

February 7, 2021 • 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Basil the Great

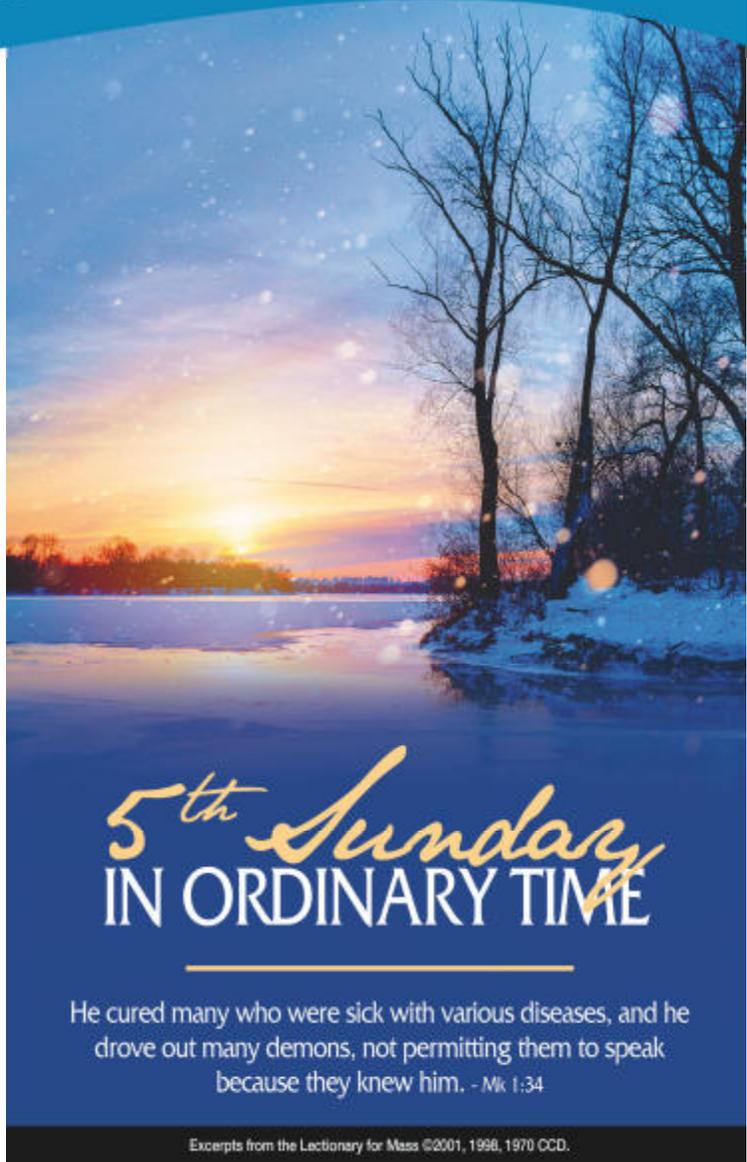
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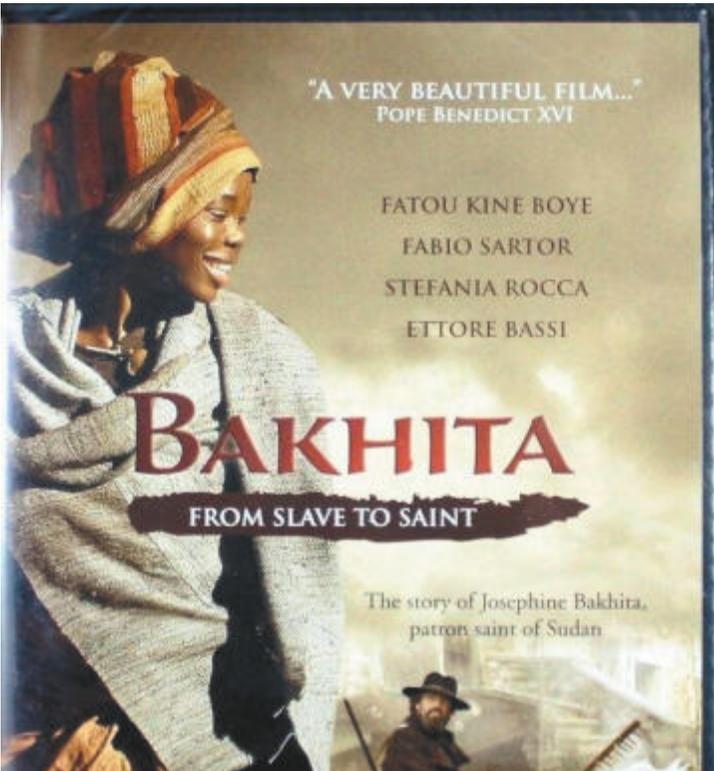
The Ushers are having a pierogi sale. Order forms are in the gathering space or at the parish office. The orders are due by March 21st. You must pre-order. Pick up is scheduled for Thursday, April 1st in the parking lot.



5th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:34

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7th

12:00 NOON IN THE SOCIAL HALL

You will be riveted to your seat as you watch this beautiful story of St. Bakhita from the Sudan.

Year end contribution statements are available. If you would like a statement, please complete below and drop in the collection basket:

NAME: _____

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Attention those who went through "Overcoming Strongholds" and others who are interested. There will be a Living Waters season that runs from Monday, January 25th to Monday, May 17th, 7-9:45pm.

There will also be one Saturday, April 17th class (approximately 9am-3pm) during this season.

Attendees will meet at Renewal Church 11174 13 Mile Rd. Warren, MI

Tuition is \$295 for new participants; \$105 for a spouse and/or alumni; \$50 deposit payment can be made. Scholarships are available to those in need

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, February 8, 2021

8:00am Reconciliation / C
8:30am Mass / C

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

12:00pm Adoration / C
4:30pm FF grades 1-5 / S
5:45pm FF grades 6-8 / S
6:20pm Reconciliation / C
6:30pm Rosary & Benediction / C
7:00pm Mass / C

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

8:00am Reconciliation / C
8:30am Mass / C

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Friday, February 12, 2021

8:00am Reconciliation / C
8:30am Mass / C
6:00pm Rosary / C
7:00pm Lectio Divina/ GS

Saturday, February 13, 2021

8:00am Reconciliation / C
8:30am Mass / C
3:00pm Reconciliation / C
4:00pm Mass / C

Sunday, February 14, 2021

8:30am Mass / C
10:30am Mass / C



Please join us for Peaceful Prayer Vigils for Life

Where: Eastland Women's Clinic
15921 E. Eight Mile in Eastpointe

Date: Saturdays February 20, 27,
March 13, 20, 27 2021

Time: 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Fr. Eric will lead us in the Rosary
(Please park on the side street.)



Please welcome to the St. Basil parish family new member:

Phyllis Wheeler
Michael, Jennifer & Joshua Zapytowski



Fr. Eric's Exposé:

Blessed Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi

I want to welcome some newly registered parishioners here at St. Basil: Phyllis Wheeler and Michael and Jennifer Zapytowski with their son Joshua. God bless you! Also, a reminder that our Catholic Services Appeal is at 66%. Thank you for those who have generously given and please prayerfully consider giving if you have not done so yet. Remember, the parish has to pay for the remaining balance and that will come out of our savings account.

The following is about a Blessed (one step away from "Saint") that I am sure not many have heard of since there are so many Blesseds and Saints. The information about his life comes from the Knights of Columbus *Columbia* magazine that is sent monthly to KofC members such as myself. There is a section in the magazine call "Catholic Man of the Month" and this was from a few issues back:



"Blessed Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi (1903-1964)

Father Tansi was not one for half measures: "If you are going to be a Christian at all," the Nigerian priest used to say, "you might as well live entirely for God." That is just what he did, first in the bustle of parish life and later in the quiet cloisters of a Monastery.

Iwene Tansi was born to Igbo farmers near the southern Nigerian town of Aguleri in 1903. His parents, though not Christian, sent him to a Catholic school, where he was baptized Michael in 1913. Despite opposition from his family, he entered the seminary at age 22 and was ordained for the Diocese of Onitsha in 1937.

As a pastor, Father Tansi was constantly on the move, traveling by foot or bicycle to bring Christ to scattered villages. Known for his powerful preaching, his reverence for the Eucharist and his gentleness and good humor, he ministered to numerous young people preparing for marriage or discerning religious vocations. One young boy inspired by Father Tansi's example was Francis Arinze, who later became a cardinal and said, "His personal life witness was the best argument."

Though already rooted in deep prayer, Father Tansi began to feel called to greater contemplation. In 1950, he entered Mount St. Bernard Abbey, a Cistercian monastery in England, and took the name Cyprian. The transition from pastor to monk, as well as the change in climate, was difficult at times, but his trust in God's will was firm. He had once advised a young married couple, "All his plans are for the good of his children."

Father Cyprian died at the age of 61 on Jan. 20, 1964. Beatified by St. John Paul II in Onitsha in 1998, he is the first African priest in modern times to be declared Blessed."

As a side comment, Cardinal Arinze was previously the head of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. The current head of that Vatican congregation is another African (and with Cardinal Arinze a holy man as well!), Cardinal Robert Sarah.

God bless!

In Christ through Mary, Fr. Eric Fedewa

Musings From Mary Kay

Dear Ones,

God speaks in the silence of the heart, and we listen. And then we speak to God from the fullness of our heart, and God listens. This listening and this speaking is what prayer is meant to be. (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

Today's Gospel (Mark 1:29-39) tells the story of Jesus visiting Simon Peter's home and curing Peter's mother-in-law. The possible true meaning of this miracle is clouded by its translation. The Greek word used to describe the woman's condition is frequently used to describe someone already dead. The Greek word used to describe her cure is best translated "raised up". Finally, the phrase translated as "waited on them" would more accurately be rendered as "served" or "ministered to". So, it is very possible that Jesus takes a dead woman by the hand and raises her up to new physical health and also to new spiritual health. Throughout the Gospel of Mark, Jesus says repeatedly that he has come "not to be served but to serve". This woman is the first person in the Gospel to act as Jesus does. **What do I need Jesus to heal in me? When can I find time each day to pray and be alone with God? What "things" are keeping me from serving others?**

We continue discussion of Pope Francis's Encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship) - Chapter One: Dark Clouds Over a Closed World. "A worldwide tragedy like the Covid-19 pandemic momentarily revived the sense that we are a global community, all in the same boat, where one person's problems are the problems of all. Once more we realized that no one is saved alone; we can only be saved together."

Pope Francis gives a thorough description of the darkness he sees in the world today. First, political systems are regressing and the profit-based economic model "does not hesitate to exploit, discard and even kill human beings."

Second, there is a culture of indifference. By employing a strategy of ridicule, suspicion, and relentless criticism, one group can dominate and exclude another, creating a permanent state of disagreement, confrontation and even violence. The loneliness, fear and insecurity experienced by those who feel excluded are easy targets for fringe groups. Also, human rights are not universally respected, especially for women.

This culture of indifference especially affects the unborn, disabled, and elderly. Though connected globally, we do not see our brothers and sisters as our neighbors. This is most apparent in the absence of dignity for migrants at our borders and for many people impacted by the pandemic.

Pope Francis wants to strengthen the ideas of social friendship and social peace in the face of an all-pervasive social violence, which he sees running through the economy, politics, and even through social media. There is much to bring to prayer. **Reflection Question: How has the pandemic impacted me? Have I experienced a revived sense of community? What can I do to foster this sense of community?**

Have a blessed week of reviving relationships and friendships,
Sister Mary Kay Homan, OP

Faith Formation

NO CLASS TUES. FEB 15TH: MID WINTER BREAK

Ready to return to in-person classes?

Children who are doing Home Study are all welcome to return to in-person classes as you are ready. Just give us a call to let us know that you are coming.

MISSED SACRAMENTS

We are happy to offer Sacramental Preparation for anyone who has missed a Sacrament: (Baptism, Reconciliation, 1st Communion or Confirmation). We have classes for children, teens, or adults. Please call the Religious Ed. office for information.

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**UNLEASHING THE GOSPEL
AT ST. BASIL THE GREAT**



ST. JOSEPH SHOWS US THE WAY

Excerpts from "In times of political crisis, St. Joseph shows the way" by Mike Aquilina Jan 26, 2021

There can be no better patron for a time of crisis than St. Joseph of Nazareth. He lived in a moment of crisis — political, cultural, moral, and religious — and he raised a family in such a moment. He faced personal crises as well. In fact, every episode we know with certainty from his life was a moment of extreme duress. He faced an unplanned ...pregnancy. He undertook a long journey with his pregnant wife when he knew her due date was imminent. He had to flee with his family — for months and for more than a thousand miles — to escape the wrath of the most powerful man in his world. The last time we see St. Joseph, he is confronting the horrible possibility of child loss, when his child went missing in the teeming metropolis of Jerusalem.

Times of crisis require decisions... Every choice St. Joseph faced was urgent, and yet he made them all well. He made use of all the resources available to him. He thought. He prayed. He acted. We never see him complaining or lamenting, though he would have been justified in doing both. In fact, we never see St. Joseph speaking at all, and we never see any human being speak to St. Joseph. We all know the ending of the story. St. Joseph guided his family through the direst perils. He supported his household amid the most challenging economic circumstances. He raised history's most virtuous son. Thus, St. Joseph's own decisions served as a precondition of the world's salvation.

Pope Francis has declared 2021 to be a special Year of St. Joseph, and Christians would do well to live it intentionally, to cultivate the habits best suited for life in a moment of crisis.

Much of St. Joseph's life coincided with the reign of one king: Herod the Great. Herod occupied the throne in Judea from approximately 36 B.C. till 1 B.C... He was a brutal despot, jealous of his power and suspicious of any potential rivals or rebels... Herod was vain. He was paranoid. And his fearful subjects held him in contempt. But they kept such thoughts to themselves, because they knew his spies and informants were everywhere. Thus, Judea's age of prosperity was an age of constant anxiety... To survive in such times — and survive with one's integrity — required the virtue of prudence in a heroic degree. No saint in history showed himself to be more prudent than St. Joseph of Nazareth. Prudence is a virtue much misunderstood... Prudence is, in fact, a mental habit that is always oriented to action. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines it as "the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it." St. Thomas Aquinas said that prudence is "right reason *in action*."

In the stories in the Gospel we see St. Joseph as a man of action. We have none of his words, so we know him only through his deeds. Yet we never see him act rashly or impulsively. Surely he had human passions, and he suffered their effects intensely. He lived in a time of crises, many of which affected him directly. But he never allowed those extreme stressors to overwhelm his rational thought. He examined matters thoroughly, and then he "resolved" to act.

He did all this, moreover, in the context of habitual prayer and a deep knowledge of Scripture, and those were the key elements in all his decisions. They provided the context that was necessary for prudent action.

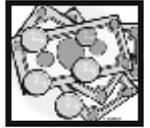
In the small details of the brief story of St. Joseph, we find clear guidance for living in times of crisis, when sometimes we must engage and sometimes withdraw. May we learn from him, exercising prudence that's informed by consideration, prayer, and Scripture.

Spiritual Life Worship

Come and spend one hour adoring Christ's Presence in the Holy Eucharist every Tuesday from 12:00pm until 6:30pm. We now have a book for you to sign when spending time with the Lord. It would be good to have someone in the church at all times during Adoration. At the conclusion of Adoration there is a Rosary, Perpetual Help Novena, Benediction then Mass.



Our Offertory Stewardship 01/31/2020 Collection



We received in gratitude to God

Total envelopes sent out.....	240
Total envelopes received.....	56
Amount offered to God in Envelopes.....	\$1,869.00
Amount offered to God in Loose Collection.....	\$651.00
On Line Giving.....	\$602.00
TOTAL COLLECTION RECEIVED	\$3,122.00
Weekly budget requirement	\$4,200.00

Readings for the Week of February 7, 2021

Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a] 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday:	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab] Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a] Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1] Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7] 1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.

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Saturday, Feb 13	Lector
4:00pm	Loretta Darnell
Sunday, Feb 14	
8:30am	Bea Ostrowski
10:30am	Frank Sosnowski



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Marge Balek
Kathy Black
Brennan Family
Joan Bryant
Judith Catoni
Jeanne Chrisman
Luke Joseph Convery
Teresa D'Ippoliti
Margaret Donahue
Anna Gottler
Donald Griak
Diane Guappone
Nancy Guziak
Mary Hamann
Anna Kelly
Paul Kliffel

John Klucznik
Koval Family
Legato Family
McLarnon Family
Moussalli Family
Andrew Murray
Harold Muzzi
Helen Passick
Cecilia Plotzke
Cathy Podrasky
Imad Shkoukani
Taglione Family
Thom Family
Phyllis Thomas
Vince Vespa
June Watts

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon., February 8 **Weekday**
8:30am Special Intentions for John Novak, req. by Novak Family

Tues., February 9 **Weekday**
7:00pm † Gerry Zaglaniczny req. by Family

Wed., February 10 **St. Scholastica**
8:30am † Virginia Wheeler, req. by Phyllis Wheeler

Fri., February 12 **Weekday**
9:30am † Joanna Bartold, req. by Novak Family
 † Rizzo Family and Friends, req. by Maria Rizzo
 Birthday blessings for Greg Kansier, req. by wife, Eileen

Sat., February 13 **Weekday**
8:30am The Parish Family of St. Basil the Great

4:00pm † Walter Kosin, req. by Sisters

Sun., February 14 **6th Sunday Ordinary Time**
8:30am † William & Gerry Zaglaniczny, req. by Family

10:30am † Bonnie & Dale Welton, req. by Family

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Sacramental Ministry

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Scheduled throughout the year. An interview and one session of Baptismal Catechesis for parents will be scheduled. Sponsors are invited to the session.

R.C.I.A.

People of different Christian traditions or Non-Christians are invited to explore our faith through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.) Please call Faith Formation.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Mon, Wed & Fri 8am, Tues 6:20pm and Saturday 3pm.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements are made at least six months in advance with the Pastor.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

A Priest or LPM will be available upon request. Parishioners are urged to take the Eucharist to their confined family after Mass.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is celebrated once a year at a special Mass or upon request.

Thank you for joining our parish family today to pray and share in the Eucharist. Our Pastoral Staff cares about you and wants to do OUR best to welcome you and to be a reflection of Christ's love to you and your loved ones. Please let us know how we may help you by contacting us at the office.

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