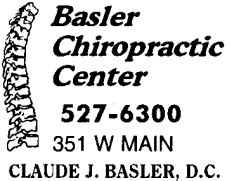












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October 3, 2021 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 616-527-3610, ext. 14
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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. in Spanish

Weekday Mass Schedule
 English: Mon & Wed, Mass at 12:10 p.m.
 Tues, Communion Service at 7:30 a.m.
 Thurs, Mass at 8:00 a.m. (school year)
 Fri, Mass at 7:30 a.m.
 Spanish: Wed, Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Schedule
 English: Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m.
 Spanish: Wednesday 6:00-6:45 p.m.

For questions regarding Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, or any other sacrament, please call the parish office: 616-527-3610

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

October 3, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every October, the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, an opportunity to reflect more deeply on why every human life is valuable. We also rededicate ourselves to building a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

This year, our belief that every human life should be protected and cherished from conception has been under attack. Elected officials continue their efforts to force taxpayer-funded abortion by eliminating the Hyde Amendment and other protections. During the 'Stay Home, Stay Safe' order, Governor Whitmer allowed abortion clinics to remain open. As I stated then, "Two persons enter an abortion clinic. Only one comes out. Abortion is not life-sustaining."

Respect Life Month 2021 highlights Saint Joseph as "an intercessor, a support, and a guide in times of trouble" (Patris Corde, Intro). Through his witness, Saint Joseph shows us how to say "yes" to life. His example reminds us that we are also to care for, protect, and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters.

During this Respect Life Month, we can start to become more like Saint Joseph by asking ourselves: As we go about our day, do we treat people accordingly? How can we help those who are struggling to welcome new life, like mothers who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances? How can we reach out to those having a hard time seeing their worth? How do we reassure those at the end of life who feel like their lives do not have meaning or that they are a burden?

When human life is threatened, when those we encounter need support embracing life, may we lovingly respond with the faithfulness of Saint Joseph.

Thank you to our parishes, schools, organizations, families, and individuals in the diocese for responding to the call to actively live out the Church's teachings on the sacredness of human life, especially those that make respect life efforts a priority throughout the year. I invite you to visit the diocesan website, grdiocese.org, for Respect Life Month resources to support you in these efforts. Saint Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

David J. Walkowiak

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
 Bishop of Grand Rapids

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

OCTOBER 3, 2021

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One Lord, One Faith,
One Baptism

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-6/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

Saturday, October 2

4:00 p.m. Tara Nordhof (Barb & Gerry Burrows)

Sunday, October 3

8:00 a.m. Robin Petersen (Hemenway family)
11:30 a.m. Vern & Mary Pinnow (Chris Terpstra)
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, October 4—St. Francis of Assisi

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/(Ps) Jon 2:3-5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
12:10 p.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

Tuesday, October 5—Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1-4, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, October 6—St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
12:10 p.m. Dee Cook (Kurt & Laurie Tjalsma)
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary

Mal 3:13-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:5-13
8:00 a.m. Bertha Meijer

Friday, October 8—Weekday

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16/Lk 11:15-26
7:30 a.m. Intention of residents & staff of SKLD

Saturday, October 9—St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs
St. John Leonardi, Priest

Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
3:00 p.m. Confessions

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-17/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30

Saturday, October 9

4:00 p.m. Sue Swinehart (Mary O'Connor)

Sunday, October 10

8:00 a.m. Frank & Betty McMullen (Hildebrandt family)
11:30 a.m. Catherine Dusenbery (Chris Terpstra)
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF OCT. 3

GENERAL CLEANING:
Chris & Pilya Christensen, Joe Thelen

VACUUMING:
Dick Renucci, Jim McKee



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

Sunday, October 3

9:15 a.m. RCIA Inquiry Session (PO)
10:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-9 (SC)
1:00 p.m. SSPP walkers meet for Ionia Area
CROP Hunger Walk (parking lot)

Monday, October 4

7:00 p.m. Scripture/Faith Study (PO)

Tuesday, October 5

11:45 a.m. Parish Staff meeting (PO)
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting (VR)

Wednesday, October 6

5:15-6:45 p.m. Hisp. Sacramental Prep. (AH,VR)
6:30 p.m. Cancer Support Group (PO)
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (AH)

Thursday, October 7

4 & 5:30 p.m. Life Fit (VR)
6:30 p.m. Grief Support Group Session (PO)

Friday, October 8

Saturday, October 9

7-9 p.m. Hispanic Baptism Class (VR)

Sunday, October 10

9:15 a.m. RCIA Session (PO)
10:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-9 (SC)
10:15 a.m. 8th Gr. Student/Parent Mtg.

Truly, I say to you,
whoever does not receive the
kingdom of God like a child
shall not enter it.
Luke 18:17 ESV

OUR PARISH OFFERING - September 25 & 26, 2021

Regular Offertory Collection \$7,625.84
Electronic Giving 4,600.00
Total \$12,225.84
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Net Total \$11,614.55

Budgeted Weekly: \$9,038.46
Surplus for the Week: \$3,187.38

July 1, 2021-Sept. 26, 2021 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection

Year-to-Date: \$114,395.02
Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$117,499.98
Deficit Year-to-Date: \$3,104.96

Please pray for:

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Karen Coulson
Madolyn Richardson
Craig Collen
Joe Rosse
Nathan Lower
Natalie Mazurek
Mike McSpedon
Denny Lesky
Bill Robinson
Sheree Gilbert
Jerry Blundy
Debbie Flinn
Lorie Langwith
Ralph Westbrook
Tom Lonier
Yvonne Elvert
Audra Searfoss
Feliciano Paredes
Dorr Bissell
Jane Gazella
Finnly Hunt

Pete & Annie Ludwick
Richard Rinker
Tom Brockman
Al Slowinski
Bruce Hoeksema
Rick McQueen
Christopher Van Buren
Sue Thompson
Peter Gallagher
Jim Mulnix
Theresa Sullivan
Mike O'Connor
Carol Gallagher
Ali Laninga
Alvina Badillo
Della Arbour
Alice Samani-Zozo
Isaac Fletcher
Clara Butler
Irene Kneale
Jerry & Maribeth Fritz
Susan Montgomery

Ken Peabody
Tim Perry
Tom O'Connor
Tom White
Toni Montgomery
Clark Reeder
Pamela Coggan
Mike Nelson
Rachel Cross
Vickie Lykins
Joe Drysdale
Phil & Carol Fox
Ed & Glenna Miller
Annette Krycinski
Barbara Bennett
Nichole Munsell
Jace Peterson
Pat McKinstry
Georgia Sibert
John McKay
Larry Lafler

We continue to pray for all who need healing. 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. Requests may be renewed.

Lector Schedule for October 2—15, 2021					
Saturday, Oct.2	4:00 p.m.	Sue Wizorek	Saturday, Oct. 9	4:00 p.m.	Cecilia Luke
Sunday, Oct. 3	8:00 a.m.	Walt Downes	Sunday, Oct. 10	8:00 a.m.	Denise Peabody
Sunday, Oct. 3	11:30 a.m.	Nancy Wilson	Sunday, Oct. 10	11:30 a.m.	Rick Esparza
Monday, Oct. 4	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa	Monday, Oct. 11	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa
Tuesday, Oct. 5	7:30 a.m. C.S.	Cecilia Luke	Tuesday, Oct. 12	7:30 a.m. C.S.	Cecilia Luke
Wednesday, Oct. 6	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa	Wednesday, Oct. 13	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa
Thursday, Oct. 7	8:00 a.m.	School lector	Thursday, Oct. 14	8:00 a.m.	School lector
Friday, Oct. 8	7:30 a.m.	Denise Peabody	Friday, Oct. 15	7:30 a.m.	Rick Esparza

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Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Grand Knight: Adam Rewa



Knights' Corner

Just a quick reminder that this Tuesday, October 5, is our next meeting. Join us at 7:00 in the Veritas Room for the rosary, and stay for the meeting at 7:30. It is true that the meetings are not very glamorous or exciting, but they are the way that we do the good work of our council.

Adam Rewa, Grand Knight (527-3610)

Mass of Christ the Healer – October 18

The Diocese of Grand Rapids' annual Mass of Christ the Healer will be celebrated on the feast of St. Luke, Monday, October 18, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. All who work in health care—including physicians, nurses, dietary staff, administrative staff, maintenance staff, etc.—are invited to join Bishop Walkowiak for this celebration of grace and in gratitude for their service, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Limited seating will be available for those who wish to attend in person. Mass will be livestreamed on the diocesan website (grdiocese.org) and on Facebook (Diocese of Grand Rapids) for those unable to attend in person.

October Mission Message *by Fr. Ramiro*

A recent Sunday Gospel (Mk 9:30-37) offers a profound insight on the mission of Jesus. He brings a little child to his arms to show the disciples what the Kingdom of God is like. Children in the time of Jesus had a hard life; they had to work to help their parents, and they were considered the least of all human beings. Yet Jesus asks his disciples to emulate their example by being the least and the servants of others. Children continue to be the most vulnerable in our society due to abuse and neglect, migration, war, separation of families, and child labor. The child that Jesus embraced was probably barefooted, raggedly clothed, and hungry, yet serves the purpose of Jesus to exemplify humility and service. May we embrace the poorest and the least in our society.

Reminder: November 2 is the millage vote to relocate the Hall Fowler Library to Main St. and to repurpose the present library to be the Ionia County Museum. Please call Toni Buys at 616-481-1854 if you have questions, or go to citizens4icl.org.



*Come rest awhile
in the Lord's presence.
Eucharistic Holy Hour
Wednesdays 6–7 p.m.
in the church*



Ionia Area CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 3. Our parish group will gather in the church parking lot at 1:00. If you won't be walking, consider making a donation to help fight hunger locally and around the world. There will be a CROP Walk basket in the back of church after each of the English Masses this weekend. If you write a check, please make it payable to CWS/CROP. Thank you!

Grief Support Group Sessions

Are you struggling? Have you suffered the loss of a loved one or experienced a loss in your professional or personal life? Has the pandemic caused you anxiety? The Ministry of Consolation would like to invite you to join us at Grief Support Group Sessions. The sessions will be held in the Parish Office living room. The first session was held on Thursday, September 30, at 6:30 p.m. Each of the sessions offers a topic of discussion, as well as time to reflect, listen, and share if one chooses. RSVP's are encouraged when possible. If you are interested in private sessions or learning more about the Ministry of Consolation and its benefits to you or a loved one, please contact Vanessa Booth: vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

Cancer Support Group

Team members of the Ministry of Consolation are offering Cancer Support gatherings every other Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Office living room. Our next gathering will be on Oct. 6. All are welcome. Please help us spread the word. For more information, please contact Vanessa Booth: vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

Wedding Anniversary Mass – Together with your families, the Church in the Diocese of Grand Rapids honors the faithful witness to your vocation of marriage and wishes to celebrate with you. Bishop Walkowiak is inviting all couples celebrating milestone anniversaries to join him on **Sunday, Oct. 10, for the 10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew** (301 Sheldon Blvd., Grand Rapids). A simple reception will immediately follow. **Please RSVP by calling the parish office (616-527-3610) before October 4.** Give your names, number of years married, and how many people plan to attend.



RCIA Inquiry Session

Sunday, October 3, at 9:15 a.m. in the parish office living room. Come and see for yourself what the Catholic Church is all about. Contact Toni McKay at the parish office for more information

Faith Formation Classes for Grades K-9 continue on Sunday mornings from 10:15 to 11:15 in the school

It's not too late to register!

Registration forms can be found on the table at the entrance to church, or on our parish website: www.saintspeterandpaulionia.org

October Faith Formation Schedule

Oct. 3	FF Classes for Gr. K-9, 10:15-11:15
Oct. 10	FF Classes for Gr. K-9, 10:15-11:15 8th Gr. Student/Parent Meeting during class
Oct. 11-13	9th grade Confirmation Interviews (by appointment)
Oct. 17	FF Classes for Gr. K-9, 10:15-11:15 (Candidates & Sponsors for Gr. 9) 1st Reconciliation/Communion Parent Meeting during class
Oct. 24	FF Classes for Gr. K-8, 10:15-11:15 9th Gr. Confirmation at 3 p.m. at Cathedral of St. Andrew, GR
Oct. 31	FF Classes for Gr. K-8, 10:15-11:15



"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers." – Pope Saint Pius X

We invite all parishioners to gather before weekend Masses in October to pray the Rosary. We will begin 30 minutes before the start of our 4 p.m., 8 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. Masses. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO LEAD THE ROSARY. Please contact Toni McKay at the parish office to be added to our schedule.

Women of the Parish—Save this date: Monday, November 29

Advent By Candlelight
with guest speaker, Sheri Wohlfert

Table hostesses are needed! Please prayerfully consider hosting a table of guests for this **spectacular evening!** For more information and/or to reserve your table, contact Toni McKay at the parish office..

Advent by Candlelight is a treasure for the heart—a reprieve from commercialism, a break from the bustle, a time to sit down and remember the "why" of the Advent and Christmas seasons. It is an opportunity through which women can gather for prayer, music, an inspirational message, fellowship, food, and relaxation.

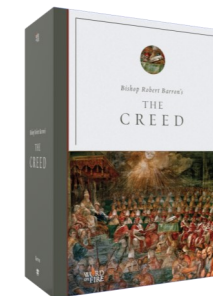
Join us as we come together as community to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas! More details to follow.

Monday Night Scripture/Faith Study

October 4 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Office Living Room
For more information, call Toni at the parish office.

Beginning Monday, October 11! - 6:30 p.m. The CREED - Bishop Robert Barron

*What do Christians believe? What do you believe?
What does it even mean to "believe"?*



The keys that unlock the beliefs of the Christian Faith are stated succinctly in the Nicene Creed, which we profess along with most Christians around the world. Words that roll off our tongues easily, but are often not fully understood, define our Faith.

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The participants meet for seven two-hour sessions to watch the video and participate in a group discussion of the Study Guide questions using Bishop Barron's book, *Light from Light* to prepare before each group discussion. Questions for Understanding are based on the video presentation, references from Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and Bishop Barron's book, *Light from Light*. Questions for Application will encourage reflection on how the material is relevant to each participant's own life and experience.

To express interest and reserve your study materials (\$25), please contact Toni at the parish office.