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SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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January 22, 2023
 Third 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.



12 January 2023

Statement regarding the Education Choice Petition Drive

I want to provide you with an update regarding the Let MI Kids Learn (LMKL) drive which Michigan Catholic Conference (MCC) supported last year on behalf of Michigan's Catholic bishops, to improve access and choice for education in Michigan and to help more public and private low-income students afford the education resources they need.

Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers across the state, LMKL successfully collected more than the minimum number of signatures to get the scholarship proposal to the Legislature, which could have approved it without the Governor's signature. This was necessary because the Governor had vetoed similar legislation in 2021, which prompted the signature-gathering drive to commence in 2022. LMKL submitted the petitions for validation to the state in August 2022, past the deadline for consideration for the 2022 ballot, which is where the petition would have gone if the Legislature did not approve it. Because of that, the state had until June 2024 to evaluate the signatures.

Since the submission of the signatures, The November election changed control of the Legislature from Republicans – who have previously signaled their support to approve the education scholarship program – to Democrats. Despite efforts by LMKL to persuade the state to finish evaluating the signatures and allow the proposal to go before the previous Legislature, the legislative majority changed hands and the state did not finish evaluation of the signatures.

It is unlikely that the new legislative majority would approve the program, meaning the proposal would go to the ballot in 2024. That would require millions of dollars in resources to try to get it approved by the voters. Because of this reality, the LMKL committee made the decision to withdraw the signatures submitted to the state, which has been granted, thus ending the initiative to implement the scholarship program.

While this is a disappointing outcome, MCC will continue to work toward and look for opportunities to improve education choice in Michigan and aid parents in their roles as the primary educators of their children. I am grateful for the effort that parishes and Catholic schools provided. Please convey my gratitude to those in your community who assisted in this cause. I wish you the best in the New Year.

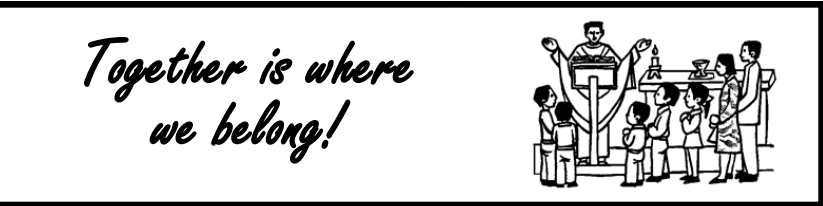
Sincerely,

Paul A. Long
 President and CEO

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

JANUARY 22, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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

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

Monday, January 23—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1-6/Mk 3:22-30
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday, January 24—St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor
Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10-11/Mk 3:31-35
7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, January 25—Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16/Ps 117:1-2/Mk 16:15-18
12:10 p.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, January 26—Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8/Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10/Mk 4:21-25
8:00 a.m. Grace Starr (Helene Dunn)

Friday, January 27—St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
7:30 a.m. Living & deceased of Patrick & Carol Lewis family

Saturday, January 28—St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/(Ps) Lk 1:69-75/Mk 4:35-41
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
3:00 p.m. Confessions

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12
Saturday, January 28
4:00 p.m. Intention of the Hommel family (Jim Luke)
Sunday, January 29
8:00 a.m. Saints Peter & Paul School Family
11:30 a.m. Anne Lincoln (Tom & Julie Bennett)
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF JAN. 22

GENERAL CLEANING:
Jane Hemenway, Laurie Tjalsma

VACUUMING:
Ray Korytkowski, Lon MacLachlan

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

Monday, January 23
6:30 p.m. Scripture Study (PO)

Tuesday, January 24
6:30 p.m. Liturgy Commission Mtg. (PO)
7:15 p.m. RCIA (PO)

Wednesday, January 25

Thursday, January 26
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, January 27

Saturday, January 28
9:30 a.m. Women’s Book Study (PO)
12-1:30 p.m. Marriage Prep. Session (PO)

Sunday, January 29—Catholic Schools Week begins
8:00 a.m. CSW Mass (CH)
9-11 a.m. CSW Breakfast (AH, \$5 donation)
10:15-11:15 Faith Formation for Grades 2-7
11:30-12:30 Faith Formation for Grade 8—
(Candidates & Sponsors attend)



OUR PARISH OFFERING - January 14 & 15, 2023		
Regular Offertory Collection		\$5,204.22
Electronic Giving		2,945.00
Total		\$8,149.22
-5% Tithe		-407.46
Net Total		\$7,741.76
Budgeted Weekly: \$9,230.77		
Deficit for the Week: \$1,081.55		
School Annual Appeal: \$120.00		
Archdiocese for Military Services: \$2,587.00		

July 1, 2022—Jan. 15, 2023 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection
Year-to-Date: \$271,607.64
Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$267,692.33
Surplus Year-to-Date: \$3,915.31

Please pray for:		
Diane Rogers	Michelle Walsh	Debbie Flinn
Karen Balice Gregory	Michelle Montgomery	Yvonne Elvert
Hannah Wirtz	Charles Timm	Feliciano Paredes
Andrew Fisher	Kathy Kranz	Dorr Bissell
Mary O’Connor	Dennis Mould	Jane Gazella
Pam Garragon-Goss	Emma Furman	Finnly Hunt
Patricia Klein	Larry Lafler	Tom Brockman
Kym Coryell	Arlene Stanton	Christopher Van Buren
Jacqueline Franz	Donnette Vogt	Mike O’Connor
Fr. Mel Fox	Pat MacLachlan	Isaac Fletcher
Carol Ardis	Jack Wirtz	Jerry & Maribeth Fritz
Justin Miller	Jim & Barb Mulnix	Ken Peabody
David Cusack	Sherry North	Tom White
Terri Nurenberg	Denise Cope	Pamela Coggan
Jessica Fritz	Phyllis Richardson	Rachel Cross
Larry McKaig	Rueger Eveleth	Joe Drysdale
Devin Dowsett	David Esparza	Ed & Glenna Miller
Cole LeBarre	Craig Collen	Barbara Bennett
Doug & Betty McGinnis	Joe Rosse	Nichole Munsell
Travis Eveleth	Nathan Lower	Jace Peterson
Alice Cardenas	Denny Lesky	Georgia Sibert
Connor Pung	Bill Robinson	

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 28 & 29, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Sue Wizorek Altar Servers: Carmen & Jaclyn Rewa EMs: Jane Emelander, Mellissa Harvey, Cecilia Luke Greeters: Pat Brockman	11:30 a.m. Lector: Shannon Andrews Altar Servers: Volunteers EMs: Barb Mulnix, Theresa Scholtens, Vanessa Booth Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen
8:00 a.m.	Lector: Walt Downes Altar Servers: Alexis Heinlein, Nicole Trierweiler EMs: Veronica Meyer, Denise Peabody, Laurie Tjalsma Greeters: Julie Bennett	

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www.ssppcatholic.com		
Principal	Jenny Leik	ext. 18
Secretaries	Diane Grummet & Joann Johnson	ext. 23

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Deb Campbell	Tim Martin	Tim Wall
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		
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Lauren Christensen	Nick Cusack	Anna Johnson
Deb Trierweiler	Nancy Wilson	Kristi Wizorek

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Knights' Corner

The coming week is absolutely chock full of prayer intentions, including the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (January 23), the conclusion of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25), and the beginning of Catholic School's Week (January 29-February 4). We also celebrate some very significant saints this week—Francis de Sales, Paul the Apostle, Timothy and Titus, Angela Merici, and Thomas Aquinas. Whatever fires your passion, whether it is the sanctity of life, ecumenism, or Catholic education, you've got lots of opportunities to celebrate and support this week!

Free Throw Contest

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the 2023 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest.



The competition will be held this Sunday, January 22nd, in the school gym. Enter through Door A, the main entrance on Baldie Street.

Check-in begins at 12:30 p.m., and the competition starts at 1:00 p.m.

Prizes include a brand new K of C basketball!

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.

Scrip Program Changes

SS. 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. See the information below which explains how you can place your Scrip orders going forward. **Please pray with us and for us as we begin this new procedure!** Feel free to contact the school office with any questions.

Raise Right for SSPP!

Raise Right is a fundraiser for the school that you can participate in by simply using gift cards for everyday purchases, such as gas and groceries! We get unlimited earning potential for the school, and you have HUNDREDS of brands to choose from!

Step One: Get your enrollment code.

This one is easy – we got it for you!
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Step Two: Sign up online or get the app!

Visit the website: www.raiseright.com/enroll
- or -

Search for Raise Right in the App Store or on Google Play.

Step Three: Set up online payments!

Pay online with your bank account.
(There is a \$0.29 fee on each transaction.)
- or -

Pay online with your credit card.
(There is a 2.6% fee on each transaction.)

End of Year Statements

If you would like a copy of your 2022 contribution statement, please call the parish office and we will mail it to you. This worked well last year and saved us a tremendous amount of paper and postage.

Sunday of the Word of God

Today is "Sunday of the Word of God," established by Pope Francis to "enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world" (*Aperuit illis*, no. 2). Celebrate this day by viewing the Sunday Seminar Series, an enriching opportunity for you to learn more about Sacred Scripture from some of the best Catholic Bible scholars in the United States. You can access the videos, along with discussion guides and suggestions for further reading at catholic.bible.

Monthly Sensory-Friendly Mass

The Diocese of Grand Rapids' Office of Faith Formation is partnering with St. John Paul II Parish, Cedar Springs, to host its monthly sensory-friendly Mass on **Sunday, February 5, at 2 p.m.** Sensory-friendly Masses are held the first Sunday of each month.

A special invitation is extended to any person with a disability. This Mass will include dimmer lights, quieter music, and no incense. Families are encouraged to bring materials that can assist with comfort during the liturgy: noise-canceling headphones, fidgets, wiggle seats, etc.

Contact Katie Mendenhall with questions at kmendenhall@jp2-mga.org or 616-696-3904.

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 Vocations to the Priesthood



Pray for:

Dcn. Jacob M. Zemaitis

Mundelein Seminary
1000 E. Maple Avenue
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 vocations to the priesthood,
and especially Dcn. Jacob. We ask this through
Christ our Lord. Amen.