Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

Mark 12: 29-30

WHAT'S GOING ON AT BLASE

November 2 | All Souls’ Evening Prayer
Thanksgiving Drive has started!
See page 7 for details.

Prayer of the Week:
Lord, help me to love like you. May I be kind to everyone I encounter in good times and bad, and may I remember that we are all sisters and brothers in Christ. Help me to share Your love, so that others may feel the goodness You give. Amen.
**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!

**Upcoming Events**

**Needle & Hook Group**

**Wednesday, November 3rd**

6:30 PM | Thomas Merton Room

**Bridge Club**

**Tuesday, November 9th**

11 AM - 2 PM

**Game Night**

**Saturday, November 13th**

After 4 PM Mass | $5 per person

RSVP by calling Don Rogowski (586) 604-3952 or emailing drogowski@yahoo.com
TUESDAY IS THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS. COME AND PRAY WITH US AT 7:00 P.M., AS WE REMEMBER ALL THOSE BURIED FROM OUR CHURCH THIS PAST YEAR. Even if you have not lost a loved one, I encourage you to worship with us Tuesday evening. All of us have someone(s) to grieve. Grief is not limited to those we love. As we remember them, we also mourn other losses: a former way of life, opportunities missed, health, relationships, pets...even material items we miss.

In sharing our grief as a community, we become aware how loss, of various kinds and in diverse ways, binds us to one another. We do not grieve alone. Our losses are experienced together and we support one another through our common prayer, presence and faith.

All Souls is preceded by the Solemnity of All Saints on Monday. This year, because All Saints falls on Monday, the obligation to participate in Mass is abrogated (rescinded.) Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints will be at our usual daily liturgy time: 9:30 A.M.

Many faith-filled Catholics have a difficult time understanding and tracking this. “How can All Saints or another holy day be a holy day one year and not another?” Holy days are always holy days. That does not change. What changes is the obligation to participate in Mass.

“Why does the obligation change from year to year?” The Church dismissed the obligation when a holy day falls on a Monday or Saturday. This is an honest recognition of human weakness. It would place an unhealthy burden on priests, given the shortage of priests, as well as an excessive ministerial load on musicians, lectors, sacristans and all liturgical ministers, including the assembly. It is challenging to adequately celebrate a full schedule of Sunday liturgies, then turn around the next day, and do so again for a holy day. This year, Christmas, is an example. Christmas, from which the obligation is never abrogated, is on a Saturday. This means we will have major obligatory liturgies Friday, Saturday and Sunday. To repeat this pattern over and over throughout the year is neither reasonable nor desirable.

The principle is simple: With the exceptions of Christmas and The Immaculate Conception of Mary, if a holy day is on a Saturday or Monday, the obligation to participate at Mass is abrogated that year only. Christmas, the Incarnation, is the second most significant solemnity on our calendar, therefore the obligation is never abrogated. Mary’s Immaculate Conception (December 8th) is not abrogated because this is the patronal feast of our nation. So, one could state the principle this way: except in the month of December, if a holy day is on a Saturday or Monday, the obligation to participate at Mass is abrogated that year only. Now, what is so hard about that?
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 | All Souls’ Day
7:00 PM
Edward and Marian Gray
Genevieve Fabian
Jean Taylor
Shirley Horton
Tess Beaudion
Leonard Mironski
Jane Yager
Diane Luulko
Walter Myron
Florence Bruett
Lorraine Luulko
Joyce Danner
Terry Ann Prentis
Penny Lupi
Maria Humphrey
Richard Oliver, 9th Anniversary
Leo Schornak
Michael Schornak
Roy W. DeRoche
Cathy and Francisco Rodriguez
John and Catherine Mulawa
Frank and Mary Brzyski
Julia Brzyski
Jozef Brzyski
Rev. Ryszard Brzyski

Maria Humphrey
Michael Schornak
Leo Schornak
Dora Gianino
Robert D. Cabble
Ruth and Cecil Cabble
Beatrice and Joseph Sindone
David T. Kwiatkowski
Trombley Family
Hagle Family
Agnas and Eugene Hill
All those who died of Covid
Ernesto Vittiglio
Michael Grekowicz
Delfino Mojica
Gerald Tomczak
Julian and Stella Rys
Julian Laboga
Consurcia Laboga
Leonila Cuenza
Nina Labaclado
Catalina Labaclado

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 | Saint Martin de Porres
NO MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | Saint Charles Borromeo
NO MASS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5 | Weekday
9:30 AM
Parishioners of St. Blase

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | Weekday
4:00 PM
Deceased Members of Giudici and Verona Families
Fred Kuspa
Margaret Szlaga, 21 yr. anniversary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 AM
Stanley Janusz, 2 yr. anniversary
Delphine Chyla

11:00 AM
Rita and Norbert Radulski
Steven and Cecelia Skoczylas

YOU ARE INVITED
ALL SOULS’ DAY EVENING PRAYER
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND
7:00PM | ST BLASE PARISH
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Remember in your prayers those who have gone before us.
Remember loved ones and mark their place in time. St. Blase is breaking ground on a new outdoor Memorial Garden, right next to the Labyrinth Prayer Garden. Order a personalized brick paver to be placed in the garden to commemorate them.

Please use this form to reserve your commemorative brick paver. One order form is needed per each individual brick paver. Select from 3 sizes and enter desired message in the appropriate boxes. The inscription on each brick paver is limited to the number of characters and spaces shown. Layout, font, and font size will be consistent on each to ensure overall balance.

Ordered by: __________________________________________
_____________________________________________________

Email: ________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________

Phone: ________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________

Brick Size: __________________________________________

Order by: January 15, 2022
Questions: Contact Parish Office (586) 268-2244

*Limited number of 8x8 and 12x12 paver bricks
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!**

We will be accepting frozen turkeys Nov. 1 - Nov. 20. Thank you!
In today’s Gospel, Jesus was asked which of the commandments is first. Jesus responds by telling the scribe that the Lord, our God, is the One and we should love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Jesus then adds the second commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” When you give everything you have to God and put Him in the center of all you do, it is easy to love one another and follow these commandments. To watch the words of Jesus in action was a beautiful event. What was the event? Our first in-person week of Faith Formation of course! Families put God first by bringing their children to learn, live, and love our faith.

October 19 - 21, we had grades Pre-k through 8th in the building along with parent orientation for Reconciliation. Words cannot accurately or adequately express how incredible it was to see the church buzzing with so many families and hearing the excitement of all our children as they learned about our faith. They were saying their prayers, listening to teachings of God’s love, and realizing how God reveals Himself to us each day in so many ways! It was loud with laughter, stories, and excitement. Miss Kelly’s Pre-K class had fun looking through their pumpkin patch and then decorating their found treasures with stickers! The rest of the grades were learning about the importance of caring for all of God’s creations along with the love that God has for us and how we respond to that love. We are all part of Jesus’ family and God’s unconditional love helps us to see His Word living within us and how our faith makes a difference in our lives!

Thank you to all our catechists: Miss Kelly, Miss Kathy, Mr. Larry, Miss Judy, Mr. Fernando, Miss Lynn, Miss Natalie, Miss Christina, Mr. Anthony, and Miss Pat. Also, thank you to our catechist aides: Grandma Vicki, Miss Mary Anne, Miss Sherry, Miss Carmen, Miss Barb and Miss Marie. Thank you to our hall monitors Miss Paula and Miss Darlene for keeping our kids safe. We couldn’t have had such a successful night without the behind-the-scenes support of Miss Angelica, Miss Lisa, Miss Linda, Miss Sarah, Mr. Ben, Mr. Tom, Deacon Ed, and Miss Mary and of course Father Randy! Thank you to all who continue to help make our Faith Formation an incredible experience for our children! God is good!!

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION

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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.

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THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.................586-463-6090
Drug Addiction Support, Clinton Twp...............1-800-558-0175
Problem Gambling Hotline..........................1-800-270-7117
Poison Control Hotline.............................800-222-1222
Suicide Prevention 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 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.)........586-469-6099
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

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

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Stop by the Parish Office for more instruction

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: $92,853.00
Total Number of Pledges: 405

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