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## September 19, 2021 Twenty-fifth 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

#### **Praver Chain**

If you have a prayer request for immediate need, please call 616-522-0279, or 616-527-0438.

#### Pope Francis on the World Day of Migrants & Refugees 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

In the encyclical Fratelli Tutti, I expressed a concern and a hope that remain uppermost in my thoughts: "Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistical self-preservation. God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those', but only 'us'."

That horizon is already present in God's creative plan. God created us male and female, different yet complementary, in order to form a 'we'. God created us in his image, in the image of his own triune being, a communion in diversity.

Salvation history has at its center the mystery of Christ, who died and rose so "that they may all be one." But this 'we' willed by God is broken and fragmented wounded and disfigured. This becomes all the more evident in moments of great crisis, as is the case with the current pandemic. Our 'we', both in the wider world and within the Church, are crumbling and cracking due to aggressive forms of nationalism and radical individualism. And the highest price is paid by those who most easily become viewed as others: foreigners, migrants, the marginalized those living on the peripheries.

The truth, however, is that we are all in the same boat and called to work together so that there will be no more walls that separate us, no longer others, but only a single 'we', encompassing all of humanity.

For members of the Catholic Church, this appeal entails becoming ever more faithful to our being "catholic". as St. Paul reminded the community at Ephesus: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

Indeed the Church's catholicity, her universality, must be embraced and expressed in every age. The Holy Spirit enables us to embrace everyone, to build communion in diversity, to unify differences. In encountering the diversity of foreigners, migrants, and refugees, and in the dialoque that results, we have the opportunity to grow as Church. All the baptized, wherever they find themselves, are members of both their local communities and the Church.

The Catholic faithful are called to work together to help the Church to be ever more inclusive as she carries out her mission, "Go, and proclaim the good news." Our Church is called to go out into the streets to heal wounds and seek the straying without prejudice or fear. We will find many migrants, refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking to whom the Lord wants his love to be manifested and his salvation preached. The current influx of migrants can be seen as a new frontier for mission, an opportunity to proclaim Jesus Christ and the Gospel message and bear witness to the Christian faith.

#### Pope Francis

(This text was condensed by Fr. Tom. Part 2 will be in next week's bulletin. May God richly bless you!)



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## SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

## SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

## One Lord. One Faith. One Baptism



#### 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 & 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

#### Monday, September 20—Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

12:10 p.m. Tim Costigan (Adam & Jody Rewa)

#### Tuesday, September 21—St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

#### Wednesday, September 22—Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9/(Ps) Tb 13:2-4, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

12:10 p.m. Cindy Lasco-Green (parish staff)

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. Misa en español

#### Thursday, September 23—St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Ha 1:1-8/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 9:7-9

8:00 a.m. Earl Allen (Johanna Allen)

#### Friday, September 24—Weekday

Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1-4/Lk 9:18-22

7:30 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

#### Saturday, September 25—Weekday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15/(Ps) Jer 31:10-13/Lk 9:43-45

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary

3:00 p.m. Confessions

#### Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Saturday, September 25

4:00 p.m. Doug Antonides (Paul & Jean Barker)

#### Sunday, September 26

8:00 a.m. Marcia Cook (Christine Bewell)

11:30 a.m. Joanne Burdo (Chris Terpstra)

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

(Baptism at 1:00 Mass)

#### GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS-WEEK OF SEPT. 19

#### **GENERAL CLEANING:**

Kip Geldhof, Terri Nurenberg, Colleen Pierce

**VACUUMING:** 

Ray Korytkowski, Lon MacLachlan



**AH = Apostles' Hall** 

 $\overline{CR}$  = Cornerstone Room  $\overline{SC}$  = School **BC** = Basement Chapel

CH = Church  $\overline{PO}$  = Parish Office VR = Veritas Room  $\overline{UP} = Upper Room$ 

#### Sunday, September 19

9:15 a.m. RCIA Inquiry Session (PO) 10:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-9 (SC) Blessing of Catechists at Masses 8:00 &11:30

#### Monday, September 20

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

#### Tuesday, September 21

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (VR)

#### Wednesday, September 22

5:15-6:45 p.m. Hisp. Sacramental Prep. (VR) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (AH)

#### Thursday, September 23

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

#### Friday, September 24

#### Saturday, September 25

Diocesan Assembly (GR & online) 8:30 a.m.

#### Sunday, September 26

RCIA Inquiry Session (PO) 9:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-9 (SC) 10:15 a.m. 10:15 a.m. Gr. 9 Candidates & Sponsors (VR) Youth Group meeting (VR) 6:00 p.m.



#### OUR PARISH OFFERING - September 18 & 19, 2021

Regular Offertory Collection \$6,416.00 Electronic Giving 2,715.00 Total \$9,131.00 -5% Tithe -456.55 \$8,674.45 Net Total

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#### July 1, 2021-Sept. 19, 2021 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection

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## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Please pray for:

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#### Lector Schedule for September 18—October 1, 2021

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 con-

sent of the person or a family member. Names will remain on the prayer list

Saturday, Sept. 18	4:00 p.m.	Phill Wizorek
Sunday, Sept. 19 Sunday, Sept. 19	8:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Amy Pung 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

Saturday, Sept. 25 4:00 p.m. Cecilia Luke Sunday, Sept. 26 8:00 a.m. Pete Fox Sunday, Sept. 26 11:30 a.m. **Dan Lower** Monday, Sept. 27 12:10 p.m. Adam Rewa Tuesday, Sept. 28 7:30 a.m. Cecilia Luke 12:10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29 Adam Rewa Thursday, Sept. 30 8:00 a.m. School lector Friday, Oct. 1 7:30 a.m. Rick Esparza

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#### **SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**



#### **Knights' Corner**

If you have one of the calendars that the parish gives out, you have an easy opportunity to honor the saints throughout the year. Most days list a feast or celebration, and it can be a fun

and worthwhile practice to look up who it is that we remember The month of September seems especially chock full. This week alone we have Andrew Kim, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions, who were martyred in Korea in the 19th century, St. Matthew, the tax collector turned Apostle in the days of the New Testament, and Padre Pio, a priest in the 20th century who was well known as a teacher, confessor, and mystic. Each saint shows us how it is possible in every age to follow Jesus. St. Irenaeus said, "The glory of God is a human fully alive." Saints were men and women truly alive, and we can be too!

Adam Rewa, Grand Knight (527-3610)



#### **Altar Server Training**

We will be having a training session on Tuesday, September 28th, at 3:30 p.m. in the church for children who would like to be Altar Servers. This ministry is open to anyone in 5th grade or

above, and it is a wonderful way to participate in the liturgy and provide a service to the faith community. Please call the parish office if you plan to attend or with any questions.

- Adam Rewa

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" (Rom 12:12) at St. Jude Parish in Grand Rapids. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Walkowiak. Cost is \$25 per person. For additional details and the mail-in registration form, visit grdiocese.org/catholic-womens-conferences-october-2021. For questions, email grdccw@grdiocese.org.

Register for Diocesan Assembly 2021: Grow You 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 both in person and online. 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 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. Our parish group will walk together, starting and ending at SS. Peter & Paul Church. We'll meet at 1 p.m., collect our money, and begin our walk shortly after that. Call Pat Rinker (517-898-5676) for more information and to get your Walker envelope. Make checks payable to CWS/CROP.

Would you like to laugh nonstop for ninety minutes? Members of some Ionia area churches have just the ticket. It's a play called "Ladies of Harmony" that will be performed next weekend at First Presbyterian Church (125 E. Main St.) on Friday & Saturday, September 24 & 25, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, September 26, at 3:00 p.m. Seating is limited, so get your tickets now (\$10 each) by calling 616-902-0435. Proceeds will benefit the non-profit Have Mercy organization as it seeks to provide a new shelter in Ionia for homeless families.

#### **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 will be 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.

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 19th and 26th

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.

at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Office Living Room

#### Monday Night Scripture/Faith Study

September 20 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Office Living Room

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



#### **Youth Group night**

After a great kick off to Youth Group at Camp Lake, our next Youth Group night will be Sunday, September 26th, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room. See you there!

—Kevin Heinlein

In the Know . . . by Whitney Crooks
Before COVID hit, we were averaging 388 people
at the English Masses each weekend. Over the
last few months, our weekend average is only
285. Let's fill our pews again! Do you know
someone who hasn't returned to church? Ask
them to come with you. If you know someone
who has a conflict with the Church, encourage
them to call so we can resolve things.

# Faith Formation Classes for Grades K-9 continue each Sunday morning 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

The SS. Peter & Paul School Board met this past week. Here is the slate of members and the roles they will be playing in the coming year. Special thanks to the members who have just come on board, and to those who have served in the past.

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