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January 19, 2020
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in Ordinary Time

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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
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Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent

In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe.

She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples.

You who are my messenger, in you I place my absolute trust. (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

By embracing the mission entrusted to him, St. Juan Diego helped bring Christ's transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death.

Today, we again see the dignity of human life disregarded. Unborn children are destroyed through abortion, and ill people are encouraged and assisted to take their own lives. How do we respond?

The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.

God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is chosen.

We are called to be messengers of God's love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. Every person is sent.

Like St. Juan Diego, let us embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love.

---From the USCCB, 2019

*One Lord, One Faith,
One Baptism*



AH = Apostles' Hall **CH** = Church
CR = Cornerstone Room **PO** = Parish Office
SC = School **VR** = Veritas Room
BC = Basement Chapel **UP** = Upper Room

Sunday, January 19

9:15 a.m. RCIA (PO)
 10:15 a.m. Faith Formation classes (SC)
 1:00 p.m. K of C Free Throw Contest (Gym)
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group (VR)

Monday, January 20—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No School
 6:30 p.m. Scripture Study (PO)

Tuesday, January 21

6:30 p.m. English as a Second Language (AH)
 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council (VR)

Wednesday, January 22

5:30 p.m. Dinner for school families (AH)
 6:30 p.m. Meeting for school parents (CH)
 6:30 p.m. Cancer Support Group (PO)

Thursday, January 23

4:00 p.m. Life Fit Session I (VR)
 5:30 p.m. Life Fit Session II (VR)
 6:30 p.m. English as a Second Language (AH)

Saturday, January 25

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

Sunday, January 26

8:00 a.m. Catholic Schools Week Mass (CH)
 9:00 a.m. Breakfast (AH)
 9:15 a.m. RCIA (PO)
 10:15 a.m. Faith Formation classes (SC)
 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Session (VR)

*“Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away
the sin of the world!”*

OUR PARISH OFFERING - January 11 & 12, 2020

Adults	\$5,100.98
Students	0.30
Loose	220.01
Electronic Giving	2,542.00
Total	\$7,863.29
-5% Tithe	-393.16
Net Total	\$7,470.13

Budgeted Weekly: \$9,038.46
Deficit for the Week: \$1,175.17

Catholic Relief Services	\$50.00
Flowers	\$50.00
School Annual Appeal	\$100.00

July 1, 2019-January 12, 2020 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection

Year-to-Date: \$270,785.12
 Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$262,115.34
Surplus Year-to-Date: \$8,669.78

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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, January 25 & 26, 2020

	4:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
Lector:	Kara Griffith	Amy Pung	Nancy Wilson
Ministers of Communion:	Phill & Sue Wizorek, Cecilia Luke	Denise Peabody, Brad Starks, Laurie Tjalsma	Richard Esparza, Jamie Schafer, Tim Wall
Altar Servers:	Adah Drown, Carmen Rewa	Lexi Heinlein, Nicole Trierweiler	Mylee Thelen, Hannah Wirtz
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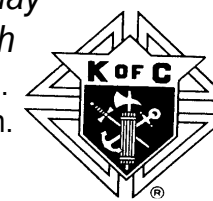
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Our parish's target amount: \$570,000
Pledges as of 1-15-2020: \$330,237
Pledge amount still needed: \$239,763

Extra pledge cards are available in the parish office and in the back of church. Please complete your pledge card this week and return it to the parish office. Call us with any questions: 616-527-3610.

Men's Retreat at St. Patrick in Parnell with Fr. Phil Shangraw

"Now Is the Winter of Our Discontent"
How to protect ourselves from the cold winds of divisiveness and polarization

Saturday, February 1st
8:00 a.m. until 12 noon
Cost is \$15, including breakfast

Please contact Cheryl Emmette to register: pastoralassociate@spp.org

Life Fit

Life Fit is now offering two fitness sessions on Thursday evenings in the Veritas Room. Session I from 4:00—5:00 p.m. focuses on weight training and floor exercises using 3-5 pound weights with repetition. Session II from 5:30—6:30 p.m. is an introduction to stretching and toning using light, 1-3 pound weights. Both sessions are designed to be a total body workout, with emphasis on posture, balance, muscle tone, joint movement, and relaxation. Life Fit is a great way to start the New Year. Any questions, call Kip Geldhof at 517-983-8241.

Aquinas College STEM AQDay

Aquinas College welcomes any high school students and families to our STEM AQDay on Friday, January 24. If you're interested in pursuing a career in science, technology, engineering, math, health sciences, nursing, or kinesiology – this day is for you! Details and registration can be found at aquinas.edu/STEMaqday.

Reminder to Ministers of Communion to the sick and homebound: Please approach the tabernacle after Mass to place the hosts in your pyx for distribution to the sick. Do not request these hosts in the Communion line. If you have any questions about this updated practice, please call the parish office.

On **Wednesday, January 22**, the nation will mark the 47th anniversary of the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court to legalize abortion in the U.S. by its ruling in Roe v. Wade. The Diocese of Grand Rapids will observe a **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** on that day. As Catholics, we are deeply concerned about the need to protect human life from conception to natural death. All are welcome to join Bishop Walkowiak for Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew at 7 p.m. on January 22 to mark this anniversary.

Painting with Sara at SS. Peter & Paul

Sunday, February 9, 2020
3-5:30 p.m. in Apostles Hall
Cost: \$35 per person

No painting experience is needed! Artist Sara Alvord will take you step-by-step through a guided painting experience. Bird stencils, canvas, brushes, acrylic paint, easels, and aprons will be provided to create your painting. Please sign up at the parish office by paying your \$35 (checks made payable to Sara Alvord) and letting us know if you would like to paint on a wood palette or a 16x20 canvas. The subject for this event is *Winter Cardinals in Evergreens*.

Youth Group on Sunday evening

Our parish youth group will be meeting on Sunday, January 19, from 6-8 p.m. in the Veritas Room. All students in grades 8-12 are welcome!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Refresh your faith and your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend: January 31 – February 2 at the Comfort Inn in Farmington Hills, or February 28 – March 1 at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. Check out wwme.org to apply, or contact Chris & Darla Vinton at 269-953-8287 for more information.

Spiritual Adoption—Week 38

Happy Birthday! Your baby has finally made his or her big appearance and is now enjoying a new way of eating and breathing! Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is just like your baby.

Cancer Support Group

This group allows those touched by cancer to gain insight and support, pray for one another, and share in a warm and understanding environment. Those with cancer, survivors, and caregivers are all welcome. The group meets every other Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Office living room. Our next gathering will be January 22.

SAVE THE DATE!

Get ready! It's the 6th Annual **WINTER BLUES PARTY!**
Friday, February 21st, at 6:30 p.m. in Apostles Hall
SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THIS EVENING OF FAMILY FUN!

We're gonna have a good ol' time banishing the Blues, eating, and playing BINGO! Bring your family and friends!

Calling all creative people, or those who simply have some ideas to share: We are currently developing our theme and the details for the evening, but would love to hear your ideas and have your help in creating an AMAZING winter blues atmosphere for our party! If you can help, please contact Toni Mckay at the parish office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

The Gospel According to Matthew
Scripture study beginning Monday, Feb. 3rd 6:30 p.m., Parish Office

JOIN US as our Monday Night Study Group begins its study of the Gospel According to Matthew (part 1, 5 sessions)! Little Rock Scripture Study resources, \$13 per participant. Contact Toni at the parish office to reserve your study materials.

Standing at the start of the New Testament, the Gospel of Matthew provides a bridge from the Jewish world awaiting a Messiah to the emerging Christian world of Jesus and his followers. This Gospel introduces us to Jesus as the Master Teacher whose words of instruction are captured in large teaching sections. Part One covers Matthew 1:1—16:28, from the birth of Jesus through much of his public teaching life, to the first prediction of his passion. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayer, and access to recorded lectures are included.

STEWARDSHIP: VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS



NADIA PRESTON volunteers as a Faith Formation Catechist for our kindergartners and first graders. "My goal is to teach my students about the Catholic faith in a fun way, including crafts, games, and media. I love the kids and want them to have a good foundation in their faith."



As we come to the conclusion of our Spiritual Adoption Prayer Campaign, we would like to end with a baby shower in honor of all the babies we have been praying for over this past year.

Everyone is invited to attend the shower on Sunday, February 2, at 9:00 a.m. in Apostles Hall. We will serve cake & coffee and accept any gift you would like to offer in the form of a donation to PSIC, our local pregnancy services center.

A playpen is set up in church to accept your donations if you would like to offer them now, or you can bring your donated gift to the shower. You can find a PSIC wish list, which outlines items the Center is in particular need of, at the playpen or on the table in the back of church.

Thank you to all who participated in this prayer campaign and for participating in the baby shower! God bless you!

Youth Faith Formation

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE/SPONSOR SESSION

Sunday, January 26, 4:30-6 p.m., Veritas Room (No morning class for Candidates on this day.)

REMIND App

Please sign up to receive text notifications for class cancellations and other important notifications on the REMIND App. The code for SS. Peter & Paul Faith Formation is @3dg9h2a



With YOUR HELP, we are getting there! THANK YOU to those who have volunteered to serve as Faith Leaders for this vital ministry to our young parishioners! However, we still need more of our parishioners to help in leading this ministry. To volunteer, contact Toni at the parish office.

Gathering HOPE, an addiction recovery support group, invites the community to attend a public speaking event at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Activity Center in Belding on Sunday, January 19, at 3 p.m. Daniel Carlock, addiction therapist, will speak on *The Problem of Addiction and There Is a Solution*. There is no charge to attend. Gathering HOPE extends an invitation to anyone interested in learning more about substance abuse and recovery. For additional information call 616-446-3000.

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule - January 2020

Liturgical Ministers for January 4 & 5 – Epiphany of the Lord

Lector:	<u>4:00 p.m.</u> Phill Wizorek	<u>8:00 a.m.</u> Joan Blyth	<u>11:30 a.m.</u> Jackie Franz
Ministers of Communion:	Julie Bennett, Denny Hybarger, Sue Wizorek	John & Cheryl Hildebrandt, Brad Starks	Tom & Kitty Lower, Richard Esparza
Altar Servers:	Emilee Thelen, Kaylynn Wizorek	Sam Eppler, Sam Meyer	Trevor Castillo, Joe Harvey
Hospitality:	Carol Cope, Mary Foy	Don & Laurie Rosekrans, Eppler family	Roger & Karen Thelen family, Mike Weger

Liturgical Ministers for January 11 & 12 – Baptism of the Lord

Lector:	<u>4:00 p.m.</u> Cecilia Luke	<u>8:00 a.m.</u> Kara Griffith	<u>11:30 a.m.</u> Richard Esparza
Ministers of Communion:	Garry & Mary Lou Mulick, Theresa Scholtens	Barb Christensen, Karen Meyers, Mary Perrien	Mellissa Harvey, Tim Wall, Volunteer
Altar Servers:	Kendall Cusack, Levi Haskin	Lexi Heinlein, Avery Roundtree	Grace Droste, Audrey Wall
Hospitality:	Rod & Tracey Bergeron, Julie Bennett	Pat Brockman, Judy Hamblin, Deb Porter	Chris & Pilya Christensen, Pamela Pontius

Liturgical Ministers for January 18 & 19 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector:	<u>4:00 p.m.</u> Mia Johnson	<u>8:00 a.m.</u> Pete Fox	<u>11:30 a.m.</u> Jamie Schafer
Ministers of Communion:	David & Madolyn Richardson, Jane Emelander	Nancy Bouck, Sue Huver, Veronica Meyer	Ron Drysdale, Darren Schafer, Roger Thelen
Altar Servers:	Lillie Johnson, Jaclyn Rewa	Paul Meyer, Connor Pung	Gracie Morgan, Emily Pilar
Hospitality:	Deb Campbell, Toni Montgomery	Jim Huver, Dave O'Mara	Rod & Tracey Bergeron

Liturgical Ministers for January 25 & 26 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector:	<u>4:00 p.m.</u> Kara Griffith	<u>8:00 a.m.</u> Amy Pung	<u>11:30 a.m.</u> Nancy Wilson
Ministers of Communion:	Phill & Sue Wizorek, Cecilia Luke	Denise Peabody, Brad Starks, Laurie Tjalsma	Richard Esparza, Jamie Schafer, Tim Wall
Altar Servers:	Adah Drown, Carmen Rewa	Lexi Heinlein, Nicole Trierweiler	Mylee Thelen, Hannah Wirtz
Hospitality:	Garry & Mary Lou Mulick, Theresa Scholtens	Jerry & Yolanda Preston, Trierweiler family	Rod & Tracey Bergeron, Darren Schafer family

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.

June 2017



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STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for al-

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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.

