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# November 12, 2023 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Fr. Tom Brown

616-527-3610, ext. 12 616-755-1742 (evening)

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. (bilingual)

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.



# DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

November 11/12, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ.

Each year we have the opportunity to support the national Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection. This program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops seeks to educate on domestic poverty issues and supports organizations that are creating local solutions to eradicate poverty. In addition to making an impact nationally, 25 percent of the collection remains in our diocese to support local anti-poverty projects. This year's collection will take place in our parishes during the weekend of November 18-19.

Through your generosity, more than \$50,000 was distributed amongst 12 local organizations this past year.

As a universal and culturally diverse church in West Michigan, we welcome newcomers with the joy that the Good News brings. Integrating new families into our communities necessitates comprehensive efforts. The ESL (English as a Second Language) Program at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Wyoming creates a classroom experience to help non-native speakers become more confident in their ability to speak, read, and write English. With funding from the CCHD collection, Holy Name of Jesus Parish is able to lead the way in providing the necessary tools for individuals to integrate into West Michigan and access wider employment opportunities in the local econ-

Your support for this collection funds important work, like the ESL Program, that makes a direct, positive impact upon the lives of those seeking to escape poverty. Your support also helped to fund emergency food assistance at The Bread of Life Pantry at St. Ann- St. Ignatius Parish in Baldwin and Caritas Food Pantry at St. Mary Parish in Custer. These are just a few of the ministries that are working to fight poverty in our own backyard.

Thank you for being a part of this effort! Projects that receive funding must adhere to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Please prayerfully consider giving this year. For more information about the CCHD collection, and the programs it supports, please visit www.usccb.org/cchd/ collection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak Bishop of Grand Rapids

# SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

# **NOVEMBER 12, 2023**







AH = Apostles Hall  $\overline{CR} = C$ ornerstone Room  $\frac{\overline{SC}}{\overline{BC}} = School$   $\overline{BC} = Basement Chapel$ 

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

## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, November 11

4:00 p.m. All our veterans, living & deceased

Sunday, November 12

8:00 a.m. Gerald Blundy (Hemenway family)

11:30 a.m. Ray Dietrich 1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

#### Monday, November 13—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1-10/Lk 17:1-6

11:00 a.m. Confessions

12:10 p.m. Bradley LeBel (Dave & Sandy Fennell)

#### Tuesday, November 14—Weekday

Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

#### Wednesday, November 15—St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4. 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

12:10 p.m. Lene Diann Kenger-Ruby (Joan Allen) 6:00 p.m. Solemn Eucharistic Holy Hour & Confessions

#### Thursday, November 16—St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

Wis 7:22—8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25 8:00 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

## Friday, November 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 17:26-37

7:30 a.m. Vernon Brown

#### Saturday, November 18—Dedication of the Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Wis 18:14-16: 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary 3:00 p.m. Confessions

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30

Saturday, November 18

4:00 p.m. Maria McIntosh

## Sunday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Fr. Mel Fox (Melissa McKinstry)

11:30 a.m. Bertha Meier 1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

3:00 p.m. Baptisms of Charleigh & Wyatt Crawford

## GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS-WEEK OF NOV. 12

**GENERAL CLEANING:** Jane Hemenway, Laurie Tjalsma

**VACUUMING:** Shannon Andrews, Debra Sochor

#### Sunday, November 12

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

9:15 a.m. RCIA (PO) 10:15-11:15

Faith Formation Classes PreK-HS 1st Reconciliation/Eucharist Mtg.

during class

#### Monday, November 13

Monday Afternoon Group (PO) 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Food & Film Evening (VR)

#### Tuesday, November 14

Finance Council Meeting (VR) 5:00 p.m. School Board Meeting (Library) 6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, November 15

4:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Meeting (PO) Hisp. Faith Formation (AH, VR, CR) 5-6:30 p.m. T.O.P.S. Session (VR) 6:30-8 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)

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

#### Friday, November 17

Meeting w/Kevin Booth (VR) 6-8 p.m.

#### Saturday, November 18

Grief Support Series begins (PO) 9:30-10:30

#### Sunday, November 19 Food & Fellowship (AH) 9-10:30 a.m.

9:15 a.m. RCIA (PO) Faith Formation Classes PreK-HS 10:15-11:15

# My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

## OUR PARISH OFFERING - November 4 & 5, 2023

\$8,735.12 Regular Offertory Collection 1,210.00 Electronic Giving Total \$9,945.12 -5% Tithe <u>-497.26</u> **Net Total** \$9,447.86 Budgeted Weekly: \$9,519.23 Surplus for the Week: \$425.89

#### Christmas Baskets: \$405.00

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.

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## **Upcoming Events at St. Francis Retreat Center** in DeWitt, Michigan

### For more information, go to www.stfrancis.ws/retreats

#### **Women of the Eucharist Retreat**

November 17-19

A quiet retreat for women in preparation for Advent. Presentations by Fr. Seamus Kettner, Christy Whiting, and Susan Pogrmich.

#### The Gift of the Eucharist Retreat for Women January 12-14

This retreat for women will explore several aspects of Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every one of us.

#### The Gift of the Eucharist Retreat for Men—

January 19-21 and January 26-28

This retreat for men will explore several aspects of the Eucharist from its Jewish roots through how it is meant to transform every on of us.

# **Married Couples Weekend**

February 2-4

Married couples are encouraged to join us for a weekend away from the busyness of daily life to reconnect with their spouse.

#### November 18 & 19, Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector: Phill Wizorek

Altar Servers: Levi & Logan Haskin

EMs: Jane Emelander, Čecilia Luke, Sue Wizorek

Greeters: Garry & Mary Lou Mulick CLOW: Jessica & Adah Drown

8:00 a.m. Lector: Pete Fox

Altar Servers: Paul & Sam Meyer

EMs: Cheryl & John Hildebrandt, Denise Peabody

Greeters: Dave O'Mara

11:30 a.m. Lector: Kevin Kenney

Altar Servers: Jacquelynn Bailey, Raelynn Christensen

EMs: Shannon Andrews, Monica Mabe, Theresa Scholtens Greeters: Chris & Pilva Christensen

CLOW: Meghan McGillis & Lydia Fugitt

# Please pray for:

Joanna McGillis Gert Bennett Jo Wirtz Lisa Palethorpe Witney Fockler Becky Wagner Phill Wizorek Amanda Eveleth Julie Wing Martha Misak Todd Cooper Gloria Hozeski Jennifer Durden Beth Buffey Tom McClintock Chuck Tarpey Renee Wagner Flynn McClintic Michelle Richard-Mix Sue Huver Dave Erbes Margaret O'Malley	Sheila Jobbitt Jennifer Lewis Jamison Crynes Diane Rogers Karen Balice Gregory Andrew Fisher Mary O'Connor Pam Garragon-Goss Kym Coryell Carol Ardis Terri Nurenberg Jessica Fritz Larry McKaig Cole LeBarre Travis Eveleth Alice Cardenas Michelle Montgomery Charles Timm Kathy Kranz Dennis Mould Emma Furman Larry Lafler	Arlene Stanton Pat MacLachlan Jim & Barb Mulnix Ken and Sherry North Phyllis Richardson Rueger Eveleth Nathan Lower Debbie Flinn Dorr Bissell Finnly Hunt Mike O'Connor Isaac Fletcher Jerry & Maribeth Fritz Tom White Pamela Coggan Rachel Cross Joe Drysdale Barbara Bennett Nichole Munsell Jace Peterson Georgia Sibert
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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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#### **Knights' Corner**

Our K of C council is collecting new or gently used coats to distribute after the Christmas parade on December 1st. We need coats of all sizes, colors, and styles, but primarily ones for children.

Coats may be dropped off in the tote at the back of church. We are also accepting monetary donations so that we can purchase some new coats as well. Thank you for your help with this!

Tickets for next year's raffle are now on sale - get yours before they're gone! Only 300 are sold, and there are 4 winners each month. All proceeds go to local charities.

Congratulations to this month's raffle winners: Tom and Mindy Cusack, Kurt Kolp, Bill Vallier, and John Curtin.

#### **Mount Olivet Cemetery**

On December 1st, our cemetery will be closing for the winter. If you have any items on graves that you would like to protect from winter winds and weather, please retrieve them soon. Thank you!

#### **Book of the Names of the Dead**

Our "Book of the Names of the Dead" will be on a stand at the back of church during the month of November. You may write the names of *recently deceased* loved ones in the book. We will keep them all in our prayers.

# Evangelization Committee Planning & Development Session—Update

Several of our parishioners have been meeting since October 15 to discuss the ministry of evangelization in our parish. Our next gathering will be Sunday, November 26, at 9:30 a.m. in the Veritas Room. We gratefully welcome all parishioners who would like to come and join us!

#### **New Lector Workbooks**

Lectors: Our new Liturgical Year B begins on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023. As usual, there will be 2 lector workbooks available for you to borrow from the lector table in the sacristy for the week before you are scheduled to lector. If you would like your own copy, there are a few available for purchase (\$13.00) in the parish office.



A Solemn Eucharistic Holy Hour and Confessions will be offered in our church on Wednesday, November 15, from 6 -7 pm.

#### **Panther Prayer Corner**

Please pray for the school support staff and volunteers who serve and attend our kids. May they have the patience and love they need to do their work for the glory of God.

Beginning November 13, our Monday Night Study Group will be hosting FOOD & FILM evenings on one Monday of each month. Join us in the Veritas Room at 6:30 p.m. (we'll move to Apostles Hall if we need more space), bring a snack or dish to share, and watch a faith-enriching, Eucharist-themed video, followed by a brief time of discussion and sharing. We hope to see you there!

#### **Gold Mass for Scientists and Engineers**

Aquinas College invites you to attend a Gold Mass on Wednesday, November 15, the feast day of St. Albert the Great, the patron saint of natural science. The evening begins with Mass at 5:30 p.m. in the Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel on the Aquinas campus, followed by a reception at 6:15 p.m. in the Albertus Magnus Hall of Science (1661 Robinson Rd., Grand Rapids), and a panel discussion at 7:00 p.m. on "Is there a place for faith in a science class?" (Albertus Magnus Hall of Science, Room 104) The public is welcome to attend the entire evening.

#### **Foster Parents Needed!**

Catholic Charities West Michigan is in desperate need of caring individuals to open their home to a foster child and show children the love they deserve. For more information, please contact Alix Wanlass at awanlass@ccwestmi.org.

## Registration open for Cherish Marriage event

Join Catholic couples from across the diocese for an inspirational evening to strengthen your marriage. The annual Cherish Marriage event always sells out – so get your tickets today!

**Date:** Friday, Feb. 2, 2024 **Time:** 6 to 11 p.m.

Location: Watermark Country Club, Ada, MI Keynote Speakers: Mark and Katie Hartfiel.

Mark is vice president of Paradisus Dei. Katie is a national speaker and author of Women in Love.

Registration: CherishMarriage.net

## **Pope Francis' Intention for November**

We pray for the Holy Father. As he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Faith Formation**

It's not too late to register for Faith Formation. Registration forms are on the table in the back of church. Please note that we now offer PreK Faith Formation classes taught by adults and assisted by high school students. For more information, you may email Vanessa Booth at <a href="mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com">vbooth@ssppcatholic.com</a> or call the parish office at 616-527-3610.

# Faith Formation classes are held in the school on Sundays from 10:15-11:15 a.m.

November 12—Classes PreK-High School November 12—First Reconciliation/Eucharist Parent/Student Meeting during class

November 19—Classes PreK-High School

November 26—No classes—Thanksgiving Break

December 3—Classes PreK-High School

December 10—Classes PreK-High School

December 17—Classes PreK-High School

## The Ministry of Consolation is now offering:

#### **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 Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The next series will start on November 18th.

We would like to thank everyone who came to the Remembrance Mass. One way we can honor our loved ones who have passed is by pausing and telling them we will always remember them. The Remembrance Mass and gathering are a wonderful opportunity to do that.

#### **Cancer Support Sessions**

These are offered monthly in the parish office living room. Our next Cancer Support Session will be on Wednesday, November 29th, from 5:30-7 p.m.

Email Vanessa Booth at <a href="mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com">vbooth@ssppcatholic.com</a> for more information about any of these Ministry of Consolation opportunities, or if you are interested in private sessions.

# Advent by Candlelight

An Advent evening for women:
Beautifully decorated tables, dinner, prayer, music, special speaker, and community!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., Apostles Hall with guest speaker, *Amy DenBraber* 

"Advent: A Time to Make Peace in Our Souls, Families, and Communities"

Cost: \$10 ~ Dinner catered by Olivera's Pizzeria & Sports Pub

#### Ladies of our parish: Can you host a table?

Please prayerfully consider hosting a table of guests for this **spectacular evening!** For more information and/or to reserve your table, contact Toni at the parish office.

Individual reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. You can make your reservation by contacting the parish office.



We have received the profiles of several families from the Ionia area who would like to be "adopted" for Christmas. There are MANY ways you can help and participate in this vital ministry! See the bulletin insert for more information, or contact Toni McKay at the parish office.

#### Food collection begins this weekend!

Christmas is not far off, and there are many people in our community who could use some extra help in making this a special time of celebration for their families. Parishioners are encouraged to offer weekly donations of non-perishable food items. You can place your donations in the baskets in the church through December 10. Thank you!

