Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.
Mark 9: 39

WHAT'S GOING ON AT BLASE

October 2 | Game Night
October 3 | Blessing of Pets
October 11 | Blood Drive
October 16 | K of C Wine Tasting Party

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!

OFFICE HOURS
Week of Sept. 26th
Mon - Thurs: 9am-4pm
Friday: 9am-12pm
Saturday: 9am-4pm
Closed for lunch: 12-1
Sunday: 8:30am-12:30pm

MASS TIMES
Week of September 26th

Weekday Mass: 9:30am
Monday, Tuesday, & Friday
Saturday: 4:00pm
*Saturday’s mass is livestreamed
Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Confessions: Saturday at 3:00pm

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## THIS Week

### Saturday, September 25th

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM  
3 PM: Confessions  
4 PM: Mass  
Readings: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a | Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 | Lk 9:43b-45

### Sunday, September 26th

Office hours: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
9 AM: Mass  
11 AM: Mass  
Rdgs: Nm 11:25-29 | Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14 | Jas 5:1-6 | Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### Monday, September 27th

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM  
9:30 AM: Mass  
7 PM: Remnant Rehearsal | Church  
8 PM: AA MTG | Rm H  
Rdgs: Zec 8:1-8 | Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 | Lk 9:46-50

### Tuesday, September 28th

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM  
9:30 AM: Mass  
Readings: Zec 8:20-23 | Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 | Lk 9:51-56

### Wednesday, September 29th

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM | NO MASS  
10:30 AM: Scripture Reflection | Thea Bowman Rm  
5 PM: Youth Choir | Church  
Rdgs: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 OR Rv 12:7-12ab | Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 | Jn 1:47-51

### Thursday, September 30th

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM | NO MASS  
7 PM: VIP Rehearsal | Church  
Art & Environment Meeting | Thea Bowman Rm  
Rdgs: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 | Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 | Lk 10:1-12

### Friday, October 1st

Office hours: 9 AM - 12 PM  
9:30 AM: Mass  
Rdgs: Bar 1:15-22 | Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 | Lk 10:13-16

### Saturday, October 2nd

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM  
3 PM: Confessions  
4 PM: Mass  
5:30 PM: Game Night | Social Center  
Readings: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 | Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 | Mt 18:1-5, 10

### Sunday, October 3rd

Office hours: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
9 AM: Mass  
11 AM: Mass  
1 PM: Blessing of Pets  
Rdgs: Gn 2:18-24 | Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 | Heb 2:9-11 | Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### MASS Intentions

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 | Weekday**  
**4:00 PM** Raymond Kochanski, 1 yr. anniversary  
(9/23/21)  
Maria Villanos  
Luigi Cocchetto, Birthday Remembrance  
William and Rita Pulig

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 | TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**9:00 AM** Joseph Aquilina, Birthday Remembrance  
**11:00 AM** Delphine Karpinski  
Helmut Linden, 2 yr. anniversary  
Anna Iannucci  
Edward Kaminski  
Julia Cardona, Birthday Remembrance  
(9/29/21)  
Delfino Mojica  
Ann Cuda  
Pat Cuda, Birthday Remembrance

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | Saint Vincent de Paul**  
**9:30 AM** Parishioners of St. Blase

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | Saint Wencelaus; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions**  
**9:30 AM** Harold and Helen Alexander

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael**  
**NO MASS**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | Saint Jerome**  
**NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 | Saint Therese of the Child Jesus**  
**9:30 AM** Herbert J. Sauer, 61 yr. anniversary

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 | The Holy Guardian Angels**  
**4:00 PM** Helena Janusz  
Fred Kuspa

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 | TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**9:00 AM** Monica Carroll, 20 yr. anniversary  
**11:00 AM** Delfino Mojica
JOIN THE ST. BLASE

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choirs are back and rehearsing again! This includes Remnant Music Ministry, Voices in Praise, and Youth Choir. If interested in joining, please contact Steve Petrunak in the Parish Office.

PRAYER Requests

IN MEMORIAM

HOSPICE
Genoveffa Todaro

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

HOSPITAL
Rosalie House
Claire Smith

Dorothy "Babe" Paolino
Edward Farquhar
Pauline Farquhar
Henriette Sauer
Mary Cameron

AT HOME
Josephine Armstrong
Josie Bauman
Robert Bergen
Kermith Billette
Linda Billette
Yvonne Bova
Colette Carroll
Jerry Colzani
Sam Criscenti
Anna Curtis
Norbert J. Dara
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
Sue Ruvoio
Sarah Serra
Kathleen Tiano
Sharon Turnas
Eleanor Williams
Joann Zelenak
Libby Zelenak
Pat Ziola

Pompilio Celli
March 30, 1922 - September 14, 2021

Janette Warner
December 22, 1965 - June 26, 2021

James Warner
January 8, 1940 - June 26, 2021

Patricia Schoulaw
Mother of Sue & Tony Sobiechowski
March 17, 1939 - August 22, 2021

Patricia Walko
Wife of Richard Walko
June 8, 1940 - September 19, 2021
MONTHLY GAME NIGHT

Game Night is back! Invite your friends! Bring your own games or use ours. Admission is $5 per person and includes pizza, salad, dessert, and beverages. We'll start around 5:30 PM after the 4:00 PM Mass.

Please RSVP by calling Don Rogowski at (586) 604-3952 or emailing Don at drogowski@yahoo.com. Thank you!

BRIDGE CLUB MEETING

Our next game is on Tuesday, October 5th from 11 AM - 2 PM. Those not vaccinated will arrange an off-site 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.

NEEDLE & HOOK GROUP

Do you knit, crochet, needlepoint or cross-stitch? If so, this group is for you. Just bring in your current project and take a seat. This is an opportunity to share “purls” of wisdom, get ideas and enjoy the company of fellow textile artists. This is strictly a social group; there will be no formal instruction. Come check it out, this group is sure to keep you in stitches! Next Mtg: October 6th at 6:30 PM in Thomas Merton Room.

Our Men's Prayer Group led by Deacon Ed begins Tuesday, Oct. 5th at 6:30 PM in the Thomas Merton Room. We will discuss the topic, "What is Prayer?" along with discovering new ways to pray throughout the sessions.

BLESSING OF PETS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
AT 1:00 PM

SERENITY ANIMAL HOSPITAL
NO CHARGE & NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

Join us in celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of Animals! We will be meeting in the Serenity Garden. In case of inclement weather, we will re-locate indoors. It is asked that masks are worn indoors if this is the case. Please call 586.264.8387 for more information.

The first 100 pets receive a St. Francis Medal!
YOU'RE INVITED TO THE FOURTH ANNUAL

wine
tasting party

HOSTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES

Grab a few friends and come out to this popular event! Wine experts are on hand pouring wine and answering questions. We will have amazing gift basket raffles as well as 50/50 again this year.

Please note tickets will not be sold at the door! Buy your tickets in advance by visiting the Parish Office or purchasing them after Mass.

OCTOBER 16TH
6:30PM - 9:00PM
$20 PER PERSON, INCLUDES 10 DRINK TICKETS
MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ATTEND
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!
This week’s Gospel reading is yet another powerful lesson in choosing friends and activities wisely. God has given us the beautiful gift of “Free Will,” which means we make choices to follow Him, love Him, and live like Him. In the Gospel, the disciples are basically tattling on others that were doing Jesus’ work stating that they do not follow them. Jesus replies, “Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.” Think back to last week’s Gospel when Jesus taught that we are all disciples of Him and we are all called to do His works. No one is greater than the other when doing His work and following Him. Everyone has different gifts and talents and use those to reach others, and just because someone may be doing something a little differently, or not with your “crowd” does not mean it is wrong especially if the end goal is reached (the end goal being a follower of Jesus).

Jesus dives deeper with this message. Anyone who allows or causes someone who believes in Him to sin, they need to rethink their actions. It also gives us all a lesson in learning who is leading us to Jesus and those that lead us away from Him. This isn’t limited to just people. Think about it for a second. Here is an example. You know you need to go to Mass but you would rather sleep in or play video games, so you choose gaming over going to church. Making that choice leads you away from Jesus. Listening to friends or believing social media that goes against our faith, leads you away from Jesus. When our moral compass starts to waver from Jesus and onto other worldly “things,” there is a tendency to lose our way, and that can make others go astray. Since we are all disciples of Jesus, we are all connected as brothers and sisters in Christ and our actions affect others; it is your choice to make that a positive or a negative. Always remember to put God as the center of all you do and your decisions and actions will be easier since you won’t have to worry about if you did the right thing or made the right decision. Make good choices, turn away from sin, embrace the sacraments, and look to Jesus for help, understanding, and unconditional love. God is good!

In what way do my actions lead people toward holiness or lead them toward sin?

Do you think people today take the consequences of sin seriously? What is it that we can do to receive forgiveness for sins?

Warm Cinnamon Apples
It is the first week of autumn and the sweet smell of baked apples mark the changes of seasons.

**You'll need:**
- 4 McIntosh, Gala, or Granny Smith apples (about 2 lb.) peeled and sliced-not too thin,
- ½ cup firmly packed light brown sugar,
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon,
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg,
- 2 tablespoons water,
- 1 tablespoon butter.

**Directions:**
Have an adult help with the peeling and cutting of the apples. Toss together apples, brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg in a large zip-top plastic bag, tossing to coat apples. With an adult’s help, it’s now time to cook apple mixture. Put 2 Tbsp. water and 1 Tbsp. butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally, 8 to 10 minutes or until apples are tender. Serve with vanilla ice cream, or an extra dash of cinnamon, or whipped cream, or even with pancakes! Enjoy!

Recipe from: myrecipes.com

Today is Priesthood Sunday! Thank Father Randy, Father Ken, and all our visiting priests today and say a prayer for them!
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.
St. Blase sponsors a cereal collection on the second weekend of each month. Our next cereal drive pickup is on October 12th! Please place donations in the gathering space bins.

Plastic with a Purpose

Our Plastic with a Purpose crochet group meets Monday, October 4th! 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 RCLA 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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### THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

Donate Online at givecsa.org
Fill out Donation Card at Parish
Stop by the Parish Office for more instruction

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Month of August**

- Budgeted Offertory: $66,305.00
- Actual Offertory: $54,362.00
- 2021-2022 YTD Budget: $117,516.00
- 2021-2022 YTD Actual: $103,894.00

**Annual Budget**

- 2021-22 Offertory: $655,590.00
- Christmas Offertory: $150,000.00
- Total 2021-22 Budget: $805,590.00

**Catholic Services Appeal**

- Our Goal: $107,763.00
- Total Pledged: $84,333.00
- Total Number of Pledges: 361

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

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