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November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent

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.

Parking Lot Report

We first began talking about the need to repair the parking lot in April when the snow melted and revealed just how large the cracks in our lot had become. Now, eight months later, we have the job done! It went through many stages. At first we thought we could simply tear up the section of the parking lot nearest the wall and pour new concrete for a cost of roughly \$36,000. A closer examination of the wall revealed how far it had bulged out in the center and just how compromised it had become. It clearly needed to be replaced. We also found out that the drains in the parking lot were part of the problem and needed work to prevent water from making its way to the wall in the first place. Finally, the fence on top of the wall would need to be removed and reinstalled. These additions brought the cost of the project up to an estimate of \$193,000.

We could not begin the project until it had been presented to the diocese and received approval, but work finally began at the end of August. CL Trucking was the main contractor, and they did the preliminary tear down of the old wall and removal of the section of parking lot to be replaced. They did the excavation and preparation of the site for the next step, which was the pouring of the footing for the new wall, followed by the pouring of the new wall itself. This was done by Goose Creek Foundations. Once the wall had cured for a few days, CL Trucking returned to backfill the area behind the wall.

Platte Brothers Concrete came in at this point to pour the sidewalks and the first section of the parking lot. The drains were repaired and new PVC pipes to connect them were installed by CL Trucking, and then the final section of the parking lot was poured. Once this had cured, CL Trucking put in temporary black top to fill in the narrow space between the old parking lot and the new. Next year we will decide where to go from here.

The final step of the process was to reinstall the fence on the top of the wall. The original estimate to have this done was for nearly \$13,000. This seemed extraordinarily high, so a group of parishioners led by Glen Trierweiler decided to handle that project themselves. This was not as straightforward as it might seem because the new wall did not have dimensions identical to the old one, and new fasteners had to be designed. Eventually we came up with a plan to use brackets which fit on top of the wall to secure the fence. These were constructed by CL Trucking and have worked very well, even better than the original installation had been.

We were blessed as this project went along by several very generous donations which helped lower the final cost. First, HSV Redi-Mix of Lake Odessa came forward and offered to donate all the concrete for the project, a value of \$34,000. Platte Brothers gave us a 10% discount on the cost of their work which amounted to \$2,500. Finally, CL Trucking discounted their cost to the parish by \$27,500. By doing the fence installation ourselves, we saved nearly an additional \$10,000. When all was said and done, the entire project cost \$109,113.38.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

One Lord, One Faith,
One Baptism

First Sunday of Advent
*Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/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

Monday, November 29—Advent Weekday
Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Mt 8:5-11
12:10 p.m. Doris & Patrick Crowley (Rich & Paula Geldhof)

Tuesday, November 30—St. Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, December 1—Advent Weekday
Is 25:6-10/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. Roberta Baer (John & Pat Klein)
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, December 2—Advent Weekday
Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/Mt 7:21, 24-27
8:00 a.m. Special Intention (Brian & Kathy Coughlin)

Friday, December 3—St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
7:30 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

Saturday, December 4—St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5-8
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
3:00 p.m. Confessions

Second Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Saturday, December 4
4:00 p.m. Mary Lou Greenhoe

Sunday, December 5
8:00 a.m. Martin & Helen Simon (family)
11:30 a.m. Joanne Burdo (Christine Bewell)
1:00 p.m. Misa en español
3—5 p.m. Confessions

****Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena: December 3—12 at 7 p.m.****

GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF NOV. 28

GENERAL CLEANING:
Kip Geldhof, Terri Nurenberg, Colleen Pierce

VACUUMING:
Shannon Andrews, Debra Sochor

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

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

Sunday, November 28
No RCIA or Faith Formation

Monday, November 29

Tuesday, November 30
6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. ESL Classes (AH)

Wednesday, December 1
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (AH)

Thursday, December 2
4 & 5:30 p.m. Life Fit (VR)
6:00 p.m. ESL Classes (AH)

Friday, December 3
8:30 a.m. KofC Spelling Bee for Gr. 4-8 (AH)
2—3:30 p.m. Bake Sale (VR)
6:00 p.m. Christmas Parade (Main St.)

Saturday, December 4
8:30 a.m.-3:15 Hispanic Leader Training (VR)
5-5:30 p.m. Bake Sale (VR)

Sunday, December 5
9-10 a.m. Bake Sale (VR)
9:15 a.m. RCIA Session (PO)
10:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes for K-8
5:30 p.m. Youth Group to Living Nativity



OUR PARISH OFFERING - November 20 & 21, 2021

Regular Offertory Collection	\$5,265.00
Electronic Giving	1,082.10
Total	\$6,347.10
-5% Tithe	-317.36
Net Total	\$6,029.74
Budgeted Weekly: \$9,038.46	
Deficit for the Week: \$2,691.36	
Christmas Baskets	\$310.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$5.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$1,689.00

July 1, 2021-Nov. 21, 2021 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection
Year-to-Date: \$184,248.36
Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$189,807.66
Deficit Year-to-Date: \$5,559.30

Please pray for:

Leonard Bettelyoun
Denise Cope
John & Toni McKay
Phyllis Richardson
Jacqueline Franz
Rueger Eveleth
Shereen Lytle
John Klein
Jim McKay
Don Jarema
David Esparza
Warren Brown
Amber Campbell
Baby Covert
Karen Coulson
Madolyn Richardson
Craig Collen
Joe Rosse
Nathan Lower
Denny Lesky
Bill Robinson
Sheree Gilbert

Jerry Blundy
Debbie Flinn
Tom Lonier
Yvonne Elvert
Feliciano Paredes
Dorr Bissell
Jane Gazella
Finnly Hunt
Pete & Annie Ludwick
Tom Brockman
Bruce Hoeksema
Christopher Van Buren
Sue Thompson
Peter Gallagher
Theresa Sullivan
Mike O’Connor
Carol Gallagher
Ali Laninga
Alvina Badillo
Della Arbour
Alice Samani-Zozo
Isaac Fletcher

Clara Butler
Irene Kneale
Jerry & Maribeth Fritz
Susan Montgomery
Ken Peabody
Tim Perry
Tom White
Toni Montgomery
Pamela Coggan
Rachel Cross
Vickie Lykins
Joe Drysdale
Phil & Carol Fox
Ed & Glenna Miller
Annette Krycinski
Barbara Bennett
Nichole Munsell
Jace Peterson
Pat McKinstry
Georgia Sibert

SS. Peter & Paul Parish Staff
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Secretary Cecilia Luke
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Angela Anderson Cara Brownell Deb Trierweiler
Tracey Bergeron Lauren Christensen Tim Wall
Vanessa Booth Nick Cusack Kristi Wizorek

Lector Schedule for November 27—December 10					
Saturday, Nov. 27	4:00 p.m.	Phill Wizorek	Saturday, Dec. 4	4:00 p.m.	Mary Lou Mulick
Sunday, Nov. 28	8:00 a.m.	Veronica Meyer	Sunday, Dec. 5	8:00 a.m.	Pete Fox
Sunday, Nov. 28	11:30 a.m.	Nancy Wilson	Sunday, Dec. 5	11:30 a.m.	Rick Esparza
Monday, Nov. 29	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa	Monday, Dec. 6	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa
Tuesday, Nov. 30	7:30 a.m. C.S.	Cecilia Luke	Tuesday, Dec. 7	7:30 a.m. C.S.	Cecilia Luke
Wed., Dec. 1	12:10 p.m.	Adam Rewa	Wed., Dec. 8	12:10 p.m.	Walt Downes
Thursday, Dec. 2	8:00 a.m.	School Lector	Wed., Dec. 8	5:30 p.m.	Mary Lou Mulick
Friday, Dec. 3	7:30 a.m.	Denise Peabody	Thursday, Dec. 9	8:00 a.m.	Cecilia Luke
			Friday, Dec. 10	7:30 a.m.	Denise Peabody

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Knights' Corner

Although a few events that the Knights were prepared to help with have been cancelled (Breakfast with Santa and Advent by Candlelight), there are still ways to lend a hand. We will be distributing Coats for Kids this Friday, December 3rd, at the Armory, and we can certainly help move the food totes for the Adopt a Family program.

If you are a Knight and have not been getting emails of our meeting minutes, please let me know. You can call me at the parish office or email me at: arewa@ssppcatholic.com.

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

Adam Rewa, Grand Knight (527-3610)

Reflection on the Gospel for the 1st Sunday of Advent

On this first Sunday of Advent, the Gospel reading depicts Jesus warning his followers about the end-time. He urges them to pray, be vigilant, spiritually awake, avoid self indulgence, spiritual malaise, and a preoccupation with anxiety. Jesus advises against a lifestyle of earthly pleasures and worry. These will not matter when the Lord asks for an account of our stewardship. Stewards realize their lives are not just about the here and now. They know themselves to be reflections of God's active presence in the world and witnesses of the Lord's promises. As we begin this season of hope, let us reflect on the practical effect of having every waking moment in our lives dedicated to the Lord.

(from *Catholic Stewardship*, November 2021 e-bulletin)

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.

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!

Advent Confession Schedule:

Sunday, December 5	3—5 p.m.
Sunday, December 19	3—5 p.m.
Wednesday, December 1	11 a.m.—12 noon
Wednesday, December 8	11 a.m.—12 noon
Wednesday, December 15	11 a.m.—12 noon
Wednesday, December 22	11 a.m.—12 noon
Saturday, December 4	3—3:45 p.m.
Saturday, December 11	3—3:45 p.m.
Saturday, December 18	3—3:45 p.m.

Bake Sale

While the Mrs. Claus Bazaar has been cancelled this year, the SSPP Family School Council will continue hosting a bake sale. Donations of Christmas cookies and candy are needed to make this a success! Please drop off your baked good donations to the Veritas Room in the school on **Friday, December 3rd, by 11 a.m.** The Family School Council will package and price the treats.

The Bake sale will be held in the Veritas Room:
Friday, December 3rd, from 2:00—3:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 4th, from 5:00—5:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 5th, from 9:00—10:00 a.m.

We will also have two stations on Main Street during the **Christmas Parade** on **Friday, December 3rd**. We will be selling individual baked goods and hot cocoa. Be sure to stop by and see us in front of Cantwell's Gym and The Jewel Box. Thank you in advance. We look forward to seeing the variety of baked goods donated by our talented families!

Please pray for our seminarians.

Pray for:
Jacob R. Hahn
 Mundelein Seminary
 1000 East Maple Ave.
 Mundelein, IL 60060



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 Jacob. 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. 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!
Jan. 2	Classes for Gr. K-8, 10:15-11:15



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!

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.

Youth Group news . . .

Our Saints Peter & Paul Youth Group will be traveling to the Living Nativity at Shiloh on Sunday, December 5th. We will meet in the parish parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and car pool. We should return around 7:30 p.m. Permission forms are required and will be available in the back of church or on the day of the event. Happy Advent! —Kevin Heinlein



*Come rest awhile
 in the Lord's presence.
 Eucharistic Holy Hour
 Wednesdays 6—7 p.m.
 in the church*



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!

Thank You

A Thank-you from Mike & Carol Gallagher

A big thank-you to all our SSPP friends. We have many things to thank you for: prayers during our illnesses, all the help and good wishes as we prepared to move, and all the goodbye and good luck cards. Most recently, so many wonderful birthday cards. We miss our life among you, but also enjoy being near our children and grandchildren. Thank you all for being such good people. We hope you stay in touch with us. Our new address is 4509 Terrace Rd, Tempe, AZ 85282.