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

March 12, 2023  
 Third Sunday  
 of Lent

**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.



DIocese OF GRAND RAPIDS  
 Office of the Bishop

March 12, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Your participation in the annual Catholic Relief Services Collection can help reveal Christ's love to people. The six agencies supported by the appeal help victims of war and natural disasters receive emergency assistance; assist migrants and refugees who need housing, education, and specialized immigration legal assistance; and support people who require special pastoral support and access to the sacraments. Our diocese will take up this collection next weekend, March 18 & 19. Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many, both here and abroad, something we witnessed following the earthquake in Turkey and Syria in early February.

We are reminded in St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:6-7).

Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about how your gift is changing lives, please visit [usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://usccb.org/catholic-relief).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*David J. Walkowiak*

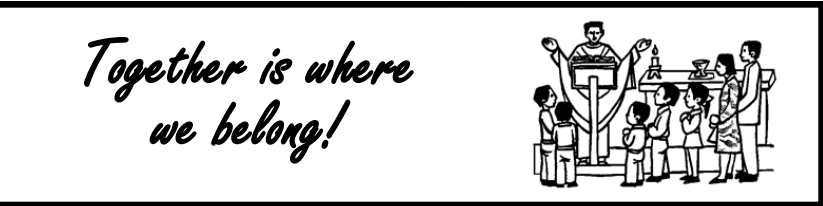
Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
 Bishop of Grand Rapids



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

MARCH 12, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



**Third Sunday of Lent**  
*Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42*

**Saturday, March 11**  
4:00 p.m. Tom Weaver (Sam & Ruth Lombardo)

**Sunday, March 12**  
8:00 a.m. Sr. Villana Van Mullekom  
11:30 a.m. Intention of Mary E. O'Connor (her nieces & nephews)  
1:00 p.m. Misa en español  
3-5 p.m. Confessions  
3:00 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service

**Monday, March 13—Lenten Weekday**  
*2 Kgs 5:1-15/Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30*  
11:00 a.m. Confessions  
12:10 p.m. Intention of Pope Francis—10th Anniversary of Papacy

**Tuesday, March 14—Lenten Weekday**  
*Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35*  
7:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Wednesday, March 15—Lenten Weekday**  
*Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19*  
11:00 a.m. Confessions  
12:10 p.m. Intention of Mike & Joan Boog—50th Anniversary  
2-7 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

**Thursday, March 16—Lenten Weekday**  
*Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23*  
8:00 a.m. Stephen Scott (Hemenway family)

**Friday, March 17—St. Patrick, Bishop**  
*Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34*  
7:30 a.m. Vernon Brown  
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in English  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Spanish

**Saturday, March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor**  
*Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14*  
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary  
12:00 p.m. Funeral of David Cusack  
2:00 p.m. Baptism of Charlotte Darnell  
3:00 p.m. Confessions

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
*1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41*

**Saturday, March 18**  
4:00 p.m. Living & deceased members of Freund & Stoj families

**Sunday, March 19**  
8:00 a.m. Rex O'Connor (Mary E. O'Connor)  
11:30 a.m. Jane Dipzinski  
**No Misa en español at SSPP. Misa in Belding at 1:00 p.m.**

**GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF MARCH 12**

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

**VACUUMING:**  
Chris & Pilya Christensen, Joe Thelen

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

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

**Sunday, March 12**—Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m.  
Move clocks forward one hour.

9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)  
10:15 & 11:30 Faith Formation for Gr. 2-7 & 8

**Monday, March 13**  
6:30 p.m. Lenten Topic #3 (PO)

**Tuesday, March 14**  
5:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting (VR)  
6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting (Library)  
7:15 p.m. RCIA (PO)

**Wednesday, March 15**  
12:45 p.m. Lenten Soup Luncheon (PO)  
6:00 p.m. Meet the Teacher Night for incoming PS, DK, & Kdg. (SC)  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (AH)

**Thursday, March 16**  
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

**Friday, March 17**

**Saturday, March 18**  
9:30 a.m. Grief Support Group (PO)  
2-5:30 p.m. K of C Pie Sale (Parish Garage)

**Sunday, March 19**  
9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)  
10:15 & 11:30 Faith Formation for Gr. 2-7 & 8  
9 a.m.-1 p.m. K of C Pie Sale (Parish Garage)  
6-8 p.m. Youth Group Night (CR)



OUR PARISH OFFERING - March 4 & 5, 2023	
Regular Offertory Collection	\$12,265.29
Electronic Giving	1,640.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,905.29</b>
-5% Tithe	-695.26
Net Total	\$13,210.03
Budgeted Weekly: \$9,230.77	
<b>Surplus for the Week: \$4,674.52</b>	

**July 1, 2022—March 5, 2023 Fiscal YTD Offertory Collection**  
Year-to-Date: \$337,592.55  
Budgeted Year-to-Date: \$332,307.72  
**Surplus Year-to-Date: \$5,284.83**

*Please pray for:*

Jennifer Lewis  
Jamison Crynes  
Elijah Covert  
Diane Rogers  
Karen Balice Gregory  
Hannah Wirtz  
Andrew Fisher  
Mary O'Connor  
Pam Garragon-Goss  
Patricia Klein  
Kym Coryell  
Jacqueline Franz  
Fr. Mel Fox  
Carol Ardis  
Justin Miller  
Terri Nurenberg  
Jessica Fritz  
Larry McKaig  
Devin Dowsett  
Cole LeBarre  
Doug & Betty McGinnis  
Travis Eveleth

Alice Cardenas  
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  
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  
Ken Peabody  
Tom White  
Pamela Coggan  
Rachel Cross  
Joe Drysdale  
Barbara Bennett  
Nichole Munsell  
Jace Peterson  
Georgia Sibert

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Maintenance	Rod Bergeron	616-527-3610
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**SS. Peter and Paul School** **(616) 527-3561**  
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Principal	Jenny Leik	ext. 18
Secretaries	Diane Grummet & Joann Johnson	ext. 23

**SS. Peter & Paul Parish - Pastoral Council**

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**

Angela Anderson	Tracey Bergeron	Cara Brownell
Lauren Christensen	Nick Cusack	Anna Johnson
Deb Trierweiler	Nancy Wilson	Kristi Wizorek

March 18 & 19, Third Sunday of Lent			
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Mary Lou Mulick Altar Servers: Kaylynn & Kenna Wizorek EMs: Melissa Harvey, Phill & Sue Wizorek Greeters: Pat Brockman	11:30 a.m.	Lector: Bill Trueblood Altar Servers: Raelynn Christensen, Wyatt Johnson EMs: Ron Drysdale, Monica Mabe, Barb Mulnix Greeters: Theresa Scholtens
8:00 a.m.	Lector: Pete Fox Altar Servers: Alexis Heinlein, Nicole Trierweiler EMs: Julie Bennett, Walt Downes, Kevin Heinlein Greeters: Dave O'Mara		
Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders and Helpers			
		4:00 p.m.	Barb Montgomery and Helper
		11:30 a.m.	Karen Meyers and Gabby Meyers

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Rosary at 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Grand Knight: Tim Wall**





### Knights' Corner

This is a busy time for the Knights! We had our final Fish Dinner on March 10 and now are preparing to make pies next week. If you haven't ordered your pies yet, please see a Knight in the back of church after Mass or call the parish office.

Congratulations to our March raffle winners: David Petersen, Andrew Avery, Ron Speckin, and Sonora Dow.

**Stations of the Cross** are prayed on the Fridays of Lent through March 31

6 p.m. in English, 7 p.m. in Spanish

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will be in the church on the Wednesdays of Lent through March 29 from 2 to 7 p.m. If you can commit to an hour on one or more of the Wednesdays of Lent, please add your name to the sign-up sheets in church or online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948ABA729A7F94-lenten1>

### Lenten Confession Schedule

Mondays & Wednesdays from 11 a.m.—12 noon

Thursday, March 23, from 5—8 p.m.

**“The Light is ON for You: An Evening of Penance”** (here, and in many other parishes of the diocese)

Saturdays from 3—3:45 p.m. (regular schedule)

Sundays from 3—5 p.m. on March 12 & 26 \*\*\*

**\*\*\*A Taizé Prayer Service is also offered at 3 p.m. on these same Sundays.**

### Lenten Soup and Bread Luncheons



Following the Wednesday 12:10 p.m. Masses on March 1-29 at 12:45 p.m. in the Parish Office Living Room.

If you would like to donate soup or bread, you may sign up in the back of church or online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948ABA729A7F94-lenten>



Our next **Youth Group Night** is Sunday, March 19th. We will meet from 6-8 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room. We will be practicing to lead the Stations of the Cross the following Friday.

On Friday, March 24th, we will be leading the parish Stations of the Cross. Please arrive at church about 5:30 p.m. on the 24th so we can prepare to lead the Stations starting at 6 p.m.

*Soli Deo gloria —Kevin Heinlein*

*This past week, our school students in grades two through eight had the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the school day. We pray that many of our Catholic school and parish families will take advantage of the extra Confession times offered during Lent.*

**The Diocese of Grand Rapids' Office of Communications issues the following statement from Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak, bishop of Grand Rapids, in celebration of the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate on March 13.**

“Throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis has striven to be a living example of Christ present in our world today. His words and actions are grounded in love, humility, and mercy, helping us to understand how we are to live out our Christian faith.

He has repeatedly implored us to go to the margins – to serve migrants and refugees, those who may feel excluded, and those most in need. His personal witness and visits to numerous countries show that he is a man of action and not just words.

His conversational style has brought the Church's teachings to life for not only Catholics but all people of goodwill. As we reflect on Pope Francis' 10th anniversary as the successor of Peter, we are thankful for this universal shepherd who has taught us to live our faith with joy.

Since his election, the Holy Father has continuously asked us, ‘Pray for me.’ Thus, we pray in a special way for Pope Francis as he marks this milestone occasion.”

### Prayer for Pope Francis

*O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,  
look favorably on your servant Francis,  
whom you have set at the head of your Church  
as her shepherd.*

*Grant, we pray, that by word and example  
he may be of service to those  
over whom he presides so that,  
together with the flock entrusted to his care,  
he may come to everlasting life.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*



### CRS Rice Bowl Meatless Meals Recipe Book

To enrich family Lenten meal planning and promote awareness of and participation in Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl, the CRS Chapter West Michigan is creating a Meatless Meals Recipe Book. People from the Dioceses of Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids are invited to share their meatless meals recipes for inclusion in the recipe book. Along with a recipe, families may share pictures of their families making and sharing the meals together. Please submit your recipes and pictures by March 31 to Teri Burns, [tburnsfaith@gmail.com](mailto:tburnsfaith@gmail.com). Recipe books will be available to purchase by May 5.



### Embracing the Way of Love in Lent

**Mondays, February 27 & March 6, 13, 20, 27  
6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Living Room**

All are welcome to join in this Lenten spiritual enrichment opportunity! Each week we will focus on faith-related practices that will strengthen us in living a Jesus-centered life. Sessions are independent of each other, so come when you can!



We invite all children from ages 4 to 10 to join us for **Children's Liturgy of the Word** (CLOW) during the 4:00 p.m. & 11:30 a.m. weekend Masses.

CLOW is a worship experience geared especially for children that allows them to hear the readings and discuss God's message on a level that is engaging and interactive.

The children are invited to follow the Faith Leaders, right after the Introductory Rites, to a special area of the sacristy that has been prepared for them to hear the readings. The children and Faith Leaders return to the assembly during the Presentation of the Gifts. If you would like more information or have children above the age of 10 who would like to become Faith helpers, please contact Barb Montgomery at [lkdog67@yahoo.com](mailto:lkdog67@yahoo.com) or Vanessa Booth at [vbooth@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com).

### Stay in touch...

Mary E. O'Connor recently suffered a couple falls and is currently living with her daughter, Mary B. O'Connor, in Texas. She would love to hear from you! Send your greetings to:

Mary E. O'Connor  
5323 Richard Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75206

Fr. Mel Fox (SS. Peter & Paul Pastor from 1997-2009) currently resides at St. Ann's Home. He would appreciate cards, letters, or even visits. His vision is very limited, so he often has a friend read him the messages he has received.

Fr. Mel Fox  
St. Ann's Home  
2161 Leonard St. NW  
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**Taizé prayer** is a simple, repetitive, and meditative form of prayer that calls us to dwell deeply in Christ through prayerful silence and mantra-like songs, combined with brief Scripture readings, Psalms, and a candle-lit environment. Taizé prayer is offered Sundays at 3 p.m. concurrently with the beginning of confessions. St. Edward dates are March 19 & April 2, while SSPP will host on March 12 & 26.

### Grief Support Group Sessions

Are you struggling? 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. We meet every other Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Office living room. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, March 18. Each of the sessions 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 learning more about the Ministry of Consolation and its benefits to you or a loved one, please contact Vanessa Booth at: [vbooth@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com).

### Knights of Columbus Pie Sale

Saturday, March 18, 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 19, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Parish Office garage

Apple, Cherry, & Blueberry pies  
\$12 each or 3 for \$30



Order your pies after Mass in the back of church or by calling the parish office: (616) 527-3610. All proceeds support the charitable work of K of C Council 944. Thank you!