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SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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Email: parishoffice@ssppcatholic.com

November 19, 2023 Thirty-third 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.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about a man who was leaving on a trip. He gave the servants he was leaving behind a gift of talents. To one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to another just one talent. Why the different amounts? Why not leave the same amount with each of them? Would a parent give each child a different amount? No. To keep the peace, he or she would give each the same amount. But here, our Lord gives different amounts to different people. He did not want to give them the same, for then they would have the same responsibility. That would have been unjust. He gave to each according to his capacity. We know the end result. The one with five talents earned five more. The one with two talents earned two more. The master was well pleased and rewarded both of them.

We hope for the same. God has given us different talents and abilities: intelligence, ability to love, power to make others happy, temporal goods. We produce different results. The journey of the master in the parable is our Lord's time of leaving us in charge of His gifts here on earth. His unexpected return is our death, and the reward comes when we give an accounting to the Lord at the end of our life. Let us, then, examine our approach to the gifts God has given us. Do we think of ourselves as stewards? Or do we live under the illusion that we are the proud owners of what we possess, without any requirement to give Him an accounting?

Let us take some time to think about this. What is our attitude toward our body? Toward our senses? Do we really use them to give glory to God, or not? Do we make contributions to the good of our church? Of our society? What about our friendships? Jesus Christ wants to see that His gifts to us are well used. The reward He will give to each of us will be in direct proportion to the gifts He entrusted to us. The Gospel of Matthew tells us, "To everyone who has, more will be given, and he will grow rich." Our Lord is pleased, but we need to be careful. For what humans see as much, the Lord may see as very little. When God invites them to enter into His joy, it is because He sees that a great deal has been accomplished.

We surely want to be found vigilant when our Lord Jesus returns for us. Nothing could be more important than that. So, let us make good use of the time we have to get ready for Him. It will please him very much. May we be able to say, "I have lived my life for your glory!"

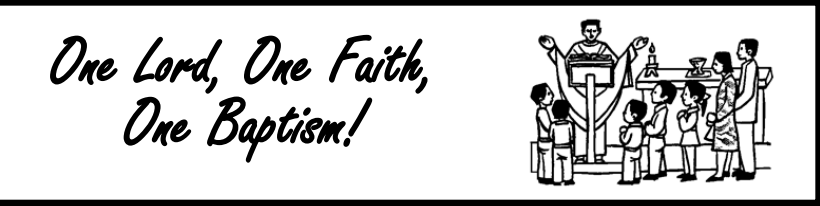
May God richly bless you!

Fr. Tom

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Week Ahead...

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

CH = Church
PO = Parish Office
VR = Veritas Room

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 (friends)

Sunday, November 19
8:00 a.m. Fr. Mel Fox (Melissa McKinsty)
11:30 a.m. Bertha Meier
1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass
3:00 p.m. Baptisms of Charleigh & Wyatt Crawford

Monday, November 20—Weekday
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. Marcia Cook (Kurt & Laurie Tjalsma)

Tuesday, November 21—The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10
7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Sunday, November 19
9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)
9:15 a.m. RCIA (PO)
10:15-11:15 Faith Formation Classes PreK-HS

Monday, November 20
1:00 p.m. Monday Afternoon Group (PO)
3-7 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences (SC)
6:30 p.m. Monday Night Study Group (PO)

Tuesday, November 21
11 a.m. School dismissal
12-4 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences (SC)

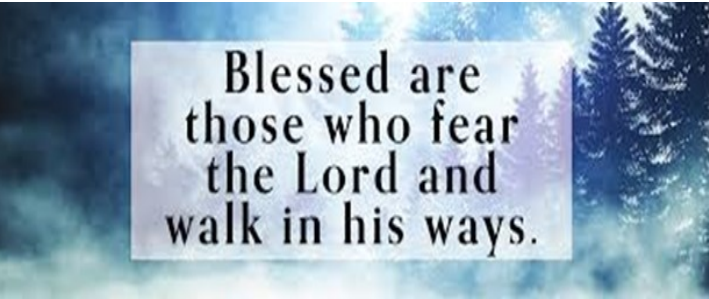
Wednesday, November 22
6:30-8 p.m. No School—Thanksgiving Break
T.O.P.S. Session (VR)

Thursday, November 23—Thanksgiving Day
No School. Parish office closed.

Friday, November 24
No School. Parish office closed.

Saturday, November 25

Sunday, November 26
No Food & Fellowship
No RCIA
No Faith Formation classes
Evangelization Committee (VR)
9:30 a.m.



| OUR PARISH OFFERING - Nov. 11 & 12, 2023 | | |
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| Regular Offertory Collection | \$6,504.00 | |
| Electronic Giving | 3,585.00 | |
| Total | \$10,089.00 | |
| -5% Tithe | -504.45 | |
| Net Total | \$9,584.55 | |
| Budgeted Weekly: | \$9,519.23 | |
| Surplus for the Week: | \$569.77 | |
| Christmas Baskets: \$674.00 | | |
| World Mission Sunday: \$20.00 | | |
| Campaign for Human Development: \$215.00 | | |

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.

Zion Community Food Pantry

Blessings and many thanks to each of you for the support you have given us in the past. We are writing to you today to let you know how things are going for the pantry.

It has taken most of the year to get the word out about our move, even though we had it on television, on the radio, in the newspaper, on Facebook, and on signs along the way. Most people are finally getting to us, and we have been gaining many new participants due to the rising cost of food and living expenses.

There has also been a change in Meijer's Simply Give program. Instead of supporting only one local pantry, they have decided to support more pantries. This means that currently we are receiving these monies (food cards) twice a year instead of 4-5 times a year, and it could be cut to once a year. This is a huge hit to our ability to purchase food and is also impacting where and how we get food. It is also going to affect what we are able to give out and how much.

Feeding America of West Michigan has also been a low-cost supplier of food for our pantries, but their supply is also dwindling because of the demand.

We are so very appreciative of all our supporters, whether you give a can of veggies, \$2, or \$2,000. We cannot do this work without the caring people of our community. God bless you!

Debra Hall, Director

November 25 & 26, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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| 4:00 p.m. | Lector: Mary Lou Mulick Altar Servers: Jaclyn Rewa EMs: Cecilia Luke, Garry & Mary Lou Mulick Greeters: Volunteers CLOW: Kristin & Autumn Cusack | 11:30 a.m. | Lector: Monica Mabe Altar Servers: Lillian Mabe EMs: Shannon Andrews, Theresa Scholtens, Volunteer Greeters: Pamela Pontius CLOW: |
| 8:00 a.m. | Lector: Steve O'Mara Altar Servers: Alexis Heinlein, Nicole Trierweiler EMs: Julie Bennett, Kevin Heinlein, Laurie Tjalsma Greeters: Deb Porter | | |

Please pray for:

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



Knights' Corner

Our Grand Knight, Tim Wall, has asked to step down from his position, and Brother Tom O'Connor, has been appointed to fulfill his term of office. We thank Tim for his service, and we thank

Tom for his willingness to take the helm. Fine Catholic gentleman such as these keep our council going!

This Friday, November 24th, marks the 119th anniversary of the founding of our council. This was just 22 years after Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, and we are proud to be among the first 1,000 councils in existence.

If you haven't bought your raffle ticket yet, they are going fast! We will be selling them after the week-end liturgies.

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.

Our Evangelization Committee is on a roll!

If you would like to be a part of the vital work of this committee, we invite you to join us at our next meeting on Sunday, November 26, at 9:30 a.m. in the Veritas Room. Several ideas, projects, and programs are currently being developed to aid in the spiritual growth of our parish family members, our parish faith community, and the Church in general. Come and see what we are up to!

Mass Intention Requests

Offering a Mass for a special intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. Masses are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory; in remembrance of someone who is deceased; for someone who is ill; for someone celebrating a special occasion. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention, please call the parish office. The typical offering is \$10.



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

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

Panther Prayer Corner

Please pray for our teachers and parents as they meet in Parent-Teacher Conferences this week. May they engage in meaningful discussion and nurture the bonds of community.

Come, Holy Spirit!

This week, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops gather for their Fall Plenary Assembly. Throughout this gathering, the bishops of the United States spend time in prayer and fraternal dialogue, engage in important discussions with one another, and discern several matters together.

We're grateful for our shepherds. Let us join together in praying for them as they discern the Lord's will and continue to guide our Church through this exciting season of grace!

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 still a couple available for purchase (\$13.00) in the parish office.

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 vbooth@ssppcatholic.com 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 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.

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 vbooth@ssppcatholic.com for more information about any of these Ministry of Consolation opportunities, or if you are interested in private sessions.

Monday Night Food & Film

Last Monday, our Monday Night Study Group began hosting "Food & Film" nights. Participants brought food to share, cushions, pillows, and blankets—all the necessary comforts for video viewing! Our featured presentation was a video teaching on "The Meaning of Advent and the End Times", by Fr. Chris Alar from the Divine Mercy Shrine in Boston.

Our next Food & Film gathering will be on Monday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish office living room. We'll soon announce the film we will view.

Advent by Candlelight

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 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

Tables prepared by Parishioner Hostesses

(We would love to have a few more hostesses.

Can you help? It's not too late!

Contact Toni McKay at the parish office.)

Have you ever attended an Advent by Candlelight Event?

If you haven't, you are missing something truly wonderful! We invite you to be our guest by contacting Toni McKay at the parish office by Monday, November 27, to reserve your seat. It's not too late! We want to be sure to accommodate all women who would like to attend.



We have received the profiles of fifteen families from the Ionia area who would like to be "adopted" for Christmas. Call or stop by the parish office if you'd like to "adopt" one. There are many other ways to help as well! See the Adopt-a-Family flyers on the table in the back of church, or contact Toni McKay at the parish office.

Food collection—now through Sunday, Dec. 10th

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. You are encouraged to offer donations of non-perishable food items. You can place your donations in the baskets in the church, in front of Mary's altar. Thank you for your generosity!

*Many thanks for all the prayers, cards,
and calls during my health issue. The heal-
ing power of God is awesome.*

—Gloria Hozeski