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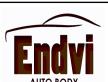
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> May 28, 2023 Pentecost Sunday

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

Praver Chain

If you have a prayer request for immediate need, please call 616-522-0279, or 616-527-0438.

Pentecost was one of the great Jewish feasts. Many Israelites used to go as pilgrims to Jerusalem during these days to adore God in the Temple. Later, another motive was added to this day's celebration with the remembrance of the promulgation of the Law given by God on Mount Sinai. This was celebrated fifty days after the feast of Passover. So the material harvest which the Jews celebrated with such joy became the feast of immense rejoicing, by God's design: the coming of the Holy Spirit with all His gifts and fruits.

The Acts of the Apostles tells us, "When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." The Holy Spirit shows Himself in those elements which usually accompanied the presence of God in the Old Testament: wind and fire.

Fire appears in Sacred Scripture as love which penetrates all things and as a purifying element. These are images which help us to understand better the action the Holy Spirit carries out in souls. "Lord, with the fire of the Holy Spirit, purify our inmost being and our heart." Fire also produces light and signifies the new brightness which the Holy Spirit sheds on the doctrine of Jesus Christ. John 16 tells us, "When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth...He will glorify Me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you." Jesus had already forewarned his disciples in John 14: "The Counsellor, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." It is the Holy Spirit who leads us to a full understanding of the truth taught by Jesus Christ, who completed and perfected Revelation and confirmed it by divine guarantees. He sent the Spirit of truth.

In the Old Testament the action of the Holy Spirit is often intimated by the word breath. This expresses both the gentleness and the strength of divine love. There is nothing subtler than the wind, which manages to penetrate everywhere, even to reach inanimate bodies and give them a life of their own. The rushing wind of the day of Pentecost expresses the new force with which the divine love invades the Church and souls.

When St. Peter sees the multitudes of people gathered. he convinces them that this is the fulfillment of what had been foretold already by the Prophets: "And in the last days it shall be. God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh (Acts 2:17). Those who receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit are no longer the privileged few, like the companions of Moses or the prophets. No, these are all mankind, in the measure in which they receive Christ. The action of the Holy Spirit was to produce, in the disciples and those who heard them, such an admiration that they were all enraptured, full of love and joy!

---from "The Coming of the Holy Spirit" in the book In Conversation with God

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Week

AH = Apostles' Hall \overline{CR} = Cornerstone Room \overline{SC} = School **BC** = Basement Chapel

MAY 28, 2023

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

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34

Saturday, May 27

4:00 p.m. Jean Piselli

Sunday, May 28

8:00 a.m. Special Intention (Jane Emelander) 11:30 a.m. David Cusack (Elaine Caswell)

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

We will be praying the Rosary in church starting 30 minutes before each weekend Mass in May. Please join us!

Monday, May 29-The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 87:1-3, 5-7/Jn 19:25-34

No Confessions or 12:10 p.m. Mass today

7:30 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

Tuesday, May 30—Weekday

Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23/Mk 10:28-31

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, May 31—The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18/(Ps) Is 12:2-6/Lk 1:39-56

12:10 p.m. Communion Service 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, June 1—St. Justin, Martyr

Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-9/Mk 10:46-52

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Grummet family

6:30 p.m. DK Graduation (CH)

Friday, June 2—Saints Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Mk 11:11-26

7:30 a.m. Michelle Walsh

Saturday, June 3—St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

Sir 51:12-20/Ps 19:8-11/Mk 11:27-33

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary

3:00 p.m. Confessions

The Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9/(Ps) Dn 3:52-55/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18 Saturday, June 3

4:00 p.m. Marlene Chartrand & Kay Conner Sunday, June 4

8:00 a.m. Intention of our High School Graduates

11:30 a.m. Bill Miller (Karen Miller & sons)

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS-WEEK OF MAY 28

GENERAL CLEANING: Jane Hemenway, Laurie Tjalsma

VACUUMING:

Shannon Andrews, Debra Sochor

Sunday, May 28—Pentecost Sunday

No Food & Fellowship RCIA Final Gathering

Monday, May 29—Memorial Day

No School. Parish Office closed Hispanic Council meeting (VR)

Tuesday, May 30

Wednesday, May 31

6-8 p.m.

Clergy Day (Cathedral Square) 12:30-4 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (AH)

Thursday, June 1

3:45 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

Life Fit (VR) DK Graduation (CH)

Friday, June 2

Last Day for PreK, DK, & Grade 8

8th Grade Lock-in

Saturday, June 3

9:30 a.m.

Women's Book Study (PO)

Sunday, June 4—Trinity Sunday

9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)

8:00 a.m. High School Graduation Mass (CH)



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Special call to prayer on May 31



The Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome from Oct. 4 -29, 2023, to continue dialogue on the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." In preparation, Bishop Walkowiak is extending an invitation from the General Secretariat of the Synod to offer a time of prayer on Wednesday, May 31, the

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, placing the Synod under her protection. Please join in this special opportunity by praying a rosary, followed by the "Prayer Entrusting the Synod to Marv."

Prayer Entrusting the Synod to Mary

O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, as the disciples gathered around you to await the coming of the Holy Spirit, so we entrust ourselves to your protection as we seek to follow that same Spirit on the path of synodality.

Obtain for us, by your powerful intercession, grace to deepen our communion with our Lord and one another, charity to welcome full participation of all the baptized in the life of the Church, and courage to engage in Christ's mission to the world.

Guide our bishops as they assemble this October, that they may build up the household of faith as they shepherd us along the way to eternal life in Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



June 4 & 5, The Most Holy Trinity

Lector: Cecilia Luke 4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Adah & William Drown EMs: Cecilia Luke, Garry & Mary Lou Mulick

Greeters: Pat Brockman

8:00 a.m. Lector: Steve O'Mara

Altar Servers: Alexis Heinlein. Nicole Trierweiler EMs: Julie Bennett, Cheryl & John Hildebrandt

Greeters: Dave O'Mara

11:30 a.m. Lector: Kevin Kenney

Cemetery Sexton

Altar Servers: Evan Bailey, Raelynn Christensen EMs: Shannon Andrews, Monica Mabe, Barb Mulnix

Greeters: Theresa Scholtens

Please pray for:

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Terri Nurenberg Jessica Fritz Larry McKaig Devin Dowsett Cole LeBarre Travis Eveleth Alice Cardenas Michelle Montgomery Charles Timm Kathy Kranz Dennis Mould Emma Furman Larry Lafler Arlene Stanton Pat MacLachlan Jack Wirtz Jim & Barb Mulnix Sherry North Phyllis Richardson Rueger Eveleth David Esparza Joe Rosse

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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.

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And on this Memorial Day weekend, we Knights remember with gratitude all those who have died in service to our country. Thank you!



Celebrating Our **Graduates!!**

The Saints Peter & Paul Parish family would like to recognize and celebrate our 2023 high school graduates at the 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 4th. All 12th grade students registered with our parish have been mailed an invitation, which includes a request for a photo of the graduate that we can include in our special graduation section of the bulletin that weekend. Please send photos, along with your RSVP form, to the parish office by Monday, May 29th. We would also like to include our college graduates' information and photos. If you know of someone from our community who has or will be graduating from college this spring (or last fall), please contact Toni McKay at the parish office as soon as possible.

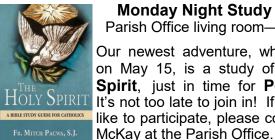


Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Fr. Tom will be offering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at a special 12:10 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, June 13. The Mass will be held in the church. After the homily, those wishing to re-

ceive the Anointing of the Sick may do so. This would include the elderly and those who are facing illness or surgery. A light luncheon will be served after Mass in the school cafeteria. If you'd like to volunteer to bring a dessert or a salad to share, please call the parish office (616-527-3610) or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

Do you know someone who might like to attend this Mass but would need a ride? Perhaps you yourself could bring the person or ask a family member or friend to do so.



Monday Night Study Group Parish Office living room—6:30 p.m.

Our newest adventure, which began on May 15, is a study of the Holy Spirit, just in time for Pentecost! It's not too late to join in! If you would like to participate, please contact Toni

Prison & Jail Ministry Information Sessions

We are seeking volunteers to help us offer weekly Catholic services including Masses, Communion services. RCIA classes and praver services within 21 correctional facilities across our 11-county diocese. Join Bishop Walkowiak and more than 50 active volunteers in this vital ministry to the incarcerated.

Want to learn more? Attend an information session on Monday, June 26, at Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S., Grand Rapids, Ml. Come to either session: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Visit grdiocese.org/prison-and-jail-ministry/ to register. Questions? Contact Tricia Worrell, program director: 616-475-1255 or tworell@grdiocese.org.

Save the Dates for our first-ever Saints Peter & Paul Parish **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

The program is developed and we will be working to fine-tune the details over the next several weeks. For now, please schedule these dates into your calendars. More information and registration forms will be available soon.

Session 1 - Monday, July 17, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon Session 2 - Monday, July 24, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon Session 3 - Monday, July 31, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon Session 4 - Monday, Aug. 7, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon Session 5 - Monday, Aug.14, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon



CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

We would like to THANK the wonderful volunteers who helped us bring back Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during the 4:00 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses this winter and spring. We will be taking a

break for the summer, but look for us again this fall. For more information about CLOW, please contact Barb Montgomery at Ikydog67@yahoo.com or Vanessa Booth at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

Parish Festival Guide 2023

For details and locations of parish festivals happening in our diocese this summer and fall, visit GRdiocese.org/parish-festivals/.

Into the Mystery

Saturday, June 10 9:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. **Aguinas College Sturrus Sports & Fitness Center**

A special invitation from Bishop Walkowiak

This event will serve as a mini-Eucharistic Congress for the diocese, gathering Catholics throughout the diocese for a daylong celebration of our unity in faith and sacrament as we transition to the parish year of the national Eucharistic Revival.

The day will include Mass with Bishop Walkowiak; talks by Father Jonathan Kelly and Missionary Meg Hunter-Kilmer; along with a Eucharistic procession to publicly witness to our faith.

In the morning, we will hear from **Father Jonathan** Kelly. Father Kelly is rector of St. John Vianney College Seminary in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Our afternoon speaker will be Meg Hunter-Kilmer, a missionary and storyteller who travels the world telling people about the fierce and tender love of God.

The day will also include time for participants to:

- celebrate the sacrament of confession
- visit a ministry fair showcasing ways to serve and give within our diocese
- explore the Vatican display of Eucharistic Miracles provided by the Mary Our Mother Foundation
- participate in Eucharistic Adoration in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

All are invited to stay after the event for a festival which will include live music and food available for purchase from food trucks. The festival will run from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Boxed lunches will be provided to registrants. Registration cost for the day is \$10 per person or \$40 per family.

Please plan to join us for this day focused on worship of the Blessed Sacrament and growth in our understanding of its mystery.

To learn more, visit grdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival. You are encouraged to register for this event on the diocesan website or by calling Jennifer Baxter at the Diocese of Grand Rapids: 616-288-0908.

May is Foster Care Awareness Month

Catholic Charities West Michigan is seeking foster parents in West Michigan for children from our community who come into their care. These kids need nurturing adults on their side. Will you be the difference in a child's life? Applicants of all ages, cultures, and ethnicities are encouraged to apply! Learn more at ccwestmi.org.





Two men to be ordained for the Diocese of Grand Rapids

We invite you to celebrate with us as Deacon Christopher Epplett and Deacon Jacob Zemaitis are ordained priests for the Diocese of Grand Rapids on Saturday, June 3, at 10 a.m.

You are welcome to attend the ordination Mass in person at the Cathedral of St. Andrew or join the livestream on the diocesan website (grdiocese.org) or Facebook page (Diocese of Grand Rapids).

Please pray for Deacon Epplett and Deacon Zemaitis as they prepare for ordination and begin their priestly ministry in the diocese.



Saints Peter & Paul **Annual Garage Sale**

Friday and Saturday, July 28-29, 2023

It's not too soon to think Garage Sale! We invite you to consider donating your gently used and nolonger-needed treasures to our sale. Donations can now be dropped off at the parish garage, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Reminder: we are not able to accept donations of box-style televisions. All proceeds will benefit our parish ministries. Thank you for your generosity!

Helpers needed! Do you have a few free hours this summer? Do you like to be outside? Do you have the knack for organizing and maximizing space? Do you like to have FUN? We'd love to have you join our garage sale team! Any time you can give is appreciated, even if just a couple of hours! Contact Toni at the parish office if you can help!

Youth Group Night

Our final Youth Group Night of the school year will be on Sunday, June 4, from 6-8 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room. We will take a break for the summer and resume in September. --Kevin Heinlein Soli Deo gloria

