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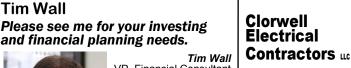
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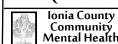
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> August 25, 2019 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Fr. Tom Brown

616-527-3610, ext. 12 616-755-1742 (evening)

Associate Pastor: Fr. Oscar Londoño, mxy 616-527-3610, ext. 14

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8 & 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. (Spanish)

Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesday: 6:00-6:45 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday: 3:00–3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Daily Mass Schedule (subject to change) (See inside cover for this week's Masses.)

Monday: 12:10 p.m. in the chapel Tuesday: Communion Service, 7:30 a.m.

in the chapel

Wednesday: 12:10 p.m. in the chapel 7:00 p.m. in the chapel (Spanish)

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. in the church (school days) Friday: 7:30 a.m. in the chapel

Sacraments

For questions regarding Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, or any other sacrament, please contact our parish office.

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request for immediate need, please call 616-522-0279, or 616-527-0438.



As many of you know from past issues of Faith Grand Rapids magazine, our diocese has launched an "Our Shepherds, Our Future Capital Campaign" to raise funds for seminarian formation and clergy retirement. The bulk of the funds, \$29,000,000 will go into 2 funds for the seminarians. Another \$2,000,000 will go to supplement the diocesan retired priest fund. Last April, Faith magazine gave us the funding broken down by parishes. A small group of 8 parishes ran their campaign last spring and early summer. Of the remaining parishes, half will run it this winter and half next spring. We are in the half that will run our campaign this winter. Specifically, November 2019 – February 2020.

Now the hard news. For Saints Peter and Paul, our amount is \$570,000. Yes, it's a lot. After I got over the shock, I began to think about it. Before I arrived here, you ran a fantastic campaign for the parish. You raised \$700,000 over the course of three years! WOW! Wonderful. Then I began to think. Can we not then raise \$570,000 over the next three years for this campaign? The more I thought about it, the more I am sure we can. That's \$130,000 less than we raised for the parish improvements. The question for us is not if we can, but do we want to do this?

So, is this worth it? There are, of course, many reasons for why this is most certainly well worth our efforts. We very clearly need Mass and Holy Communion. We need Baptism for our children, Marriage for our young people, Anointing of the Sick for our ill family members, and funerals for our deceased. We need an explanation of the Scriptures and Reconciliation when we fall away. And we clearly don't want to get in our cars and drive 40, 60, or more miles trying to find a priest. We want one in our own parish.

God has blessed us with men seeking to respond to His call to leave everything and follow Him. As Catholics, we seek to help them say "Yes" to God.

Will you do this? Give it some prayerful thought.

God bless you! Fr. Tom

AUGUST 25, 2019

Receive. Believe. Share. Recibir. Creer. Compartir.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Saturday, August 24

4:00 p.m. Kay Conner (Helene Dunn)

Sunday, August 25

8:00 a.m. Vernon Brown (K of C Council 944)

11:30 a.m. Jon Caswell (Dan & Gail Lower)

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, August 26—Weekday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8-10/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Mt 23:13-22

12:10 p.m. Bob Thue (BC)

Tuesday, August 27—St. Monica

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mt 23:23-26

7:30 a.m. Communion Service (BC)

Wednesday, August 28—St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12/Mt 23:27-32

12:10 p.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish (BC)

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (BC)

7:00 p.m. Misa en español (BC)

Thursday, August 29—The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17/Mk 6:17-29

8:00 a.m. Saints Peter & Paul School Family (CH)

Friday, August 30—Weekday

1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12/Mt 25:1-13

7:30 a.m. Ted Mastee (BC)

Saturday, August 31—Weekday

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary (CH)

1:00 p.m. Wedding of Fernando Lluvias & Gabriela Reyes (CH)

3:00 p.m. Confessions (CH)

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7 10-11/Heb 12:18-9, 22-24/

Lk 14:1, 7-14

Saturday, August 31

4:00 p.m. Fr. Thomas McKinney

Sunday, September 1

8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving (Pat Brockman)

11:30 a.m. Vernon Brown

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

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CH = Church \overline{PO} = Parish Office

 \overline{SC} = School **Anead** $\overline{\underline{BC}}$ = Basement Chapel

VR = Veritas Room \overline{UP} = Upper Room

Sunday, August 25

9:15 a.m. RCIA (PO)

After Masses Sign-ups for Faith Formation (CH)

Monday, August 26

Preschool begins Scripture Study (PO)

Tuesday, August 27

6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Liturgy Commission Meeting (PO)

Wednesday, August 28

6:30 p.m. Cancer Support Group (PO)

Thursday, August 29

5:00 p.m.

Life Fit (VR)

Friday, August 30

No School

Saturday, August 31

8:30 a.m.

Scriptural Rosary (CH)

Sunday, September 1

No RCIA



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Liturgical Ministers for Saturday & Sunday, August 31st & September 1st

4:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. Cecilia Luke Walt Downes Richard Esparza Lector:

John & Cheryl Hildebrandt, Julie Bennett, Tim Wall. Ministers of Phill & Sue Wizorek. Communion: Jane Emelander Marilyn Flanagan Volunteer

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Monday Night Study Group—Summer Series

Our Monday night study group has been enjoying a series of one-night-topic sessions this summer. We meet in the parish office living room at 6:30 p.m. Would you like to join us? All are welcome!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Did you know that 98% of couples who attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend stay together? Refresh your faith and invest in your marriage by attending one of the upcoming weekends: September 27-29 in Detroit, or November 15-17 in Adrian. Visit www.wwme.org or contact Chris & Darla Vinton at 269-953-8287 for more information or to apply.



I invite you to consider volunteering to help with our Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) ministry this year.

Your assistance is very much needed in order to continue to offer this vital faith opportunity to the children of our parish.

Children's Our goal is to offer CLOW at the 4:00 p.m. of the Word Saturday and 11:30 a.m. Sunday Masses throughout the school year. In order to do

this, we need faith leaders and helpers for every weekend of the year. The more volunteers, the lighter the weight of this effort will be for all! Please prayerfully consider committing to 1 or more weekends, and help us to complete our schedule for the school year!

All volunteers must be VIRTUS (Protecting God's Children) certified, which is a simple process that can be accomplished online. A criminal background check and agreement to ministerial standards set forth by the diocese are also required. Training is provided!

You can sign up to commit to 1 or more dates/times by contacting me at the parish office, or by clicking the Signup Genius link in the online invitation you may have received by email,

Thank you for helping our young people to experience and receive the Gospel message in their own way through this ministry! God bless you!

Toni McKay

Mass & Blessing of Pastoral Musicians Bishop David Walkowiak, presiding

All parish musicians of the diocese are invited to Mass with a blessing of renewal and recommitment to their ministry at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew on September 17 at 6:30 p.m. All pastors, deacons, music directors, instrumentalists, cantors, choir members, and staff associated with liturgical music are welcome! A reception on the Piazza Secchia will be held afterward.



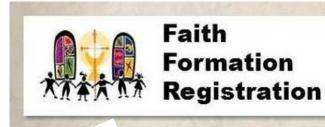
Come & See! RCIA Inquiry Session Sunday, August 25, 9:15 a.m. **Parish Office Living Room**

The Catholic Church teaches that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, entered into our world to save us from sin and bring us salvation. As He preached His message, He invited His listeners to repent and to follow in His footsteps. Every human being is in constant need of conversion and is invited to reach for truth. We believe the fullness of truth is found in the Catholic Church, and so we extend to all this invita-

Inquiry sessions DO NOT assume a commitment to join the Catholic Church. Inquiry sessions are opportunities to ask questions about God, Jesus, the Catholic Church, the Mass, Saints, Sacraments, prayer,

All who are unbaptized, baptized into another denomination, or baptized Catholic but have not been actively engaged in their faith, are invited to participate.

If you believe God might be calling you to grow in relationship with Him, we welcome your inquiry and will be glad to walk with you as you seek to discern His will for your life.





August 24 & 25 following Masses, in the church

Registration is open for our 2019-20 Faith Formation year! Stop by the Faith Formation table (at the main entrance to church) after Mass to register your children (K-12). We encourage families to sign up early to beat the last minute rush, and to be well-informed of our program before classes begin. Faith Formation classes begin Sunday, September 15, and run from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. in the school. Registration fee, which assists with program costs, is \$65 per family.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Open Enrollment

Are you looking for an excellent school for your children? Please consider enrolling them in SS. Peter and Paul! Enrollment (K-8) is open, and we would welcome the chance to show you what we have to offer:

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Contact our principal, Mrs. Jenny Leik, at 616-527-3561 for more information.



The annual Ionia Area CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 6, beginning at the Ionia County Commission on Aging. Our parishioners will once again be joining other area walkers to raise money for worldwide and local hunger relief. Last year, area walkers raised almost \$15,000, and we hope to top that amount on this 50th anniversary of CROP Hunger Walks. If you would like to walk, please call Pat Rinker at 517-898-5676, for materials. If you won't be able to walk with us this year, please donate what you can to feed the hungry among us. Remember Jesus' words in Matthew 25: "When I was hungry, you gave me to eat." Let us respond generously to Christ's call in our hungry neighbors by walking or donating for this important cause. Details will be shared with all who sign up to walk.

Congratulations to Lon & Pat MacLachlan

who celebrate their

50th Wedding Anniversary on August 30.



Spiritual Adoption—Week 17

He/she is about the size of a large vigil candle (about 6 inches long), weighing in around 7 ounces. Adult teeth are already forming under the baby teeth. Myelin is forming around your baby's spinal cord to insulate it, allowing signals to flow smoothly between the brain and the rest of the body. Truly, we are fearfully and wonderfully made! (See Psalm 139:14.) Thank you for your prayers for this child and his/her family.

Cancer Support Group

This support group allows persons touched by cancer to gain insight and support, pray for one another, and share in a warmhearted and understanding environment. Those with cancer, survivors, and caregivers are all welcome. The group meets every other Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Office living room. Our next gathering will be August 28th.

Meijer Simply Give Double Match Days

In support of the 2019 Fall Simply Give Campaign, Meijer in Ionia will double match every donation to the Zion Community Food Pantry that is made at Meijer on Friday, August 30, and Friday, September 13. Donation cards may be purchased in any amount of \$10 or more at the Ionia Meijer store. If you purchase a \$10 card, Meijer will donate \$20 to the Zion Food Pantry, for a total donation of \$30. Your \$50 donation would be matched by Meijer with \$100, for a total value of \$150. Questions can be directed to Debra Hall, Director of the Zion Community Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen, and Mobile Food Pantry, at 616-527-1910, or 989-400-2121.

Weekend Retreat for Men

Men of the diocese, reserve the weekend of Sept. 6-8 for River of Life: Flowing from our Baptism, an opportunity to explore our Christian calling.

Location: St. Francis Retreat Center, 703 E. Main, DeWitt, MI 48820

Suggested donation: \$185.

To register: Call John Teeples at 616-443-5034, call the retreat center at 517-669-8321, or register online at www.stfrancis.ws



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Retrouvaille GR hosts September Retreat

Do you feel lost, alone, or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse?

Rediscover healing and love and find hope by attending Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i). The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. The next Retrouvaille program is September 20-22 at the beautiful Camp Geneva in Holland. For more information, to register, or to sponsor a couple, call 616-752-7004, email retrograndrapids@gmail.com or visit retrouvaille.org.

Our Parish Purpose Statement - Saints Peter & Paul Parish

Our Pastoral Council has been working intensely with Father Tom to develop a Pastoral Plan for our parish. Parish Pastoral Planning is a prayerful and participative process through which a parish characterizes itself as a particular community of faith by developing its own purpose statement, assessing its strengths and resources, as well as its limitations and needs. All of this leads to making recommendations to the pastor concerning establishment of priorities and goals, and devising ways to accomplish its mission. Parish Pastoral Planning helps to answer the questions: Who are we as a parish? What are we called to do? How are we best going to do it?

All of us are called to participate fully in the life and mission of the Church. The mission of the Church is rooted in the mission of Christ who commanded everyone - clergy, religious, and laity - to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15). From its earliest days the Church has responded to this mission in various ways depending upon the times and circumstances.

Creating this statement of our parish's purpose was a great challenge. The council could have simply quoted the parish purpose from the great commission of Matthew 28: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Jesus' commission rings loud, yet there is great need in the world for the Catholic faithful to be moved to a renewed zest for the gospel, both personally and in sharing it with others. By establishing a purpose statement for our parish, the council hopes to eliminate any question as to our parish's sacred purpose, and to ensure that the work of the parish, in all its forms, is directed toward this purpose.

Our parish purpose statement:

Our sacred purpose as Saints Peter and Paul Parish is to . . .

use our God-given gifts . . .

Every parishioner is called upon to exercise the divinely-inspired calling and gifts conferred in Baptism for a particular function in carrying out the mission of Jesus Christ.

to awaken faith, inspire discipleship, and trust in God's plan . . .

Being a member of Saints Peter & Paul Parish is not only aimed at one's personal sanctity. We are called to bring Christ out into the world, wherever our journey takes us, to affect the sanctity of all people. Each of us is to exude our Catholic faith as to rouse faith in others, to be an example of Christian discipleship, and to exemplify trust in God's divine plan in all things.

so that all who enter our doors may receive, believe, and share God's love.

Whether one "enters our doors" by simply coming into contact with a parish member, or physically passes through the doors of our church building, our purpose is the same: To stir the hearts of people, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to become open to receive all the Lord unconditionally offers to every person, to attain certainty in the Gospel message, and to share in God's love by embracing his love personally and becoming a vessel in bringing his love to others.



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CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for always being present to us in the Church which you gave as the means for our salvation and that of the whole world. A Church through which life-giving and sustaining graces are poured into and over us by the holy Sacraments. A Church which is truly your "body" here on earth. We are members of that body, filled with the Holy Spirit and bountiful graces, and compelled to use the blessings, gifts, and favors which have been given us to build up that body.

Renew us with your grace and the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may give serious thought to how each of us can better use our time, talent, and treasure to build up your Church and to love better our brothers and sisters who make up your holy Church.

May the Parish of SS. Peter and Paul continue to be a community of believers who are willing to spend time learning about God's Word and will, about the words and works of Holy men and women who have loved Jesus and his Church, and may we then serve one another

and our fellow human beings, in showing them God and his Holy Church.

This we pray, dear Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

The Stewardship Campaign Prayer was written by a Saints Peter and Paul Parishioner.



Liturgical Ministers – August 2019

Date/Mass Time	Lector	Ministers of Com- munion	Altar Servers	Hospitality
August 3 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass 18th Sunday in Or-	Kara Griffith	Jane Emelander Denny Hybarger Barb Christensen	Adah Drown Elliot Rewa	Theresa Scholtens Toni Montgomery
August 4 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jamie Meyer	Marilyn Flanagan Mary Perrien Walt Downes	Addyson Roundtree Matt Meyer	Dave O'Mara Judy Hamblin Pat Brockman
August 4 Sunday 11:30 a.m. Mass 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jacqueline Franz	Darren Schafer Mellissa Harvey Richard Esparza	Joseph Harvey Miguel Pilar	Tracey Bergeron Rod Bergeron Julie Bennett
August 10 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass 19 th Sunday in Or- dinary Time	Cecilia Luke	Mary Lou Mulick Garry Mulick Theresa Scholtens	Jaclyn Rewa Tiffany Ferguson	Mary O'Connor Carol Cope
August 11 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Denise Peabody	Cheryl Hildebrandt John Hildebrandt Laurie Tjalsma	Paul Meyer Sam Meyer	Deb Porter Laurie Rosekrans Donald Rosekrans
August 11 Sunday 11:30 a.m. Mass 19 th Sunday in Or- dinary Time	Richard Esparza	Ron Drysdale Tim Wall Volunteer	Avelin McGuire Emilee Thelen	Roger & Karen Thelen Family

Date/Mass Time	Lector	Ministers of Com-	Altar Servers	Hospitality
August 17 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass	Phill Wizorek	Jane Emelander Denny Hybarger Sue Wizorek	Jordan Ciganick Kendall Cusack	Carol Cope Toni Montgomery
Ordinary Time				
August 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Amy Pung	Veronica Meyer Karen Meyers Denise Peabody	Connor Pung Avery Roundtree	Yolanda Preston Jerry Preston Dave O'Mara
August 18 Sunday 11:30 a.m. Mass	Jamie Schafer	Richard Esparza Julie Bennett Darren Schafer	Rachel Siemen Emily Pilar	Linda Droste Dane Droste
Ordinary Time				
August 24 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass	Kara Griffith	Barb Christensen Cecilia Luke Denny Hybarger	Carmen Rewa Mylee Thelen	Mary Lou Mulick Garry Mulick
21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time				
August 25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass	Veronica Meyer	Brad Starks Sue Huver Mary Perrien	Christian Trierweiler Nicole Trierweiler	Jim Huver Trierweiler Family
Ordinary Time August 25 Sunday 11:30 a.m. Mass	Jacqueline Franz	Ron Drysdale Mellissa Harvey Volunteer	Hannah Wirtz Caitlin McGuire	Maria Cardenas Pilya Christensen Chris Christensen
Ordinary Time				
August 31 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Cecilia Luke	Phill Wizorek Sue Wizorek Jane Emelander	Elliot Rewa Joseph Rewa	Toni Montgomery Theresa Scholtens
September 1 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass	Walt Downes	Marilyn Flanagan Cheryl Hildebrandt John Hildebrandt	Ava Perry Matt Meyer	Pat Brockman Judy Hamblin Jim Huver
Ordinary Time September 1 Sunday 11:30 a.m. Mass	Richard Esparza	Tim Wall Julie Bennett Volunteer	Grace Droste Audrey Wall	Schafer Family
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