

St. Basil Catholic Church

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**SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA VIKI!
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!**

~ LITURGY SCHEDULE ~

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE 1st Corinthians 16: 13-24
GOSPEL Matthew 21: 33-42

Saturday, August 22, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Health & Blessing of Fr. Dcn. Michael Opalka
by the Parish Family

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of Pani Anna Vavrak

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE 2nd Corinthians 1: 21-2: 4
GOSPEL Matthew 22: 1-14

Saturday, August 29, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

For the Faithful of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Fr. Martin is available to hear confession immediately following each Divine Liturgy, or by appointment.

~ REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ~

Please continue to remember in our prayers all the needs of the parish family, the sick and suffering, those who have asked for our prayers, especially Frantisek Vavrak, Helena Huk, Fr. Dcn. Michael Opalka, Fr. Ed Kakaty, Claudia Alarcon, Danny Leckliter, and George Stojkovic. Let us remember the priests and bishops of the Catholic Church, those people who have been denied their basic human rights and dignity, the oppressed, the lonely, the homeless and those who suffer, and those who have no peace of mind or heart.

PLAN AHEAD: ADVANCE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT PROGRAM Losing a loved one is never easy, and the last thing families should have to worry about during such a difficult time is navigating funeral logistics and unexpected costs. Funeral home services, burial sites, and related church fees can add up quickly, often creating financial and emotional strain on grieving family members at the worst possible moment. To help ease this burden, we're pleased to introduce a new program that allows you to make advance arrangements for your church plans and associated fees. By planning ahead, you can clarify your wishes, and spare your loved ones the added stress of making difficult decisions while grieving. Taking this step now is a meaningful gift to your family and one less thing for them to carry later. Please see Fred for more information and to begin making your arrangements.

~ PASTORAL MESSAGE ~

Dear faithful parishioners, and you who have come to our church for the first time – welcome!

Reading from St. John Chrysostom (c.347-407)

Many things He intimates by this parable. God's providence, which had been exercised towards them from the first; their murderous disposition from the beginning; that nothing had been omitted of whatever pertained to a heedful care of them; that even when prophets had been slain. He had not turned away from them, but had sent His very Son; that the God both of the New and of the Old Testament was one and the same; that His death should effect great blessings; that they were to endure extreme punishment for the crucifixion, and their crime; the calling of the Gentiles, the casting out of the Jews. And observe also both His great care, and the excessive idleness of these men. For what pertained to the husband- men, He Himself did, the hedging it round about, the planting the vineyard, and all the rest, and He left little for them to do; to take care of what was there, and to preserve what was given to them. For nothing was left undone, but all accomplished; and not even so did they gain, and this, when they had enjoyed such great blessings from Him. For when they had come forth out of Egypt, He gave a law, and set up a city, and built a temple, and pre- pared an altar. And went into afar country; that is, He bore long with them, not always bringing the punishments close upon their sins; for by His going into a far country, He means His great long-suffering. And He sent His servants, that is, the prophets, to receive the fruit; that is, their obedience, the proof of it by their works.

But they even here showed their wickedness, not only by failing to give the fruit, after having enjoyed so much care, which was the sign of idleness, but also by showing anger towards them that came. For they that had not to give when they owed, should not have been indignant, nor angry, but should have entreated. But they not only were indignant, but even filled their hands with blood, and while deserving punishment, themselves inflicted punishment. Therefore He sent both a second, and a third company, both that the wickedness of these might be shown, and the love towards man of Him who sent them. And wherefore sent He not His Son immediately? In order that they might condemn themselves for the things done to the others, and leave off their wrath, and reverence Him when He came.

Rev. Martin Vavrak – Administrator