

the flame

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 23RD, 2022



ST. BLASE CATHOLIC CHURCH
ignite your faith | for the flame

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring
glad tidings to the poor.

Luke 4: 18



THE SPIRIT OF THE
LORD IS UPON ME...
- LK 4:18

3RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

what we're about

THE LOVE OF
JESUS CHRIST

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT BLASE

Game Night on Saturday, January 22 is cancelled.

Bridge Club has been cancelled until further notice.

January 24 | Coffee, Tea, & Theology

February 13th | Wedding Jubilee

See page 6 for more information on all of
our upcoming events.

OFFICE HOURS

Week of Jan. 23rd
Mon - Thurs: 9am-4pm
Friday: 9am-12pm
Saturday: 9am-4pm
Closed for lunch: 12-1
Sunday: 8:30am-12:30pm

MASS TIMES

Week of January 23rd

Weekday Mass: 9:30am
Monday, Tuesday, & Friday

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

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

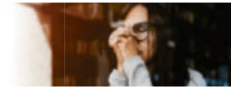
Confessions: Saturday at 3:00pm

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MASS Intentions



PRAYER Requests



SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 | Weekday
4:00 PM Carol Campbell
 John Miller, Birthday Remembrance
 (01/19/2022)
 Deceased members of Giudici &
 Verona Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 | *THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

9:00 AM Dorothy Lutz
 Marilyn and Eddy Bieniewicz
 Giuseppe and Bianca Lepore and family
 Antonio and Maria Lia and family
 Lorenzo Lia, Special Intention
 David Peyok

11:00 AM Anna Iannucci

MONDAY, JANUARY 24 | Saint Francis de Sales

9:30 AM Parishioners of St. Blase

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25 | The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

9:30 AM Parishioners of St. Blase

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 | Saints Timothy and Titus

NO MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 | Saint Angela Merici

NO MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 | Saint Thomas Aquinas

9:30 AM Richard Oliver

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 | Weekday

4:00 PM Elizabeth Tribute

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 | *FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

9:00 AM Rita Gula, 13 yr. anniversary
 Marilyn and Eddy Bieniewicz

11:00 AM Maria Moked, 1 yr. anniversary

HOSPICE
 Genoveffa Todaro

HOSPITAL
 Claire Smith

EXTENDED CARE

June Dupuis
 Kathleen Stephens
 Barbara Ritter
 Mary Cameron

Dorothy "Babe" Paolino
 Edward Farquhar
 Pauline Farquhar
 Joe Gross

AT HOME

Josephine Armstrong
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 Yvonne Bova
 Renee Browning
 Colette Carroll
 Jerry Colzani
 Sam Criscenti
 Anna Curtis
 Norbert J. Dara
 Linda Diegel
 Marilyn Filipp
 Ethan Gehrke
 Phyllis Guzick
 Rosalie House
 Barbara Jarema
 Robert Jarema
 Ronald Johnson
 Michael Kovak
 Nancy Kramer
 Josephine Kuhlman
 Kurt Hiltz

Lorenzo Lia
 Mary Ann Mann
 Phyllis Marek
 Lena Rose Marlow
 Anna Masakowski
 Agnes McGartland
 Jennie Miller
 Robert E. Newcomb
 Patricia Nowicki
 Julia Perna
 Sharon Petkoski
 Robert Priskey
 Alberto Ramos
 Helen Rocca
 Sue Ruvolo
 Sarah Serra
 Shelly Smith
 Kathleen Tiano
 Brody Trombley
 Sharon Turnas
 Eleanor Williams
 Joann Zelenak
 Libby Zelenak
 Pat Ziola

IN MEMORIAM



Clarence (Butch) Petrykowski
 Husband of Marianne Petrykowski
 July 17, 1944 - January 10, 2022

2021 TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST

Please note: In an effort to save on the cost of printing, we do not print contribution statements unless you request one. To request a statement, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office or give us a call at 586.268.2244. Please print clearly. Statements will be available for pick up in the Parish Office.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

I would like my contribution statement emailed.

RUMINATIONS



THANK YOU to all who donated and / or gave of their time to assist our houseless in Macomb County. It is strange to be participating in the Warming Center when it is not physically present. It is easy not to realize that it is happening - - just as it becomes easy to forget those who are sick, homeless, addicted and so forth unless they are part of one's life. Nevertheless, we continue to serve Christ in our poor and afflicted, and do so if physically here or down the road apiece or in another country. Special thanks to our Christian Service Coordinator, Lisa Grembi, and to Denise Porcasi for their leadership in organizing meals and other services on behalf of our community. We continue to keep our homeless and all who strive to assist them in our prayers.

We had an unhappy surprise on the frigid evening of Friday, January 7th. As Alicia Bryson, who directs our Youth Ministry Program, was leaving the building she noticed a river forming between the rectory and offices. Yes, we had a broken water pipe. No water meant no weekend liturgies or any other activities. To make a long story short, Tom Haas, our Director of Maintenance, together with Ben Ancona, our Business Manager, were quickly on the scene. Because that area contains several conduits (gas, cable, etc.) the Sterling Heights Fire Department and DPW were also fast to inspect the problem. Once it was determined that "only water" was involved, Ben and Tom were on the phone to see how quickly repairs could be made. Thanks to Jamie and his crew from Advanced Underground and Grading, we had water safely flowing by noon on Saturday. I thank Alicia, Ben, and Tom for their immediate response and availability, together with the Sterling Heights Fire Department, DPW and ultimately the crew from Advanced Underground and Grading.

Building the Reign of God...the garment industry is notorious for operating sweatshops. Workers often perform in crowded, unsanitary conditions for long hours and pay that is less than minimum wage. We tend to think of these factories being outside the United States, but that is not always the case. Even clothing "proudly" bearing the "Made in USA" label can be produced in sweatshops. One factor leading to workers making less than minimum wage is the practice of paying not by the hour, but by the number of pieces produced. Last fall, this practice was outlawed in the State of California. It is hoped that this ban spreads to other states in which clothing is made. While hardly a panacea for those who make our clothing, it at least opens the door to minimum wage and perhaps, eventually, an even better livelihood.

By the time you read this, Fr. Rutilio Grande will have been beatified (January 22nd), a step toward

canonization. Fr. Grande was a close friend of St. Archbishop Oscar Romero. He tried to convince Romero about the severity of oppression in El Salvador and was himself active in seeking justice for the poor. At that point, Romero was content to make careful, milquetoast pronouncements about the terror in his own nation. It is widely held that, after his close friend, Fr. Grande, was killed by the armed forces, Romero more clearly heard "the cry of the poor," and became the voice of the voiceless in El Salvador. Fr. Grande was beatified together with a Franciscan, Fr. Cosme Spessotto, and the two laymen, one an elderly sacristan, Manuel Solórzano, the other, Nelson Rutilio Lemus, a teenager, who were murdered along with Fr. Grande. Blessed Rutilio Grande and companions, pray for us.

Rev. Randy Cloddy



Wedding Jubilee Celebration

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH | 11AM MASS

Couples celebrating a special anniversary (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, etc) are invited to attend Mass on Sunday, February 13th at the 11 AM Mass for a special wedding jubilee celebration. There will be a special blessing for all anniversary couples during Mass. If you are celebrating a special anniversary, please fill out the form and drop it off in the parish office.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

ANNIVERSARY (ex: 25 years) _____

Return this form to the parish office,
or call 586.268.2244

CHRISTIAN *Service*

Meijer Simply Give Winter Campaign

The program dates are: **January 2, 2022 through April 2, 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 DAYS* Saturday, March 5, 2022 and Saturday, March 26, 2022**

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 in the Parish Office at (586) 268-2244

Plastic with a Purpose

Our Plastic with a Purpose crochet group meets Monday, **February 7th!** Join us at 1:30 PM to create mats for the homeless. We could use your help, no crochet experience necessary!

Thank you to everyone who has brought in plastic bags! 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."

Macomb Food Program Cereal Drive

St. Blase sponsors a cereal collection on the second weekend of each month. Our next cereal collection pickup is on **February 8th!** Please place donations in the gathering space bins. Thank you.



Faith formation is looking for 1/4 inch - 1/2 inch satin ribbon for a craft project. If you have extra or leftover satin ribbon (in good condition) you'd like to give, we would appreciate it! Please leave it in the Parish Office. Thank you!



YOU!

THANK

WARMING CENTER THANKS YOU!



I would like to send out a big thank you to Denise Porcasi and her crew for all the time they put into making this year's Warming Center a success.

Feeding 120 guests per day requires a great deal of organization and preparation, from buying all the food items, to preparing and packaging it up each day during our host week. We're so grateful to our volunteers who helped make this happen.

I'd also like to thank Dale Kelly and his crew of drivers who stepped up and delivered these items to the MCREST office every day. We appreciate you!

And last, but certainly not least, thank you to all of you who donated to the Warming Center. None of this could've taken place without the generosity of our parishioners. Because of you, our guests did not feel the cold of winter, but the warmth of your kindness.

Blessings to you in 2022!

Lisa Grembi, Christian Service Coordinator



MANY THANKS TO LUNCH VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all the women who packed the breakfasts and lunches for the Warming Center and to the men who drove the lunches to MCREST. We totally packed 840 breakfasts and lunches during the week. We packed 120 each day in a record time of one hour and ten minutes. A special thank you to Adele Long for going with me on some of the shopping trips. God bless all of you for doing a great job.

Denise Porcasi

UPCOMING *events*



WINTER MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE

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Starts February 21st

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

Our Spring Little Rock topic is "The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus." Explore the gospel stories of the passion and resurrection of Jesus and embrace the cross and resurrection in your own life.

Please register for the class in the Parish Office. Book price to be determined. Little Rock meets Mondays at 10 AM and this session begins February 21st through April 4th, 2022. We hope you'll join!



February 21st, 2022

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: I AM HERE

God speaks to us through prayer. Presented by Deacon Ed McLeod. We know as Catholics that God is there through all of life's ups and downs. He speaks to us through prayer and each of us approach prayer in our own way. This session will talk about all the different ways we pray.

**SAVE THE DATES!
ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 2ND**



**LENT FISH FRY
ASH WEDNESDAY &
FRIDAYS IN LENT**



**PARISH MISSION
MISSION RETREAT ON
LENT CYCLE C GOSPELS
MARCH 14-16**



**COFFEE, TEA &
THEOLOGY**

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FRIENDLY BLASERS

February 3rd, 2022

11:30 AM

PLASTIC WITH A PURPOSE

February 7th, 2022 | 1:30 PM

More details on pg. 4...

WEDDING JUBILEE

February 13th, 2022

More details on pg. 3...

*Macomb Food Program
Cereal Drive*

FEB 08

Please place donations in the gathering space bins

COFFEE, TEA & THEOLOGY



What do you want to know about the Catholic faith? Have you ever wondered why or how something is done? Now is your time to ask! Bring your questions to our next Adult Faith Formation session. We will have a panel discussion about Catholic teachings and other topics that the group wants to learn about.

OUR PANELISTS:



SPEAKER
FR. RANDY PHILLIPS
Pastor



SPEAKER
DR. MARY DUMM
Pastoral Associate



SPEAKER
DEACON ED MCLEOD
Deacon, RCIA Coordinator



SPEAKER
STEVE PETRUNAK
Director of Music Ministry



JANUARY 24, 2022



7:00 PM- 9:00 PM



SOCIAL CENTER

This week's Gospel begins in a very interesting way. Luke basically gives us a "prologue" to events that he writes about:

Gospel Reflection

"Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received." First, let's define "Theophilus," a Greek word that means "friend of God," and in that context, Luke is defining the Truth to all that call themselves friends of God. Also keep in mind that this "prologue" shows that the Gospel writers do not try to "outdo" each other; all have different perspectives of events and they present those events divinely!

Last week, Luke told us of the Wedding of Cana, where Jesus started His ministry with a miracle. This week, He travels to His hometown of Nazareth and attended the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Jesus chose this passage and after reading, then rolling up the scroll while others intently watched Him, He stated, "Today the Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Wow! Can you imagine being there and hearing this? Jesus specifically chose this passage to announce that He is the One! He made that passage a reality for all those in attendance. As it was then, He is here now and will always be with us and it is up to us to not only hear His Words but act upon them. He is not alone in His mission, but sends us out on a mission through His Words! God is good!



Imagine you are attending synagogue on the Sabbath. What is your reaction to Jesus' declaration?

Time to Chat

Do you think of yourself as a "Friend of God"? Why?

What examples of Jesus' ministry can you name that show He did these things?

FAITH FORMATION

corner



Solve the Puzzle

Solve the anagrams in the top part of the puzzle. Use the circled letters from the words in the top part to complete the final word or phrase at the bottom. Each circled letter is used just once. (Made with puzzlemaker.discoverededucation.com)

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- ITPSRI [][][][][]
- FO [][]
- ETH [][][]
- LODR [][][][]
- SI [][]
- NUPO [][][][]
- EM [][]

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Would you be interested in attending a Youth Group?
 Yes No

If Yes, for what grade level?
 Elementary (Grades 3-5)
 Middle School (Grades 6-8)
 High School (Grades 9-12)

CHILD NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL _____

Please return to Parish Office or place in the collection basket.

Youth Group?

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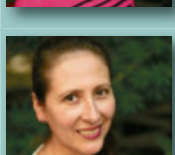
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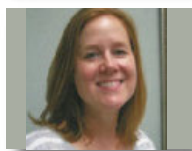


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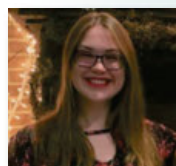
Mass Intentions and Prayer Requests

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.



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME							
	Presider	Coordinator	Lector	Altar Servers	Greeters	Musicians	Sacristan
Sat. Jan 29 4pm	Father Randy	Kathy Tate	Jen Mathis Barb Francis	Volunteer	Bob Barletta Sue Barletta	Kids & Teens Music Ministry	Kathy Tate
Sun. Jan 30 9am	Father Randy	Maria Myers	Jeff Ray Anthony Howell	Volunteer	Pat Malone Trina Serventi Kathy Staskowski	Jim Francis Rich Szlaga Larry Gerbe Alicia Bryson	Linda Sist
Sun. Jan 30 11am	Father Ken	Matt Tunesi	Marilyn Boytim Bob Mackstaller	Volunteer	Henrietta Dobbs	Ruth Petrunak Roger Anderson Vita Wagner Ria Perez	Theresa Valeri

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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 (24 hours).....	586-307-9100 or 800-273-TALK(8255)
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
(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.).....	586-469-6999
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



AROUND Town



March 4th - 6th, 2022 & April 29th - May 1st, 2022

RETROUVAILLE

Retrouvaille is holding two upcoming Marriage Saving Weekends March 4th - 6th, 2022 and April 29th - May 1st 2022 in the Metro Detroit Area. This Catholic ministry has been helping to save marriages effectively for 45 years. Visit HelpOurMarriage.org for more information.

STEWARDSHIP



Month of December

Budgeted Offertory:	\$163,247.00
Actual Offertory:	\$148,974.00
2021-2022 YTD Budget	\$444,638.00
2021-2022 YTD Actual	\$396,354.00
Christmas Budget	\$150,000.00
Christmas Actual	\$145,262.00

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:	\$104,178.00
Total Number of Pledges:	429

Please consider donating to this year's CSA 2021. If we do not meet our target, we must pay the shortfall. Thank you.

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