



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT COMMUNITY

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Schola

Volunteers are needed.
Practice is held on
Wednesday.

This Weeks Schedule

- Sun 4th Sunday after Epiphany**
 29 Open 7:15 am - 12
 Mass 8 am +Fr. Louis Maday
 Mass 10 am Parish
- Mon St. Marina, VM +228, 3cl**
 30 Open 11 am -1 pm
 Mass 12:10 pm +Marilyn Hatt
- Tue St. John Bosco, C +1888, 3cl**
 31 Open 5 - 7 pm
 Mass 6:30 pm Brian Jacob
- Wed St. Ignatius, B of Antioch, M +110, 3cl**
 1 Open 11 am -1 pm
 Mass 8 am Melanie Clark
- Thr Purification of the BVM, 2cl**
 2 Open 5 - 7 pm
 Mass 6:30 pm Mercedes & Geanina Luis
- Fri Com. of St. Blaise, B of Sebaste, M +317**
 3 Open 7:30 - 11 am
 Mass 8 am +Dennis Francis
- Sat St. Andrew Corsini, BC OC +1373, 3cl**
 4 Open 8:30 - 11 am
 Mass 9 am Poor Souls
- Sun Septuagesima**
 5 Open 7:15 am - 12
 Mass 8 am Eric, Jessie Kabdebo Family
 Mass 10 am Parish

Confessions

Confessions are available Monday - Saturday during open hours outside of Mass times.

You may also call to make an appointment outside of these times.

Weddings

Please call me as soon as you can after the engagement so we can get things started.

Do not schedule a date or rent a hall until church matters are cleared first (That will take 1-2 months)

The marriage prep process can take 9 or more months of prep.

Last Sunday's Collection

Of Contributions ? + Cash
 Sunday Total \$ 4165
 Capital Campaign \$ 10

Thank You for your generosity

Counters

Today

Jim Miller
 Tom Schauben

Next Week

Greg Snitgen
 Renee Irrer

Ushers

Today

8: Coming soon
 10:

Next Week

8:
 10:

Meetings

Pastoral Council – January 17
 Security Council –
 Church Cleaning – February 11
 Woman's Group – February 9
 Men's Group – February 16
 Schola Practice – Every Wednesday @ 6pm

Parish News

Usher Recruitment

Men, If you are thinking, wanting, will to be an usher, please sign the signup sheet in the back of Church this week or next.

Heating

I have tried a few things this week, including using the thermostat timer to use cooler temperatures a night and warmer during the day. What happened was it cooled down quickly and then took over an hour per degree of constant running of the furnace. The furnace ran 2.5 hours and I only got 2 degrees out of it. That will not work. I have raised the temperature another degree to make it 68 now. For now, I will leave it constant at that temperature. The hall is also warmer, but not where we want it yet either.

Elevator

I found a company who is willing to fix the elevator. They will be here this Wednesday. Please pray that they are able to get it up and running. We currently have two parishioners who are not able to be here because they can no longer navigate the steps to get into the church.



Sacramental Prep

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Sacramental Prep	Y	Y
Teen Ed	Y	N

Teen Ed

Latin Classes

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Tuesday	Y	Y
Thursday	Y	Y

Tuesday

Thursday

Y

Y

Y

Y

Oh Lord, hear our prayers for our family and friends in need.



Please Pray for:

Denise Ignatowski
 Tim Copernoll
 Amy Sobie
 Rachelle Koenigs knecht
 Ed Reichstetter
 Melissa Dorbeck

JoAnn Brock
 Hal Schneider
 Timothy McLin
 Rhoda Greenhoe
 David Makara
 Bob Wilson

Cozette Oxley

News & Editorial

Fr. Robideau - What will he say next? I can't wait!

Things Happening

I hear you.

Several hopes, dreams and concerns have been brought to my attention.

Heating and elevator are not the least of them.

We are in a transition time right now. That means we have to be patient with each other.

A little history. We started off as a small group in the basement of the cathedral. It was ugly but we had the mass. We were united in our love for the mass and our happiness that we had it. Praise the Lord. Eventually, we were allowed to have a social in the diocesan hall. It was not our space and it was inconvenient, but it was all we had and we were happy. Again, we were eventually allowed to do a little remodeling in the basement and it looked and felt a whole lot better. Not perfect, but better. That led to people wanting a whole lot of other changes. We were not allowed to make those. So we were a little discontent, but still happy to have the little we had. This did lead to a desire to get our own place with the faults notion that, "Then we can do what ever we want." I tried to keep this attitude tempered as it is not the way things are in the Catholic Church.

We then had the opportunity to get our own place and here we are today. As soon as we got in COVID 19 hit and it was just about survival. We were all united on having Mass and avoiding the insanity of the world.

During this time, many new people came to join us and by God's grace, they have stayed with us. They see the beauty of what we have built here and of what we are trying to accomplish here. They bring with them different hopes and dreams and concerns than what we have had in the past, just trying to survive. They bring new life and their vibrant faith as they seek to fully merge and be a part of what has been built.

During COVID, all this did not matter. They joined with us with the mutual goal of giving

glory to God and of avoiding the insanity of the world.

Now COVID is done (we hope and pray) and the world as settled in a bit. The emergency survival mode is all but done. So what happens next?

We now move forward as a community with a whole lot of new people with new hopes, dreams and needs.

They are trying, and have done a great job of adapting to a very different vision of church then what they had been used to. We have changed because of them. I know, no one likes change. But the change they bring is beautiful and only makes us better and stronger as a community. Just look at those great gatherings we have after mass every Sunday. WOW! Great! I love it.

As a pastor, my heart is warmed by it. My ministry is affirmed by it. Something good, very good is happening here. But this good comes at a cost. For both those who have been here for 12 years and those who have only joined in the last year.

With our concerns in the world expanding to life in general rather than on COVID silliness, we look at this or that other hope, dream or concern. And we are not all unified now. We are back to life as usual where we have differing opinions on things. This means we are about to enter a time of "scraps and bruises." Feelings may even be hurt. Things will not happen in the time frame we want and what we want done in the way we want it done may not be the reality. Priorities will change. Procedures will change. But we weather it all together. That is community. That is family. Patience is a virtue that we must hold near and dear to for a time at least, until things balance out and a new norm that we can all live with is achieved.

I ask you all to remember CHARITY. With it we can over come all and the Holy Ghost will prevail in our lives.

As your spiritual Father, I am listening and

watching. As head of the house and chief steward, I am looking at the future and how it is we can move and navigate all that is to come with the grace and dignity of a Catholic. I see no insurmountable odds. I know you and trust you. I see no catastrophes, only smaller stuff that all families and communities go through.

I have vision for us 5, 10, 20, 30 and even 50 years down the road, well after I am dead and praying for you with the angels and the saints in our heavenly homeland. Yes, I anticipate getting there and I anticipate getting most of you there also. As I have told you, I believe many of us are numbered in that less than 1% that I think will make it to heaven.

What is my vision? Well, the question is wrong. Ask instead, What do I think is God's vision for us. Remember that I strive to do God's will for you, not my will. Not always easy by the way. Like you, selfishness and arrogance does creep in at times. Like Paul, I have thrones in my side to keep me humble. What is the vision? Stick with me. All will be revealed, each part in its own time. But I see us woking together and struggling together and great things happening for us.

So what is the purpose of this article? To let you know, I know. And to remind you to pray for me and for each other. As we get back to life as usual, do not let the little stuff get to you. Love God. Love each other. God is here. We are here. We have the Mass and we are giving glory to God. In return He is gracing us. With that grace, we move forward together, suffering together, being purified together, getting to heaven together. We are St. Gregory the Great Community of the Diocese of Lansing. The Devil be damned. We choose God and each other. (My heart just warmed another degree:)

Much Love. Fr. Robideau

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