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September 12, 2021 Twenty-fourth 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
616-755-2279 (cellular)

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.

Birth of Mary

Today as I am writing this, it is September 8th, the feast day of the Birth of Mary, our Blessed Mother. While we don't know the exact date and we have no Biblical evidence, this date comes to us from the earliest Christian writers from the first century of the Church. Anna and Joachim had married but spent year after year without any children. After many years without children, Anna was entering old age and she was mourning her lack of children. Likewise, her husband Joachim was camped out in the desert for forty days crying out to God for a child. God heard them and sent an angel with the good news that soon they would have a child. Their child, a girl, was named Mary. Of Mary St. Augustine wrote, "She is the flower from the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley."

Mary's birthday is second only to the birth of her Son, Jesus. Birthdays are always days of great rejoicing for family, friends, and neighbors. Each birthday is a day of thanksgiving and hope for the future. This was true for Mary. It was true for Jesus. And it is true for us.

There is much for us to learn from the life of Mary. Her life was filled with great joy! Her child's first words. Her child's first steps. Learning and growing. It was also filled with great sorrow, leading up to the death and burial of her Son Jesus. As we go through times of sorrow in our Church today, some are surprised that we are still Catholic. "How can you stay?" they wonder. But as Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life..." Jesus has given us his words. He has given us his Eucharist. He has given us a share in his eternal life.

Our scriptures and our creed tell us that Jesus is both fully God and fully man. As God, Jesus would love Mary the same way he loves all of us. But as man, Jesus loved her as his mother. In the depth of that love, he shared her with us. He must have spoken with extreme difficulty when he was nailed to the cross, saying to Mary, "Here is your son," and then to John, "Here is your mother." Jesus gave his mother Mary to John to be John's mother. It was spoken out of compassion for her and his love for both of them. It is also spoken to us. "Here is your mother."

We have much to learn from Mary our Mother. Two of her statements stand out: "Nothing is impossible for God." "May it be to me as you have said." These two statements show an important attitude, a posture of the heart towards God and His promises that we need to rediscover in our age of individual rights. It asks of us a willing acceptance of God's truth in our lives, no matter what the circumstances may be. But remember this: It was only after Mary's choice for God had been made that He began to reveal His full plan for her life. Every step of her life, Mary had to confront similar choices and say yes to God's plan. It requires the same for us. We need to search through those areas of our lives that have yet to say yes to God.

May God bless you.
Fr. Tom

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One Lord, One Faith,
One Baptism



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:4-9/Ps 116:1-6, 8-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Saturday, September 11

4:00 p.m. Bernard & Bertha Ardis (family)

Sunday, September 12

8:00 a.m. Linda Schanski (Bill & Kate Bushong)

11:30 a.m. Barbara Gibson

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, September 13—St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10

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

Tuesday, September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, September 15—Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Jn 19:25-27

12:10 p.m. Catherine Gallagher (Christine Bewell)

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, September 16—Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-10/Lk 7:36-50

8:00 a.m. Jack Montgomery (Toni Montgomery)

Friday, September 17—St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor

1 Tm 6:2-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, September 18—Weekday

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 8:4-15

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary

3:00 p.m. Confessions

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-8/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Saturday, September 18

4:00 p.m. Living & deceased of Freund & Stoj families (M. Stoj)

Sunday, September 19

(Blessing of Catechists at 8:00 and 11:30 a.m. Masses)

8:00 a.m. Jim Hayden (Colleen Hayden & family)

11:30 a.m. Eugene Dietrich (Barbara Dietrich)

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF SEPT. 12

GENERAL CLEANING: Pat Duffy,
Judy Hamblin, Gwen O’Mara, Janis Neustifter

VACUUMING:
Chris & Pilya Christensen

The Week Ahead...

AH = Apostles’ Hall

CR = Cornerstone Room

SC = School

BC = Basement Chapel

CH = Church

PO = Parish Office

VR = Veritas Room

UP = Upper Room

Sunday, September 12

9:15 a.m. RCIA Inquiry Session (PO)

10:15 a.m. Faith Formation classes (SC)

10:15 a.m. Faith Formation Parent Mtg. (AH)

Monday, September 13

6:30 p.m. K of C Fourth Degree (VR)

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

Tuesday, September 14

7:00 p.m. Blessing of Musicians (Cathedral)

Wednesday, September 15

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

Thursday, September 16

4 & 5:30 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, September 17

Saturday, September 18

Sunday, September 19

9:15 a.m. RCIA Inquiry Session (PO)

10:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-9 (SC)

OUR PARISH OFFERING - September 4 & 5, 2021

Regular Offertory Collection \$8,050.00

Electronic Giving 1,400.00

Total \$9,450.00

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Net Total \$8,977.50

Budgeted Weekly: \$9,038.46

Surplus for the Week: \$411.54

July 1, 2021-September 5, 2021 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection

Year-to-Date: \$86,438.18

Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$90,384.60

Deficit Year-to-Date: \$3,946.42

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Lector Schedule for September 11—24, 2021

Saturday, Sept. 11 4:00 p.m. Kara Griffith

Sunday, Sept. 12 8:00 a.m. Walt Downes

Sunday, Sept. 12 11:30 a.m. Nancy Wilson

Monday, Sept. 13 12:10 p.m. Adam Rewa

Tuesday, Sept. 14 7:30 a.m. C.S. Cecilia Luke

Wednesday, Sept. 15 12:10 p.m. Adam Rewa

Thursday, Sept. 16 8:00 a.m. School lector

Friday, Sept. 17 7:30 a.m. Rick Esparza

Saturday, Sept. 18 4:00 p.m. Phill Wizorek

Sunday, Sept. 19 8:00 a.m. Amy Pung

Sunday, Sept. 19 11:30 a.m. Rick Esparza

Monday, Sept. 20 12:10 p.m. Adam Rewa

Tuesday, Sept. 21 7:30 a.m. C.S. Cecilia Luke

Wednesday, Sept. 22 12:10 p.m. Adam Rewa

Thursday, Sept. 23 8:00 a.m. School lector

Friday, Sept. 24 7:30 a.m. Denise Peabody

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Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Grand Knight: Adam Rewa

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Knights' Corner

At our meeting this week, we were able to donate funds to the CROP Walk, which raises funds to feed the hungry, and Have Mercy, which works to house the homeless in Ionia and Montcalm Counties. We are happy to be able to support efforts like this, and we are grateful for the support of the community which helps make it possible. Working together, we can make God's Kingdom a little more present in the world!

Congratulations to this month's raffle winners: Greg Usher, Roger Cardenas, Ann Bernard, and Jenny Leik.

Adam Rewa, Grand Knight (527-3610)

Custodial Position

SS. Peter and Paul School has an opening for a custodian. Duties include mopping floors, cleaning bathrooms, emptying trash containers, dusting, and vacuuming. Hours are 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with a pay rate of \$14 per hour. Applications are available at the parish office, 434 High Street, Ionia.

Michigan Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, October 16, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lansing Center. Hear from speakers including Kelly Wahlquist, Sheri Wohlfert, and Fr. Joe Krupp. Visit <https://michiganwc.org/> for details and registration.

Join the Grand Rapids Diocesan Council of Catholic Women on October 9th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for their Fall Seminar "Be Joyful in Hope... Rejoice, Endure, Persevere" (Romans 12:12) at St. Jude Parish in Grand Rapids. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Walkowiak. Cost: \$25 per person. For details and registration, email grdccw@grdiocese.org. For updates, find and follow the Council on Facebook - search "GRDCCW".

Register for Diocesan Assembly 2021: Grow Parishioners from throughout the diocese are invited to "Diocesan Assembly 2021: Grow" on Saturday, September 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S. The event will be offered in person and online via livestream. Diocesan Assembly 2021 will teach us how to grow and mature as disciples by reflecting on practical aspects of growth in holiness. Registration to attend via livestream is free. Cost of the in-person event is \$15 (includes lunch). Register at: grdiocese.org/diocesan-assembly.

Ionia Area CROP Hunger Walk 2021

What are you doing on Sunday October 3? Would you like a way to visit with friends, make new friends, enjoy the outdoors, get exercise, AND help change the world? Come walk with us in the CROP Hunger Walk to raise funds to fight hunger in our community and around the world. We'll start and end at SS. Peter & Paul Church, as our parish group walks together. We'll meet at 1:00 p.m., collect our money, and begin our walk shortly after that. Contact Pat Rinker for more information and to get your Walker envelope, 517-898-5676. Make checks payable to CWS/CROP.

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 Sept. 15. All are welcome. Please help us spread the word. For more information, please contact Vanessa Booth at: vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

Grief Support Group Sessions

The Ministry of Consolation would like to invite anyone who has suffered the death of a loved one, a loss in their personal life, or is simply struggling from the effects that COVID-19 has had on their life to join them at bi-weekly Grief Support Group Sessions. Each of the sessions offers a topic of discussion, as well as time to reflect, listen, and share if one chooses. If you are interested in learning more about the Ministry of Consolation and its benefits to you or a loved one, please contact Vanessa Booth at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com. Group Grief Sessions will begin in mid-September. Please watch the bulletin for more details.

Annual Blessing of Musicians

Cathedral of St. Andrew, Grand Rapids
Tuesday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.
Mass, followed by reception on the Piazza
(or in the parish hall if it's raining)
Please contact Whitney to arrange for carpooling.



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). Give your names, number of years married, and how many people plan to attend.

AN INVITATION TO COME AND SEE



RCIA Inquiry Sessions

Sundays, September 12, 19, 26
at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Office Living Room

No matter where you are in your journey of faith, there is a place for you here with us. Don't be afraid to take that first step. Come, see for yourself what we are all about! Contact Toni McKay at the parish office for more information.

SSPP GARAGE SALE CLEARANCE!

Saturday, September 11th, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Lots of treasures still available! If you missed our sale in July, you have another opportunity! Come and shop at reduced prices. Bring your family and friends, and help spread the word!

Monday Night Scripture/Faith Study

September 13 at 7 p.m.
in the Parish Office Living Room

To express interest or for more information, contact Toni at the parish office.

The Explore Priesthood Group is a discernment opportunity sponsored by the diocesan Office of Priestly Vocations. Each month, young men (ages 16 – 35) are invited to gather and discern God's will for their lives. Times for prayer and reflection are held monthly at St. Stephen Parish in East Grand Rapids beginning at 12:30 p.m.

This year's discernment opportunities are offered on the following Sundays: Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9 (2022), Feb. 13, March 13, Apr. 24, and May 15.

Feel free to show up or call to let us know you are coming at 616-288-0910. Questions, email Pattie Reynolds (preynolds@grdiocese.org)

Faith Formation Classes for Grades K-8
begin on Sunday, September 12,
10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Have you registered your child for Faith

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

Parent Orientation Meeting

Sunday, September 12, 10:15 a.m.

(during children's class time). Students are to report directly to their classrooms, while adults will gather in Apostles Hall. Every family will need to be represented at the orientation session by at least one parent or adult representative.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—

Eucharistic Holy Hours with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction are offered almost every Wednesday of the year from 6 to 7 p.m. Come rest awhile in the Lord's presence!

Rosary on Saturday mornings—

A small group of people gathers in church on Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. to pray the Scriptural Rosary. We begin and end with a hymn and are usually finished by 9 a.m. Come pray with us!



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