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November 6, 2022 Thirty-second 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.

We are in the last month of our Church year as November 27<sup>th</sup> is the First Sunday of Advent. During this final month, we take a look back to consider our past with all its ups and downs. For some, it is a year when we have lost our focus. Some aren't even sure why they are here on this planet. What's the meaning of life? Why am I here? Where do I go? What's next? For all of us who are baptized, the meaning is clear. It is found in Jesus Christ. In Him, we are saved. In Him, we are called to follow to eternal glory. How do we do that? With Jesus, we are focused on the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of our Savior. He is our center. He is our reality.

Unfortunately, many don't see that reality. When we look around the world. life is filled with confusion and conflicting messages. We see Russia's "special military occupation" being fought and its impact on nations throughout the world. We see crime rates going up with murder, theft, suicide, and other activities. We see families being broken as people forget their promises and seek pleasure with other people. The divorce rate among Catholics is the same as the rest of the world. Priests and religious leave their vows behind to return to secular life. We see abortion continuing to spread as restrictions are loosened or done away with altogether. Our proposed new laws will allow abortion up to the point of the birth of the baby. Minors will be able to abort without the consent or even the knowledge of parents. Abortions will able to be committed by non-medical personnel. When we consider all of these things and more, we may feel like giving up. But make no mistake. We are at war. Much more than physical, it is a moral war. It is a spiritual war. Just as God broke the bonds of slavery and led the people out of Egypt to freedom, Jesus redeemed us on the Cross and set us free from spiritual and moral slavery.

Jesus Christ set us free and calls us to follow Him. He gives us strength through the outpouring of the Holv Spirit and the gift of the Eucharist. How well are we using God's gifts? These final weeks of the year are a time set aside for preaching about heaven, hell, purgatory, and final judgment. No one wants to talk about them. But they are real. Oh, not in a negative way. In a very positive way. God loves us. He desires all of us to be saved. Every man, woman, and child is greatly loved by God, and He wants all of us in heaven. To do this, we are called to follow Jesus Christ. In Him, we have redemption. In Him, we have hope. Yes, life is tough. We work hard. We will either be a winner or a loser. We may lose at many things. We may lose our job, our company, our house, our marriage, even our family. But ultimately, we are a winner or a loser depending on whether we enter into heaven. There is one way to do this. Not many ways. One way. And that way is a person. It is Jesus Christ. It is through Him that we enter into union with the Most Holy Trinity.

Let us remember to pray. Let us remember to worship. Let us remember to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. He is our life.

God bless you! Fr. Tom

## NOVEMBER 6, 2022

# Together is where we belong!



Week Ahead..

**AH** = Apostles' Hall  $\overline{CR}$  = Cornerstone Room  $\overline{SC}$  = School

**BC** = Basement Chapel

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

## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38

#### Saturday, November 5

4:00 p.m. Tom Weaver (Ralph & Michele Westbrook and Lillian Overbeck)

#### Sunday, November 6

8:00 a.m. Vocations to the priesthood & religious life 11:30 a.m. Ann Bales-Ludwick (Dan & Gail Lower)

#### 1:00 p.m. Misa en español

3:00 p.m. Confirmation (Cathedral of St. Andrew)

#### Monday, November 7—Weekday

Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 17:1-6

11:00 a.m. Confessions

12:10 p.m. Living & deceased of Freund & Stoj families (M. Stoj)

6:00 p.m. Remembrance Mass

#### Tuesday, November 8—Weekday

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29/Lk 17:7-10

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

#### Wednesday, November 9—Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

12:10 p.m. John Lalley

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. Misa en español

## Thursday, November 10—St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor

Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7-10/Lk 17:20-25

8:00 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

#### Friday, November 11—St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18/Lk 17:26-37

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

#### Saturday, November 12—St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-6/Lk 18:1-8

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary

3:00 p.m. Confessions

#### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19-20/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

#### Saturday, November 12

4:00 p.m. Leo Bowen (family)

#### Sunday, November 13

8:00 a.m. Irene Kneale (Ed & Joan Heckman)

11:30 a.m. Jane Dipzinski (Jack & Carole Hausserman)

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

3:00 p.m. Baptism 3:00 p.m. Baptism

#### GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS-WEEK OF NOV. 6

**GENERAL CLEANING:** Chris & Pilya Christensen, Joe Thelen

**VACUUMING:** 

Ray Korytkowski, Lon MacLachlan

## Sunday, November 6

2 a.m. 9-10:30 a.m. 10:15 & 11:30

Daylight Saving Time ends Food & Fellowship (AH) Faith Formation classes (SC) Confirmation (Cathedral)

### Monday, November 7

6:00 p.m.

Remembrance Mass & Dinner (CH & AH)

Scripture Study (PO) 6:30 p.m.

#### Tuesday, November 8

Election Day—VOTE! 7 a.m.-8 p.m. 7:15 p.m. RCIA (PO)

#### Wednesday, November 9

Choir Practice (AH) 7 p.m.

#### Thursday, November 10

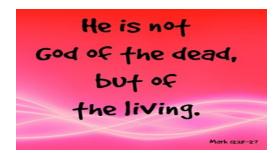
Parish Staff Meeting (PO) 9:30 a.m. 4 & 5:30 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

#### Friday, November 11 Veterans Day

#### Saturday, November 12

### Sunday, November 13

Food & Fellowship (AH) 9-10:30 a.m. 10:15 & 11:30 Faith Formation classes (SC) 12:30-2 p.m. Marriage prep. (PO)



#### OUR PARISH OFFERING - October 29 & 30, 2022

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#### July 1, 2022—Oct. 30, 2022 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection

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## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Please pray for:

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We continue to pray for all who need healing. If you would like to add or Angela Anderson remove a name, please call the parish office. Be sure you have the con-

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#### November 12 & 13, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lector: Sue Wizorek

for three months. Requests may be renewed.

Altar Servers: Kaylynn & Kenna Wizorek EMs: Mary Lou Mulick, Phill Wizorek, Jane Emelander

Greeters: Garry Mulick

sent of the person or a family member. Names will remain on the prayer list

8:00 a.m. Lector: Walt Downes

> Altar Servers: Alexis Heinlein, Nicole Trierweiler EMs: Chery & John Hildebrandt, Veronica Meyer

Greeters: Julie Bennett

11:30 a.m. Lector: Nancy Wilson

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Greeters: Jackie Franz

#### We need more liturgical ministers!

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#### **Knights' Corner**

We are getting close to one of the busiest times of the year for our council, and there are a lot of things our members can take part in. Among them are providing kitchen help for Advent by

Candlelight on November 28th, distributing Coats for Kids on December 2nd, helping with the Breakfast with Santa on December 3rd, and lending a hand with our Christmas Basket program. All help is appreciated!

Congratulations to our November raffle winners: Allen Haskins, Lisa Loucks McKee, Steve Schray, and Frank McClintock. Tickets for next year's raffle are now on sale - don't miss out!

#### **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 soon.

**Food and Fellowship** continues on Sunday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m. in Apostles Hall. Contact Deb Trierweiler (616-902-3473) for your opportunity to host. "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another."

## **Youth Group Night**

Attention all students in grades 8 to 12:
Mark your calendars for Youth Group on Sunday, November 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room. Don't forget to bring a friend! 2 Corinthians 12:10.
Soli Deo gloria —Kevin Heinlein

#### 2022 Annual Gallagher Talk

Free Presentation featuring Fr. Steven Bell, CSP

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#### **Remembrance Mass Celebration**

Please join us on Monday, November 7, at 6 p.m. for Mass in the church as we pause and remember those who have gone before us. Our celebration will continue after Mass as we share stories and a meal together in Apostles Hall in our school. We hope you will take this opportunity to gather with others 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 reminds you of 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 616-527-3610. Even if you won't be attending, know that we will be praying for you!

—Ministry of Consolation Team

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country Nov. 6-12, 2022. Our Diocese is blessed with 21 seminarians. Please ask our Lord to continue to send more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women to serve the Diocese of Grand Rapids. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation. May God continue to inspire more to answer the call. For additional information, visit grdiocese.org.

#### **Explore Priesthood Discernment Group**

The Explore Priesthood Group is a discernment opportunity sponsored by the diocesan Office of Priestly Vocations. Each month, 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: Nov. 13, Jan. 8, 2023, Feb. 12, March 12, and April 23. Questions? Please email Fr. Stephen Durkee: sdurkee@grdiocese.org.

#### **Book of the Names of the Dead**

During the month of November, our *Book of the Names of the Dead* will remain on a lectern at the back of church. We invite you to write in the book the names of deceased loved ones you'd like us to remember in prayer. Note that we've used this book since 2002, so the names of many of our deceased are already included. They need not be added again. "Eternal rest grant unto all of our deceased, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them!"

## Monday 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.

## Advent by Candlelight

An Advent evening for women:
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Monday, November 28, 6:00 p.m., Apostles Hall with guest speaker, Sheri Wohlfert

## "BE READY!"

The short season of Advent can be a rich training ground for practicing the presence of God in our hearts, minds, and in our everyday lives. It can equip us to be prepared to receive our Savior at Christmas time.

#### 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 to host, contact Toni McKay at 616-527-3610.

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.



We have received the profiles of several families from the Ionia area who would like to be "adopted" for Christmas. If you would like to "adopt" a family or have questions about what that entails, you may contact our parish coordinator, Katherine Martin, at 616-308-5525.

#### Food collection begins this weekend!

Christmas is not far off, and there are many people in our community who could use some extra help in making this a special time of celebration for their families. Parishioners are encouraged to offer donations of non-perishable food items. You may place your donations in the baskets in the church at Mary's altar through December 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!

#### Faith Formation for Grades 2 through 9

Faith Formation classes for Grades 2-7 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.

**Confirmation for our 9th Grade Confirmation students** is on Sunday, **November 6**, at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. Please pray for our candidates as they receive the fullness of the Spirit on this special day.

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

Parents, please consider serving as a catechist to help our young people grow in their faith.

Our TINY DISCIPLES program is currently on hold as we work through some adjustments to the program. We hope to begin soon. Please let us know if you would like your children, ages 3-6, to participate.

It's not too late to register your children for Faith Formation. Forms are available in the parish office and on the table in the back of church. Registration fee, which assists with program costs, is \$65 per family.

**Questions?** Call Toni McKay at the Parish Office,616-527-3610, or email tmckay@ssppcatholic.com

We remember our deceased loved ones November 1, 2021 - October 31, 2022

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