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# SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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## September 10, 2023 Twenty-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.

**Reconciliation Schedule**  
English: Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m.  
Monday 11 a.m.-12 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.

## To Honor Christ A Homily on the Gospel of Matthew by St. John Chrysostom, Bishop

Do you want to honor Christ's body? Then do not scorn him in his nakedness, nor honor him here in the church with silken garments while neglecting him outside where he is cold or naked. For he who said: *This is my body*, and made it so by his words, also said: *You saw me hungry and did not feed me*, and *inasmuch as you did not do it for one of these, the least of my brothers, you did not do it for me*. What we do here in the church requires a pure heart, not special garments; what we do outside requires great dedication.

Let us learn, therefore, to be people of wisdom and to honor Christ as he desires. For a person being honored finds greatest pleasure in the honor he desires, not in the honor we think best. Peter thought he was honoring Christ when he refused to let him wash his feet; but what Peter wanted was not truly an honor, quite the opposite! Give him the honor prescribed in his law by giving your riches to the poor. For God does not want golden vessels but golden hearts.

Now in saying this I am not forbidding you to make such gifts; I am only demanding that along with such gifts and before them you give alms. He accepts the former, but he is more pleased with the latter. In the former, only the giver profits. In the latter, the recipient does too. A gift to the church may be taken as a form of ostentation, but an alms is pure kindness.

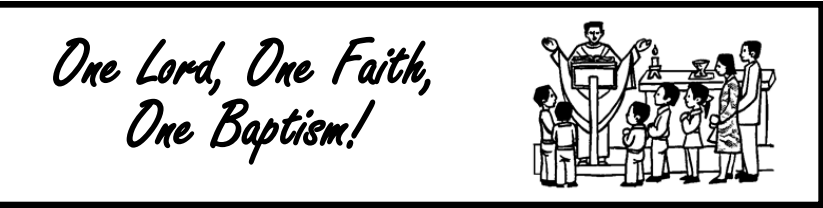
Of what use is it to weigh down Christ's table with golden cups, when he himself is dying of hunger? First, fill him when he is hungry; then use the means you have left to adorn his table. Will you have a golden cup made but not giving a cup of water? What is the use of providing the table with cloths woven of gold thread, and not providing Christ himself with the clothes he needs? What profit is there in that? Tell me: If you were to see him lacking the necessary food but were to leave him in that state and merely surround his table with gold, would he be grateful to you or rather would he not be angry? What if you were to see him clad in worn-out rags and stiff from the cold, and were to forget about clothing him and instead were to set up golden columns for him, saying that you were doing it in his honor? Would not he think he was being mocked and greatly insulted?

Apply this also to Christ when he comes along the road as a pilgrim, looking for shelter. You do not take him in as your guest, but you decorate the floor and the walls and the capitals of the pillars. You provide silver chains for the lamps, but you cannot bear to even look at him as he lies chained in prison. Once again, I am not forbidding you to supply these adornments; I am urging you to provide these other things as well, and indeed to provide them first. No one has ever been accused for not providing ornaments, but for those who neglect their neighbor a hell awaits with an inextinguishable fire and torment in the company of demons. Do not, therefore, adorn the church and ignore your afflicted brother, for he is the most precious temple of all.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

TWENTY-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

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20*  
**Saturday, September 9**  
4:00 p.m. Living & deceased members of Freund & Stoj families  
**Sunday, September 10**  
8:00 a.m. Frank & Betty McMullen (Hildebrandt family)  
11:30 a.m. Bob Terpstra (Christine Terpstra) - *Bilingual Mass*  
*No 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass today*

**Monday, September 11—Weekday**  
*Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11*  
11:00 a.m. Confessions  
12:10 p.m. Dan Brown

**Tuesday, September 12—The Most Holy Name of Mary**  
*Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19*  
7:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Wednesday, September 13—St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**  
*Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13/Lk 6:20-26*  
12:10 p.m. Ray Dietrich  
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour

**Thursday, September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
*Nm 21:4-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17*  
8:00 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish  
6:30 p.m. EMHC Training by Diocese (CH)

**Friday, September 15—Our Lady of Sorrows**  
*1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27*  
7:30 a.m. Bertha Meier

**Saturday, September 16—Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**  
*1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1-7/Lk 6:43-49*  
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary  
3:00 p.m. Confessions

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35*  
**Saturday, September 16**  
4:00 p.m. Bud Bollinger (Tom & Pat Brockman)

**Sunday, September 17**  
8:00 a.m. Jim Hayden (Colleen Hayden)  
11:30 a.m. Vernon Brown  
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

**GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF SEPT. 10**

**GENERAL CLEANING:**  
Pat Duffy, Gwen O’Mara, Janis Neustifter

**VACUUMING:**  
John & Kathy Curtin

**Sunday, September 10**  
10-11:15 a.m. Faith Formation K-9 begins (SC)  
11:30 a.m. Bilingual Mass (*no 1 p.m. Mass*)  
1:00 p.m. Parish Picnic (on parish grounds)

**Monday, September 11**  
6:30 p.m. Scripture Study (PO)

**Tuesday, September 12**  
5:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting (VR)

**Wednesday, September 13**  
5-7 p.m. Cancer Support Session (PO)  
6:30-8 p.m. T.O.P.S. Session (VR)  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (AH)

**Thursday, September 14**  
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)  
6:30-8 p.m. EMHC Training by Diocese (CH)

**Friday, September 15**

**Saturday, September 16**  
9:30 a.m. Women’s Book Study (PO)

**Sunday, September 17**  
9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)  
10-11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-8  
1-4 p.m. Confirmation Retreat following  
11:30 a.m. Mass



OUR PARISH OFFERING - September 2 & 3, 2023		
Regular Offertory Collection	\$7,888.00	
Electronic Giving	1,700.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,588.00</b>	
-5% Tithe	-479.40	
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$9,108.60</b>	
Budgeted Weekly:	\$9,519.23	
<b>Surplus for the Week:</b>	<b>\$68.77</b>	

*Please note that the offertory collection is only part of the income needed to operate the parish. Other funds come from school tuition, fundraising, Mass stipends, educational trust fund interest, sale of votive candles, etc.*

**Fr. Oscar’s reflection on Luke 4:31-37 from September 5, 2023**

*Jesus went down to Capernaum, a town of Galilee. He taught them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching because he spoke with authority.*

*In the synagogue there was a man with the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out in a loud voice, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"*

*Jesus rebuked him and said, "Be quiet! Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down in front of them and came out of him without doing him any harm.*

*They were all amazed and said to one another, "What is there about his word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." And news of him spread everywhere in the surrounding region.*

September 16 & 17, Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Bill Trueblood Altar Servers: Carmen & Jaclyn Rewa EMs: Gloria Hozeski, Mary Perrien, Cecilia Luke Greeters: Volunteers CLOW: Joann & Lillian Johnson	11:30 a.m.	Lector: Shannon Andrews Altar Servers: Evan Bailey, Wyatt Johnson EMs: Vanessa Booth, Monica Mabe, Theresa Scholtens Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen CLOW: Samantha & Jordyn Ciganick
8:00 a.m.	Lector: Steve O'Mara Altar Servers: Paul & Sam Meyer EMs: Julie Bennett, Kevin Heinlein, Veronica Meyer Greeters: Dave O'Mara		

*Please pray for:*

Jennifer Durden	Pam Garragon-Goss	Sherry North
Beth Buffey	Kym Coryell	Phyllis Richardson
Tom McClintock	Jacqueline Franz	Rueger Eveleth
Phill Wizorek	Carol Ardis	David Esparza
Chuck Tarpey	Justin Miller	Nathan Lower
Renee Wagner	Terri Nurenberg	Bill Robinson
Flynn McClintic	Jessica Fritz	Debbie Flinn
Cindy White	Larry McKaig	Dorr Bissell
Michelle Richard-Mix	Devin Dowsett	Finnly Hunt
John & Pat Klein	Cole LeBarre	Mike O'Connor
Sue Huver	Travis Eveleth	Isaac Fletcher
Dave Erbes	Alice Cardenas	Jerry & Maribeth Fritz
Margaret O'Malley	Michelle Montgomery	Ken Peabody
Sheila Jobbitt	Charles Timm	Tom White
Lorna Weitzel	Kathy Kranz	Pamela Coggan
Jennifer Lewis	Dennis Mould	Rachel Cross
Jamison Crynes	Emma Furman	Joe Drysdale
Diane Rogers	Larry Lafler	Barbara Bennett
Karen Balice Gregory	Arlene Stanton	Nichole Munsell
Hannah Wirtz	Pat MacLachlan	Jace Peterson
Andrew Fisher	Jack Wirtz	Georgia Sibert
Mary O'Connor	Jim & Barb Mulnix	

*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.*

This Gospel text surprises us in the way it shows Jesus' relationship with the forces of evil. St. Augustine states that, "...evil is the loss of good." Unfortunately, some people choose to live with this "loss of God."

Just as the people in the synagogue were "astonished" at Jesus' teaching, we too are astonished at His power over evil.

We cannot understand this relationship from Manichaeism heresy, which understands the world as a relationship of confrontation between good and evil, where one of the two will win.

In the Christian vision, and according to this text, evil is limited and never comparable to good. Good is above all and is eternal. Evil is the consequence of a misused freedom.

Jesus has the power to subdue evil, which enslaves many, and to bring about an experience of true freedom to always choose good over evil.

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### Knights' Corner

At our meeting this week, we donated \$50 to the CROP Walk, which raises funds to feed the hungry. The Walk this year will take place on Sunday, October 1st, and is a great event for families to take part in. Other events on the horizon are the MI Tootsie Roll Drive, which will take place on October 13, 14, and 15, and the Harvest Dinner on Sunday, October 22nd. Finally, don't forget the picnic this Sunday starting at 1:00 p.m.!

Congratulations to this month's raffle winners: Margaret Stoj, Sandra Thelen, Greg Spitzley, and Deb Trierweiler.

### Pope Francis' Intention for September

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions. May they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

### Training required for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must be trained in updated diocesan norms for ministry. Most of our current Ministers received the diocesan training last spring - here at SSPP on May 13, or at another parish. If you are currently a Minister of Communion and haven't yet attended a diocesan training, they are offering additional sessions this fall. **The nearest one is right here at SS. Peter & Paul on Thursday, September 14, from 6:30-8 p.m.** For other places and times the training will be offered, go to [grdiocese.org/ministries/worship-3](https://www.grdiocese.org/ministries/worship-3). Please register for the session you plan to attend.

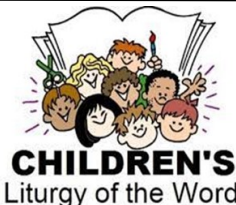
### 2023 Annual Gallagher Talk

Featuring author and film-maker Gerard Straub  
Thursday, September 28, 7-8:30 p.m.  
Catholic Information Center

From filming the poor to living with the poor, Gerard Straub discovered a wisdom that can only be learned by living the Gospel in a radical way. His life is a journey from the glamour of Hollywood to a slum in Port-au-Prince, where today he operates a home of hope and healing for 60 abandoned kids. During the past 8 years, Gerry has turned the early morning hours into a time of attending to his own inner spiritual poverty. The fruit of living in a busy orphanage and finding the lonely hours of silence are the spiritual lessons that are a prophetic message for our time. Register at [catholicinformationcenter.org](https://catholicinformationcenter.org)

### Panther Prayer Corner

For our school board members:  
Give them insight to lead with integrity,  
that their decisions will reflect  
what is right and good.



**CHILDREN'S**  
Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will be returning during the 4:00 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses, starting September 9th and 10th.

**Volunteers** of *all* ages are invited to consider helping the children of our parish hear the Word of God at their own level in a fun, interactive way. We invite new and current volunteers to contact Barb Montgomery at [lkydog67@yahoo.com](mailto:lkydog67@yahoo.com) or Vanessa Booth at [vbooth@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com) for more information.

### The Ministry of Consolation is now offering:

#### A Five session Grief Support Series

Have you suffered the loss of a loved one or experienced a loss in your professional or personal life? We invite you to attend this support group series. Each session offers a topic of discussion, as well as time to reflect, listen, and share if one chooses. We are here to walk the journey with you. Sessions are held in the parish office living room on 5 Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. First session is September 23.

#### Once-a month Coffee Hours

The Coffee Hours are for all past participants of our Group Support Series to come and share about their continued challenges and progress in the grief journey. Coffee Hours are held about once a month in the parish office living room on Saturdays from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Coffee Hours are scheduled for September 9 and October 1.

#### Cancer Support Sessions

These will be offered bi-weekly in the parish office living room. First Cancer Support Session is on Wednesday, September 13, from 5-7 p.m. in the parish office living room.

Please contact Vanessa Booth for more information about any of these Ministry of Consolation opportunities, or if you are interested in private sessions. [vbooth@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com)

**Attention, Singers & Musicians:** Choir practice starts on September 13 at 7 p.m. in Apostles Hall. Ages high school freshman and up, of all abilities, are welcome! Prayerfully consider joining our ministry. Let's pack the loft to praise our Lord through song!! Questions? Ask Whitney: [wcrooks@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:wcrooks@ssppcatholic.com)



### Calendar for upcoming classes. Classes held in the school from 10—11:15 a.m.

September 10 – Faith Formation Classes begin K-9.  
Registration is held in the school

September 17—Faith Formation Classes K-8  
September 17—**Confirmation Candidates attend 11:30 Mass followed by Retreat 1-4pm**

September 24—Faith Formation Classes K-9

October 1—Faith Formation Classes K-8

October 1—**Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Session 4:30-6 p.m. in the Veritas Room**

October 8—Faith Formation Classes K-8

October 8—**Rite of Enrollment**—Fall Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors meet in the church at 11:15 a.m. to prepare for Mass. After Mass, candidates and their families are invited to the school for lunch and a short parent/sponsor-candidate session.

**Our SS. Peter & Paul Parish Picnic, sponsored by K of C Council 944, is this Sunday, September 10, following an 11:30 a.m. bilingual Mass. (No 1:00 p.m. Misa en español that day)**

**The picnic will be held on the parish grounds (not at the Cardenas home as originally planned) and will begin about 1:00.**

**There will be yard games, train rides, Bingo with prizes, and a Cornhole Toss.**

**Food buffet will begin at 2:00. The Knights will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream, beverages, and table settings.**

**Please bring a dish to pass.**

**Please R.S.V.P by calling or texting 616-902-3473 with family name & how many attending.**

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. **The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is October 20-22 in the greater Grand Rapids area.** For more information or to sign up, please contact Annie at [aconnette@ccwestmi.org](mailto:aconnette@ccwestmi.org) or (616) 340-1824.

### Diocesan Assembly 2023:

#### Share your Encounter

Saturday, September 30, 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Cathedral Square Center, Grand Rapids

You are invited! Keynote speaker will be Fr. René Constanza, CSP, president of the Paulist Fathers and former rector/pastor of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew and executive director of the Catholic Information Center.

The conference will be offered in-person and online. The in-person and livestreamed sessions will be presented concurrently in English and Spanish.

Cost of the in-person event is \$15 (includes lunch)

Registration to attend via livestream is free.

For registration information, please contact Jennifer Baxter at [jbaxter@grdiocese.org](mailto:jbaxter@grdiocese.org).

Another option: We will be offering the livestream right here at SS. Peter & Paul School, allowing us to share our encounters with each other. Come for the whole day, or just part of the day. Please let us know if you can join by using the signup genius link. Those who sign up with their email will get a reminder the day before the event. Questions? Call Deb Trierweiler at 616-902-3473.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948ABA729A7F94-diocesan>

### Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Walkowiak invites all couples celebrating milestone anniversaries to join him on **Sunday, October 22, at the 10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew** (301 Sheldon Blvd., Grand Rapids) for this annual celebration. A simple reception will immediately follow. Please RSVP by calling our parish office at 616-527-3610 and letting us know the names of the anniversary couple, the parish, how many years married, and how many people will attend the reception.

### Michigan Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, October 21

Lansing Center, Lansing

Women from across Michigan are invited to come together to focus on their faith and experience the fellowship of sisterhood in Christ Jesus. Be encouraged and inspired to ignite your spirit and grow in faith with inspirational Catholic speakers, praise and worship music, and the celebration of Mass with the bishops of Michigan.

Tickets are \$72.50; seniors (62+) and students, \$65. Learn more and reserve your tickets at [michiganwc.org](https://michiganwc.org).