THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 17TH, 2021

For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
Mark 10: 45

WHAT’S GOING ON AT BLASE

October 20 | Needle & Hook Group
October 21 | Friendly Blasers
October 25 | Little Rock Scripture Study
October 26 | Adult Faith Formation

November 2 | All Souls’ Evening Prayer

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. 17th
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 17th
No Weekday Masses this week
Saturday: 4:00pm
*Saturday’s mass is livestreamed
Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am
Confessions: Saturday at 3:00pm

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**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 105:6-9, 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

**Monday, October 18th**

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM | NO MASS
7 PM: Remnant Rehearsal | Church
8 PM: AA MTG | Rm H
Readings: 2 Tm 4:10-17b | Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 | Lk 10:1-9

**Tuesday, October 19th**

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM | NO MASS
6:30 PM: Faith Formation
7 PM: Knights of Columbus Officers Mtg | H
Readings: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 | Ps 40:7-10, 17 | Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday, October 20th**

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM | NO MASS
10:30 AM: Scripture Reflection | Thea Bowman Rm
5 PM: Youth Choir | Church
6 PM: AFFC Mtg | Oscar Romero Room
6:30 PM: Faith Formation | Thea Bowman Room
6:30 PM: Needle & Hook Group | Thomas Merton Room
Readings: Rom 6:12-18 | Ps 124:1b-8 | Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday, October 21st**

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM | NO MASS
11:30 AM: Friendly Blasers | Social Center
6:30 PM: Faith Formation | Thomas Merton Room
7 PM: VIP Rehearsal | Church
Readings: Rom 6:19-23 | Ps 1:1-4 and 6 | Lk 12:49-53

**Friday, October 22nd**

Office hours: 9 AM - 12 PM | NO MASS
Readings: Rom 7:18-25a | Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 | Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday, October 23rd**

Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM
3 PM: Confessions
4 PM: Mass
Readings: Rom 8:1-11 | Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 | Lk 13:1-9

**Sunday, October 24th**

Office hours: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
9 AM: Mass
11 AM: Mass
Readings: Jer 31:7-9 | Ps 126:1-6 | Heb 5:1-6 | Mk 10:46-52

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**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16** | Saint Hedwig; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque
4:00 PM  | Ruth and Al Cryderman
4:00 PM  | Roy and Phina Jeffrey
4:00 PM  | R. Potchynok
4:00 PM  | Fr. J. Profota
4:00 PM  | Sara Simons, S.I.
4:00 PM  | Nancy Tarquinio, 15 yr. anniversary
4:00 PM  | Anna Kmetz
4:00 PM  | Ray Kochanski, Birthday Remembrance (10/20/21)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17** | TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 AM  | Parishioners of St. Blase
11:00 AM | Carol Palazzolo
11:00 AM | Harold Alexander
11:00 AM | Delfino Mojica
11:00 AM | Mark Zito, 10 yr. anniversary
11:00 AM | George Milobowski, Birthday Remembrance

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 18** | Saint Luke
**NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19** | Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions
**NO MASS**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20** | Saint Paul of the Cross
**NO MASS**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21** | Weekday
**NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22** | Saint John Paul II
**NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23** | Saint John of Capistrano
4:00 PM  | Joseph & Ann Mercadante
4:00 PM  | Marian Gray

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24** | THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 AM  | Roy W. DeRoche
11:00 AM | Delphine Karpinski
11:00 AM | Anna Iannucci
11:00 AM | Delfino Mojica
11:00 AM | Ruel G. Sarino, Birthday Remembrance

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Remnant Rehearsal | Church
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RESIDENT ALIEN

October has become synonymous with focusing on the goodness of human life. There are, sadly, no shortage of life issues: the protection of our unborn, opposing the death penalty, climate change, immigration...to name a few. I have chosen to write on a subject rarely addressed: suicide. Though seldom discussed, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. Alarming, it is the 2nd leading cause of death for people between the ages of 10 to 34.

My first “encounter” with suicide came around the age of 12. Our family was visiting Lakeshore Cemetery outside of Calumet, where many relatives are buried. I spotted some markers in an area that had grown wild and was unkempt. I asked my mom why those graves were unattended. She explained that, “back in the day,” that section was for people who had taken their own life, I was appalled. Years later, a funeral director informed me that the old “liturgical custom” for those who died from suicide was driving the hearse past the church. The priest would stand at the curb and bless the deceased as the procession went past.

Thankfully, such horrid judgement is behind us. The Church still considers suicide to be a grave matter. However, we recognize that those who take their lives are not responsible due to psychological factors that mitigate culpability. It is a desperate act stemming from deep pain that cries out for healing. The Catechism assures that, “we should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives.” (CCC 2283) Today, those who die from suicide are not denied a funeral liturgy or Christian burial.

I purposely write, “Those who die from suicide.” We need to appreciate that suicide is an illness. We need to make a conscious effort to stop using the phrase, “commit suicide.” It is unhelpful and inaccurate. One commits a sin or a crime, but the extreme depression, abandonment, emptiness and/or pain experienced by one taking their own life is hardly comparable. Our loved ones do not commit cancer or heart disease, nor do they commit suicide. Suicide is an illness and needs to be embraced as such.

I am not a clinician. Yet pastoral experience has taught me that this illness comes in predominantly one of two forms. More common is the person who has struggled for a long time with depression, suicidal thoughts, even attempts at self-harm. In these cases, suicide is similar to diabetes or multiple sclerosis. It is the end of a long illness. The other form is sudden and impulsive, coming with no sign or warnings. It is similar to a massive heart attack or brain aneurism.

The grief of those left behind is acute. It is often fueled by guilt, (“Why didn’t I see this coming?” “If only I had...”). There is often the anger of rejection, which in turn fuels the guilt. Friends and even family are reluctant to talk about the deceased, yet this is vital as in any death of a loved one. There is no reason to focus on how someone died - - we do not usually do this. We focus on their life, their personality, interests, gifts and love. For those needing help in the grieving process, our pastoral staff, local funeral home, and Catholic Social Services are all good places with which to inquire. There is also prayer and the faith that your loved one has found peace and is held forever in the love of God.

HOSPICE
Genoveffa Todaro

HOSPITAL
Luella Amato
Claire Smith

EXTENDED CARE
Dorothy “Babe” Paolino
Edward Farquhar
Pauline Farquhar
Mary Cameron

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

IN MEMORIAM

Shirley Aleo
Wife of Salvatore Aleo
August 9, 1938 - October 4, 2021
UPCOMING events

Wednesday, October 20th

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. Next meeting: Wednesday, October 20th at 6:30 PM.

Thursday, October 21st

FRIENDLY BLASERS
This group meets the first and third Thursday of the month in the Social Center. We get together to have lunch, chat, and sometimes play bingo. Our next meeting starts at 11:30 AM on October 21st. We love seeing new faces, so if your Thursdays are free, we’d love to see you there!

Monday, October 25th

LITTLE ROCK STUDY
Introducing the next session of Little Rock Scripture Study, “Angels in the Bible.” Starting Monday, October 25th, this six week session will meet each Monday at 10 AM to Noon in the Thea Bowman Room. Please RSVP in the Parish Office.

*Little Rock resources, such as books, to be determined.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Tuesday, October 26th
more details page 5...

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

Saturday, November 13th

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!

VOLUNTEER

ALTAR SERVER
Children and teens are invited to share in the parish liturgical ministries and learn firsthand about the celebration of the liturgy. If interested, contact Christina Willson in the Parish Office.

USHER/USHER IN TRAINING
Ushers help with seating, collection, and communion during mass and after mass handing out bulletins. Kids are also welcome to hand out bulletins as Ushers in Training. If interested, contact Jim Richard (586) 755-7876.

BAGELS & DONUTS
Teams of parishioners are needed to help setup, serve, and cleanup at bagel & donut socials after 9 AM and 11 AM Sunday liturgies. If interested, contact the Parish Office.

FAITH FORMATION
We still need Catechists, Catechist Aides, and Hall Monitors. If interested, contact Diann Chase in the Parish Office. *Criminal Background Check and participation in Protecting God’s Children Workshop required. Must be fully vaccinated.
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.
ST. BLASE HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR THE MEIJER “SIMPLY GIVE” HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN!!

The program will begin on:

Sunday, October 3rd through Saturday, January 1, 2022

Donations 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
In this week’s Gospel reading, the apostles have a pretty brazen request of Jesus; proof that they really do not quite understand His teachings. James and John approach Jesus and say, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” Notice they want Him to do for them. Jesus replied to them, “What do you wish me to do for you?” To which they answered, “Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.” This is another learning opportunity for Jesus to teach his disciples. He challenges them by basically asking if they will do what He is going to do. Will they follow in His path? James and John are selfishly only thinking of their place, not understanding the true purpose of why Jesus has come. This happens after witnessing countless miracles, teachings, parables and other opportunities for learning about the mission and ministry of Jesus. Do we fall into that habit when attending church? We hear the Word, but do we learn and act upon His Word? Jesus tells them that those in authority will lord it over others making sure they know their place. Authority is not for someone to think they are better than someone else. “For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Jesus is telling them that He is there to serve and sacrifice for others, not the other way around, and that is the path they must take. Remember, we know and understand the foretelling of Jesus’ death, and the disciples only know what they currently know that are their customs; what Jesus is proposing is almost a counterculture idea. We know how this ends; is it really an end or is it a beginning? It is the beginning of all of us serving one another, caring for one another, helping one another, and loving one another. We need to think outside ourselves. Maybe James and John should have re-worded their original request to be something like, “What can we do for you in order to help your people?” God is good!

**Family Challenge**

How many random acts of kindness can you perform this week?
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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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
(Offered 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)..........................586-757-5551
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-Thu)..........................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

Meijer Simply Give Holiday Campaign

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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."
THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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STEWARDSHIP

Month of September

Budgeted Offertory: $53,055.00
Actual Offertory: $43,118.00
2021-2022 YTD Budget: $170,571.00
2021-2022 YTD Actual: $145,735.00

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: $92,208.00
Total Number of Pledges: 399

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

WE TRUST IN YOU. Psalm 33

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

PARISH DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

Coming soon, you will have the option to receive a monthly parish e-newsletter sent directly to your inbox. You’ll get the latest updates on parish events and news each month.

If you would like to be on the list to receive our e-newsletter, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office.

*This will not replace our weekly paper bulletin or weekly digital online bulletin.

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