He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.”
Mark 8: 34-35

OFFICE HOURS
Week of Sept. 12th
Mon - Thurs: 9am-4pm
Friday: 9am-12pm
Saturday: 9am-12pm
Closed for lunch: 12-1
Sunday: 8:30am-12:30pm

MASS TIMES
Week of September 12th
No Daily Mass this Week
Saturday: 4:00pm
*Saturday’s mass is livestreamed
Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am
Confessions: Saturday at 3:00pm

WHAT’S GOING ON AT BLASE
September 16 | Friendly Blasers
September 18 | Spaghetti Dinner
September 21 | First Youth Choir Rehearsal
October 2 | Game Night
October 11 | Blood Drive

Help us reach our CSA goal. Donate at givecsa.org or mail your CSA envelopes to the return address stated on the envelope. Thank you!

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12151 E. 15 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48312
**Saturday, September 11th**

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM  
3 PM: Confessions  
4 PM: Mass  
Readings: 1 Tm 1:15-17 | Ps 113:1b-7 | Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday, September 12th**

Office hours: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
9 AM: Mass  
11 AM: Mass  
Readings: Is 50:5-9a | Ps 116:1-6, 8-9 | Jas 2:14-18 | Mk 8:27-35

**Monday, September 13th**

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM  
NO MASS  
1:30 PM: Plastic with a Purpose Group | Social Center  
7 PM: Remnant Rehearsal | Church  
8 PM: AA MTG | Rm H  
Readings: 1 Tm 2:1-8 | Ps 28:2, 7-9 | Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday, September 14th**

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM  
NO MASS  
Readings: Nm 21:4b-9 | Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38 | Phil 2:6-11 | Jn 3:13-17

**Wednesday, September 15th**

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM  
NO MASS  
10:30 AM: Scripture Reflection | Thea Bowman Rm  
Readings: 1 Tm 3:14-16 | Ps 111:1-6 | Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Thursday, September 16th**

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM  
NO MASS  
11:30 AM: Friendly Blasers | Social Center  
7 PM: VIP Rehearsal | Church  
Readings: 1 Tm 4:12-16 | Ps 111:7-10 | Lk 7:36-50

**Friday, September 17th**

Office hours: 9 AM - 12 PM  
NO MASS  
Readings: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 | Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 | Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday, September 18th**

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM  
3 PM: Confessions  
4 PM: Mass  
Readings: 1 Tm 6:13-16 | Ps 100:1b-5 | Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday, September 19th**

Office hours: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
9 AM: Mass  
11 AM: Mass  
Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20 | Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8 | Jas 3:16—4:3 | Mk 9:30-37
CAT TAILS

Fezziwig: Oh-Oh, guess I’m in the doghouse. That’s a very bad place for a feline to be. I admit, it was part curiosity, part play, and yes, part domination. Yet, I am the only male cat in this house so must assume the role of the alpha, right?

Marchioness: Alpha my litter box. You deliberately raided my private space and found out that this girl, though small, doesn’t back down. When you were pulled off me, there was more black fur on the floor than there was my pretty gray and white hair.

Dixie: You too, Marchioness? We have never been properly introduced, and I don’t think I really want to be, no offense, mind you. Nevertheless, that same big brut attacked me while I was trying to eat. Unlike you, I have no claws with which to mount a defense. So, yes, it was my fur all over the place. When Master Randy tried to pull us apart the big oaf held on and I went into the air with him! I am not ashamed to admit that once free I went as fast as my arthritic legs could carry me and sulked under you-know-who’s bed for 5 hours. He also was hissed at a few times - - by me! He had no business leaving the upstairs door open and leaving me vulnerable to such a savage attack.

Marchioness: Speaking of hissing, every night before retiring I look down the hallway in Fezziwig’s direction and give him a nice long loud one.

Fezziwig: “Savage attack?” C’mon now, give me a little slack. This is all new to me. Having my own space makes me want to defend it. I haven’t had any experience in getting along with others - - and the experience I did have, well, it did not help me to trust others in the least.

Marchioness: Well, you need to remember that I survived for most of my life on the street. There everything is a potential threat. My guard is always up. A noise, a smell, almost anything sets me on high alert. When I first came to the rectory, I ran every time the TV changed scenes. It involved movement - - and I don’t trust sudden movement of any kind. It is how a little woman like me survived out there - - that and taking to the rooftop of St. Blase. One thing I do miss about the great outdoors is the exercise. I’ve noticed a little weight gain since I’m not as active and food is easily available.

Dixie: Wait until you are my age. Between arthritic limbs and tumors, my back end is way out of proportion to the rest of me. And I hardly eat – not much of an appetite when you are this old. Just sleep and snoozing. During the day, I’m under Master Randy’s desk; at night I rest on his bed. He placed a stool there to jump on to make it easier for me. Though thoughtful, it was not much help. Now there are some stairs. I can climb up those and then cross over on the stool and then the bed.

Marchioness and Fezziwig (now eyeing each other warily):

Marchioness: Should we tell her?

Fezziwig: If needs must, you can tell her. If it comes from me it will just sound like another mean attack.

Dixie and Marchioness: Oh, for crying out loud, stop pouting. You started it, after all.

Marchioness: Well, Dixie, both Fezziwig and I overheard Master Randy talking. The real reason he brought you stairs was so he could sleep. He said you would wake him up 3-4 times a night meowing loudly to have him pick you up and put you on his bed. This way, you can come and go as you please - - and he can sleep.

Dixie: Even if his motives were questionable, it works out for both of us. Now I can enjoy the peace and quiet of the Penthouse while the two of you hiss yourselves to sleep. Of course, my being the eldest, this is all proper and fitting.

Until next time,

Dixie & Cat, Fezziwig & Cat, and the Marchioness & Cat

PRAYER Requests

HOSPICE
Genoveffa Todaro

HOSPITAL
Rosalie House
Claire Smith

EXTENDED CARE
June Dupuis
Agnes McGartland
Kathleen Stephens
Dan Azarovitz
Barbara Ritter

AT HOME
Josephine Armstrong
Josie Bauman
Robert Bergen
Kermith Billette
Linda Billette
Yvonne Bova
Jerry Colzani
Sam Criscenti
Anna Curtis
Norbert J. Dana
Linda Diegel
Marilyn Filipp
Ethan Gehrke
Phyllis Guzick
Barbara Jarema
Robert Jarema
Dorothy Kihn
Michael Kovak
Nancy Kramer
Josephine Kuhlman

Lorenzo Lia
Leon Mann
Mary Ann Mann
Phyllis Marek
Lena Rose Marlow
Anna Masakowski
Robert E. Newcomb
Julia Perna
Sharon Petkoski
Robert Priskey
Alberto Ramos
Helen Rocca
Sarah Serra
Kathleen Tiano
Sharon Turnas
Eleanor Williams
Joann Zelenak
Libby Zelenak
Pat Ziola
UPCOMING events

PLASTIC WITH A PURPOSE
Monday, September 13th
More details on page 9...

Thursday, September 16th
FRIENDLY BLASERS
This group meets periodically at the church in the Social Center, every other Thursday. We get together to have lunch, chat, and sometimes play bingo. Our next meeting starts at 11:30 AM on September 16th. We'll have a luncheon provided by American House, so please RSVP with the Parish Office so we know how many luncheons to prepare.

We love seeing new faces, so if your Thursdays are free, we'd love to see you there!

K OF C SPAGHETTI DINNER
Saturday, September 18th
More details on page 5...

Wednesday, September 21st
YOUTH CHOIR IS STARTING!
We're excited to announce that our St. Blase Youth Choir is back! Starting September 21st, the Youth Choir will meet every Wednesday from 5 to 6:15 PM to learn songs for their upcoming monthly Mass. Youth Choir is for Grade 1-Age 18.

Parents, please contact Steve Petrunak in the Parish Office if your child is interested in joining our Youth Choir.

MEN’S PRAYER GROUP
Tuesday, October 5th | 6:30pm
Thomas Merton Rm.

FAITH FORMATION STARTS
October 5th & 6th
Register now in Parish Office.

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY
BRIDGE CLUB GAME NIGHT
Tuesday, October 5th

BRIDGE CLUB MEETING
Our next game is on Tuesday, October 5th from 11 AM - 2 PM. Those not vaccinated will arrange an offsite game on the website Bridge Base Online. If you need a partner or have questions, please call Neville and Doreen D'Souza (248) 689-4148

K OF C TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE
October 9th & 10th
After all masses

Thank you and eat healthy!

SEMI-ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

OCTOBER 11TH, 2021
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: stblase
OR call Denise at 248-952-0801

INTRESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? see page 9
ALMOST TIME!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sponsored by
The Knights of Columbus
Council 6865
Pope John Paul I

Fundraiser for Haiti Outreach Mission
Cost: Free Will Offering
50/50 Raffle

Sept 18th after 4pm Mass
St. Blase Social Center
BE A **Catechist**

Faith Formation starts in October! We always need volunteers to help with Faith Formation as Catechists, Catechist Aides, and Hall Monitors (descriptions below). If you are interested in volunteering for our program, please contact Diann in the Parish Office. We appreciate your help!

**Catechists**

Teach, pass on the faith and share your own faith. You must be a practicing adult Catholic who loves God, accepts young people and has enthusiasm for the faith. Catechists facilitate and/or lead faith formation sessions using age-appropriate material provided. Catechists should be comfortable in large and small group settings and have a good sense of humor, a willingness to share their faith, and an openness to further their own personal growth.

As a catechist, you will be provided the materials, training and continuing support to best empower you in your ministry, while taking into account your busy schedule. Our volunteers include parents of children in the program, so you may actually have the opportunity to teach your own child’s class if you would like.

**Catechist Aides**

Catechist aides assist catechists in faith formation session activities for children. They monitor children in class, take attendance, escort children to the bathroom and assist catechists. Aides can be teens, 14 or older.

**Hall Monitors**

To be present in the building on all program nights for the safety of all. If you are one of those parents who sits and waits for your children during this time, this would be a great opportunity to assist us as a Hall Monitor. Hall monitors patrol lobby, bathrooms and other areas while children are in catechetical sessions.

**FAITH Formation**

This program is designed to engage, support, and nurture children in their baptismal call to a lifetime of growing closer to and being more like Jesus. Faith Formation sets out to educate, form and inspire the young people of our parish community. From womb to tomb we are called into a deeper relationship with our God who first loved us.

Start your child on their path to growing a deeper relationship with God and register for Faith Formation. You may register in the Parish Office or at stblase.org Join us for another year of faith-filled fun!
“Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asked His disciples. The disciples didn’t get the answer correctly at first, but Peter answered, “You are the Christ.” Peter gets the answer correct, but does he understand that answer? Further in the reading, we have one of the first revelations that Jesus is to suffer, die, and rise after three days. Peter takes Jesus aside and rebukes, or reprimands Him. Jesus’ reply is quick and reminds him that he is thinking not as God does but as we as human beings think. We have to remember that we know the account of all that happened during that time as told to us in scripture. The disciples on the other hand, they are living it in “real time”; they do not know the outcome or their role in all of this. Their faith in God was evident as they went forth to continue the mission of Jesus, under the protection of the Father, and filled with the Holy Spirit. (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit)

Even though our names aren’t listed in scripture, we are all disciples of Jesus. Our names may not be in ink in the bible, but they are with God. We grow in our faith as we ask ourselves, “Who do we say Jesus is and how do we learn from Him?” When you stop asking questions to dive deeper in your faith, you can lose sight of God. It is easy to read or hear scripture and think, “That happened a long time ago to them, what about now? What does all of this mean to me?” We may not be in the “real time” biblically, but we are always in “real time” with God by our faith and actions, as the second reading from James tells us “So also faith of

How would you describe Jesus to someone who does not know him? What was the reaction of the disciples when Jesus told him about his passion, death and resurrection? Do you think they were confused? Why was it important for Peter to not interfere God’s plan?

classes start in October!

Text the message @stblas to 81010 for Faith Formation Remind updates

Facebook Group

Classes start in October!
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### BULLETIN SUBMISSION

**Mass Intentions and Prayer Requests**

If you are interested in adding a mass intention or prayer request to the bulletin, please contact the parish office directly. The deadline for these requests is Sunday at 12:30pm, or at least 7 days before the Sunday of Publication.

**Bulletin Announcements and Ads**

Requests for new announcements, or edits to recurring announcements must be submitted at least 7 days before the Sunday of publication. To submit a request for a bulletin announcement, please contact Sarah.

Announcements may be edited or redesigned. Recurring announcements will be included for up to two weeks unless otherwise specified.
CRISIS SUPPORT NUMBERS

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)............................877-337-0611
Compassion Pregnancy Center......................586-783-9620
Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan...........248-338-4250
Domestic Violence – Turning Point.................586-463-6990
Drug Addiction Support, Clinton Twp..................1-800-558-0175
Problem Gambling Hotline..............................1-800-270-7117
Poison Control Hotline.................................800-222-1222
Suicide Prevention Hotline............................586-307-9100
Employment Services.................................800-285-WORKS (9675)
Free Legal Advice by Phone..........................1-800-ATTORNEY
Grief Counseling........................................www.griefshare.org
Hospice Services........................................888-247-5701
Immigration Services....................................800-375-5283
Meals on Wheels (Macomb County)...............586-469-5228
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Macomb............................586-254-1500
(Offers numerous support services including: Food Assistance Hotline, Gamblers Anonymous, Urgent Care for Mental Health Conditions, Counseling for Survivors of Sexual Assault, Anxiety/Depression Support Groups, & Refugee Assistance)

Project Rachel (Post Abortion Counseling).........888-722-4355
Interfaith Caregivers (assist with grocery shopping and other daily tasks)...............................586-737-5551
Senior Services in Macomb County
(Lawn mowing, snow removal, transportation, etc.)......586-469-6999
Good Shepherd Coalition
(for eviction assistance, disconnected utilities, and other resources, Open Mon-Thurs)..........................586-307-8888
THAW (The Heat & Warmth Fund)
(for utility bill assistance)................................1-800-866-8429
Pope Francis Center
(for food and other support services)...................313-963-5134

SACRAMENTS

Please call the Parish Office for all sacramental needs, including preparing for a baptism, scheduling your wedding, or planning a funeral mass. We will help you every step of the way.

CHRISTIAN Service

Macomb Food Program Cereal Drive

St. Blase sponsors a cereal collection on the second weekend of each month. Our next cereal drive pickup is on September 14th! Please place donations in the gathering space bins.

Plastic with a Purpose

Our Plastic with a Purpose crochet group meets Monday, September 13th! Join us at 1:30 PM to create mats for the homeless. We could use your help, no crochet experience necessary! Due to an abundance of bags, we are temporarily not collecting plastic bags to give our group time to use up the ones we have already collected.

Save Your Stamps!

Save stamps that have their perforations intact, and are not torn, cut or stained. Leave at least 1/4 inch on each side of the stamp when cutting it from the envelope. Simply drop your stamps in the basket at the information counter. Stamps are sent to the Sisters of the Holy Cross for the "Ministry with the Poor Fund."

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office. We’d be happy to answer your questions and assist you in your spiritual journey. The RCIA is a process which involves learning about the Catholic faith and discussion on how the faith impacts our lives.

Check the following that applies to you:

□ I have never been baptized, and desire to learn more about the Catholic faith.
□ I was baptized Catholic, and desire to receive First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.
□ I was baptized in another Christian denomination and desire to learn more about the Catholic Church.
□ I have children who have never been baptized and desire them to be baptized.

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PHONE________________________________________
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AROUND TOWN

Tuesday, September 14

DIACONATE VOCATION AWARENESS INFORMATION NIGHT

The Permanent Diaconate Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit will be hosting an in-person Vocation Awareness Information Night at Sacred Heart Major Seminary for all who are discerning a call to the Diaconate from 7 - 8:30 PM. RSVP at aod.org

Wednesday, September 15

MOTHER OF SORROWS GRIEF DAY RETREAT

When our life journey is touched by death and the grief that follows, we can turn to Mary for both solace and inspiration. Mary’s life journey was touched by sadness, sorrow and grief, yet she encountered God’s presence and grace in the journey. Can we allow Mary to accompany us and point to hope and new life? The day will include a grief workshop, time for communal and personal prayer, Sacramental Anointing, and a hot lunch.

10:00 am - 2:00 pm | St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center | $35 per person

Register online at stpaulretreat.org. Questions? Contact Cathy at cadamk@stpaulretreat.org or (313)286-2802

Sunday, September 19

AUTUMN EQUINOX RITUAL MARKS HARVESTING OF LIFE

With the Autumn Equinox, we celebrate the change of seasons, the turning of Earth, and the turning of our lives.

3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, September 19, 2021, on the grounds of Weber Retreat and Conference Center. In word, song, and dance, we welcome Autumn.

CSA 2021

Let’s fill this thermometer! Together we can meet our CSA goal. If you have not already done so, please consider giving a donation to this year’s Catholic Services Appeal. We have not reached our goal yet and any shortage must be paid by our parish. Every pledge helps and makes a difference, so please give what you can. To donate, mail your CSA envelopes to the return address stated on your envelope or donate online at givecsa.org

Your gift helps fund over 100 ministries, programs, and services within the Archdiocese of Detroit. Once we reach our goal, 100 percent of the overage is returned to St. Blase. Thank you for your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP

Month of July
Actual Offertory: $49,482.00
Budget Offertory: $51,211.00

Annual Budget
Offertory Annual Budget 2021-2022 $655,590.00
Christmas Offertory Budget $150,000.00
Total 2021-2022 Budget $805,590.00

Catholic Services Appeal
Our Goal: $107,763.00
Total Pledged: $81,354.67
Total Number of Pledges: 353

Help us reach our goal! See thermometer above. If you have not already donated to 2021 CSA, please consider doing so. Donate at givecsa.org