

St. Basil Catholic Church

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

~ LITURGY SCHEDULE ~

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Galatians 2: 16-29
GOSPEL Luke 8: 5-15

Saturday, October 17, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

+Vincent Weir
by Mom, Viv and Pat

Gone from our sight but not from our hearts

Sanctuary Candle:

Health & Blessing of the Parish Family

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE Galatians 6: 11-18
GOSPEL Luke 16: 19-31

Saturday, October 24, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

+Julia Kandravy
by Darrly and Charles Roukema

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.

ROSARY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 10:15 a.m.

~ 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.

~ PASTORAL MESSAGE ~

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

Today the Lord relates another parable, again relating to the sower, who sowed good seed in his field. The Lord Christ explained this parable, saying that he was the sower of the good seed, that the devil was the enemy, the sower of tares, the harvest was the end of time and his field the world. But hear what he says. See you not that the tares stand in the midst of the good growth, and you wish to uproot the bad? Remain quiet, it is not yet the time of harvest. Let it come, and let it reveal to you the true wheat. Why need you be angry? Why are you impatient that the bad should now be mixed with the Good? They may be among you in the field, but in my barn they shall not be with you. Recall the three places that were spoken of yesterday, where the seed grew not, the wayside, the stony ground, the thorny ground. The tares are the same as these. In another similitude they receive but another name. Because when one speaks in parables it is not an attempt to describe the properties of a thing, or some truth, but to convey a likeness of a truth.

In parables and figures one thing can be called by many names. And so it is not out of place for me to say to you that the wayside, the stony places, the thorny places, are weak Christians; and that they are likewise tares. For is not Christ a lamb? And is he not also a lion? Among wild animals and domestic that which is a lamb is a lamb, and a lion is a lion. Christ is both. They are what they are by nature. He is both in figure. It happens also in similitude that things widely dissimilar are called by the same name. What is so widely dissimilar as Christ and the devil? Yet Christ is called a lion and so also is the devil. The one is a lion in strength, the other a lion in ferocity. *St. Augustine*

Rev. Martin Vavrak – Administrator

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS ~

COFFEE SOCIAL We kindly request a \$2 contribution for coffee and snacks. These funds will go toward weekly supplies as well as future social activities. A volunteer is also needed each week to make the coffee, bring a tasty treat, and cleanup. Thank you for your continued support of this weekly gathering.

HOLIDAY FOOD BANK DONATIONS Through November 7, we will be collecting funds to help feed the hungry during the upcoming holiday season. The Greek Catholic Union (GCU) will generously match the total of our final collection, up to \$500.00. All monies collected will be presented to Our Father's House Soup Kitchen, a local not for profit based in Pompano. Through your generosity, we can live out Christ's teaching to "feed the hungry" and be His hands in our neighborhood. Together, we can turn compassion into action. *"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." - Matthew 25:35* Please consider contributing today via the collection jar in the Vestibule.

TAG SALE Saturday, November 7, at OLOS from 7 am until 3:30 pm. St. Basil will have a booth and volunteers are needed. A sign-up sheet has been posted by the coffee station. Please consider lending a hand.

50/50 RAFFLE Drawing will take place during the St. Nicholas luncheon, and you do not need to be present to win. Tickets are available in the Vestibule.

ICONOGRAPHY CLASS Ever want to learn how to write (paint) an icon? OLOS would like to host an icon writing class from March 8-12, from 5 until 9 p.m. The class will be taught by Fr. Marek Visnovsky, rector of our Cathedral in Passaic, NJ. Fr. Marek has been teaching iconography for 25 years throughout the USA and Europe, and has written over 800 icons used in churches and private homes around the world. Cost for the class, including all supplies, is \$600.00. Deadline to register is February 21, 2027.