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

## October 2, 2022 Twenty-seventh 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.

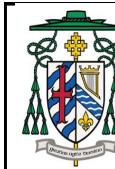
**Weekend Mass Schedule**  
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8 & 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. in Spanish

**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.  
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.



DIocese of GRAND RAPIDS  
Office of the Bishop

October 2, 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

As Catholics, we are called to stand for and create a consistent ethic of life in our communities. This work has never been more important than now. Life is being threatened in our country from the moment of conception to natural death and at many points in between.

Next month Michigan voters have an important decision to make – one that could save the lives of countless unborn children. Proposal 3 would create a new right of abortion in the Michigan Constitution. It would allow abortion throughout pregnancy with no regulations, and with no limitations on who can obtain an abortion. Any person would be able to perform an abortion without any consequences. You are urged to vote NO on Proposal 3.

The Church not only opposes legislation that denies the inherent dignity of each person; she also works toward positive solutions. This is why parishes have taken up the "Walking with Moms in Need" initiative, which helps pregnant women choose life by providing education, essential supplies, and emotional and financial support to raise their children. Catholic Charities West Michigan gave away more than 10,000 diapers and provided counseling to 40 pregnant women free of charge in the last fiscal year so these moms could keep their babies. In addition to Catholic Charities, many Catholics support and volunteer at pregnancy resource centers throughout West Michigan.

Life from the moment of conception is inviolable, so we must uphold the dignity and value of every life to its natural end. This past month, we have joined Pope Francis in praying for the abolition of the death penalty. As the Holy Father reminds us, "...The death penalty is morally inadmissible, for it destroys the most important gift we have received: life." (For the abolition of the death penalty, The Pope Video, September 2022)

During this Respect Life Month, let us reflect more deeply on why every human life is sacred. I invite you to visit the diocesan website ([grdiocese.org](http://grdiocese.org)) for more information on Proposal 3 and Respect Life Month resources to support your efforts. Saint Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*David J. Walkowiak*

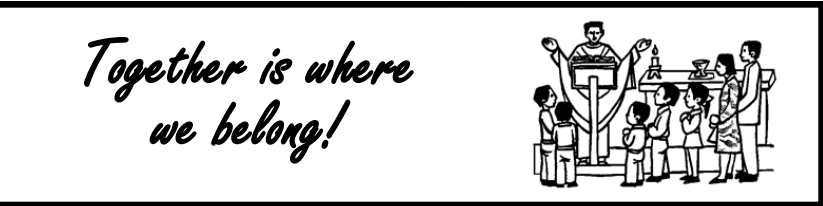
Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
Bishop of Grand Rapids



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

OCTOBER 2, 2022

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10*

**Saturday, October 1**  
4:00 p.m. Living & deceased of Patrick & Carol Lewis family

**Sunday, October 2**  
8:00 a.m. Eugene Dietrich  
11:30 a.m. Joseph Dunn (Helene Dunn)  
(Confirmation Rite of Enrollment at this Mass)  
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

**Monday, October 3—Weekday**  
*Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1-2, 7-10/Lk 10:25-37*  
11:00 a.m. Confessions  
12:10 p.m. Intention of all who are ill or homebound

**Tuesday, October 4—St. Francis of Assisi**  
*Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Lk 10:38-42*  
7:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Wednesday, October 5—St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest**  
*Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1-2/Lk 11:1-4*  
11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Irene Kneale  
No 12:10 p.m. Mass today  
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour  
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

**Thursday, October 6—St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin**  
*Gal 3:1-5/(Ps) Lk 1:69-75/Lk 11:5-13*  
8:00 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish  
(Fr. Tom will bless Bibles brought by students & adults)

**Friday, October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary**  
*Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 11:15-26*  
7:30 a.m. Carol Van Horn (Hemenway family)

**Saturday, October 8—Weekday**  
*Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 11:27-28*  
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary  
11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Jane Dipzinski  
3:00 p.m. Confessions

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19*

**Saturday, October 8**  
4:00 p.m. Marlene Chartrand & Kay Conner (their sisters)

**Sunday, October 9**  
8:00 a.m. Intention of Jamie & Veronica Meyer—25th Anniversary  
11:30 a.m. Martin & Martha Thelen (family)

**GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF OCT. 2**

**GENERAL CLEANING:**  
Maria Cardenas, Teresa Nuñez, Carolina Velasco

**VACUUMING:**  
Chris & Pilya Christensen

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

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

**Sunday, October 2**  
9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)  
10:15 & 11:30 Faith Formation (SC)  
(Gr. 9: Sponsors attend w/Candidates: 10:15)  
During 11:30 Mass—Tiny Disciples (Gr.K-1) (SC)  
1:15 p.m. Ionia Area CROP Hunger Walk

**Monday, October 3**  
6:30 p.m. Scripture Study (PO)

**Tuesday, October 4**  
7 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting (VR)  
1 p.m. Funeral Service for Tom Weaver (Lake’s)  
7:15 p.m. RCIA (PO)

**Wednesday, October 5**  
No 12:10 Mass & luncheon today  
5:30-6:45 p.m. Hisp. Sacramental Prep. (AH,VR)  
7 p.m. Choir Practice (AH)

**Thursday, October 6**  
9:30 a.m. Parish Staff Meeting (PO)

**Friday, October 7**  
October 7-9 K of C Tootsie Roll Drive

**Saturday, October 8**  
9:30 a.m. Women’s Book Study (PO)

**Sunday, October 9**  
9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)  
10:15 & 11:30 Faith Formation (SC)  
(Gr. 8 Parent/Student meeting during class: 11:30)  
During 11:30 Mass—Tiny Disciples(Gr.K-1) (SC)



OUR PARISH OFFERING - September 24 & 25, 2022		
Regular Offertory Collection		\$5,500.86
Electronic Giving		\$1,182.10
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6,682.96</b>
-5% Tithe		-334.15
<b>Net Total</b>		<b>\$6,348.81</b>
Budgeted Weekly: \$9,230.77		
<b>Deficit for the Week: \$2,547.81</b>		

**July 1, 2022—Sept. 25, 2022 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection**  
Year-to-Date: \$115,356.29  
Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$120,000.01  
**Deficit Year-to-Date: \$4,643.72**

*Please pray for:*

Terri Nurenberg Jessica Fritz Jane Hemenway Mary Jo Clonan Larry McKaig Jerry Blundy Walt Freund Vickie Barker Sulyn Bettinghouse Devin Dowsett Cole LeBarre Doug& Betty McGinnis Travis Eveleth Alice Cardenas Connor Pung Tom Weaver Michelle Walsh Mike Weger Michelle Montgomery Sue Speekin Charles Timm Kathy Kranz	Dennis Mould Emma Furman Larry Lafler Arlene Stanton Donnette Vogt Pat MacLachlan Jack Wirtz Roy Conrad Jim & Barb Mulnix Sherry North Denise Cope Phyllis Richardson Rueger Eveleth Don Jarema David Esparza Madolyn Richardson Craig Collen Joe Rosse Nathan Lower Denny Lesky Bill Robinson Debbie Flinn	Yvonne Elvert Feliciano Paredes Dorr Bissell Jane Gazella Finnly Hunt Tom Brockman Christopher Van Buren Mike O’Connor Isaac Fletcher Jerry & Maribeth Fritz Ken Peabody Tom White Pamela Coggan Rachel Cross Joe Drysdale Ed & Glenna Miller Annette Krycinski Barbara Bennett Nichole Munsell Jace Peterson Georgia Sibert
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*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 consent of the person or a family member. Names will remain on the prayer list for three months. Requests may be renewed.*

**October 8 & 9, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. Lector: Sue Wizorek  
Altar Servers: Carmen & Jaclyn Rewa  
EMs: Mellissa Harvey, Gloria Hozeski, Cecilia Luke  
Greeters: Pat Brockman

8:00 a.m. Lector: Pete Fox  
Altar Servers: Alexis Heinlein, Nicole Trierweiler  
EMs: Julie Bennett, Walt Downes, Kevin Heinlein  
Greeters: Dave O’Mara

11:30 a.m. Lector: Nancy Wilson  
Altar Servers: Raelynn Christensen, Lillian Mabe  
EMs: Rick Esparza, Barb Mulnix, Theresa Scholtens  
Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

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### Knights' Corner

Just a quick reminder that this Tuesday, October 4, is our next meeting. Join us at 7:00 in the Veritas Room for the rosary, and stay for the meeting at 7:30. We will be taking a group picture for the directory, so wear your best smile!

October 4th is also the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi. What better way to celebrate this saint than to spend time out of doors, enjoying nature and raising funds for the hungry? The Crop Walk is this Sunday, leaving from our parking lot at 1:15.

Our **Harvest Dinner & Raffle** (a major fundraiser for our parish!) is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Raffle tickets have been issued to all parishioners who have church contribution envelopes and can be picked up from the table in the back of church. We will be seeking donations of homemade desserts and monetary donations to defray the cost of putting on the dinner. Stay tuned!

### Explore Priesthood Discernment Group

The Explore Priesthood Group is a discernment opportunity sponsored by the diocesan Office of Priestly Vocations. Each month, young men (ages 16-35) are invited to gather and discern God's will for their lives. These times for prayer and reflection are held monthly at St. Stephen Parish in East Grand Rapids from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. This year's discernment opportunities are offered on the following Sundays: Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Jan. 8, 2023, Feb. 12, March 12, and April 23. Questions? Please email Fr. Stephen Durkee: [sdurkee@grdiocese.org](mailto:sdurkee@grdiocese.org).

## Pray for our Seminarians



Pray for:

**Alex M. Paiz**

University of St. Thomas  
St. John Vianney Seminary  
2115 Summit Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55105

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  
Alex. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Ionian Area CROP Hunger Walk 2022

This Sunday afternoon is the CROP Walk, and our students are walking to fight hunger locally and around the world. Please support them with a donation at the back of church after the Masses on October 1st & 2nd. (Any checks should be made payable to CWS/CROP.) Thank you!

### Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Walkowiak invites all couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries to join him on **Sunday, October 9**, at the 10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew for this annual celebration. A simple reception will follow. Please **RSVP to the parish office by October 2**. Tell us the names of the couple, how many years married, and the number of people that will be attending.

This Thursday our students are being encouraged to bring their Bibles to school on **National Bring Your Bible to School Day**. The students will carry their Bibles to the 8 a.m. school Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass on October 6th with their Bibles to receive a blessing from Fr. Tom as you hold your own Bible.

### Monday Night Scripture Study Faith Sharing Group will begin a new adventure:

**Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary**  
by Dr. Brant Pitre

Beginning Monday, November 7, 6:30 p.m.,  
in the Parish Office Living Room

Contact Toni McKay at the parish office  
to reserve your study materials.

Are Catholic teachings on Mary really biblical? Or are they the "traditions of men"? Should she be called the "Mother of God" or just the mother of Jesus? Did she actually remain a virgin her whole life, or do the "brothers of Jesus" refer to her other children? By praying to Mary, are Catholics worshiping her? And what does Mary have to do with the quest to understand Jesus?

In **Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary**, Dr. Pitre takes readers step-by-step from the Garden of Eden to the Book of Revelation to reveal how deeply biblical Catholic beliefs about Mary really are. Dr. Pitre uses the Old Testament and Ancient Judaism to unlock how the Bible itself teaches that Mary is in fact the new Eve, the Mother of God, the Queen of Heaven and Earth, and the new Ark of the Covenant.

Join the Grand Rapids Diocesan Council of Catholic Women October 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for their Fall Seminar "Come As You Are" and discover an action plan to move from unease to peace in this post-pandemic world. The keynote speaker will be Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, FSE, MA, LPC. During her thirty years as a therapist, Sister Colleen Ann has been a teacher, counselor, administrator, and consultant. She specializes in Grief and Trauma recovery strategies. The day at St. Jude Church in Grand Rapids will include Adoration, speakers, Mass and rosary, and a boxed lunch. Register at [www.facebook.com/GRDCCW/events](http://www.facebook.com/GRDCCW/events).

Be part of the second annual Michigan Catholic Women's Conference "For such a time as this" October 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. Women from across Michigan are invited to come together to focus on their faith and experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. Throughout the day, women will be encouraged and inspired to ignite their spirits and grow their faith by hearing from Catholic speakers, engaging in praise and worship music, and celebrating holy Mass with our bishops. To register, go to [michigancwc.org/registration/](http://michigancwc.org/registration/).

### October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

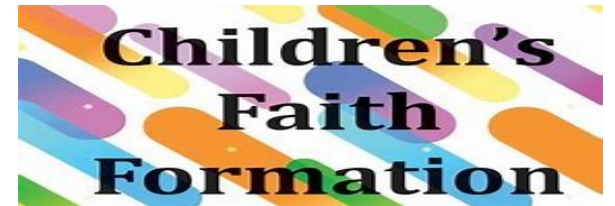
We will be praying the Rosary in church during all the weekend Masses in October, starting about 30 minutes before Mass begins. If you would like to help lead the Rosary before one of the weekend Masses in October, please contact Toni McKay (527-3610) to be added to our schedule.

### Pray for an end to the death penalty

Pope Francis has asked us to unite our prayers in September for the worldwide abolition of the death penalty. During September and into October, the observance of Respect Life Month by the Church, please include this intention in your daily prayers. And from Oct. 1 – 9, join in a novena for the abolition of the death penalty leading up to the World Day Against the Death Penalty on Oct. 10. Visit the diocesan website, [grdiocese.org](http://grdiocese.org), for prayer resources and to learn more.



*Come rest awhile  
in the Lord's presence.  
Wednesdays 6-7 p.m.  
in the church*



### Faith Formation for for Grades 2 through 9

Faith Formation classes have begun! Classes for Grades 2-7 and Grade 9 take place on Sundays from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Each Sunday, these students are asked to report to Apostles Hall at 10:15 a.m. for hospitality and prayer, and then be dismissed, with their catechist, to their classrooms.

Classes for Grade 8 are on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Classes for Grades K-1 begin on October 2 with the "Tiny Disciples" program described in a separate article.)

### We are still in need of more catechists!

Parents, please prayerfully consider serving as a catechist to help our young people grow in their faith. If many come forward to help, the work is made lighter for everyone through a shared, rotating schedule. Team teaching makes it possible for parents to say, "I can do that!" Contact Toni at the parish office if you would consider becoming a catechist.

## TINY DISCIPLES

Beginning October 2, children in Kindergarten and Grade 1 are invited to join us for our **Tiny Disciples** ministry, which will take place during the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. **Tiny Disciples** is a drop-off worship experience in which children gather in Apostles Hall in the school with their peers to learn about God's love for them, while parents participate in Mass. Led by loving adult and teen volunteers, our young disciples play, sing, pray, and share stories together for the duration of Mass. Of course, parents are welcome to stay as long as they want.

As we develop this ministry, we will need the help of individual parish family members. Ideally, our families whose children will attend **Tiny Disciples** would be willing to become a part of a rotating schedule to provide leadership and care for the participating children. The more volunteers that commit to one or more weekends makes the weight of this effort lighter for all! Please prayerfully consider having your children participate and for parents to become a part of our faith leader schedule.

If you have any questions about **Tiny Disciples** or would like to volunteer as a faith leader, contact Toni McKay at the parish office.