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> October 10, 2021 Twenty-eighth 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.

The Rosary

This is a beautiful time of the year. Beautiful days without too much heat while people are working to bring in the harvest. This month of October is also dedicated to our faith through our praying the Rosary. Historically, this month of the Rosary dates from the 1200s and the 1500s.

The 1200s: According to an account by a Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others. Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

The 1500s: In 1571, the Catholic League entered into battle against the Ottoman Empire to protect Italy from invasion. The Turks were on a warpath to overthrow all of Europe, killing millions of people and forcing Islamic conversion on survivors. They had conquered the Middle East and Mediterranean islands of Cyprus and Crete. Italy was next. As the impending battle loomed. Pope Pius V called on various religious communities throughout Europe to join him in praying the Rosary, including public recitations, to defeat the Islamic threat. Heading into battle, every man in the Catholic League's forces carried a Rosary. Their fleet was vastly outnumbered and no match for the competition. Miraculously, the Catholic League returned victorious after a daylong battle known as the Battle of Lepanto that took place off the coast of Greece. In thanksgiving for Mary's intercession and protection, Pope Pius V declared the day October 7 — as a feast day for Our Lady of the Rosary. To celebrate, a Rosary procession was held in Saint Peter's Square.

Later, in 1884, the entire month of October was dedicated to the Rosary by Pope Leo XIII: "Last year, as each of you is aware, we decreed by an Encyclical Letter that, to win the help of Heaven for the Church in her trials, the great Mother of God should be honored by the means of the most holy Rosary during the whole of the month of October. In this we followed both our own impulse and the example of our predecessors, who in times of difficulty were wont to have recourse with increased fervor to the Blessed Virgin, and to seek her aid with special prayers."

If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation. There are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. We continue to have successes and failures here in our country and around the world. Let us this month rededicate ourselves to prayer, and especially the Rosary, as we seek God's help.

May God bless you!

Fr. Tom

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OCTOBER 10, 2021

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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

Monday, October 11—St. John XXIII, Pope

Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 11:29-32

12:10 p.m. Eugene Dietrich (Barb Dietrich)

Tuesday, October 12—Weekday

Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 11:37-41 7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, October 13—Weekday

Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62 2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46

12:10 p.m. Protection of U.S. from Communism (Christine Bewell)

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, October 14—St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-6/Lk 11:47-54

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Hommel family

Friday, October 15—St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

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

Saturday, October 16—St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary 3:00 p.m. Confessions

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 Saturday, October 16

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

Sunday, October 17

8:00 a.m. Roy & Dee Cook (Hemenway family)

11:30 a.m. Margie Klein (John & Pat Klein)

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS-WEEK OF OCT. 10

GENERAL CLEANING: Maria Cardenas, Teresa Nuñez, Carolina Velasco

> **VACUUMING:** Ken North, Bruce Sibert



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, October 10

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

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

Monday, October 11

School Picture Day Make-ups Confirmation Interviews begin Zoom Pastoral Council Mtg. Scripture/Faith Study (PO)

Tuesday, October 12

6:30 p.m.

Finance Council Meeting (VR) 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 13

5:15-6:45 p.m. Hisp. Sacramental Prep. (AH,VR)

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (AH)

Thursday, October 14

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

6:30 p.m. Grief Support Group Session (PO)

Friday, October 15

Saturday, October 16

Sunday, October 17

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

Candidate/Sponsor Mtg. for Gr. 9 10:15 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 1st Reconciliation/Communion

Parent Mtg. during class

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please pray for:

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Lector Schedule for October 9—22, 2021 Saturday, Oct. 9 4:00 p.m. Cecilia Luke Sunday, Oct. 10 8:00 a.m. **Denise Peabody** Sunday, Oct. 10 11:30 a.m. Rick Esparza Monday, Oct. 11 12:10 p.m. Adam Rewa Tuesday, Oct. 12 Cecilia Luke 7:30 a.m. C.S. 12:10 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13 Adam Rewa

8:00 a.m.

7:30 a.m.

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, Oct. 16 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 8:00 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19 7:30 a.m. C.S. 12:10 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20 Thursday, Oct. 21 8:00 a.m. Friday, Oct. 22 7:30 a.m.

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Knights' Corner

I was unable to attend our business meeting this past Tuesday due to a COVID infection, but Deputy Grand Knight Tim Wall filled in for me. Thank you, Tim! Among the items discussed

was the decision to collect winter coats for distribution. If you have a gently used coat, or if you would like to purchase a new coat to give away, we will have a collection box in the back of church in a few weeks. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Congratulations to this month's raffle winners: Grady McClintic, Jim and Mandy Werner, Chuck Stewart, and Tim McCrackin.

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

I would like to share with you in this month of missions a teaching that I learned from Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, the great Doctor of the Church and universal patron of missions. Mission means: you can turn the ordinary into extraordinary if you do it with love. Your mission in the world is to love as Christ does! You are in a corner of the world and God's love has to reach every corner of the earth. We want your help so that the mission of love never ends.

—Fr. Esteban Cañola, MXY

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Thank you, people of Saints Peter & Paul, for your generous support for the Ionia Area CROP Hunger Walk. You supported 12 walkers and gave over \$2,000 to help fight hunger. (Look for more info on the total raised by all who participated this year. We will share as the final donations come in over the next few weeks.) Local programs such as the Ionia Community Food Pantry, IM Kids 3rd Meal, and the Ionia County Commission on Aging all benefit from these funds, as well as world wide relief efforts. You truly are answering God's call to feed the hungry. Thank you for all you do throughout the year to respond to those in need in our community. God bless you all!

—Pat Rinker

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 invites you to join us at Grief Support Group Sessions. The sessions will be held in the Parish Office living room every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. through November 7. Each of the sessions offers a topic of discussion, as well as time to reflect, listen, and share if one chooses. RSVPs 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 at 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. 20. All are welcome. Please help us spread the word. For more information, please contact Vanessa Booth: vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

Aquinas College Open Houses

Aquinas College welcomes high school students and their families to our Fall Open Houses on Saturday, October 16, and Saturday, November 13. Choose your own path through sessions throughout the day as you get the inside scoop on academics, athletics, service learning, study abroad, and more! Details and registration information can be found at aquinas.edu/openhouse.

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 guestions, or go to citizens4icl.org.

OCTOBER 10, 2021

Youth Group Night

Mark your calendars for our next Youth Group night. We will meet on October 24th from 6 to 8 p.m. The location is to be determined, but it is guaranteed to be a fun fall celebration filled with spiritual fullness. See you there!



Kevin Heinlein Soli Deo Gloria

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. 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

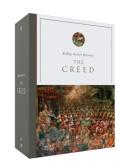
<u>Table hostesses are needed!</u> Please prayerfully consider hosting a table of guests for this **spectacular evening!** For more information and/or to reserve your table, contact Toni McKay at the parish office..

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.

Beginning Monday, October 11, 6:30 p.m. in the parish office living room The CREED - Bishop Robert Barron

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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.