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November 10, 2019 Thirty-Second 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

Suppose you loan a person \$500. Then the person comes and says, "I can't pay you back." How would you feel? At the very least, you might say, "I'll never loan you any more money." At worst, you would demand payment. Either way, it would have a poor influence on your relationship. Transfer this to the spiritual realm and you have what we as Catholics call indulgences. Almost. The difference is that we receive payment in an indulgence, not that we forgive unpaid debt. The payment comes from the Church, which has received the authority from Jesus to write off the debt. "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven, and whose sins you retain are retained," Jesus told his apostles.

This concept of indulgences is indeed found in the Bible. Remember Moses and the giving of the Ten Commandments? Remember how while Moses was with the Lord God's wrath against the Israelites arose? God intended to destroy them for their sin. But Moses prayed, "Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky...'" So the Lord relented in the punishment he had threatened. This is an indulgence won by the faithfulness of Abraham and applied to the sinful Israelites. Likewise Solomon was pardoned because of the faithfulness of his departed father David.

These and other examples point the way to the Church. Here the people are pardoned by God our Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. We live in a family, a community of God in the Church. That's true in the natural order of life. It is also true in the supernatural realm. The saints bear our burdens, and we must 'bear one another's burdens.' St. Paul understood this and he said, "...in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, the Church." Some Christians will object, insisting that what Jesus Christ won was once and for all. It is true that Jesus pronounced, "It is finished." Jesus indeed won for us the perfect work of our redemption. But at the same time it was just a beginning because, at that moment, Christ gave out to us, through the Holy Spirit, a share in his own life, death and resurrection. He transferred to us all that he had won. So at the end of his earthly ministry he said, "It is finished," and transferred his redemptive work to the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit applies to the saints and to all of us what Christ won through his life, death and resurrection. We see the Church exercising the authority Moses exercised at Mt. Sinai: the right and the duty to call on the merits of the saints. The Church has distributed these merits by attaching them to prayers, works and sacrifices that build up Christ's body. They range from giving up smoking for a day to undertaking a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

When the Church speaks of indulgences, she speaks of them in the context of 'enjoying the full benefits of the family.' We are free to do so because of God. God is just, merciful, and indulgent. He is our Father. And He has arranged everything, even the supernatural, as a family affair. His family. His life.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

NOVEMBER 10, 2019

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One Lord, One Faith,
One Baptism

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38
Saturday, November 9
4:00 p.m. Bill+ & Lillian Overbeck—Wedding Anniversary
(Sally Taylor & Tom Weaver)

Sunday, November 10
8:00 a.m. Viola Merritt (Chris & Whitney Crooks)
11:30 a.m. Rena Ferguson (Gary & Janice Ferguson)
(5th & 6th graders minister at this Mass.)
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, November 11—St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1-10/Lk 17:1-6
12:10 p.m. Vernon Brown (BC)

Tuesday, November 12—St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10
7:30 a.m. Communion Service (BC)

Wednesday, November 13—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
12:10 p.m. Francis Murphy (BC)
6:00 p.m. Holy Hour with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (BC)
7:00 p.m. Misa en español (BC)

Thursday, November 14—Weekday
Wis 7:22—8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
8:00 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish (CH)

Friday, November 15—St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor
Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 17:26-37
7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory (BC)

Saturday, November 16—St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary (CH)
1:00 p.m. Quinceañera for Marissa Garcia (CH)
3:00 p.m. Confessions (CH)

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mal 3:19-20/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
Saturday, November 16
4:00 p.m. Parents of Alice Samani-Zozo & John Lalley

Sunday, November 17
8:00 a.m. Living & deceased of Patrick & Carol Lewis family
11:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Thome
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS FOR THIS WEEK

GENERAL CLEANING: Juan Bello,
Benigna Muñoz, Brian Bello, Valerio Bello

VACUUMING:
Shannon Andrews, Debra Sochor

AH = Apostles’ Hall
CR = Cornerstone Room
SC = School
BC = Basement Chapel

CH = Church
PO = Parish Office
VR = Veritas Room
UP = Upper Room

Sunday, November 10
9:15 a.m. RCIA (PO)
10:15 a.m. Faith Formation classes (SC)
12:30 p.m. Eucharistic Minister Training (CH)
12:30 p.m. Painting with Sara Alvord (AH)

Monday, November 11—Veterans Day
6:00 p.m. Auction Meeting (Renucci’s)
6:30 p.m. Scripture Study (PO)

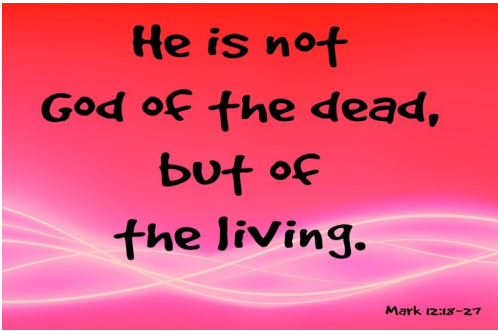
Tuesday, November 12
10:00 a.m. Healing Our Church (PO)
5:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting (VR)
6:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
6:30 p.m. English as a Second Language (AH)

Wednesday, November 13
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (AH)

Thursday, November 14
5:00 p.m. Life Fit (VR)
6:30 p.m. English as a Second Language (AH)
6:30 p.m. Group Grief Session (PO)
7:00 p.m. Healing Our Church (VR)

Saturday, November 16
9:30 a.m. Women’s Book Discussion (PO)
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary (CH)

Sunday, November 17
9:15 a.m. RCIA (PO)
10:15 a.m. Faith Formation classes (SC)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (AH)



OUR PARISH OFFERING - November 2 & 3, 2019

Adults	\$10,364.86
Students	3.97
Loose	616.96
Electronic Giving	1,215.00
Total	\$12,200.79
-5% Tithe	-610.04
Net Total	\$11,590.75

Budgeted Weekly: \$9,038.46
Surplus for the Week: \$3,162.33

World Mission Sunday: \$5.00
Christmas Baskets \$380.00

July 1, 2019-November 3, 2019 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection

Year-to-Date: \$174,279.07
Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$171,730.74
Surplus Year-to-Date: \$2,548.33

Please pray for:

Berta Martinez
Rachel Cross
Colleen Goodman
Mike Swartout
Stan Krycinski
Jane Gazella
Fr. Joe Fix
Pat Reinhardt
Tim Cook
Brooke Hardy
Isaac Fletcher
Cal Smith
Barbara Gibson
Marilyn Rewa
Margaret Stoj
Alma Koch
Maribeth Fritz
Margo Burton
Ian Howe
Cindy White
Jo Wirtz

Marian Gillette
Angela Misner
Maxine Fox
Robert Grinstern
Sherry Palmer
Phil Fox
Deb Jarous
James Schroeder
Sue Mitchell
Joy Struble
Irene Kneale
Margaret O’Malley
Sarah Hill
Tom White
John Lapien
Marissa Fahey
Peyton Dennis
Nancy Roberts
Glenna Miller
Cathy Driscoll
Anne Lincoln
Pete & Annie Ludwick

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Richard Mackowiak
Chuck Stevens
Annette Krycinski
Barbara Bennett
Diane Wilson
Nichole Munsell
Jace Peterson
Pat McKinstry
Brian Lyons
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Jean Barker
Georgia Sibert
John McKay
Ivan Stebbins
Ian David Faist
Deborah Kaminski
Sue Swinehart
Mary Lou Greenhoe
Larry Lafler
Larry Northrup
Janet Beeman
Marcia Cook

We continue to pray for all who need healing in body, mind, or spirit. If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the parish office. Be sure you have the consent of the person or a family member. Names will remain on the prayer list for three months and may then be removed. Requests may be renewed.

Liturgical Ministers for Saturday & Sunday, November 16th & 17th

Lector:	4:00 p.m. Kara Griffith	8:00 a.m. Pete Fox	11:30 a.m. Jamie Schafer
Ministers of Communion:	Barb Christensen, Theresa Scholtens, Sue Wizorek	John & Cheryl Hildebrandt, Laurie Tjalsma	Melissa Harvey, Darren Schafer, Volunteer
Altar Servers:	Joe Harvey, Elliot Rewa	Lexi Heinlein, Paul Meyer	Avelin McGuire, Emily Pilar
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This weekend marks the official start of the **Our Shepherds—Our Future** Capital Campaign in our parish. Our parish goal is \$570,000 over the three-year life of the campaign. A packet has been prepared for each registered parishioner and has been mailed to your home. The packet contains a letter which includes a specific dollar amount that you are asked to *prayerfully* consider. Please review the campaign material, pray about your response, and continue to spread a positive message about this important effort!

More Volunteers Welcome!!!

We will soon be preparing new schedules for our **church cleaning teams, vacuuming teams, collection counting teams, and bulletin stuffing teams.** New volunteers are always welcome, but this would be the PERFECT time for you to consider joining a team, forming a new one, or letting us know that you need to step down. Please call Cecilia at the parish office (527-3610) for more information or to volunteer.

Church Cleaners; Church Vacuumers

A number of teams of volunteers clean the church and sacristy each week, and other teams vacuum the body of the church and the vestibule. Teams are scheduled on a rotating basis and serve about once every 2 months.

Church Bulletin Stuffers

We print our own church bulletins, and each week the center page must be “stuffed” into them. We have several two-member teams who take turns assembling the bulletins. They usually work for 30 to 60 minutes on a Friday morning about once a month.

Church Collection Counters

Teams of four people count the weekend collection each Monday morning at 9 a.m. The teams are scheduled on a rotating basis and serve about once a month.

Our next Youth Group gathering will be on Sunday, November 17, from 6-8 p.m. in Apostles Hall.

Spiritual Adoption—Week 28

“Now that’s a breath of fresh air!” Although your baby’s lungs aren’t quite fully developed yet, they would be capable of breathing if your baby was born today. His/her movements are stronger and more organized, and steady weight gain is filling out the wrinkles in that baby-soft skin. Thank you for your prayers!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Remembrance Mass so special!



When a loved one dies, a piece of us dies with them. As we go through life and experience loss, part of us gains a foothold in heaven. The imagery is so beautiful and so true. The more we grieve with hope in the resurrection, the thinner the veil between heaven and earth becomes. Eventually, entering heaven will be a reunion with all those who’ve gone ahead of us.

Book of the Names of the Dead

During the month of November, our *Book of the Names of the Dead* will remain on a lectern at the back of church. We invite you to write in the book the names of deceased loved ones you’d like us to remember in prayer. We’ve used this book since 2002, so the names of many of our deceased are already included. They need not be added again.



Knights Corner

The Knights will be selling the 2020 tickets for our 50-50 raffle in the back of church for \$20. Each ticket has 48 chances to win. That’s less than 42 cents per chance!

October Raffle Winners: Sandra Thelen, Steve Shray, Patrick Hummel, Garry Ferguson

November Raffle Winners: Julie Stewart, Tonya & Dave Fletcher, David Rosekrans, Sue Huver

The Knights will be collecting contributions for our Coats-for-Kids program. Last year we were able to provide 85 Coats-for-Kids. These coats provided warmth for kids, sizes toddler to young adult. We are accepting cash donations, as well as new and gently used clean coats. The coats may be placed in the orange tote in the back of church.

The Knights have a limited supply of “Keep Christ in Christmas” yard signs for sale at the back of church. Cost is \$10. As we get closer to the holiday season, this would be a great reminder to all of us of the true meaning of Christmas.

These young people were sealed with the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Grand Rapids on Sunday, November 3, 2019

Colyn Matthew Ciganick
Nevaeh Clark
Julio Erik Corona-Sanchez
Eric Alexis Cruz-Santos
Israel Tomy Cruz-Santos
Samuel Guy Eppler
Tess Marie Griffith
Kyle Edward Jones
Roy Aidan Kapp III
Alexa Leon
Fernando Leon Jr.
Luis Fernando Lopez
Carla Fernanda Lopez-Andres
Caitlin Olivia-Rose McGuire
Paul Douglas Meyer
Samuel Joseph Meyer
Charmaris Nava-Serrano
Arturo Oliveros Jr.
Emily Oliveros-Ramirez
Juan Manuel Pacheco-Santos
Julisa Areli Pacheco-Santos
Ava Marie Perry (10-13-2019)
Connor Michael Pung
Ani Berenice Ramirez Chilel
Fabiola Janeth Ramirez-Chilel
Anabel Ramos-Soriano
Eliza Ramos-Soriano
Jovanny Rebollar
Devon Hunter Reyes
Ronaldo Rios-Santana
Elizabeth Rios-Soriano
Jazmin Rios-Soriano
Ruben Rios-Soriano
Valentina Sanchez-Sosa
Ariel Santana
Mireya Santana
Nayeli Santana-Venegas
Omar Santana-Venegas
Cristian Vazquez-Rico
Alexander Raine Villanueva



The Healing Our Church theme for Week 6 is **A Way Forward.** We refocus on our connection to Christ, whom we meet in the sacraments and the Scriptures in the community of the faithful. We explore together what we believe and why.

First Reconciliation/First Communion Parent Meeting

Sunday, November 17 at 10:15 a.m.
(in the 2nd grade classroom)

Attendance is very important for all parents of children who will celebrate these Sacraments in the spring of 2020.

Grief Support Group Sessions

Our final session in this series is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office living room.

Cancer Support Group

This group meets every other Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Office living room. Our next gathering will be November 20.

ADVENT IS COMING

SAVE THESE DATES on your calendars now.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd -

Advent by Candlelight, with guest speaker Theresa Marshall, Assistant Director of Campus Ministry/Liturgist at Aquinas College, 6:00 p.m. in Apostles Hall.



“All flesh shall see the Salvation of God!”

The short season of Advent can be a rich training ground for practicing the presence of God in our hearts and in our everyday relationships. It can equip us to tell of the marvelous acts of God that we celebrate at Christmas time.

Table hostesses are needed! Please prayerfully consider hosting a table of guests for this **spectacular evening!** For more information or to reserve your table to host, contact Kip Geldhof at 517-983-8241 or Toni McKay at 616-527-3610.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th - “Presence - The Mystery of the Eucharist” Enriching Our Advent. Details to come!

November 2019 Liturgical Ministers' Schedule

SSPP Liturgical Ministers Schedule November 2019				
November 2/3, 2019 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Ministers of Hospitality
Saturday 4:00 Mass	Mia Johnson	Melissa Harvey Gloria Hozeski Dennis Hybarger	Kaylynn Wizorek Lillie Johnson	Mary Foy Carol Cope
Sunday 8:00 Mass	Jamie Meyer	Denise Peabody Mary Perrien Veronica Meyer	Matthew Meyer Sam Meyer	Jerry & Yolanda Preston Dave O'Mara
Sunday 11:30 Mass	Jackie Franz	Tim Wall Rich Esparza Volunteer	Audrey Wall Jordyn Ciganick	Roger & Karen Thelen Family Melissa Wall

November 9/10, 2019 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Ministers of Hospitality
Saturday 4:00 Mass	Cecilia Luke	Julie Bennett Jane Emelander Madolyn Richardson	Adah Drown Emilee Thelen	Rod & Tracy Bergeron Deb Campbell
Sunday 8:00 Mass	Denise Peabody	Sue Huver Brad Starks Karen Meyers	Nicole Trierweiler Avery Roundtree	Jim Huver Trierweiler Family
Sunday 11:30 Mass	SSPP School	David Petersen (SSPP) Jenny Leik (SSPP) Volunteer	SSPP School	SSPP School

SSPP Liturgical Ministers Schedule November 2019				
Nov. 16/17, 2019 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Ministers of Hospitality
Saturday 4:00 Mass	Kara Griffith	Barb Christensen Theresa Scholtens Sue Wizorek	Elliot Rowa Joe Harvey	Garry & Mary Lou Mulick Mary O'Connor
Sunday 8:00 Mass	Pete Fox	Cheryl Hildebrandt John Hildebrandt Laurie Tjalsma	Paul Meyer Lexi Heintz	Fal Brockman Judy Hamblin
Sunday 11:30 Mass	Jamie Schafer	Darren Schafer Melissa Harvey Volunteer	Avelin McGuire Emily Pilar	Chris & Pilya Christensen Pamela Pontius

Nov. 23/24, 2019 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Ministers of Hospitality
Saturday 4:00 Mass	Ryan Ford	Garry Mulick Mary Lou Mulick Cecilia Luke	Serena Ford Mylce Thelen	Julie Bennett Toni Montgomery
Sunday 8:00 Mass	Amy Pung	Nancy Bouck Barb Christensen Walt Downes	Connor Pung Sam Eopler	Epper Family Deb Porter
Sunday 11:30 Mass	Rich Esparza	Ron Dryscale Roger Thelen Volunteer	Trevor Castillo Hannah Wirtz	Rod & Tracey Bergeron Jane & Linda Droste

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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STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

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.

