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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.

A reflection on Thanksgiving and the Mass, based on the writings of St. Albert the Great

In just a few days it will be Thanksgiving. A day where most of us will be off work, a day of gathering with family and friends, a day of good food and of watching football and parades. Yet all of this is secondary. It is first and foremost a day of giving thanks to God. He has given us so much. It is a day to observe his commandment: Do this in remembrance of Me!

Do this in remembrance of Me! There are two things for us to keep in mind. The first is that we should use this sacrament, this Mass, when He says "Do This." The second is that this sacrament commemorates our Lord's going to death for our sake. Do this. Certainly God would demand nothing more profitable, nothing more pleasant, nothing more beneficial, nothing more desirable, nothing more similar to eternal life.

This sacrament is profitable because it grants the remission of sins. It is most useful because it bestows the fullness of God's grace on us in this life. Our Father instructs us in what is useful for our sanctification. And his sanctification is in Christ's sacrifice when He offers Himself to the Father for our redemption. He gives it to us for our use. It is said, "I consecrate myself for their sakes. Christ, who through the Holy Spirit offered Himself up without blemish to God, will cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God."

Nor can we do anything more pleasant. For what is better than God manifesting his whole sweetness to us? You gave them bread from heaven, not the fruit of human labor, but a bread endowed with all delight and pleasant to every sense of taste. For this substance of yours revealed your kindness toward your children, and serving the desire of each recipient, it changed to suit each one's taste.

God could not have commanded anything more beneficial, for this sacrament is the fruit of the tree of life. Anyone who receives this sacrament with the devotion of sincere faith will never taste death. It is a tree of life for those who grasp it, and blessed is the one who holds it fast. The person who feeds on Me shall live on account of Me.

Nor could God have commanded anything more lovable, for this sacrament produces love and union. It is characteristic of the greatest love to give itself as food. "Had not the people of my tent exclaimed: Who will feed us with his flesh to satisfy our hunger?" It is the same to say: have loved them and they have loved Me so much that I desire to be within them, and they desire to receive Me so that they may become my members. There is no more intimate or more natural means for them to be united to Me and I to them.

Nor could God have commanded anything which is more like eternal life. Eternal life flows from this sacrament because God with all sweetness pours Himself out upon all the blessed who come to receive Him.

We will see you at Mass!

Fr. Tom









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Week

AH = Apostles' Hall \overline{CR} = Cornerstone Room \overline{SC} = School **BC** = Basement Chapel

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33-37

Saturday, November 20

4:00 p.m. Kathleen Boley (Heidi Boley & family)

Sunday, November 21

8:00 a.m. Bob & Joyce Duell (Brockman family) 11:30 a.m. Mary Frances Cox (Chris Terpstra)

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, November 22—St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/(Ps) Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4

12:10 p.m. Tabatha Boliver

Tuesday, November 23—St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; BI Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr

Dn 2:31-45/(Ps) Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, November 24—St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/(Ps) Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19 12:10 p.m. Joe Dunn (Helene Dunn)

No Holy Hour today

No Misa en español today

Thursday, November 25—St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr: Thanksgiving Day

Sir 50:22-24/Ps 138:1-5/1 Cor 1:3-9/Lk 17:11-19

9:00 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish—bilingual Mass

Friday, November 26—Weekday

Dn 7:2-14/(Ps) Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33

7:30 a.m. Special Intention (Brian & Kathy Coughlin)

Saturday, November 27—Weekday

Dn 7:15-27/(Ps) Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary

1:00 p.m. Baptism

3:00 p.m. Confessions

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/ Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Saturday, November 27

4:00 p.m. Intention of Joanie Foy (Mary Foy)

Sunday, November 28

8:00 a.m. William Wiggins III (family)

11:30 a.m. Sr. Evelyn Schoenborn (Maria McIntosh)

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS-WEEK OF NOV. 21

GENERAL CLEANING:

Pat Duffy, Judy Hamblin, Gwen O'Mara, Janis Neustifter

VACUUMING: Ken North, Bruce Sibert

Sunday, November 21

9:15 a.m.

RCIA Session (PO)

10:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-8 (SC)

Monday, November 22

3-7 p.m.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, November 23

11:00 a.m. School dismissal

12-4 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes (AH)

Wednesday, November 24 No School

Thursday, November 25 - Thanksgiving Day

No School. Parish Office closed.

Friday, November 26

No School. Parish Office closed.

Saturday, November 27

Sunday, November 28—1st Sunday of Advent

No RCIA or Faith Formation



OUR PARISH OFFERING - November 13 & 14, 2021

Regular Offertory Collection	\$5,860.17
Electronic Giving	3,302.10
Total	\$9,162.27
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Net Total	\$8,704.16

Budgeted Weekly: \$9,038.46 Surplus for the Week: \$123.81

Christmas Baskets	\$420.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$10.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$111.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$20.00

July 1, 2021-Nov. 14, 2021 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection

Year-to-Date: \$177,901.26

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Lector Schedule for November 20—December 3

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, Nov. 20	4:00 p.m.	Sue Wizorek
Sunday, Nov. 21	8:00 a.m.	Denise Peabody
Sunday, Nov. 21	11:30 a.m.	Nancy Wilson
Monday, Nov. 22 Tuesday, Nov. 23 Wed., Nov. 24	12:10 p.m. 7:30 a.m. C.S. 12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa Cecilia Luke Adam Rewa
Thursday, Nov. 25	9:00 a.m.	Denise Peabody
Friday, Nov. 26	7:30 a.m.	Rick Esparza

Saturday, Nov. 27 Phill Wizorek 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28 8:00 a.m. Veronica Mever Sunday, Nov. 28 11:30 a.m. Nancy Wilson Monday, Nov. 29 12:10 p.m. Adam Rewa Tuesday, Nov. 30 7:30 a.m. C.S. Cecilia Luke Wed., Dec. 1 12:10 p.m. Adam Rewa Thursday, Dec. 2 8:00 a.m. School lector Friday, Dec. 3 7:30 a.m. Denise Peabody

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Knights' Corner

This Wednesday, November 24th, marks the 117th anniversary of our local Knights of Columbus Council. Happy Anniversary, Brother Knights!

For the second week in a row, I want to thank some of our members for their work around the parish. Last Saturday eight brave souls came out in the cold and spent nearly five hours putting up the fence on top of our parking lot wall. We got a lot done and had fun doing it. Hopefully by the time you read this, even more will have been accomplished!

Finally, don't forget to get your raffle tickets!

Adam Rewa, Grand Knight (527-3610)

More Volunteers Welcome!!!

We will soon be preparing new schedules for our church cleaning teams, vacuuming teams, collection counting teams, and bulletin stuffing teams. New volunteers are always welcome, but this would be the PERFECT time for you to consider joining a team, forming a new one, or letting us know that you need to step down. Please call Cecilia at the parish office (527-3610) for more information or to volunteer.

Church Cleaners; Church Vacuumers

A number of teams of volunteers clean the church and sacristy each week, and other teams vacuum the body of the church and the vestibule. Teams are scheduled on a rotating basis and serve about once every 2 months.

Church Bulletin Stuffers

We print our own church bulletins, and each week the center page must be "stuffed" into them. We have several two-member teams who take turns assembling the bulletins. They usually work for 30 to 60 minutes on a Friday morning about once a month.

Church Collection Counters

Teams of four people count the weekend collection each Monday morning at 9 a.m. The teams are scheduled on a rotating basis and serve about once a month.

Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound

We are being made aware of more and more homebound people who would appreciate having someone bring Communion to them each week, either after a weekend Mass or during the week. If you would like to consider helping in this ministry, please call Cecilia Luke at the parish office (527-3610) or Mary Ziegler, Coordinator of Homebound Ministry (616-902-5683). Thank you!

Bequests to the Parish

Last week, our parish received two bequests – one from the estate of Fr. Mike Danner and one from that of Marcia Cook. We had not known beforehand that they were coming, and to receive two in one week was a nice surprise! We are very grateful for their faithfulness in remembering the parish. A few years ago we began a Legacy Club as a way for people to express their desire to leave money to SS. Peter and Paul. If you would like to join, please call the parish office.

Be a Good Steward of the Thanksgiving Day Weekend

Here are some suggestions for making your Thanksgiving weekend an opportunity for expressing your gratitude to the Lord in creative ways:

Go to Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Start the day off on a positive note and celebrate the Eucharist.

Write "I'm thankful for you" cards and give them out or e-mail or mail them.

Share your Thanksgiving meal with someone who is alone this Thanksgiving.

Make contact with someone who could use a phone call or even an errand run for them.

Help someone if you can. Extend your generosity and blessings beyond your own family. Be part of an adopt-a-family effort.

Take a walk. Find a place to enjoy God's gift of creation. Invite family, friends, or neighbors to join you.

Most important! Take advantage of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend to focus on what you're grateful for and the things you appreciate about yourself and others. It is an ideal time to remember and to celebrate the many blessings in our lives.

(from Catholic Stewardship, November 2021 e-bulletin)

Please note that there will be no 6 p.m. Adoration or 7 p.m. Spanish Mass on Wed, Nov. 24th.

Please pray for our seminarians.

Pray for:
Thomas A. Curry
University of St. Thomas
2115 Summit Avenue
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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. Lord, we pray for our seminarians, especially Thomas. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Come and see! 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 and see for yourself what the Catholic Church is all about. Contact Toni McKay in the parish office for more information: tmckay@ssppcatholic.com.

Faith Formation Classes for Grades K-8

It's not too late to register! Registration forms can be found on the table at the entrance to church, or on www.saintspeterandpaulionia.org.

Faith Formation Schedule:

Nov. 21 Classes for Gr. K-8, 10:15-11:15

Nov. 28 No Classes.

Dec. 5 Classes for Gr. K-8, 10:15-11:15 Dec. 12 Classes for Gr. K-8, 10:15-11:15 Dec. 19 & 26 No classes. Christmas Break!



We have received the profiles of eighteen families from the Ionia area who would like to be "adopted" for Christmas. See the Adopt-a-Family flyer on the table in the back of church that notes the MANY ways you can help and participate in this vital ministry. Or, especially if you would like to adopt a family for Christmas, contact our parish coordinator, Katherine Martin: katherinemartin@ssppcatholic.com or 616-308-5525.

Food collection continues through December 12!

There are many people in our community who could use some extra help in making this a special time of celebration for their families. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food items to Mary's altar by December 12. They will be added to the baskets prepared for the families that have been adopted.

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 Dec. 1. All are welcome. Please help us spread the word. For more information, please contact Vanessa Booth: vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

Youth Group news . . .

The next youth group will be Sunday, December 5th. We will be traveling to a living nativity! More details to follow.

—Kevin Heinlein



The Christmas wreaths and poinsettias that adorn our church during the Christmas season are offered to honor the birth of Christ and to glorify God. You are invited to honor your loved ones, living or deceased, by offering a **Christmas Flower Memorial**.

The names of those honored will be published in our parish bulletin during the Christmas season. Your donation will help to decorate the church not only at Christmas, but into the new year. The suggested donation is \$10 per name.

To make an honorary or memorial offering, please pick up a request form near the main entrances to church. You can submit your request and donation in an envelope in the collection basket, or return to the parish office by December 13.

Lector Workbooks for Year C

We have received copies of our *Workbooks for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word* for liturgical year C, which begins on the weekend of November 27/28, the First Sunday of Advent. Two copies of the workbook will be available on the lector table in the sacristy for lectors to borrow for the week before they lector. If you are a lector who would like to purchase your own copy for \$12, a few are available in the parish office.

Mount Olivet Cemetery

On December 1st, our cemetery will be closing for the winter. If you have any items on graves that you would like to protect from winter winds and weather, please retrieve them now. Thank you!

Book of the Names of the Dead

Our Book of the Names of the Dead is placed on a stand at the back of church during the month of November. You may write the names of recently deceased loved ones in the book. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Employment Opportunities

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