from 6pm. -8pm.

We are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, October 11th at the Cathedral of St. Andrew at 7:00p.m. Candidates and Sponsors are asked to meet in the church at 6:15pm.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Morning Bible Study begins September 19th in the church basement from 9:15am -10:45am. Fellowship at 9:15am. Bible class at 9:30am. Join us as we study the Gospel of Mark.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an opportunity for those who are thinking about becoming Catholic to learn about the Catholic Church. Inquirers have an opportunity to study the Church with a team of experienced Catholics, in an informal setting through Scripture, Catechism, tradition and personal stories. If you are interested in learning more about this process or know of someone who may be interested please contact Jody, jdegrow@bsacrament.net or call or text 616-340-9041

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

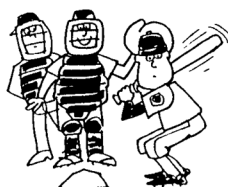
It is time to register for Religious Education classes! Instruction begins Thursday, October 5th at 6:30pm. A packet of information will be mailed to families who attended last year. If you are new to the parish or to our program, please give us a call so we can get the materials to you.

Some of our parish children have special educational needs. If parents make our office aware of those needs, proper placement can be determined which will most benefit the child. In some cases regular religious education teachers simply need to be appraised of reading difficulties, medical problem, or behavioral techniques that are more effective than others.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for a few people to share their faith with our children in the Religious Education program, Children Liturgy of the Word and the RCIA process. All materials and support are provided. Please give me a call or an email if you are interested. If you wish to get involved but not sure of where you fit, please come and talk with me. I know there is a place for you.

For more information about anything mentioned here, please contact Jody DeGraw at jdegrow@bsacrament.net, text 616-340-9041 or call 616-361-7339 ext. 1253.



Save the Date for another fun family night out! **Thursday, August 17** is the date for the Annual Pray & Spray Softball game between the Clergy and the Firefighters at Holy Spirit Field. Game starts at 6:30pm. Free will offering.

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A Catholic school education is about our children learning to respect everyone, creating an atmosphere of care and concern. Our daughters and sons, granddaughters and grandsons go on to thrive in such a nurturing environment. We still have a few openings for the fall semester at ASA, preschool through eighth grade, and financial assistance is available. Call us at 364-9453 with any questions or to set up your personal family tour. Give your youngster the advantage of a Catholic school education.

SAVE THE DATE

Blessed Sacrament's Parish Picnic, **Sunday September 10, noon until 3pm**. Please bring a dish to pass and your tableware. Cake donations for the cake walk welcomed!



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.

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

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Anna Savickas. Cards may be sent to 1013 Hollywood St NE, 49505. Let Anna know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

