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SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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January 15, 2023
Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Fr. Tom Brown
616-527-3610, ext. 12
616-755-1742 (evening)

Associate Pastor: Fr. Oscar Londoño, mxy
616-755-2279 (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.

"It is He Who is to baptize with the Holy Spirit."
(John 1:33)

Many people today talk about being "baptized in the Spirit." By this, they usually mean having a renewal of their life in the Spirit. However, the Bible considers being baptized in the Spirit the same as being baptized, and not as a renewal of life in the Spirit. Thus, many people use the phrase "baptized in the Spirit" in an un-Biblical way.

Although these people are wrongly using biblical terminology, they are "correct" pastorally. We have a great need to renew our being baptized in the Spirit. Through sin and selfishness, many baptized people have stifled and saddened the Holy Spirit. If we are to live our Catholic life as the Lord intended it to be lived, we must stir into flame the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Today's Scriptural readings invite us to renew our life in the Spirit. Look at Jesus, the Lamb of God. Let Him free you as He freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Let Him take away your sins and the sins of the world. "Follow the Lamb wherever He goes." Be pure and uncompromising with the ways of the world.

To follow the Lamb can be difficult at times. We all have times when we are discouraged. There are times when we ask ourselves, "Why am I doing this?" There are times when we say, "I cannot keep on with this." There are times when we really just want to throw in the towel and quit. During times like these, we need to spend some time with our Lord. Remember how our Lord went away from the disciples and spent time in prayer with his Father in heaven? Let us do the same. Also, our Lord left us a gift – the gift of the Mass! We listen carefully to the scripture readings. We receive the gift of Holy Communion.

Let us also remember the gift of the offertory at Mass. When the priest takes our gifts of bread and wine and offers them to God, remember to add your gifts there as well. Your conquests, your defeats, your challenges, all that is going on in your life. You silently place them on the paten and in the chalice. Offer them to almighty God, who loves you so very much, receives your gifts, and pours out his graces on you.

So let us receive a renewal of being baptized in the Spirit today. Let us offer ourselves to the Lord. Let us receive from Him these gifts of bread and wine which have become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

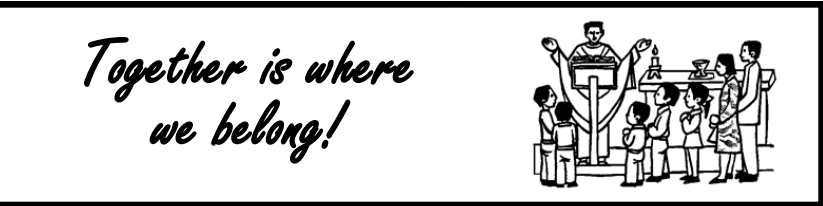
May God fill you with his grace and blessings.

Fr. Tom

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

JANUARY 15, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday, January 14
4:00 p.m. Ben & Jane Dipzinski
Sunday, January 15
8:00 a.m. Frank & Betty McMullen (Hildebrandt family)
11:30 a.m. Carl Koehnlein
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, January 16—Weekday
Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1-4/Mk 2:18-22
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. Racial Harmony

Tuesday, January 17—St. Anthony, Abbot
Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9-10/Mk 2:23-28
7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, January 18—Weekday
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1-4/Mk 3:1-6
12:10 p.m. Christian Unity
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour
No Misa en español

Thursday, January 19—Weekday
Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Mk 3:7-12
8:00 a.m. Mary Pinnow (Christine Terpstra)

Friday, January 20—St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr
Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8, 10-14/Mk 3:13-19
7:30 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

Saturday, January 21—St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Mk 3:20-21
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
3:00 p.m. Confessions

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23
Saturday, January 21
4:00 p.m. Tom Weaver (Katie Fox)
Sunday, January 22
8:00 a.m. Gerald Blundy (Cal & Arlene Stanton)
11:30 a.m. Ann Bales-Ludwick (Dan & Gail Lower)
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF JAN. 15

GENERAL CLEANING:
Kip Geldhof, 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, January 15
9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)
10:15 & 11:30 Faith Formation classes (SC)
6-8 p.m. Youth Group Night (CR)

Monday, January 16—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
No School
6:30 p.m. Scripture Study (PO)

Tuesday, January 17
6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (VR)
7:15 p.m. RCIA (PO)

Wednesday, January 18

Thursday, January 19
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, January 20

Saturday, January 21
9:30 a.m. Grief Support Session (PO)

Sunday, January 22
9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)
10:15 & 11:30 Faith Formation classes (SC)



OUR PARISH OFFERING - January 7 & 8, 2023	
Regular Offertory Collection	\$6,940.27
Electronic Giving	1,640.00
Total	\$8,580.27
-5% Tithe	-429.01
Net Total	\$8,151.26
Budgeted Weekly: \$9,230.77	
Deficit for the Week: \$650.50	
School Annual Appeal: \$45.00	

July 1, 2022—Jan. 8, 2023 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection
Year-to-Date: \$263,458.42
Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$258,461.56
Surplus Year-to-Date: \$4,996.86

Please pray for:

Hannah Wirtz

Andrew Fisher

Mary O’Connor

Pam Garragon-Goss

Patricia Klein

Kym Coryell

Jacqueline Franz

Fr. Mel Fox

Carol Ardis

Justin Miller

David Cusack

Terri Nurenberg

Jessica Fritz

Larry McKaig

Devin Dowsett

Cole LeBarre

Doug& Betty McGinnis

Travis Eveleth

Alice Cardenas

Connor Pung

Michelle Walsh

Michelle Montgomery

Charles Timm

Kathy Kranz

Dennis Mould

Emma Furman

Larry Lafler

Arlene Stanton

Donnette Vogt

Pat MacLachlan

Jack Wirtz

Jim & Barb Mulnix

Sherry North

Denise Cope

Phyllis Richardson

Rueger Eveleth

David Esparza

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

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Tom White

Pamela Coggan

Rachel Cross

Joe Drysdale

Ed & Glenna Miller

Barbara Bennett

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SS. Peter & Paul Parish Staff

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	& Joann Johnson	ext. 23

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SS. Peter & Paul Parish - Finance Council

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SS. Peter & Paul School - Board of Education

Angela Anderson	Tracey Bergeron	Cara Brownell
Lauren Christensen	Nick Cusack	Anna Johnson
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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.

January 21 & 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Mary Lou Mulick Altar Servers: Carmen Rewa, Kenna Wizorek EMs: Cecilia Luke, Phill & Sue Wizorek Greeters: Garry Mulick	11:30 a.m. Lector: Nancy Wilson Altar Servers: Raelynn Christensen, Wyatt Johnson EMs: Vanessa Booth, Ron Drysdale, Monica Mabe Greeters: Pamela Pontius
8:00 a.m.	Lector: Denise Peabody Altar Servers: Paul & Sam Meyer EMs: Laurie Tjalsma, Cheryl & John Hildebrandt Greeters: Deb Porter	

We need more liturgical ministers!
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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Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Grand Knight: Tim Wall

GIVE your HEART ~ BE an ORGAN DONOR

**Knights' Corner**

Youth of our parish are invited to try their hand at the K of C Free Throw Contest to be held on Sunday, January 22nd. This is open to all children ages 9 through 14 and will be held in our gym following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Check in begins at 12:30 and the competition will start at 1:00. Winners in all age categories will receive a new basketball. Friends and neighbors are welcome. See you there!

End of Year Statements

This year, instead of printing end of year giving statements for every parish household, we will be providing them only upon request. If you would like your statement, please call the parish office. This will save a tremendous amount of paper, envelopes, and postage for the parish. Thank you for your understanding!

Our **Epiphany Concert** on Sunday was a success and was a fabulous way to close the Christmas season!! **Thank you** to all who attended and to our delicious cookie bakers. Let's do it again next year!

We will be doing a Mary concert in May; stay tuned! -Whitney

**Sunday of the Word of God**

To celebrate the "Sunday of the Word of God" on January 22, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has prepared a series of videos in English and Spanish by renowned Catholic biblical scholars. The videos will address the Bible's authorship, the canon of Scripture, a Catholic approach to reading the Bible, the practice of *lectio divina*, and the synoptic Gospels. You can access the videos, along with discussion guides and suggestions for further reading at catholic.bible.

**Youth Group Night**

Our next Youth Group Night will be on Sunday, January 15, from 6-8 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room. Bring a friend!
—Kevin Heinlein
Soli Deo gloria!

Scrip Program Changes

Saints Peter & Paul is making changes to the way that the Scrip program is run. We will still offer Scrip, but only through online sales. All orders must be paid for using a bank account or a credit card and must be shipped to your home. We are no longer handling the Scrip cards or cash/checks at the school level. More information will be in the bulletin next week explaining how you can place your Scrip orders going forward. Please feel free to contact the school office with any questions.

Archdiocese for Military Services A second collection will be taken up on January 14 & 15. Envelopes are available at the main entrances. Make checks payable to SS. Peter & Paul Church, and write AMS on the memo line.

Prayer of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

Almighty God and Father, look with love upon our men and women in uniform and protect them in their time of need. Give them health and stability and allow them to return to their loved ones whole and unshaken. Be with their families and sustain them in these uncertain times

Grant strength and peace of mind to the Veterans who have given their best for the country they love. Support them in infirmity and in the fragility of old age. Teach us to remember their sacrifices and to express our gratitude.

Manifest your tender care to those in the Military Academies who prepare for future service and to those who serve our Nation far from home. Teach us to remember the sacrifices of those whose efforts contribute to ensuring our way of life.

Bless and multiply the priests who minister to the faithful of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Reward their generosity and keep them faithful.

Hear us as we present our prayers to You through Christ our Lord. Amen.

--Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio

Mass for Life—Monday, January 23

Catholics throughout the diocese are invited to join Bishop Walkowiak for the Mass for Life on Monday, January 23. Attendees are asked to bring a donation for baby pantries in Grand Rapids and Muskegon run by Catholic Charities West Michigan (CCWM).

The evening will begin with a 6:30 p.m. presentation from CCWM on how the Catholic Church has and will continue to support expectant mothers and their children. The presentation will take place at Catholic Central High School, 319 Sheldon Blvd. SE, Grand Rapids.

Mass with Bishop Walkowiak to pray for the legal protection of unborn children will follow at 7 p.m. next door at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew, 301 Sheldon Blvd. SE.

Catholics also are encouraged to participate in the **Nine Days for Life novena** beginning Thursday, January 19. Find the daily intentions in English and Spanish at usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-novena.

Please join us in praying for an end to abortion. Resources to support women in choosing life may be found at grdiocese.org/walking-with-moms.

Retreat for Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s)

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging in the New Year? Register today for a life changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on February 24-26, 2023. Take a chance and get involved. You won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. For details, visit www.reflectretreat.com, email reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772.



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. **2023 Retrouvaille Programs begin February 24 and September 22. Register now to secure your place!** For more information, to register or to sponsor a couple, call 517-281-0478, email retrograndrapids@gmail.com, or visit helpourmarriage.org/



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



Faith Formation classes for Grades 2-7 are on Sundays from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Classes for Grade 8 are on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (On January 29, Candidates and their Sponsors will both meet at 11:30 a.m.)

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 at the Parish Office, 616-527-3610, or email tmckay@ssppcatholic.com

Grief Support Group Sessions

Have you suffered the loss of a loved one or experienced a loss in your professional or personal life? The Ministry of Consolation invites you to join us at bi-weekly Grief Support Group Sessions. The next session of the series will be held in the Parish Office living room at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 21. Each session offers a topic of discussion, as well as time to reflect, listen, and share if one chooses. RSVPs are encouraged when possible. If you are interested in private sessions or learning more about the Ministry of Consolation and its benefits to you or a loved one, please contact Vanessa Booth at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

Pray for our Seminarians

Pray for:

Dcn. Christopher T. Epplert



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