THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 24TH, 2021

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.
Mark 10: 52

WHAT’S GOING ON AT BLASE

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Thanksgiving Drive begins this weekend!
See page 6 for details.

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. 24th
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 24th

Weekday Mass: 9:30am
Monday and Tuesday

Saturday: 4:00pm
*Saturday’s mass is livestreamed

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Confessions: Saturday at 3:00pm

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12151 E. 15 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48312
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
Rdgs: Jer 31:7-9 | Ps 126:1-6 | Heb 5:1-6 | Mk 10:46-52

Monday, October 25th
Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM
9:30 AM: Mass
10 AM: Little Rock Scripture Study | Thea Bowman Room
7 PM: Remnant Rehearsal | Church
8 PM: AA MTG | Rm H
Rdgs: Rom 8:12-17 | Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 | Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 26th
Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM
9:30 AM: Mass
7 PM: Adult Faith Formation | Social Center
Rdgs: Rom 8:18-25 | Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 | Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 27th
Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM | NO MASS
10:30 AM: Scripture Reflection | Thea Bowman Rm
5 PM: Youth Choir | Church
6:30 PM: Echoes of Faith | Oscar Romero Room
Rdgs: Rom 8:26-30 | Ps 13:4-5, 6 | Lk 13:22-30

Thursday, October 28th
Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM | NO MASS
7 PM: VIP Rehearsal | Church
Readings: Eph 2:19-22 | Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 | Lk 6:12-16

Friday, October 29th
Office hours: 9 AM - 12 PM
NO MASS
Rdgs: Rom 9:1-5 | Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 | Lk 14:1-6

Saturday, October 30th
Office hours: 9 AM - 4 PM
3 PM: Confessions
4 PM: Mass
Readings: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 | Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 | Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday, October 31st
Office hours: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
9 AM: Mass
11 AM: Mass
Rdgs: Dt 6:2-6 | Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 | Heb 7:23-28 | Mk 12:28b-34

Prayer Requests

Hospice
Genoveffa Todaro
Luella Amato
Claire Smith

Extended Care
June Dupuis
Agnes McGartland
Kathleen Stephens
Dan Azarovitz
Barbara Ritter
Dorothy "Babe" Paolino
Edward Farquhar
Pauline Farquhar
Mary Cameron

At Home
Josephine Armstrong
Josie Bauman
Stephen Beresh
Robert Bergen
Kermith Billette
Linda Billette
Yvonne Bova
Colette Carroll
Jerry Colzani
Sam Criscenti
Anna Curtis
Norbert J. Dana
Linda Diegel
Marilyn Filipp
Ethan Gehrke
Fran Gross
Phyllis Guzick
Rosalie House
Barbara Jarema
Robert Jarema
Ronald Johnson
Michael Kovak
Nancy Kramer
Josephine Kuhlman
Lorenzo Lia
Mary Ann Mann
Phyllis Marek
Lena Rose Marlow
Anna Masakowskii
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

In Memoriam

Walter Zabawa, Jr.
Husband of Arlyne Zabawa
July 1, 1937 - October 12, 2021

Raymond Allard
Husband of Yvonne Allard
April 20, 1928 - October 16, 2021

Gerald Allard
Brother of Marie Allard
June 29, 1956 - September 19, 2021

John Simpson
October 17, 1937 - March 30, 2020
Today is World Mission Sunday. This is an opportunity to feel our unity with fellow Catholics throughout the world: one Lord, one faith, one baptism. We evangelize in many ways: the witness of our lifestyle, in speech, habits and practices, sharing our faith, and in financially supporting missionaries throughout the world.

The idea for Mission Sunday grew from disappointment. Pauline Jericot, a woman in Lyon, France, wanted to join her brother as a missionary in Thailand. Her request was denied. Rather than become angry and embittered (as seems to be the custom today), she found another way to support her missionary brother. She would stand at the gate of a silk factory in Lyon, asking employees to leave a penny a week to support her brother’s ministry. Others saw that they could do the same, which led to the eventual establishment of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. Pope Francis has recently declared Pauline Jericot to be “blessed,” a step on the path to sainthood. Envelopes for Mission Sunday are in your packets. Please be generous.

Next Sunday is Halloween. It seems that, every year at this time, some well-meaning but misinformed people claim that celebrating Halloween is connected to devil worship. The implication is that “real” Christians should avoid keeping Halloween. On the contrary, Halloween derives its name from the feast we celebrate the next day. November 1st is the Solemnity of All Saints, thus, October 31st is, “All Hallows Eve,” i.e., Halloween. While the customs of Halloween: black cats, jack-o-lanterns, and trick-or-treating are not specifically Christian, there is no reason why they should not be enjoyed.

The customs of Halloween are older than Christianity. The ancient Celtic people living in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and Northern France celebrated November 1st as New Year’s Day. The Celts, along with the Druids held a festival the evening before (New Year’s Eve, October 31st) to honor death. This celebration ushered in the winter season of cold, snow, and darkness. Part of the celebration included the building of a bonfire. From this fire, people would relight a New Year’s fire for their homes. The jack-o-lantern is a leftover reminder of this custom – as is the Easter fire we ignite to begin the celebration of the Easter Vigil – again the victory of life over death.

The most likely origin for trick-or-treating also comes from Celtic tradition. The Celts believed that the veil between the living and deceased was thinnest on New Year’s Eve (again, October 31st.) The spirits of their loved ones would be both honored and appeased with a banquet table laid out in their honor. When Christianity arrived in Celtic lands there was an attempt to transfer these customs to November 2nd – the Feast of All Souls. Masked children would go from door to door to pray for the departed loved ones of that household in return for a treat.

In some of these customs, we see symbols that connect to our faith. The jack-o-lantern becomes an image of the light of Christ – the paschal candle; going door to door is our restless search to find our one true home; the treats children enjoy (and some adults too) are a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, where we will be reunited with all the faithful departed.

**MASS Intentions**

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24** | **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
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9:00 AM | Roy W. DeRoche
George Bratta, Jr., Birthday Remembrance

11:00 AM | Delphine Karpinski
Anna Iannucci
Delfino Mojica
Ruel G. Sarino, Birthday Remembrance

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 25** | Weekday
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9:30 AM | Parishioners of St. Blase

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26** | Weekday
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9:30 AM | Parishioners of St. Blase

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27** | Weekday
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NO MASS

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28** | Saints Simon and Jude
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NO MASS

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29** | Weekday
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NO MASS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30** | Weekday
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4:00 PM | Marjorie DiFilippo, 3 yr. anniversary
Dale DiFilippo, 5 yr. anniversary
Douglas DiFilippo, 1 yr. anniversary

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31** | **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
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9:00 AM | Marie Rossman
Joseph Aquilina, 1 yr. anniversary

11:00 AM | Delfino Mojica
BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

A big thank you to all who participated in the Monday, Oct. 11th Blood Drive. We collected 60 Units which saved 162 lives. Another 15 people were deferred. You really made a difference in the lives of those in need. Our next drive will be March 7, 2022 so mark your calendars and stay healthy. Thank you for your participation.

Denise Porcasi
Blood Drive Coordinator

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Tuesday, October 26th
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THANKSGIVING MINISTRY 2021

As a part of our Thanksgiving Ministry, we will be accepting frozen turkeys starting November 1st - November 20th. See page 6 for more details on this year's Thanksgiving Ministry. Thank you!

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

Wednesday, November 3rd

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, November 3rd at 6:30 PM.

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY

BRIDGE CLUB MEETING

Our next game is on Tuesday, November 9th 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

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!
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.
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please consider donating to our

Thanks “Giving” Ministry 2021

Last year, because of the pandemic, we decided to purchase gift cards to Meijer instead of putting together and delivering baskets of food to local families in need of assistance. It turned out to be a huge success! Because of your generosity, we were able to give each family a substantial amount for their Thanksgiving dinners! We received very positive feedback from those families as well. They appreciated the freedom to buy what their families enjoyed most. We have decided to repeat this process again this year since we had such a successful outcome.

We would love to once again be able to give each family a generous amount so that they are able to enjoy a full dinner with their families this Thanksgiving. We will also offer them a turkey when they come to pick up their gift card.

(See separate article for turkey donations)

Please be as generous as you can!

All donations we receive from our parishioners will be used to buy the gift cards needed and will then be distributed to families in our local community that are most in need.

*** To donate, please click on the donation link located on our website at: stblase.org or stop by the parish office to make your donation. ***

Thank you for your generosity!
This week’s Gospel tells us of Jesus and Bartimaeus. Bartimaeus was a blind man who was sitting on the side of the road and he heard Jesus coming down the road, with a sizeable crowd around Him. Bartimaeus began to cry out to Him, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.” People around him told him to be quiet, but Jesus heard him and asked what he wanted. Bartimaeus replied, “Master, I want to see.” Jesus then restored his sight telling him that his faith has saved him. Bartimaeus was crying out to Jesus and others are trying to shush him. Does that happen to you? Do you call out to Jesus and others try to stifle your cries by either judgment or dismissal? Do you seek Him only when others do not know? Are you guilty of “shushing” others for reaching out to Jesus?

Another important part of this is that his eyes were opened. Were his eyes already open to Jesus? Meaning that he knew that Jesus could heal him and he called out to Him. His eyes of his heart were opened and Jesus revealed Himself to him. This parallels our Faith Formation chapters over the past three weeks. We learned and dived deeper within our faith to see how God reveals Himself to us, and He does this every moment of every day; we sometimes don’t realize it, or maybe we take it for granted. Think of the questions asked within the chapters. If we are made in God’s image, why aren’t we all alike? God loves us so much, He made everything for us! How do we care for all of His creations? Are we kind? Are we loving? Are we forgiving? How do we show God’s love to others? Everything that God created is good, amazing, and wonderfully made! God made you so that makes you good! Amazing! Wonderfully made! Don’t ever forget that! God is good!

With adult supervision, melt candy coating in a small saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly until smooth, OR microwave half the candy coating in a microwave safe bowl at medium to high for 1-3 minutes or until melted making sure to stir after each minute. Line cookie sheets with waxed paper. Holding cookie with tongs, dip each cookie into melted coating, letting excess drip off. Lay flat, coated side up, on waxed paper-lined cookie sheet. Let stand about 10 minutes until set. Repeat with the second half of candy coating. Once set, decorate with frosting to make eyes and a mouth. Enjoy!
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 12:30 pm, 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.

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**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

**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."

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**Free Legal Advice by Phone** 1-800-ATTORNEY

**Grief Counseling** [www.griefshare.org](http://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-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.
Organ Concert by John McGovern

John McGovern, organist, will perform Sunday, October 24 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Martin de Porres Church. Works by: J.S. Bach, Demessieux, Duprée, and Sweelinck. *There will be a free will offering.

Saturday, November 6

Loving Through Loss: A Couples Grief Workshop

This workshop is designed to help couples understand how the trauma of child loss affects the family dynamic and how to love each other through the complexity of loss. It is open to anyone who has lost a child at any age or phase of life. Workshop located at St. Anastasia Parish Davison Center from 9 AM - 4 PM with Mass afterward. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit Office of Family Support Ministry. Ticket cost: $35 individual, $50 couple. Learn more and register at aod.org/lovingthroughloss

Saturday, November 13

Cosmological View of Sacramental Life (Virtual)

How are the universe and sacraments related? Sister Linda Gibbler, OP, a Dominican Sister of Houston, explores this connection in her virtual presentation. Her presentation is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST on November 13.

Sister Linda draws on scientific cosmology and Catholic tradition to discuss creation as the original source of divine revelation and the root of sacramental life. Through stories, lecture, and conversation, she explores how the incarnational presence of God extends to the ends of the universe and touches everything.

The cost is $35. Register at www.webercenter.org; click on “programs.”
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