



# THE LAKE COUNTY CATHOLIC

ESTABLISHED 2021 AD

## NOVEMBER 3, 2024

### MASS SCHEDULE

MON.	9:00AM SA	NO MASS (FR. MATT TIME-OFF)
TUES.	-----	NO MASS
WED.	9:00AM SA	NO MASS
THURS.	9:00AM SI	NO MASS
FRI.	9:00AM SB	GRIES & McCLAIN L/D
SAT.	4:00PM SA	FR. MATT'S 45TH BIRTHDAY
SUN.	8:00AM SB	+THERESA WEIS
	9:30AM SI	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	11:00AM SA	+STEVEN GREEN & GERI ANNE DESMITH

### CONFESSION

SAT. 3:15PM-3:45PM @SB  
SAT. 5:30PM-5:50PM @SA  
SUN. 7:30AM-7:50AM @SB  
1/2HR BEFORE ALL DAILY MASSES  
ANYTIME BY REQUEST!

### ADORATION

SAT. 3:00PM-4:00PM @SB  
SAT. 5:30PM-6:00PM @SA  
SUN. 7:00AM-8:00AM @SB  
FRI. 8:00AM-4:00PM @SB  
1HR BEFORE ALL DAILY MASSES

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### OFFICE HOURS

WEDNESDAYS: ST. ANN 9:30AM-2:30PM  
FRIDAYS: ST. BERNARD 9:30AM-2:30PM

## HAPPENING AROUND THE PARISHES

### ST. ANN

THE LAST ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING OF THE YEAR IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 12 STARTING AT 5:00PM WITH THE PRAYING OF THE HOLY ROSARY.

### ST. BERNARD

PLEASE START GATHERING DONATIONS FOR ST. BERNARD'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT. WE WILL NEED NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS (CANNED TUNA, CANNED SOUP, MACARONI AND CHEESE, CANNED VEGETABLES AND FRUIT, ETC.) AS WELL AS PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS (SOAP, SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE AND TOOTHBRUSHES, ETC.) AND HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES (TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, KLEENEX, ETC.). ALL DONATIONS MAY BE LEFT IN ANY OF THE CHURCH ENTRANCES. ALL ITEMS MUST HAVE AN EXPIRATION DATE BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025. AS ALWAYS, MONETARY DONATIONS ARE VERY WELCOME TO HELP PURCHASE APPLES, POTATOES, AND BREAD. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL MONETARY DONATIONS ARE PUT IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE WITH THE NOTATION "FOR THE CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT." THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.



## DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

October 27, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Holy Father has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year - a time of special grace for the Church. Hope is a central message of this Jubilee with the motto 'Pilgrims of Hope'. In a letter promoting the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis stated, "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."


Our diocese will celebrate this special occasion with multiple events. If we are called to look to the future with far-sighted vision, however, we need to assess more intentionally the needs of our local church and the resources available to carry out our mission to proclaim the Gospel.

For this reason, the Diocese of Grand Rapids is embarking on a diocesan-wide pastoral planning process entitled "Rooted in Christ." In his Letter to the Colossians, St. Paul writes, "So as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him, rooted in him and built upon him and established in the faith as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (Col 2:6-7). As St. Paul challenged the early Church, we too, must be rooted in Christ to bear fruit for the Kingdom.


We have engaged the Meitler Group, which has worked on similar campaigns in dioceses across the country, to assist us in this planning process. They will collect data, visit all of our parishes, facilitate meetings with clergy and parish representatives, and guide us in formulating strategies to strengthen our local Church according to the priorities indicated by the information gathered. This process is expected to take several months and will conclude by next summer with a pastoral plan to guide us forward.

As we enter this process on the cusp of this Jubilee Year let us place our trust in the Lord to be guided by the Holy Spirit as pilgrims of hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
Bishop of Grand Rapids

<p><u>OUR PARISH SUPPORT</u></p> <p>OFFERTORY DATA WILL BE FORTHCOMING &amp; REPORTED ON A MONTHLY BASIS.</p> <p><u>CSA TOTALS AS OF JULY 14</u></p> <p>ST.ANN-ST.IGNATIUS:        \$16,120 OUT OF \$39,680</p> <p>ST.BERNARD:                \$7,530 OUT OF \$22,814</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER PRAYER REQUESTS</u></p> <p>MARY LEE</p> <p>SHIRLEY HABIAN</p> <p>(EMAIL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED FOR DECEMBER)</p>
<p><u>FROM FR. MATT I.O</u></p> <p>(ON THE FRONT OF THE BULLETIN) YOU HOPEFULLY READ THE LETTER FROM THE BISHOP ANNOUNCING THAT THE DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS HAS BEGUN A CONSULTATION PROCESS TO DEVELOP A PASTORAL PLAN FOR TODAY &amp; THE FUTURE. WHY? HAVE YOU NOTICED OVER THE LAST 5, 10, 15 YEARS THERE ARE FEWER PEOPLE IN THE PEWS AND FEWER PRIESTS AT THE ALTAR? THESE CHANGES BECAME ESPECIALLY APPARENT DURING &amp; AFTER THE PANDEMIC. WHAT HASN'T CHANGED IS THAT THE TERRITORY OF THE DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS IS STILL ELEVEN COUNTIES AND THERE ARE STILL ONLY TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN A DAY!</p> <p>FOR PERSPECTIVE: THE DIOCESE REPORTS THAT THERE ARE A LITTLE MORE THAN 175,000 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING CATHOLICS IN THE DIOCESE. THERE ARE 58 DIOCESAN PRIESTS IN ACTIVE PARISH MINISTRY. THAT'S 3,017 CATHOLICS PER PRIEST!</p> <p>THE LAKE COUNTY CATHOLIC CENSUS THAT WE STARTED IN NOVEMBER '23 AND CONCLUDED IN JULY '24 SHOWED THAT ST.ANN HAS 57 ACTIVE CATHOLICS, ST. BERNARD HAS 97 ACTIVE CATHOLICS, AND ST. IGNATIUS HAS 41 ACTIVE CATHOLICS.</p> <p>THESE NUMBERS ARE A COUNT OF THOSE WHOSE PERMANENT MICHIGAN RESIDENCE IS IN THE LAKE COUNTY AREA. CLEARLY WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE AT MASS DURING THE SPRING, SUMMER, AND FALL—SEASONAL AND VACATION VISITORS. BUT THEIR HOME PARISH IS NOT A LAKE COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCH.</p> <p>BASED ON THE NUMBER OF HONEST-TO-GOODNESS, REAL, PERMANENT PARISHIONERS, WE HAVE ONE PRIEST FOR 195 CATHOLICS. THE DIOCESAN AVERAGE IS ONE PRIEST PER 3,017. WE HAVE A 1500% ADVANTAGE OVER THE OTHER PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE IN THIS RESPECT.</p> <p>THERE IS NO PRECONCEIVED PLAN ON HOW WE WILL ALL ADDRESS THE REALITIES WE ARE FACING AND WILL FACE IN THE FUTURE. BUT, CHANGE, BIG OR SMALL, IS INEVITABLE.</p>	<p><u>FROM FR.MATT 2.O</u></p> <p>HERE FOLLOWS A MISH-MASH OF OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS!</p> <p>*WHEN I WAS IN MAJOR SEMINARY (2001-2006) AT ASSUMPTION SEMINARY IN SAN ANTONIO, THERE WAS A SULPICIAN PRIEST WHO WAS PART OF THE FORMATION STAFF—FR. JAMES TUCKER PSS (GOD REST HIS SOUL). FR. TUCKER WAS A PSYCHOLOGIST AND WORKED IN A MULTITUDE OF “HIGH PROFILE” MINISTRIES. HE ASSISTED WITH EXORCISMS, HE CONTRIBUTED TO ST. JOHN PAUL II’S LAND MARK LETTER ON PRIESTLY FORMATION (PASTORES DABO VOBIS), AND SPENT MOST OF HIS LIFE WORKING IN SEMINARY FORMATION. HE WAS GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL, MENTAL, AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING OF PRIESTS. HE UNDERTOOK AN IN-DEPTH STUDY ON THE PRIEST WHO IS TRULY, SPIRITUALLY ENGAGED IN CELEBRATING THE HOLY MASS. OFFERING THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS IS MUCH MORE THAN JUST READING WORDS OUT OF SOME BOOK. FR. TUCKER CONCLUDED THAT EACH HOLY MASS OFFERED BY THE PRIEST TAXED HIM 4 HOURS OF MENTAL ENERGY. FOR MYSELF, I THINK 4 HOURS IS AN OVER ESTIMATION. HOWEVER, IT IS EXHAUSTING “WORK”—BUT IT IS A WORK I AM HAPPY TO BE EXHAUSTED BY. SO, NOW YOU KNOW WHY AFTER FINISHING 5 MASSES IN THE SPAN OF 20 HOURS, THE ONLY THING I HAVE LEFT IN ME IS ENOUGH TO DRIVE BACK TO THE ST. BERNARD RECTORY.</p> <p>*I’LL BE TAKING MULTIPLE DAYS OFF THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. GENERALLY SPEAKING, I <u>NEVER</u> TAKE PLANNED “TIME-OFF” OR VACATION DAYS ON THE WEEKEND. HOWEVER, I WILL BE ABSENT FROM THE PARISH ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23. FR. COLIN MULHALL (THE NEW VICAR GENERAL) WILL BE COVERING FOR ME—THANK YOU FR. MULHALL!</p> <p>*STARTING IN JANUARY 2025!—<u>COFFEE &amp; CATECHISM</u> AFTER THE 9AM HOLY MASS ON THURSDAYS! EVERY 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY WE’LL HAVE A MINI-CATECHISM LESSON AND FELLOWSHIP TIME OVER A CUP OF COFFEE—9:45AM-10:30AM!</p> <p>*PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS (STARTING IN JANUARY) FOR “EVERY-OTHER-MONTH” EVENINGS OF ADORATION/BENEDICTION (20 MINUTES) FOLLOWED BY MEETING TIME FOR BOTH THE LAKE COUNTY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AS WELL AS THE ST. BERNARD MEN’S CLUB. ADORATION/BENEDICTION AND MEETING WILL BE ON ODD MONTHS FOR THE KNIGHTS AND EVEN MONTHS FOR ST. BERNARD MEN’S CLUB.</p>
<p>WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN FR. MATT’S DAILY TEXT-MESSAGE SCRIPTURE &amp; TEACHING?</p> <p>TEXT YOUR NAME &amp; PREFERRED LAKE COUNTY CHURCH (ST. ANN OR ST. BERNARD OR ST. IGNATIUS) TO 231.679.9101</p>	



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