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October 17, 2021
 Twenty-ninth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Fr. Tom Brown
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 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.



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 Office of the Bishop

October 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

World Mission Sunday – the annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions of the Church will be on **October 24** this year. This important day in the life of the Church universal fortifies our understanding of our shared call to mission, bestowed upon us at Baptism.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday reflects on the theme: **"We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard"** (Acts 4:20). The Holy Father shares his zeal, reminding us that, "as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves," as we "recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel." He invites us to speak of our faith!

World Mission Sunday provides us with that very opportunity. We can speak about our faith and respond to our missionary call – *through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and giving generously* to the collection for the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith** on that special day. Your gifts support and sustain priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, serve the poor and speak of our shared faith in all corners of the world.

"The global pandemic has brought to the fore and amplified the pain, the solitude, the poverty, and the injustices experienced by so many people," reminds Pope Francis. This year, as the world recovers from the loss and the challenges that resulted, let us respond with reciprocal generosity to the fullest extent that we are able.

If you were unable to support missionaries last year due to difficulties arising from the pandemic and assembly, I urge you to double your generosity for those most in need. As we rebuild our lives, help us to also reach out in solidarity and support for the Mission Church, and the work and witness of missionaries in the Pope's missions.

In this spirit, I offer my sincere personal gratitude for your kind missionary heart, reaching out in love throughout Mission Month.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
 Bishop of Grand Rapids

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

OCTOBER 17, 2021

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One Lord, One Faith,
One Baptism

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 (M. 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

Monday, October 18—St. Luke, Evangelist
2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
12:10 p.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

Tuesday, October 19—SS. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, October 20—St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-8/Lk 12:39-48
12:10 p.m. Doug Antonides (Joe & Mary Lander)
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, October 21—Weekday
Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 12:49-53
8:00 a.m. Fr. Joe Fix

Friday, October 22—St. John Paul II, Pope
Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94/Lk 12:54-59
7:30 a.m. Intention of Patricia Millers

Saturday, October 23—St. John of Capistrano, Priest
Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 13:1-9
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
3:00 p.m. Confessions

AH = Apostles’ Hall
CR = Cornerstone Room
SC = School
BC = Basement Chapel

CH = Church
PO = Parish Office
VR = Veritas Room
UP = Upper Room

Sunday, October 17
9:15 a.m. RCIA Session (PO)
10:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-9 (SC)
10:15 a.m. Candidate/Sponsor Mtg. for Gr. 9
10:15 a.m. 1st Reconciliation/Communion
Parent Meeting during class

Monday, October 18
4:00 p.m. Early Bird Raffle deadline
6:30 p.m. Scripture/Faith Study (PO)

Tuesday, October 19
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (VR)

Wednesday, October 20
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 21
4 & 5:30 p.m. Life Fit (VR)
6:30 p.m. Grief Support Group Session (PO)

Friday, October 22
10-11 a.m. No school—Teacher Inservice
Min. of Consolation meeting (PO)

Saturday, October 23

Sunday, October 24
9:15 a.m. RCIA Session (PO)
10:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-8 (SC)
3:00 p.m. Confirmation (Cathedral)
3:00 p.m. Raffle Drawing (AH/Facebook)
6-8 p.m. Youth Group Night

Jesus says greatness
is measured by
giving one's self
in service.

OUR PARISH OFFERING - October 9 & 10, 2021

Regular Offertory Collection	\$7,542.39
Electronic Giving	2,742.10
Total	\$10,284.49
-5% Tithe	-514.22
Net Total	\$9,770.27
Budgeted Weekly: \$9,038.46	
Surplus for the Week: \$1,246.03	
Propagation of the Faith	\$155.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$20.00
Christmas Baskets	\$20.00

July 1, 2021-October 10, 2021 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection

Year-to-Date: \$133,743.36
Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$135,576.90
Deficit Year-to-Date: \$1,833.54

Please pray for:

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Theresa Sullivan
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Alvina Badillo
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Lector Schedule for October 16—29, 2021					
Saturday, Oct. 16	4:00 p.m.	Phill Wizorek	Saturday, Oct. 23	4:00 p.m.	Kara Griffith
Sunday, Oct. 17	8:00 a.m.	Amy Pung	Sunday, Oct. 24	8:00 a.m.	Veronica Meyer
Sunday, Oct. 17	11:30 a.m.	Dan Lower	Sunday, Oct. 24	11:30 a.m.	Rick Esparza
Monday, Oct. 18	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa	Monday, Oct. 25	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa
Tuesday, Oct. 19	7:30 a.m. C.S.	Cecilia Luke	Tuesday, Oct. 26	7:30 a.m. C.S.	Cecilia Luke
Wednesday, Oct. 20	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa	Wednesday, Oct. 27	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa
Thursday, Oct. 21	8:00 a.m.	School lector	Thursday, Oct. 28	8:00 a.m.	School lector
Friday, Oct. 22	7:30 a.m.	Denise Peabody	Friday, Oct. 29	7:30 a.m.	Rick Esparza

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Grand Knight: Adam Rewa



Knights' Corner

On this week when we marked the Columbus Day national holiday, we might well ask how, or even if, we should celebrate him. Our fraternal order is named after Christopher Columbus because of his courage, resourcefulness, and faith in venturing on a journey that ended in North America. We do not need to deny or ignore the terrible consequences that have followed for the native peoples since then. Just as it is healthy for us to regularly examine our conscience and confess our sins as individuals, it can be healthy to do so as a nation. It does not make us any less patriotic to acknowledge our faults, especially if it inspires us to try to do better. I hope that we continue to remember Columbus and his journey of 1492. I also hope that we can celebrate and honor the indigenous peoples of North America, both past and present.

Please remember that we plan 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.

Adam Rewa, Grand Knight (527-3610)

World Mission Sunday—October 23 & 24

Next weekend, October 23 & 24, is the official collection weekend for World Mission Sunday. The ushers will take up a second collection after Communion. Those with church contribution envelopes will find an envelope for this purpose in their sets. Extra envelopes are on the table in the back of church. Please read the Bishop's letter on the cover of today's bulletin for more information.

October Mission Message

October is a beautiful occasion to think about the mission. The mission is ONE. The Church continues the very mission of Jesus, and it is His Spirit who pushes us with ardor and determination to do it. We may call this mission "Ad-Intra" when it is aimed at maintaining the faith of Christians already constituted in local churches. We may call the Church's mission "Ad-gentes" or "Inter-gentes" when it is addressed through an interreligious dialogue with the various human groups that do not know Jesus Christ. We also perceive it as the mission on the frontiers of Christianity, for the Spirit in action through the missionaries adds many human beings to the saving experience in Christ. As never before, this "Ad-exteris" mission is understood as a respectful dialogue with men of good will to perceive together that the Kingdom of God lives among us. Let's pray for missions.
—Fr. Oscar Londoño-Builes, mxy



Saints Peter & Paul School recently received an ENROLLMENT CHAMPION Certificate for its success in retaining current families and increasing enrollment of new students for the 2021-2022 academic year. If you and your family are already enrolled at SSPP we THANK YOU for choosing us for your educational and spiritual needs. If you and your family are not enrolled in our school, please take some time and check us out for your current and future needs. We are dedicated to bringing the joy of the Gospel to as many young people in our community as possible. Through a combination of strong academics, parent involvement, and faith-based experiences, SSPP strives to meet the needs of our students both academically and spiritually.

Grief Support Group Sessions

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.

Pray for Our Seminarians. . .

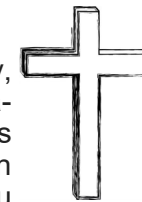


Pray for:
Patrick Truskowski
Mundelein Seminary
1000 East Maple Ave.
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Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for your son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests. We pray for our seminarians, especially Patrick, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Youth Group Night

Our next Youth Group night is Sunday, October 24th, from 6 to 8 p.m. The location is still to be determined, but it is guaranteed to be a fun fall celebration filled with spiritual fullness. See you then! —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. 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

In the know . . . by Whitney Crooks

As you can see, the parking lot project is progressing nicely. Isn't it exciting to see sidewalks?! We are currently working on a few more projects that maybe you don't know about. Inside the school, we are updating toilets (thank you, Wilson's Heating & Cooling, for all your help); some flooring is being replaced; and a small portion of ceiling is also being updated. Keeping on top of infrastructure projects like these keeps our buildings running smoothly. If you are ever interested in helping with any projects, contact the church office or the school office. Many hands make light work!



"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.

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

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God, and the one most helpful to us."
— St. Alphonsus Liguori

Looking for opportunities to spend one on one time with Jesus?

The Diocese of Grand Rapids has published an online schedule of weekly days and times when Eucharistic Adoration is available in parishes throughout our diocese. View the schedule by visiting grdiocese.org, click on the "Parishes" menu, then "Adoration Schedules" from the dropdown.

(SS. Peter & Paul—Ionia offers Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. in the church.)

Remembrance Mass Celebration

Please join us for a Remembrance Mass Celebration on Tuesday, November 9th, beginning at 6 p.m. in our church. After Mass, we will continue our celebration with a dinner in Apostles Hall in our school. We hope you will take this opportunity to gather with other parishioners who also wish to honor and remember their deceased loved ones.

We invite you to bring an item that symbolizes the life of your loved one. This could be a picture, statue, rosary, baseball glove, apron, or anything that has meaning for you in remembering their life. We will place these items on a table of remembrance for all to view and celebrate.

If you and/or other family members will be attending the Mass and meal, please call the parish secretary, Cecilia Luke at 527-3610, to let her know. Even if you won't be attending, know that we will be praying for you!

~ Ministry of Consolation Team