January 23, 2022 • 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

t. Basil the Great

CATHOLIC CHURCH

22851 Lexington Ave, Eastpointe MI 48021



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

600

Welcome to our Faith Community

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. - Lk 4:18

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

January 17th complete thi	ntribution statements will be available after n. If you would like a statement, please s form and drop in the collection basket or e parish office:
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2022 St Basil's Men's Retreat - January 28, 29, 30

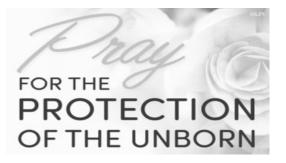
I invite all St. Basil men and friends to join us at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center for a restful and spiritually renewing weekend retreat. The requested fee is *still* \$215 for the weekend. This includes a comfortable private room with bedding, towels and a private bathroom/shower and all meals (great food!), and an inspiring program of talks, private meditation and community worship.

Reservations: Please register directly on-line at St. Paul's: www.stpaulretreat.org go to Upcoming Events >Men's Retreats >Weekend #17 and be sure to designate that you are with the St. Basil's group at the end of the sign-up.

If you cannot register online, *PLEASE* call, text or e-mail me and I'll be sure to get you registered!

Contact me anytime with any other questions you may have.

Gary Pantelis – phone/text: (313) 515-8703 email to: gmapantelis@gmail.com



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, January 24, 2022 8:00am Reconciliation / C 8:30am Mass / C

Tuesday, January 25, 202212:00pmAdoration / C5:30pmFF grades pre-K to 8 / S6:20pmReconciliation / C6:30pmRosary & Benediction / C7:00pmMass - Fr. Colin / C

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

8:00amReconciliation / C8:30amMass / C6:30pmLight of the Spirit / SH7:00pmSVdP mtg / S-5

Thursday, January 27, 2022

7:00pm Luke Bible Study / SH

Friday, January 28, 2022

8:00amReconciliation / C8:30amMass / C6:00pmContemplative Rosary/C

Saturday, January 29, 2022

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

Sunday, January 30, 2022

8:30am Mass / C

10:30am Mass / C

We are pleased to invite you to our Open House at Regina Caeli Academy - 42259 Hayes Rd, Sterling Heights, January 24th at 1p.m.

RCA is a hybrid academy, serving students in grades Preschool-12th grade in the Catholic tradition. RCA provides fully accredited academic and extracurricular classes for homeschoolers. Students attend classes using the Socratic method two days per week and are homeschooled the remaining days. For more information visit www.rcahybrid.org or call Keri Meteer. Center Coordinator of Education at 989.402.5109. We look forward to welcoming you to RCA!



Fr. Eric's Exposé: Innocent Life from Conception to Natural Death

I first would like to welcome some new parishioners: Robert and Maryanne Bergen. Welcome to St. Basil the Great! This Saturday, January 22nd is the 49th anniversary of the infamous Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade, which claimed that abortion is a constitutional right. Interestingly enough, there is absolutely no constitutional right to murder an innocent human

being, not to mention the most helpless one imaginable: an unborn child in her mother's womb. An intrinsic evil is one that is wrong at all times and in every circumstance and must *never* be upheld and promoted by civil law. Although not the only ones, the most significant intrinsic evils that violate the dignity of human life, which must be upheld from conception to natural death, are abortion, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research. Note that these are matters that concern *innocent human life* being taken deliberately.

Abortion is the intentional killing of an unborn human being anytime from conception to birth and is a very grave sin, both for the one procuring the abortion and for those who support the procuring of the abortion in any way. A simple and very true logical formula is: "*If* murder is the taking of an innocent human life *and* abortion is the taking of an innocent human life, *then* abortion is murder." Abortion is the number one cause of death in the United States and 63,459,781 people have been murdered by it since 1973. Worldwide almost 2,000,000,000, yes 2 *billion*, have been murdered through abortion in a similar time span. These horrendous numbers should cause anyone to want to do something to stop this holocaust. To put this number in perspective, in the U.S. alone, as of 6:41pm, January 7th 2022 (the day I wrote this article), 792,780 people have been murdered through abortion, and we are only 7 days into the year 2022! In just ONE day from now, the same number of people who live in Macomb County will have been slaughtered in the United States with the excuse that it is a woman's right to murder her unborn child! Along with doing what we can by voting for those who want to end the legal protection of abortion, the most important thing we can do is *pray* for an end to abortion. For a more in-depth treatment of the Church's teaching on this issue please see *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 2270-2275).

Also known as "mercy killing," (a contradictory term!) euthanasia is the killing of those who voluntarily ask for their lives to be taken because they do not want to live as a result of some form of suffering they are experiencing, *or* it is the killing of those who are considered a "burden" on someone else or society as a whole. Often the first category is called "assisted suicide" and the second is a form of eugenics (the killing of those who are deemed "defective" or weak members of society). This is a *very* common practice today when a doctor tests an unborn child in the womb, discovers a disability, and very often *encourages* the mother to abort the child. God is the author of life and no one has the right to decide when an innocent human being should die *including* the person who desires to take his or her own life. (see CCC 2276 - 2283).

Embryonic Stem Cell Research does *not* include Adult Stem Cell Research as some media organizations unfortunately all too often imply when reporting on those who oppose embryonic stem cell research. Embryonic Stem Cells are taken from a human embryo and involve the destruction of that embryo. They can also be taken from the cells of an aborted baby in the embryonic stage and some may even have been aborted on purpose for the sake of obtaining the cells. Adult Stem Cells are obtained from a person without harming that person. Since life begins at conception, and conception is the point at which God directly infuses a soul into the tiny human being, it is absolutely unacceptable to use that embryo as an object to experiment with in the hope of finding cures for various diseases. A basic principle of moral theology is "one cannot use an evil means to obtain a good end." For example, one cannot take the life of one person (in this case a human being at the embryonic stage) for the benefit of another. (see *Donum Vitae* at www.vatican.va). Thankfully people's hearts in the U.S. are changing and they are coming around to value life and see the barbarity of abortion and other anti-life atrocities. God bless!

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Eric Fedewa

Musings From Mary Kay

Dear Ones,

A friend sent this poem by Howard Thurman to me. I have been praying with it for several weeks. I would like to share it - -

When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flock, (When we all have said goodbye to family and friends and/or returned home ourselves ...)

The work of Christmas begins: To find the lost. To heal the broken. To feed the hungry. To release the prisoner. To rebuild the nations. To bring peace among all, wherever we live! To make music in our hearts.

In his New Year's Day reflection, Pope Francis encouraged people to focus on the good which unites us. He acknowledged that the coronavirus pandemic has left many scared and struggling amid economic inequality and uncertainty. "Many are frightened about the future and burdened by social problems, personal problems, dangers stemming from the ecological crisis, injustices and by global economic imbalances." Pope Francis laid out his recipe for **World Peace:** Peace, he said, "demands concrete actions. It is built by being attentive to the least, by promoting justice, with the courage to forgive, thus extinguishing the fire of hatred." Francis also championed embracing a positive attitude, "one that always sees, in the Church as well as in society, not the evil which divides us, but the good that unites us."

The Roman Catholic Church marks January 1 as a day dedicated to world peace and Pope Francis paid tribute to the Virgin Mary's special place in the faith as the mother of Jesus. Mothers "know how to overcome obstacles and disagreements, and to instill peace . . . In this way, they transform problems into opportunities for rebirth and growth. They can do this because they know how to 'keep', to hold together the various threads of life . . . We need such people, capable of weaving the threads of communion in place of the barbed wire of conflict and division." He said women, including mothers, "look at the world not to exploit it but so that it can have life. Women who, seeing with the heart, can combine dreams and aspirations with concrete reality."

Today's Gospel (John 2:1-11) gives us the example of Mary at the wedding feast at Cana. She realizes there is about to be a crisis as they will run out of wine. Jesus remains slightly aloof from the situation. He insists that his hour has not yet come. However, his mother does not doubt that Jesus will respond and quietly tells the waiters to do whatever he says. This is a wonderful example of how a woman sees a problem and quietly goes about redeeming the situation. Jesus' words transform the ordinary into the extraordinary. How have Jesus' words changed my life from the ordinary and expected to the extra- ordinary and unexpected? Have I been looking at the needs of persons around me?

Have a blessed week looking for ways to help others, Sister Mary Kay Homan, OP

Faith Formation

Please remember to keep your child home if he/she is not feeling well. Absences can be called to the Attendance line: 586 773-3008. Thanks.

<u>Tues. Feb 8</u>: Workshop for parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion. Please come to room #1 with your child at 5:30pm.

<u>Girl's Group:</u> All girls Gr. 2 - Gr. 8 are welcome to join us. We meet in St. Basil Church on the second Saturday of the month, 10 - 11:30 am. Please join us at our next meeting, Saturday, Feb 12th.

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.

Mary Fortunate, Carolyn Mikula DRE 586 772-5434 stbasilreligioused@comcast.net

UNLEASHING THE GOSPEL AT ST. BASIL THE GREAT

THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES

Excerpt from Catholic Christianity, the Luke E. Hart Series, How Catholics Live

THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES From ancient times (Plato, Aristotle) and in various cultures four virtues have traditionally been recognized as the indispensable foundation of all the others, as the "hinges" (cardines in Latin, thus "cardinal") on which all others turn. "Four virtues play a pivotal role and accordingly are called 'cardinal'; all the others are grouped around them. They are: prudence [or wisdom], justice [or fairness], fortitude [or courage], and temperance [or self-control]" (CCC 1805). They are mentioned in Scripture by name (Wisdom 8:7), and "are praised under other names in many passages of Scripture" (CCC 1805).

PRUDENCE: Prudence "is not to be confused with timidity or fear" (CCC 1806). Perhaps "practical moral wisdom" is a clearer term for this virtue today. Prudence is "the virtue that disposes practical reason [the mind thinking about what should be done] to discover our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it.... With the help of this virtue we apply moral principles to particular cases..." (CCC 1806).

JUSTICE: "Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor. Justice toward God is called the 'virtue of religion' [or 'piety']. Justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships...harmony..." (CCC 1807). Justice gives to each "what is due," or "what is right," or "just desserts." This logical and almost mathematical aspect of justice, focusing on equality and rights for individuals, is balanced and complemented by a more intuitive and holistic aspect which aims at harmony and right relationships. Typically, men are especially sensitive to the first aspect, and women to the second. Complete justice requires both. Justice transforms power and is transformed by love. Power is meant to serve justice – might should serve right – and justice is meant to serve love. We are born first knowing power and weakness, like the animals. As children, we learn a sense of justice from our conscience and from parents and teachers. As adults, we realize that justice, though necessary, is not sufficient; that our only hope is love and mercy and forgiveness – from God and from each other. Wars will not cease and peace will not come, to nations or to families or to individuals, without justice. But neither will lasting peace come through justice alone.

FORTITUDE: "Fortitude is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life. The virtue of fortitude enables one to conquer fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions. It disposes one even to renounce and sacrifice his life in defense of a just cause" (CCC 1808). Of all the virtues this is perhaps the one most conspicuously lacking in the lives of most people today in technologically developed and relatively pain-free modern societies. Alexander Solzhenitsyn in 1978 dedicated his Harvard Commencement Address to this challenging subject. Fortitude is a necessary ingredient in all virtues, for no virtue "just happens," but must be fought for.

TEMPERANCE: "Temperance is the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures..." (CCC 1809), as fortitude moderates the fear of pains. (Thus it is also called "moderation.") Without it we do not rise above the level of animals who live by their instincts, desires, and fears, especially the instinct to seek pleasure and flee pain. Temperance "ensures the will's mastery over instincts [thus it is also called "self-control"] and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable...and provides balance [i.e. moderation: not too little and not too much] in the use of created goods" (CCC 1809). Our instinctive desire for pleasure and fear of pain is the matter, or raw material, to be formed and controlled by all four cardinal virtues. Prudence provides the map, fortitude tames the fears, temperance tames the appetites, and justice regulates the resulting activities. All four cardinal virtues have deeper and wider meanings than their names suggest in current usage. Prudence is not just "playing it safe," justice is not just punishment, fortitude is not bullheadedness, and temperance is not just sobriety.

Spiritual Tife 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 01/16/2022 Collection



We received in gratitude to God

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Total envelopes sent out	
Total envelopes received62	
Amount offered to God in Envelopes	
Amount offered to God in Loose Collection	\$680.50
On Line Giving	\$
TOTAL COLLECTION RECEIVED	\$2,554.50
Weekly budget requirement	\$4,200.00

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St. Basil the Great is here to help you encounter Christ. We want you to experience His presence in your life. Our prayer and intercessory team is always interceding for our parish family. If you have any special intentions that you would like them to pray for, please fill out the following and drop it in the mail, at the parish office, or drop it in the offertory collection on Sunday.

Dear Prayer Team, I am so thankful that you are interceding for our parish family. I would like you to add my special intention(s) of ______

to your prayers. I entrust my intention to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May God Bless you!

Blessed Are Those Who Have Died in the Lord

Anna Bitonti

Born into life: December 16, 1929 Born into eternal life: January 12, 2022

Mass of the Resurrection January 15, 2022 St. Basil the Great Most Rev Robert Fisher, presiding

Survived by daughter, Carla

Rest in Peace

Sat., January 29	Lector
4:00pm	Pat Laux
Sun., January 30	
8:30am	John Moses
10:30am	Linda Thom



Readings for the Week of January 23, 2021

Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30



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 Mon., January 24 St. Francis de Sales 8:30am † Rosemary Gabriel, req. by Jonathon Zammit Special blessings for Barbara Toth, req. by David Nunley Special blessings for Maureen & Jose Guzman, req. by Paesano Family 				
Tues., Ja 7:00pm	nuary 25 Conversion of Paul † Donald Francek, req. by Michele Francek † David Tripp, req. by Paesano Family † Gayle Terrien, req. by Deb Maliszewski	N S L		
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4:00pm	† Joe & Virginia Soumis, req. by Pat Laux † Timothy Dobbs, req. by Pat Laux			
Sun., Jan 8:30am	tuary 30 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time † For the souls in purgatory, req. by Helpers of Souls			
10:30am	 † Olivia Lavis, req. by Barb Luckett † John Keith, req. by Rose Accurso 			
share in the and wants to reflection of	for joining our parish family today to pray and e Eucharist. Our Pastoral Staff cares about you o do OUR best to welcome you and to be a f Christ's love to you and your loved ones. s know how we may help you by contacting us o	0		
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	Carolyn Mikula	ext. 101
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SECRETARY:	Angela Moyers	ext. 100
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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.

If would like to receive the parish weekly bulletin via email, go to <u>www.parishesonline.com</u> to find our parish and sign yourself up for the bulletin email alert each week. The bulletin will automatically be emailed to you. If you do not have a computer and would like to receive a bulletin, contact the parish office and one can be mailed to you.



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