Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."
Mark 10: 27

WHAT’S GOING ON AT BLASE

October 11 | Blood Drive
October 16 | Rosary on the Lawn
October 16 | K of C Wine Tasting Party
October 26 | Adult Faith Formation

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 Oct. 10th
Mon - Thurs: 9am-4pm
Friday: 9am-12pm
Saturday: 9am-4pm
Closed for lunch: 12-1
Sunday: 8:30am-12:30pm

MASS TIMES
Week of October 10th
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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### Saturday, October 9th

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM  
Readings: Jl 4:12-21 | Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 | Lk 11:27-28  
3 PM: Confessions  
4 PM: Mass

### Sunday, October 10th

Office hours: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
9 AM: Mass  
11 AM: Mass  
Readings: Wis 7:7-11 | Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 | Heb 4:12-13 | Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

### Monday, October 11th

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM  
9:30 AM: Mass  
12 PM: Blood Drive | Social Center  
7 PM: Remnant Rehearsal | Church  
8 PM: AA MTG | Rm H  
Readings: Rom 1:1-7 | Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 | Lk 11:29-32

### Tuesday, October 12th

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM  
9:30 AM: Mass  
Readings: Rom 1:16-25 | Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 | Lk 11:37-41

### Wednesday, October 13th

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM | NO MASS  
10:30 AM: Scripture Reflection | Thea Bowman Rm  
5 PM: Youth Choir | Church  

### Thursday, October 14th

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM | NO MASS  
7 PM: VIP Rehearsal | Church  
Readings: Rom 3:21-30 | Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab | Lk 11:47-54

### Friday, October 15th

Office hours: 9 AM - 12 PM  
9:30 AM: Mass  
Readings: Rom 4:1-8 | Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11 | Lk 12:1-7

### Saturday, October 16th

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM  
12 PM: Rosary on the Lawn  
3 PM: Confessions  
4 PM: Mass  
6:30 PM: K of C Wine Tasting | Social Center  
Readings: Rom 4:13, 16-18 | Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 | Lk 12:8-12

### Sunday, October 17th

Office hours: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
9 AM: Mass  
11 AM: Mass  
Readings: Is 53:10-11 | Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 | Heb 4:14-16 | Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
With that in mind, do not miss the Knights of Columbus wine tasting event on this Saturday, October 16th. Twenty dollars gets your admittance, snacks, ten drink tickets and information from a wine expert. It is a fun, fall evening that supports the charitable ministry of the Knights.

Welcome to the St. Blase Community!

Lindsay Stewart and Zachary Biagini and Family
Justin and Stephanie Smith and Family
Anthony Mazur

HOSPICE
Genoveffa Todaro

HOSPITAL
Claire Smith

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

Dorothy "Babe" Paolino
Edward Farquhar
Pauline Farquhar
Mary Cameron

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Josephine Armstrong
Josie Bauman
Stephen Beresh
Robert Bergen
Kermith Billette
Linda Billette
Yvonne Bova
Colette Carroll
Jerry Colzani
Sam Criscenti
Anna Curtis
Norbert J. Dara
Linda Diegel
Marilyn Filipp
Ethan Gehlke
Fran Gross
Phyllis Guzick
Rosalie House
Barbara Jarema
Robert Jarema
Michael Kovak

Nancy Kramer
Josephine Kuhlman
Lorenzo Lia
Mary Ann Mann
Phyllis Marek
Lena Rose Marlow
Anna Masakowski
Robert E. Newcomb
Julia Perna
Sharon Petkoski
Robert Priskey
Alberto Ramos
Helen Rocca
Sue Ruvolo
Sarah Serra
Kathleen Tiano
Eleanor Williams
Joann Zelenak
Libby Zelenak
Pat Ziola

RESIDENT Alien

Completing my New Mexico travelogue, I also visited the Sanctuary of Chimayo (Santuario de Nuestro Senior de Atocha Chimayo.) This church is sometimes called the “Lourdes of America.” Catholics from Guatemala or Guatemalan descent, for the most part, constructed the Sanctuary or church. The sanctuary attracts 300,000 pilgrims a year. People come to be healed by the “holy dirt” drawn from a small well in a room off the main body of the church. Similar to Lourdes or St. Anne De Beaupre in Montreal, there is an impressive assortment of crutches, wheel chairs, canes and other medical supports left behind by those who have found healing.

Near the sanctuary (church) is a nearby shrine dedicated to Santo Nino de Atocha (The holy infant of Atocha.) This image of the child Jesus is associated with aid to prisoners and those serving in the military. The shrine became very popular during World War II, when young men from the surrounding villages were captured and forced to go on the Bataan Death March in the Philippines. Only half returned. Hundreds of photos from that era, as well as current photos and petitions on behalf of those hurting and in need fill the tiny room. Pausing here, one cannot help but feel the suffering and agony of our world.

We are called to find the holy in that which surrounds us. In Lourdes or Quebec, the substance is water, because both are blessed with water. In the desert of New Mexico, the substance is dirt, because dirt abounds there. Holiness is not added to the water or dirt. It does not come externally. Rather, the spiritual challenge is to recognize the holiness already present in water, soil, or in our self. Holiness is primarily an “inside-out” dynamic, rather than an outside-in dynamic. Recognize, claim and build upon the holiness within yourself and that which surrounds you.

MANY THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SMALL BUT FERVENT GARDEN CLUB. The City of Sterling Heights BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION AWARDED ST. BLASE “THE BEST OF THE BEST” BEAUTIFICATION AWARD on October 5th. Those who have volunteered for this ministry have become few. Hopefully this will inspire others to join this work of caring for our grounds while getting in a little exercise and fresh air. I express, on behalf of all our community, heartfelt thanks to our Garden Club and our Director of Maintenance, Tom Haas, for their hard work and diligence in making our property a place of welcome and beauty.

We are preparing for Families of Parishes. Recently we received a power point presentation on the organization and structure of FoP. There is nothing new here. However, I know some folks do better with visuals rather than the Q and A format that we have previously communicated. Therefore, we will be working on making this PowerPoint available to you. What is new is that we now have dates for the immediate preparation sessions. These will occur in late February into early March and then a second and different session in late June.
Rosary on the Lawn

October is the month of the Rosary. In celebration, we will be praying the rosary for peace on the front lawn of the church on Saturday, October 16th at 12:00 PM. Join us for an afternoon of prayer.

Needle & Hook Group

Do you knit, crochet, needlepoint, or cross-stitch? If so, this group is for you. This is strictly a social group; there will be no formal instruction. Next meeting: November 3rd at 6:30 PM.

ALL SOULS' DAY EVENING PRAYER

Tuesday, November 2nd

Join us in quiet prayer as we remember our faithful departed. In particular we recall those buried from St. Blase in the past year.

This is a beautiful prayer service where we sing and give thanks as we remember with love and gratitude those who have gone before us, knowing they remain a part of us as we remain part of them.

If you have never experienced this wonderful service, please consider joining us this year. It is truly a beautiful experience.

7:00PM | ST BLASE PARISH

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!
YOU'RE INVITED TO THE FOURTH ANNUAL

wine tasting party

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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
PLANNING & PREPARING

The Order of Christian Funerals

Tuesday, October 26th | 7 PM

It is never easy losing a loved one. We are grieving and hurting; we are comforted that we will see them again. In the midst of our mourning, a funeral must be planned. What are the steps to planning a Catholic funeral? Who do you contact when a loved one passes away? You may have many questions about this sacrament.

Join us for our next Adult Faith Formation presentation by Michael Zuzga, a director at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Funeral Home, and our Pastoral Associate, Mary Dumm. In this presentation, they will give you more information on Christian funerals, the role funeral homes have, and common questions about the Order of Christian Funerals.

Michael Zuzga graduated from the Wayne State University School of Mortuary Science in 1997, and became a funeral director so that he could help families focus their attention on their emotions and grief, instead of the many details that go into planning a funeral. He takes pride in being a strong support and an expert for people when life has been turned upside down and no one knows what to do. Michael is professional, highly respected, and greatly honored when people place their most prized possession—in some cases a spouse, son, daughter, or parent into his care.
This week’s readings speak of attachments that keep us from God’s unconditional love. Jesus is asked so many questions; questions to make us stronger, better, and help us build a relationship with God. Jesus answers all the questions asked of Him, but many do not either understand the answers or do not wish to act upon them, which still takes place to this day. This week’s Gospel reading is a prime example of those that do not wish to act on the answer He gave.

A rich man asks Jesus how he can inherit eternal life and Jesus first responds with reciting the Ten Commandments; note that “you shall not defraud” was added. The rich man understands this as he feels he lived them throughout his life. So, to him, that wasn’t much of an answer; he feels there is more to it. Jesus lovingly tells him to sell everything he has and give to the poor and follow Him. Remember that Jesus knows his heart and knew the one thing he was lacking. The rich man looks at him, not liking the answer, and then sadly walks away. You can almost feel how disheartened he was. Why didn’t he like the answer? Is he sad because he knows what he needs to do, but is unable to do so?

The man was seeking, looking for a way to be closer to God; he has that desire. We all have that desire to be truly happy, which we can be by becoming closer to God and developing a relationship with Him. Giving up “things”, whatever they may be (don’t limit this to just physical things); for the greater good is difficult as we feel that attachment brings us happiness. Don’t solely rely on a check list of good deeds to be your only yardstick to building that relationship with God, much like the rich man thought he was already doing. He followed the commandments; however the love he had was for “things” instead for God. I often think of that rich man walking away, hoping that he never gives up and keeps coming back to Jesus to help him let go and let God. Everyone should be a continuous seeker of Jesus and never stop in the search and need of God’s unconditional love. We need to let go of whatever is keeping us from loving God, and we need to truly listen to the teachings of Jesus. God is good!

Family Challenge

This week clean out your closets and garage and donate gently used items to good will.

Gospel Reflection

Some claim that Jerusalem’s city wall had a narrow gate known as the “eye of the needle.” The size of the gate made it impossible for a fully loaded camel to pass through it. The animal would have to be fully unloaded or walk on its knees, in a vulnerable position, in order to get through the opening.

Fun Fact

Read this Sunday’s Gospel. Solve the anagrams in the top part of the puzzle. Use the circled letters from the words in the top part to complete the bottom phrase, "Let go..." Each circled letter is used just once.

Let Go Puzzle

MCCAL
GEVII
OOPR
HETARC
SSJEU
OUVCLFL
SSARTURE
DOG
EELDNE
AVNENE
NOADWMEMSTA
CHRISTIAN Service

Meijer Simply Give Holiday Campaign

ST. BLASE HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR THE MEIJER "SIMPLY GIVE" HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN!

The program will begin on: **Sunday October 3rd, 2021 through Saturday, January 1, 2022**. Donation cards are available on the Information Counter in the Gathering Space for your convenience.

**HOW IT WORKS:** "Simply" take a $10 donation card and bring it to any checkout at the **Meijer store on Van Dyke and 16 Mile Road**. The money that is donated will come directly back to St. Blase in the form of gift cards to help restock our pantry with the needed food items necessary to continue our mission of serving those in our community that need it most. The cards are also available inside the store at the check-out lanes.

*BONUS DAY* **Saturday, December 11, 2021**
Meijer will generously match whatever amount we bring in during this **Double Match Day**! So please take a card (or two) and help us help those in need!

Any questions about the program, please call Lisa Grembi in the Parish Office at (586) 268-2244

Macomb Food Program Cereal Drive

St. Blase sponsors a cereal collection on the second weekend of each month. Our next cereal drive pick-up 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, **November 1st**! Join us at 1:30 PM to create mats for the homeless. We could use your help, no crochet experience necessary!
We are collecting plastic bags again! Please place all plastic bags in the designated bin in the gathering space. Thank you!

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."

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your great generosity! We, at MCREST, greatly appreciate your donation, and your support. Your support helps to further our mission in providing services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Together we are making a difference! Your support is invaluable to us, thank you again!

Our programs assist our guests by obtaining employment, housing, and encouraging the guests to become self-sufficient. The sooner the cycle of homelessness is broken, the more successful the guest will be in maintaining stability.

MCREST works every day assisting each person diligently, in finding housing, regaining their identity, and income. MCREST will continue to serve persons experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness in Macomb County with the support from you and many others that believe in helping people in need.

Below is a summary of your donation(s):
DATE: 9/1/2021
DONATION RECEIVED: $6,600.00

Thanks to your generosity, this will help us continue to provide homeless and displaced individuals the opportunity for successful transition to independence.

With Heartfelt Appreciation,
April Fidler
Executive Director

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
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.

Sarah Richard..........................X219  
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sarah.richard@stblase.org
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.......................586-463-6090
- Drug Addiction Support, Clinton Twp......................1-800-558-0175
- Problem Gambling Hotline.................................1-800-270-7117
- Poison Control Hotline......................................800-222-1222
- Suicide Prevention...........................................586-307-9100
- Hotline (24 hours)..............................................or 800-273-TALK(8255)
- Employment Services.........................................800-283-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
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- Project Rachel (Post-Abortion Counseling)................888-722-4355
- Interfaith Caregivers
  (assist with grocery shopping and other daily tasks)........586-777-5551
- Senior Services in Macomb County
  (Lawn moving, snow removal, transportation, etc.)........586-469-6099
- Good Shepherd Coalition
  (for eviction assistance, disconnected utilities, and other resources, Open
  Mon-Thursday)..................................................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

**AROUND Town**

**Friday, October 15th**

RETROUVAILLE: HEALING MARRIAGES

Over 6,000 hurting couples have experienced hope and growth in their marriages through the Metro Detroit Retrouvaille program. Two upcoming programs begin on October 15th, 2021; one in English one in Spanish. Visit HELPOUR MARRIAGE.ORG

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021 • 1 - 4 PM**

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**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

*September totals to come in next weekend’s bulletin.**

**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: $89,763.00
- Total Number of Pledges: 390

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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