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# SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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September 24, 2023  
Twenty-fifth 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.

## A reflection by Fr. Oscar on Luke 6:20-26

Raising his eyes toward his disciples Jesus said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for the Kingdom of God is yours.  
Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied.  
Blessed are you who are now weeping,  
for you will laugh.  
Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!  
Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.  
For their ancestors treated the prophets  
in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.  
But woe to you who are filled now,  
for you will be hungry.  
Woe to you who laugh now,  
for you will grieve and weep.  
Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

Jesus' best sermon in the Gospels is undoubtedly His sermon on the Beatitudes. In Luke it is known as the Sermon on the Plain. In six verses, the early Jewish-Christian Lukan community collected Jesus' feelings and dreams. The Beatitudes are the highest spiritual expression of Christianity.

Luke's version exalts the value of the poor, in line with the teachings of the Old Testament. One is poor in order to be filled with the absolute. When God is the center, we gravitate around Him, and not around wealth or fame that would put us at risk of living impoverished by the idolatry of self.

Luke was thinking of the hungry and those who suffered under the rigors of the Roman Empire. These beatitudes suggest that in the name of God and with him alone, we can overthrow the causes that make many unhappy. There will come a day when we will laugh and be satisfied. It is a dream that we are realizing daily.

In the process of building a new world, the commitment of Christians will bring persecution and martyrdom. Suffering in order to build the Kingdom of God softens us and pushes us to dream of the happiness that one day we will live.

What better place than in our church and at Mass to renew our commitment to love and to give ourselves in service that will make us happy forever.

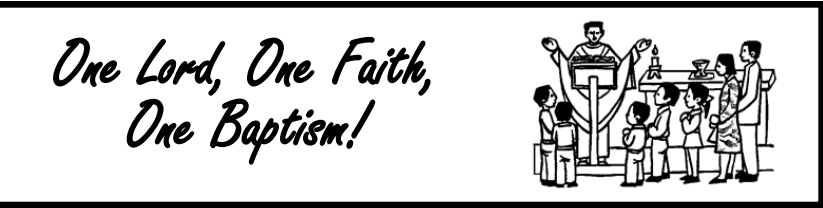
Let us offer a prayer that all those who sow peace and justice will be blessed, and that beatitude may germinate.



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20-24, 27/Mt 20:1-16*  
**Saturday, September 23**  
4:00 p.m. Doris, James, & Patrick Crowley (Paula & Rich Geldhof)  
**Sunday, September 24**  
8:00 a.m. Peter & Edith Brown  
11:30 a.m. Earl Allen (Johanna Allen)  
1:00 p.m. Misa en español (w/ Baptism of Elias Sanchez-Lucero)

**Monday, September 25—Weekday**  
*Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1-6/Lk 8:16-18*  
No 11 a.m. Confessions today.  
12:10 p.m. Intention of the priests of our diocese

**Tuesday, September 26—Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs**  
*Ezr 6:7-8, 12, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 8:19-21*  
7:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Wednesday, September 27—St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**  
*Ezr 9:5-9/(Ps) Tb 13:2-4, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6*  
12:10 p.m. Intention of all missionaries  
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour

**Thursday, September 28—St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs**  
*Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 9:7-9*  
8:00 a.m. For peace in Ukraine & throughout the world

**Friday, September 29—Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels**  
*Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51*  
7:30 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

**Saturday, September 30—St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor**  
*Zec 2:5-9/14-15/(Ps) Jer 31:10-13/Lk 9:43-45*  
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary  
1:00 p.m. Marriage Convalidation for Fabian Corona & Emma Louise Shattuck  
3:00 p.m. Confessions

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32*  
**Saturday, September 30**  
4:00 p.m. Allen Coble (Phill & Sue Wizorek)  
**Sunday, October 1**  
8:00 a.m. Jerry Blundy-1st anniversary of his death (family)  
11:30 a.m. Mary Hinds (Jane Hemenway)  
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

**GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF SEPT. 24**

**GENERAL CLEANING:**  
Kip Geldhof, Colleen Pierce

**VACUUMING:**  
Ken North, Bruce Sibert

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

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

**Sunday, September 24**  
9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)  
9:15 a.m. RCIA (PO)  
10-11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-9  
6-8 p.m. Youth Group Night (CR)

**Monday, September 25**  
Monday-Thursday—Convocation of Priests  
6:30 p.m. Scripture Study (PO)

**Tuesday, September 26**

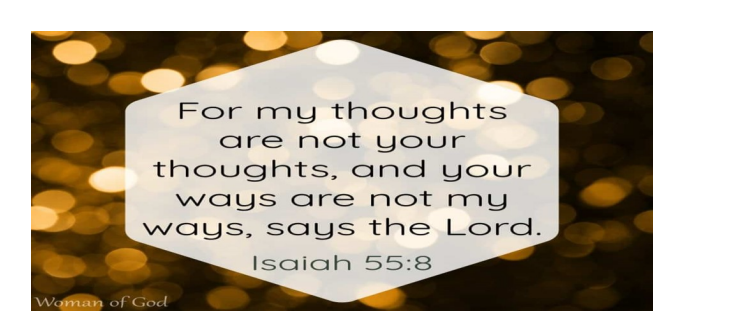
**Wednesday, September 27**  
6:30-8 p.m. T.O.P.S. Session (VR)  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (AH)

**Thursday, September 28**  
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

**Friday, September 29**

**Saturday, September 30**  
8:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Diocesan Assembly (in person at Cathedral Square; livestream in the SSPP Veritas Room)

**Sunday, October 1**  
9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)  
9:15 a.m. RCIA (PO)  
10-11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-8  
4:30-6 p.m. Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Session (VR)



OUR PARISH OFFERING - Sept. 16 & 17, 2023	
Regular Offertory Collection	\$7,103.45
Electronic Giving	1,605.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,708.45</b>
-5% Tithe	-435.42
Net Total	\$8,273.03
Budgeted Weekly:	\$9,519.23
<b>Deficit for the Week:</b>	<b>\$810.78</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.

**Evangelization is the 'Oxygen' of Christian Life**

Sharing the faith is the "oxygen" that "invigorates and purifies" Christian life, Pope Francis said. Beginning a new series of catechesis in January focused on evangelization and apostolic zeal, the pope said that when Christian life loses its aim of proclaiming the Gospel, it becomes "self-referential" and "atrophied." "Without apostolic zeal, faith withers."

The pope specified, however, that "to be a missionary, to be apostolic, to evangelize, is not the same thing as proselytizing," or actively seeking to convert someone. Quoting the late Pope Benedict XVI, who died Dec. 31, Pope Francis said that "the church does not proselytize, but rather she grows by 'attraction'" to the beauty of God's love.

Evangelization "does not begin by seeking to convince others, but by bearing witness each day to the love that has watched over us and lifted us back up," he said.

"Communicate this beauty to convince people," Pope Francis said. "We are the ones who announce the Lord; we do not announce ourselves, nor a political party or

an ideology. Put people in contact with Jesus without convincing them. Let the Lord convince them."

Pope Francis shared a story about a group of Korean women religious who came to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to run a hospital. Although the women did not speak Spanish, the hospital patients were pleased with them because their gaze "communicated Jesus." "This is attraction, which is the opposite of proselytism," the pope said.

Pointing to the Gospel episode in which Jesus calls Matthew to follow him even though Matthew is a widely disliked tax collector, the pope said that Christians must look beyond people's labels.

"Jesus does not stop at adjectives, he always looks for the substance," he said, encouraging people to think about how they look at others. "So often we label people for what they do or think."

"Christians are called to do like Christ," reaching out especially to those who seem far off, the pope said. And, he said, it is "fundamental" for Christians to go out and seek others rather than waiting for people to somehow find them.

—based on an article from [usccb.org](#).

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Mary Lou Mulick Altar Servers: William Drown & Levi Haskin EMs: Jane Emelander, Mary Perrien, Volunteer Greeters: Garry Mulick CLOW: Jessica & Adah Drown	11:30 a.m.	Lector: Monica Mabe Altar Servers: Lillian Mabe EMs: Shannon Andrews, Barb Mulnix, Theresa Scholtens Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen CLOW: Bekki Magee
8:00 a.m.	Lector: Jamie Meyer Altar Servers: Paul & Sam Meyer EMs: Julie Bennett, Kevin Heinlein, Veronica Meyer Greeters: Deb Porter		

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

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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### Knights' Corner

The priests of our diocese will be gathering this week for their annual conference. They will study, pray, and socialize with the bishop and their brothers. Please keep them in prayer!

*Gracious and loving God,  
we thank you for the gift of our priests.  
Through them, we experience your presence  
in the sacraments.*

*Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.  
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.*

*Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and  
strength they need to follow in the footsteps of  
Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of  
your Kingdom.*

*Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.  
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.*

*Help them to become instruments of your  
divine grace.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and  
reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.*

### 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.

Our next **Youth Group Night** will be on Sunday, September 24, from 6-8 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room. All students from 8th grade through high school are welcome. Bring a friend!

--Kevin Heinlein *Soli Deo gloria*



**Focus on Life-Annual Benefit Dinner**-sponsored by Portland Right to Life—**October 26, 6 p.m. at Portland Church of the Nazarene**, 9466 Cutler Rd, Portland. Reservations \$20 individual, \$160 Table of 8. For more information, call Nina Cedar (810-227-9479) or Pam Brown (517-647-7439).

You can help make a difference in local and global hunger by walking in our **Ionia Area CROP Hunger Walk on October 1**. With only a week to go, our parish has a number of walkers participating. Won't you join them? To sign up to be a Walker, contact Pat Rinker (517-898-5676) to get a Donation Envelope. If you can't walk, please sponsor a Walker. Make checks payable to CWS/CROP.

**CROP HUNGER WALK — 800.CWS.CROP — Ionia Area CROP Hunger Walk**

### Panther Prayer Corner

Please pray with us for the continuing success and growth of the craft club. May the work of their hands bring fulfillment in all you have given them to do.

### The Ministry of Consolation is now offering:

#### 5-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. Our next session will be on October 7th.

#### Cancer Support Sessions

These will be offered monthly in the parish office living room. Our first Cancer Support Session will be on Wednesday, October 18, from 5:30-7 p.m.

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

### Evangelization Committee Planning & Development Session

Sunday, October 15, 9:30 a.m., Veritas Room

As our parish enters into a phase of renewal on the New Evangelization called for by Pope John Paul II, we invite all parishioners to prayerfully consider becoming involved in the development of a parish Evangelization Committee. Let us embrace Pope Francis' words and work to "**be the oxygen**" that breathes life into Christ's Church and his people. Your RSVP for joining this session would be helpful, but not required. Contact Toni McKay.

### Eucharistic Revival - Study Groups Forming

Our Monday Night Study Group has nearly completed its discussion of This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival by Bishop Robert Barron. Participants report that they have experienced exceptional growth, insight, and renewal in the source and summit of our Catholic faith, the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

We invite other parishioners to consider participating in a newly forming group that will meet on Mondays at 1:00 p.m., following the 12:10 p.m. Mass, in the parish office living room, beginning October 2. (Other groups can be scheduled as needed.) Contact Toni McKay to reserve your copy of the book and/or sign up for the group.



It is not too late to register your children for Faith Formation. Registration forms are on the table in the back of church. For more information, please contact Vanessa Booth: [vbooth@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com) or call the parish office at 616-527-3610.

### Faith Formation Calendar Classes held in the school from 10—11:15 a.m.

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. (Veritas Room)**

October 8—Faith Formation Classes K-8

October 8—**Confirmation Rite of Enrollment at 11:30 Mass. Candidate/Sponsor session after Mass (Veritas Room)**

October 15—Faith Formation Classes K-9

October 22—Faith Formation Classes K-8

October 22—**Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Session 4:30-6 p.m. (Veritas Room)**

October 29—Faith Formation Classes K-8

October 29—**First Reconciliation/Communion Parent Meeting during class**

October 29—**Confirmation Mass 3 p.m. (Cathedral of St. Andrew)**

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*Our Confirmation Candidates enjoyed an afternoon retreat at the home of Bill & Nancy Wilson on September 17. A very special thank-you to the Wilsons for opening their home to our students!*

### October is the Month of the Holy Rosary.

We invite all parishioners to gather before weekend Masses in October to pray the Rosary. We will begin at 3:30 p.m. before the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays, and on Sundays at 7:30 a.m. before the 8:00 a.m. Mass and 11:00 a.m. before the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

**Volunteers are needed to lead the Rosary.** A sign-up sheet is available at the entrance to church, or you can contact Yolanda at 616-560-3945 to add your name to the Rosary schedule.



### 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 of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew.

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. In-person registration closes September 25.

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.

### 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: [aconnette@ccwestmi.org](mailto:aconnette@ccwestmi.org) or (616) 340-1824.



*Come rest awhile  
in the Lord's  
presence.*

*Wednesdays 6-7 p.m.  
in the church*