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# SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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Email: [parishoffice@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:parishoffice@ssppcatholic.com)

## July 31, 2022 Eighteenth 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 7:30 a.m. (summer)  
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.  
Monday 11 a.m.-12 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.

One of the comments that came out of our Synod meetings reflected on how well our Church is doing and how well we are living up to our mission call. “Sometimes the Church herself doesn’t know her own mission: We are given mixed signals; we need to unify our mission, make it solid within our own parishes before we can evangelize it to others.” So, let us look at ourselves.

Our mission, of course, is to proclaim and follow Jesus Christ. We are a community of believers who span the globe. Our very name, “catholic”, means universal. Our core beliefs are summed up in our Creed. “I believe in one God...” We are the original Christian Church, which began when Jesus said to Peter, “You are the rock on which I will build my Church. The gates of hell will not prevail against it.” Every pope since Peter, our first pope, has been part of an unbroken line of succession.

At the Last Supper, Jesus said, “Take this and eat—this is my Body; take this and drink—this is my Blood.” In this, He gave us the Eucharist, the gift of his real presence in the form of bread and wine. The word ‘Eucharist’ means thanksgiving. The Mass is a Eucharistic celebration and a celebration of God’s words to us in the Scriptures.

We believe that holy men and women who came before us still pray for us and aid us. We call them saints, and many of our churches are named after them. The first among the saints was Mary, who gave birth to Jesus and is honored as Mother of God and Mother of the Church. From the beginning, the Catholic Church has handed on God’s Word to each new generation and defined what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Through the centuries, the Church has preserved the Bible, as well as many other works, in its monasteries and libraries. It instituted the university system in order to educate.

We also believe that beauty is a sign of God’s loving presence, so we have commissioned and preserved some of the world’s greatest works of art. Without the sponsorship of the Church, Michelangelo would never have painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel or carved the Pieta.

Today the Church is the world’s largest charitable organization. We provide a significant portion of the social service needs of Americans and others around the world. We have hundreds of Catholic hospitals, universities, and colleges in the United States. We also operate the nation’s largest non-public school system. Catholics are well over a billion people on every continent, and we have professed and expressed our faith in Jesus Christ for over 2000 years.

Soon we will be returning to our Catholic schools, our Faith Formation programs, our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Bible studies, and other programs. We have great things to share. The greatest is God and all He has done for us, especially at Mass, the greatest “hidden treasure” in all of history. Jesus makes himself available upon the altar, in every language, in every corner of the world... humble, accessible, and consumable.

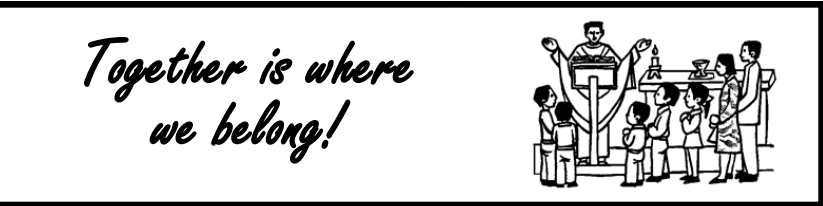
God bless you, *Fr. Tom*



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

JULY 31, 2022

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21*  
**Saturday, July 30**  
4:00 p.m. Living & deceased of Patrick & Carol Lewis family

**Sunday, July 31**  
8:00 a.m. Mary Albert (Gerald & Yolanda Preston)  
11:30 a.m. Intention of Vickie Barker (Pat & Maria McIntosh)  
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

**Monday, August 1—St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor**  
*Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21*  
11:00 a.m. Confessions  
12:10 p.m. Joseph Barna (Regina Zylstra)

**Tuesday, August, 2—St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**  
*Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-23, 29/Mt 14:22-36*  
7:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Wednesday, August 3—Weekday**  
*Jer 31:1-7/(Ps) Jer 31:10-13/Mt 15:21-28*  
12:10 p.m. Bertha Meier  
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour  
No Misa en español

**Thursday, August 4—St. John Vianney, Priest**  
*Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23*  
7:30 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

**Friday, August 5—Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major**  
*Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/(Ps) Dt 32:35-36, 39, 41/Mt 16:24-28*  
7:30 a.m. Diane Piper

**Saturday, August 6—The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
*Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28-36*  
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary  
1:00 p.m. Marriage Convalidation for Pete Fox & Renee Poland  
3:00 p.m. Confessions

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 12:32-48*  
**Saturday, August 6**  
4:00 p.m. William Michael Overbeck (Sue & Phill Wizorek)

**Sunday, August 7**  
8:00 a.m. Frank & Betty McMullen (Hildebrandt family)  
11:30 a.m. Joyce Funkey (Don Funkey & family)  
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

**GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF JULY 31**

**GENERAL CLEANING:**  
Kip Geldhof, Terri Nurenberg, Colleen Pierce

**VACUUMING:**  
Ken North, Bruce Sibert

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

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

**Sunday, July 31**

**Monday, August 1**  
8 a.m.-3 p.m. Camp Kitchen Sage (AH)  
6:30 p.m. Scripture Study (PO)  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Community Vacation Bible School (August 1—4 at Restore Church)

**Tuesday, August 2**  
8 a.m.-3 p.m. Camp Kitchen Sage (AH)  
6:30 p.m. RCIA Inquiry Session (PO)  
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting (VR)

**Wednesday, August 3**  
8 a.m.-3 p.m. Camp Kitchen Sage (AH)  
After 12:10 p.m. Mass—Luncheon (PO)

**Thursday, August 4**  
8 a.m.-3 p.m. Camp Kitchen Sage (AH)  
9:30 a.m. Parish Staff Meeting (PO)  
4 & 5:30 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

**Friday, August 5**

**Saturday, August 6**  
9:30 a.m. Min. of Consolation Training (PO)

**Sunday, August 7**



**OUR PARISH OFFERING - July 23 & 24, 2022**

Regular Offertory Collection	\$4,526.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,562.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,088.10</b>
-5% Tithe	-304.41
Net Total	\$5,783.69

Budgeted Weekly: \$9,230.77  
Deficit for the Week: \$3,142.67

**July 1, 2022—July 24, 2022 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection**

Year-to-Date: \$33,462.12  
Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$36,923.08  
Deficit Year-to-Date: \$3,460.96

**Please pray for:**

Vickie Barker	Donnette Vogt	Jane Gazella
Sulyn Bettinghouse	Pat MacLachlan	Finnly Hunt
Devin Dowsett	Jack Wirtz	Tom Brockman
Irene Kneale	Roy Conrad	Christopher Van Buren
Cole LeBarre	Jim & Barb Mulnix	Sue Thompson
Doug& Betty McGinnis	Sherry North	Mike O’Connor
Travis Eveleth	Leonard Bettelyoun	Isaac Fletcher
Alice Cardenas	Denise Cope	Jerry & Maribeth Fritz
Connor Pung	Phyllis Richardson	Ken Peabody
Tom Weaver	Rueger Eveleth	Tom White
Michelle Walsh	Don Jarema	Pamela Coggan
Mike Weger	David Esparza	Rachel Cross
Michelle Montgomery	Madolyn Richardson	Joe Drysdale
Sue Speckin	Craig Collen	Ed & Glenna Miller
Jim & Sue Huver	Joe Rosse	Annette Krycinski
Charlotte Phillips	Nathan Lower	Barbara Bennett
Charles Timm	Denny Lesky	Nichole Munsell
Kathy Kranz	Bill Robinson	Jace Peterson
Dennis Mould	Debbie Flinn	Georgia Sibert
Emma Furman	Yvonne Elvert	
Larry Lafler	Feliciano Paredes	
Arlene Stanton	Dorr Bissell	

 **SS. Peter & Paul Parish Staff** **(616) 527-3610**   |                   |                |          | |-------------------|----------------|----------| | Permanent Deacon  | Zenon Cardenas | 527-8942 | | Secretary         | Cecilia Luke   | ext. 10  | | Office Manager    | Adam Rewa      | ext. 11  | | Pastoral Services | Toni McKay     | ext. 13  | | Music Director    | Whitney Crooks | 527-3610 | | Maintenance       | Rod Bergeron   | 527-3610 | | Cemetery Sexton   | Aaren Perry    | 527-3610 |   **SS. Peter and Paul School** **(616) 527-3561**  **www.ssppcatholic.com**   |             |                               |         | |-------------|-------------------------------|---------| | Principal   | Jenny Leik                    | ext. 18 | | Secretaries | Diane Grummet & Joann Johnson | ext. 23 | | Pre-School  | Barb Voet                     | ext. 20 | | Daycare     | Audra Searfoss                | ext. 28 |   **SS. Peter & Paul Parish - Pastoral Council**   |              |                 |          | |--------------|-----------------|----------| | Deb Campbell | Tim Martin      | Tim Wall | | Rick Esparza | Deb Trierweiler |          |   **SS. Peter & Paul Parish - Finance Council**   |                   |              |             | |-------------------|--------------|-------------| | Chris Christensen | Matt Johnson | John Klein  | | Jane Hemenway     | Mike Keast   | Dave O’Mara |   **SS. Peter & Paul School - Board of Education**   |                 |                    |                 | |-----------------|--------------------|-----------------| | Angela Anderson | Cara Brownell      | Deb Trierweiler | | Tracey Bergeron | Lauren Christensen | Tim Wall        | | Vanessa Booth   | Nick Cusack        | Kristi Wizorek  | |

**August 6 & 7, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m.	Lector: Cecilia Luke Altar Servers: Carmen & Jaclyn Rewa EMs: Garry & Mary Lou Mulick Greeter: Pat Brockman	11:30 a.m.	Lector: Shannon Andrews Altar Servers: Volunteers EM: Ron Drysdale Greeter: Pamela Pontius
8:00 a.m.	Lector: Veronica Meyer Altar Servers: Paul & Sam Meyer EM: Kevin Heinlein Greeters: Trierweiler family		Would you like to serve as a Lector, Altar Server, Minister of Communion, Greeter, or Usher? Call the parish office at 616-527-3610 to inquire, or send an email to parishoffice@ssppcatholic.com.

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Rosary at 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
Grand Knight: Tim Wall

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**Knights' Corner**

Our next meeting will be this Tuesday, August 2nd, in the Veritas Room. We'll be praying the Rosary at 7:00 p.m., and the meeting will follow at 7:30. This is our opportunity to come together to plan out what we will do in the coming months. Please join us if you can!

*Tim Wall*, Grand Knight (317-507-6787)

**Scheduling Your Photography Session**

For the next five weekends after Mass, we will be signing up parishioners to have their pictures taken for our new directory. If you would like to schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **mi1643** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field.

Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. **The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday.** Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time. We want everyone to be a part of our directory, so be sure to sign up!

**Are you away from home a lot during the summer—or the winter? Would you like to try giving to the offertory electronically?**

We have a very simple form to fill out which asks for your banking information, how often you would like to give (weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly), and how much you would like to contribute. We use this to build our ACH batches through Mercantile Bank, and the funds are transferred automatically at the chosen time. Once you have signed up, your work is done. You can change or halt the process at any time with a phone call to the parish office. This can be a great opportunity to make your giving more intentional and consistent, even when you are not here for Mass. For more information, call Adam at the parish office.

**Ministry of Consolation**

Called by the healing ministry of Jesus, the Ministry of Consolation continues to reach out to parishioners and community members suffering from any type of loss, as well as those touched by cancer. The upcoming training sessions to join this ministry will be held on Saturdays, August 6 & 20, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Office living room. If you are interested in learning more about the Ministry of Consolation, please contact Vanessa: [vbooth@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com).

**Ionia Community Vacation Bible School**

This year's Ionia Community Vacation Bible School (for children in Preschool-5th Grade) is scheduled for August 1-4, Monday-Thursday, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. It will be held at Restore Church, 430 W. Main St., Ionia. You may register your children or volunteer at [www.ioniaVBS.com](http://www.ioniaVBS.com).

**Parking at the Ionia Free Fair**

Thank you to all those who used the parking lot sponsored by Saints Peter & Paul for this year's Free Fair. We raised \$4,717 for the school, which represents roughly 675 cars parked over the course of the fair. Thank you also to Elaine Caswell for the use of the lot!

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience**

Looking to add a little sparkle and fireworks to your marriage and your faith? Plan NOW to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience this fall.

September 30-October 2

at the Augustine Center in Petoskey  
October 28-30 at St. Vincent Pallotti Parish  
in Wyandotte

November 18-20 at the Comfort Inn  
in Farmington Hills.

Apply at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or contact Chris & Darla Vinton at 517-667-0433 for more information.



Have you thought about separation or divorce? There are alternatives. Rediscover healing and love and find hope by attending Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i). The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage.

**The next Retrouvaille weekend is Sept. 16-18.**

For more information, to register, or to sponsor a couple, call [517-281-0478](tel:517-281-0478), email [retrograndrapids@gmail.com](mailto:retrograndrapids@gmail.com), or visit [retrouvaille.org](http://retrouvaille.org).

**Cancer Support Group**

Have you or a family member been touched by cancer? No matter where you are in your battle, we are here for you. Team members from the Ministry of Consolation offer Cancer Support gatherings. For more information, please contact Vanessa Booth at [vbooth@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com). Please help us spread the word; so much comfort can be found in walking the journey together.

Our next **After Mass Luncheon** is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 3, after the 12:10 p.m. Mass.** A light lunch will be served in the Parish Office living room. Please call Deb Trierweiler at 616-902-3473 to let her know what you would like to bring. We hope to see you at Mass and at lunch!

**Camp Kitchen Sage—Ionia****One more week: runs through August 4**

Camp Kitchen Sage is a project of Steepletown, a faith-based organization in Grand Rapids affiliated with 3 neighboring Catholic Churches on the west side. Eight participants, ages 16 to 24, are taking part. The camp is offered as a way to help academically challenged and/or other-abled young people gain valuable job skills. The program runs from Monday through Thursday in the kitchen of SS. Peter & Paul School. Participants are learning the basics of kitchen safety and cleanliness, and are developing their cooking skills.

**Mass Intention Requests**

Offering a Mass for a special intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. Masses are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory; in remembrance of someone who is deceased; for someone who is ill; for someone celebrating a special occasion. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention, please call the parish office. The typical offering is \$10.

**SUMMER 2022 RCIA INQUIRY SESSIONS****An Invitation to Come and See!**

**Tuesdays in August, 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, August 28, 9:15 a.m.**

in the Parish Office living room,  
434 High St., Ionia

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is an opportunity for:

- those who have not been baptized.
- those who have been baptized, but have little affiliation with, or formation in the Catholic faith.
- those who want to learn and ask questions about the Catholic faith.

If you would like to inquire, please call Toni McKay at 527-3610 or email her at [tmckay@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:tmckay@ssppcatholic.com).

**World Youth Day Pilgrimage—  
Information Session on August 27**

Young adults, ages 18 & up, join the Diocese of Grand Rapids' pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, from July 29-August 7, 2023! Meet other Catholic young adults from around the world and join with Pope Francis in a global celebration of our Catholic faith.

**Learn more during our WYD 2023 info event Saturday, August 27, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside the Cathedral of Saint Andrew** (301 Sheldon Blvd. SE, Grand Rapids). A brief presentation with pilgrimage details will take place at 11 a.m., and our travel agency representative will be available to answer questions.

Come and join the fun! Coffee and donuts provided. For more information, contact Father Eugene at [eba-tungbacal@grdiocese.org](mailto:eba-tungbacal@grdiocese.org) or 616-333-1173. Also, sign up to receive diocesan pilgrimage updates at: <https://bit.ly/GRDioceseWYD2023Updates>.

**We need more liturgical ministers!** If you once served as a Lector, Minister of Communion, Altar Server, or Greeter and would like to serve once again, please let us know at what Mass you could be scheduled. If you would like to try a new ministry, please call the parish office (616-527-3610) to inquire. Training and guidelines will be provided as needed.

**Isaac Fletcher, an 11 year old SSPP parishioner, is in need of a kidney transplant and looking for a living kidney donor with Type O blood.** His kidneys failed in 2019, and he is dependent on dialysis, which keeps him alive, but not healthy. With a living donor, the transplanted kidney usually lasts much longer, the wait to receive the kidney is shorter (often by years!), a closer match is possible to reduce organ rejection (and the level of immune suppression needed), and overall quality of life is higher. The donor is able to live a normal, healthy life with just one kidney, and costs of the evaluation and surgery are covered.

If you are willing to help spread the word or have questions about donation, please contact Michelle Fletcher at 616-523-2338 or [OurSonNeedsAKidney@gmail.com](mailto:OurSonNeedsAKidney@gmail.com)

**Eucharistic****Adoration**

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in the Lord's presence.*

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