

27TH 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—FRIDAY, 8:30AM—4:00PM

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FR. GEORGE DARLING, PASTOR

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, Oct 7 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ruben & Gladys Huerta
Sun, Oct 8 9:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Bernie & Della Wrona Parish Family Vickery/Curry wedding
Mon, Oct 9	WEEKDAY **No Mass**
Tues, Oct 10 8:30 am	WEEKDAY Ruth Darling
Wed, Oct 11 10:30 am	WEEKDAY Confirmation Candidates
Thurs, Oct 12 8:30 am	WEEKDAY Anna Savickas
Fri, Oct 13 8:30 am	WEEKDAY Winifred Spoelstra
Sat, Oct 14 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Richard Prince; Edwin Szotko
Sun, Oct 15 9:00 am 11:00 am	28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Parish Family Leo & Pat Antor

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of October 8, 2017

Sunday	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43
Monday	Jon 1:1—2:1, 11 (Ps) Jon 2:2-5,8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1-4, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday	Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday	Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Mary Ann Greenhoe, recovering from back surgery. Cards may be sent to 1700 Rodney Cir NE, 49505. Let Mary Ann know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

PASTORAL TEAM

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BY GEORGE....

Last week in this bulletin column you read a letter from Bishop Walkowiak in which he reminded us that each year we designate the month of October as *Respect Life Month*. This year we began the month listening to the news reports of the mass shootings in Las Vegas. Listening to all of the talking heads on the television channels and the politicians who are quick to find a microphone and get their face on the television question how something like this could have happened in a country like ours, causes me to ask the question how could it not happen in a country like ours given that if you consider how many people have been killed in mass shootings since 1973 the number pales compared to the number of children that have been killed by abortions since 1973. The old saying is that the greatness of a people is determined by how they treat their weakest members. How then could we doubt that terrible things like this would happen in a society that devalues the weakest of all of our members - the child in its mother's womb? Those very same politicians who are running to the microphones demanding changes in gun laws are the very same politicians who refuse to allow any changes in the laws that allow those in the abortion industry to kill our children. Even now we have politicians in some states that have legalized the killing of a person who is elderly or ill and they consider it to be an "act of mercy". I think this would be far from what Jesus meant when he called us to be merciful.

Our position as Catholic Christians is that all human life is of the same value -- the highest value we have next to living with God forever in heaven. Whether it is a child killed in abortion, or a victim of a mass shooter, or a refugee trying to escape persecution, or a person who is sick or elderly, or someone walking down a city street, or a perfectly well and healthy person -- we believe that all human life is sacred from conception to natural death, because we are created in the image and likeness of our God. However difficult it is for us to do we have to admit that we live in a society that does not share our values when it comes to respecting all human life. Therefore each year we as a church designate October to be *Respect Life Month* in order to remind ourselves of the value of all human life and to encourage us to live that belief and use our efforts to change those things in our society that devalue human life in any or all of its forms.

STEWARDSHIP - Week ending October 1

Week 14/52	
Adult Envelopes (178 used)	\$11,083.50
Automatic Envelopes (48 used)	3,519.00
Youth	18.39
Loose Stewardship	874.80
Total Stewardship this week	\$15,495.69
YTD	\$194,305.96
Budget YTD	\$208,653.85
Last YTD	\$200,424.60
5% Tithe this week	\$774.78
YTD Tithe	\$9,715.30

~THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH~

- Sun/Oct 8: 6:00pm Confirmation mini-retreat, Church MPR
- Mon/Oct 9: 11:00am Book Club, Church MPR
7:00pm Knights of Columbus, Church MPR
- Tues/Oct 10: 9:15am-3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Church
9:15am Adult Bible Study, Church MPR
6:00pm Zumba, Family Center
6:20-6:50pm Honor Choir rehearsal, Church MPR
6:50-7:20pm Children's Choir rehearsal, Church MPR
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal, Church MPR
- Wed/Oct 11: 4:15pm Knitting/Crocheting Group, Church MPR
6:30pm ASA Board of Directors Meeting, Staff Lounge
6:30pm RCIA class, Religious Ed office
7:00pm Confirmation, Cathedral of St. Andrew
- Thurs/Oct 12: after 8:30am Mass Coffee & Donuts, Church MPR
6:00pm Planning your funeral liturgy, Church MPR
6:30pm Religious Ed Class, School classrooms



Banns of Marriage

3rd Banns

Allison Vickery &
Jacob Curry

thank you

Dear Fr. George and the Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish,
Thank you for your community's generosity of baby essential donations that come to HELP on a regular basis. I get to witness what the power of many can do when we all work together. The attention you bring to mothers and their children is a real tribute to your passion for LIFE. Your ongoing donations of baby essentials supports our HELP walk-in and Loving Arms Programs. Actions such as this, sends a message into the community of care and compassion. All of us at HELP will make sure those we serve know that it is because of our generous donors is why we exist and we are blessed to pass it on. Thank you for your continued support. HELP is truly blessed by you. May the blessing you bestow on us return to you a hundredfold.
With Gratitude,
Paula Veneklas, Director
HELP Pregnancy Crisis Aid

PLAN YOUR CATHOLIC FUNERAL LITURGY

Please join us as we guide you through the steps to pre-plan your Funeral Mass of Christian Burial, **Thursday, October 12th from 6pm - 8pm** in the Church multi-purpose room. Having your Mass pre-planned will surely bring comfort and peace to you and to your loved ones. Call Marie LeMire at 260-4685 with questions or if you need a ride.



RCIA

Are you someone or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information contact Jody DeGraw at 361-7339 ext 1253.

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