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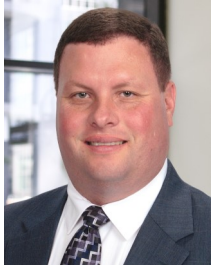


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**January 26, 2020**  
**Third Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

**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.



**DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS**  
 Office of the Bishop

January 2020  
 Dear friends in Christ,

We have good news to celebrate as we observe national Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 26-Feb. 1, 2020. The 31 Catholic schools in our diocese are serving more than 6,340 students this academic year, including our largest classes in preschool, kindergarten, and first grade in recent years. It is encouraging to see so many families choosing Catholic education for their children early in life.

We are committed to offering an excellent education to even more students through our "Catholic Schools: Bridging Faith and Future" strategic plan. This five-year plan enhances Catholic culture and mission, programmatic excellence, affordability and accessibility, and stewardship and sustainability among our schools. In this second year of implementing the plan, our alliance of Catholic schools is focused on:

- Teachers' study of the Theology of the Body, Pope John Paul II's teaching on God's vision for the human person, in preparation for its incorporation into the curriculum next year
- Educators' examination of the U.S. bishops' recent pastoral letter against racism, "Open Wide Our Hearts," as well as methods for culturally-responsive teaching, in order to serve a diverse student body representative of the universal Church
- Promoting inquiry strategies in mathematics to encourage students' critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills

I wish to thank the parents who send their children to Catholic schools. To those of you who work or volunteer in our schools, thank you for sharing your talents and Catholic faith with our students; without you the ministry of our Catholic schools would not be possible. I believe Catholic schools, like no other ministry of the Church, offer young people a daily encounter with Jesus Christ accomplished within the context of the highest-quality education.

For that reason, I invite every Catholic in the diocese to support our Catholic schools. If your family is considering Catholic school education, assistance is available through the diocese, parishes and schools to help you make this investment in your child's future. I encourage you to prayerfully consider our Catholic schools and find one near you by visiting CatholicSchools4U.org, or by calling our Office of Catholic Schools at (616) 246-0590.

I am grateful for your support of our Catholic school ministry and your continued prayers for the young people of our diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  


Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
 Bishop of Grand Rapids



# SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

# JANUARY 26, 2020

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**One Lord, One Faith,  
One Baptism**



**The  
Week  
Ahead...**

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

### Sunday, January 26

9-11 a.m. FSC Breakfast (AH)  
9:15 a.m. RCIA (PO)  
10:15 a.m. Faith Formation classes (SC)  
4:30 p.m. Confirmation Session (VR)

### Monday, January 27

1:00 p.m. Community Awards Ceremony (CH)  
6:30 p.m. Scripture Study (PO)

### Tuesday, January 28

1:30 p.m. Mass at SKLD  
6:30 p.m. English as a Second Language (AH)  
6:30 p.m. Liturgy Commission Meeting (PO)

### Wednesday, January 29

5:30 p.m. Hisp. 1st Communion Prep. (AH)  
5:30 p.m. Hisp. Confirmation Prep. (VR)  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (AH)

### Thursday, January 30

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)

### Friday, January 31

### Saturday, February 1

### Sunday, February 2

9:00 a.m. Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower (AH)  
9:15 a.m. RCIA (PO)  
10:15 a.m. Faith Formation classes (SC)



### OUR PARISH OFFERING - January 18 & 19, 2020

Adults	\$3,193.25
Students	0.00
Loose	558.91
Electronic Giving	815.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,567.16</b>
-5% Tithe	-228.36
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$4,338.80</b>

Budgeted Weekly: \$9,038.46  
**Deficit for the Week: \$4,471.30**

School Annual Appeal \$200.00

### July 1, 2019-January 19, 2020 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection

Year-to-Date: \$275,352.28  
Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$271,153.80  
**Surplus Year-to-Date: \$4,198.48**

### Please pray for:

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Kathy Coughlin	Fr. Joe Fix	Barbara Bennett
Jeff Montgomery	Pat Reinhardt	Diane Wilson
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Veronica Willmer	Isaac Fletcher	Jace Peterson
Norah Ward	Cal Smith	Pat McKinstry
Gloria Hozeski	Barbara Gibson	Brian Lyons
Roxanne Nelson	Margaret Stoj	Dalilah Tubergen
Mike Nelson	Alma Koch	Jean Barker
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Rachel Cross	Margo Burton	John McKay
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Vickie Lykins	Phil Fox	Sue Swinehart
Jeff Smejkal	James Schroeder	Mary Lou Greenhoe
Joe Drysdale	Sue Mitchell	Larry Lafler
Berta Martinez	Irene Kneale	Larry Northrup
Rachel Cross	Margaret O'Malley	Marcia Cook
Colleen Goodman	Sarah Hill	
Mike Swartout	Tom White	
Stan Krycinski	Glenna Miller	

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.

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### Liturgical Ministers for Saturday & Sunday, February 1 & 2, 2020

<b>Lector:</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b> Kara Griffith	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Jamie Meyer	<b>11:30 a.m.</b> Richard Esparza
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Barb Christensen, Jane Emelander, Denny Hybarger	Veronica Meyer, Mary Perrien, Brad Starks	Ron Drysdale, Tim Wall, Volunteer
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Adah Drown, Jaclyn Rewa	Sam Eppler, Sam Meyer	Joe Harvey, Ethan Wenzel
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Deb Campbell, Theresa Scholtens	Eppler family, Deb Porter	Roger & Karen Thelen family, Mike Weger

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**Our Shepherds— Our Future Campaign**  
Thank you to all who have made their pledges. Here is how we stand right now:

**Our parish's target amount: \$570,000**  
**Pledges as of 1-22-2020: \$330,837**  
**Pledge amount still needed: \$239,163**

*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](mailto: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.

**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](http://wwme.org) to apply, or contact Chris & Darla Vinton at 269-953-8287 for more information.

**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.

**Catholic Schools Week Breakfast**

The Family School Council is hosting breakfast for our school and parish families on Sunday, January 26th, from 9 - 11 a.m. in Apostles Hall. What a great way to kick off Catholic Schools Week! Cost - your donation. ALL ARE WELCOME! We will be serving pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, coffee, juice, and milk.



**Community Awards Ceremony**

Saints Peter and Paul School invites all community members to join us as we begin celebrating Catholic Schools Week by honoring ten individuals and families throughout the Ionia community that demonstrate what it means to encourage others and build them up. The 2nd annual Community Awards Ceremony will take place on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. in the church. We hope to see you there!"

**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*.

**Have the pressures of day to day life affected your marriage?**

Do you feel lost, alone, or bored in your marriage? 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 weekend is Feb. 28 – Mar. 1 at Camp Geneva in Holland. Availability is limited. For more information, to register, or to sponsor a couple, call 616-752-7004, e-mail [retrograndrapids@gmail.com](mailto:retrograndrapids@gmail.com), or visit [helpour-marriage.org](http://helpour-marriage.org).

**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 February 5.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Get ready! It's the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**WINTER BLUES PARTY!**  
Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**PaperGator**

Did you know that we have a PaperGator in back of the school near the regular dumpster? You are invited to bring your own paper recyclables and place them in the PaperGator. We get a check every 3 months from PaperGator that goes to support our school. The following items are welcome: Newspapers, catalogs & magazines, office & school paper, junk mail, telephone books, hard & soft cover books, notebooks, and workbooks.

# Liturgical Ministers' Schedule - January 2020

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

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

<b>Lector:</b>	<u>4:00 p.m.</u> Cecilia Luke	<u>8:00 a.m.</u> Kara Griffith	<u>11:30 a.m.</u> Richard Esparza
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Garry & Mary Lou Mulick, Theresa Scholtens	Barb Christensen, Karen Meyers, Mary Perrien	Mellissa Harvey, Tim Wall, Volunteer
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Kendall Cusack, Levi Haskin	Lexi Heinlein, Avery Roundtree	Grace Droste, Audrey Wall
<b>Hospitality:</b>	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

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

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

<b>Lector:</b>	<u>4:00 p.m.</u> Kara Griffith	<u>8:00 a.m.</u> Amy Pung	<u>11:30 a.m.</u> Nancy Wilson
<b>Ministers of Communion:</b>	Phill & Sue Wizorek, Cecilia Luke	Denise Peabody, Brad Starks, Laurie Tjalsma	Richard Esparza, Jamie Schafer, Tim Wall
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Adah Drown, Carmen Rewa	Lexi Heinlein, Nicole Trierweiler	Mylee Thelen, Hannah Wirtz
<b>Hospitality:</b>	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.

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**RECEIVE. BELIEVE. SHARE.**

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

**CAMPAIGN PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for al-

ways 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.*

