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SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

434 High Street, Ionia, MI 48846
Phone: 616-527-3610
Website: www.saintspeterandpaulionia.org
Email: parishoffice@ssppcatholic.com

January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Pastor: **Fr. Tom Brown**
616-527-3610, ext. 12
616-755-1742 (evening)

School Principal: **Mrs. Jenny Leik**
616-527-3561, ext. 18
Email: jleik@ssppcatholic.com

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.

Body and Blood

The greatest privilege I have is to be able to celebrate Mass with you and for you. The Mass is such a great gift to us from God. It is amazing how many people just don't recognize this! Our saints patterned their lives on the Eucharist received at Mass. They were defined by the Eucharist. They found all they needed in it. Many surrendered their lives and died instead of giving up the Eucharist. What we do in celebrating Mass is the most important thing that happens in this world.

It is during Mass that God most closely listens to us, for it is at Mass that Jesus continually re-presents His sacrifice on the Cross to the Father. Every single Mass has great potency. But it is up to us. How well are we celebrating it? St. Teresa explained that the world would long ago have been destroyed but for the Mass. It alone holds the arm of God. It alone restrains divine justice. A single, well celebrated Mass, attended with true grace, can have unimaginable effects. Our requests can be offered throughout the liturgy. It is, it seems, especially effective during the Elevation of the Host and of the Chalice. For it is then that the Host has become the Body of Christ and the Chalice has become the Blood of Christ. The Body and Blood is most powerful in washing away sinfulness. It was laid down for our redemption. It is this shedding of Jesus' Body and Blood that is most feared by the devils. It established Jesus Christ's transcendence of the world and the defeat of evil. It represents His sacrifice.

During Mass we should plead the Blood of Christ. We should plead it with our lives. We should plead it for our families and friends. We should plead it on our Church and society. We should plead it on every part of our existence. In warding off evil, nothing is more effective.

St. Paul believed to the core of his being that the Eucharist is Christ's very Body and Blood. He proclaimed and taught that Christ's Eucharistic presence is real. He wrote, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not our participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not our participation in the Body of Christ?" Not only is it real for St. Paul, but by it Christ dwells in us. So real is our incorporation into Christ's Body that Paul wrote, "I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me." St. Paul's preaching and teaching necessitated conversion for salvation and the building up of a community defined by virtuous living.

Remember Fatima? It is a most widely reported miracle. At Fatima, the Angel asked Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco to make acts of adoration and reparation to the Holy Trinity. He asked them to offer up sacrifices to the Lord in order to erase the sins by which He was so offended, and thus bring peace to the country. The Angel held the chalice aloft with a Host suspended above it. He prayed: *Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I adore You profoundly and I offer to You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He Himself is offended. And by the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners.* The Angel then gave the Body and Blood to the children saying, *"Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus, horribly outraged by ungrateful men. Make reparation for their crimes and console your God.*

We are called to receive and to pray. We need to pray for morality. We pray for holiness. We pray for the Holy Spirit to descend upon the world and lift our spiritual blinders. These are things we need to pray about during Mass. Let us bring them to the altar.

God bless you! *Fr. Tom*

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

JANUARY 28 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One Lord, One Faith,
One Baptism!

AH = Apostles Hall

CR = Cornerstone Room

SC = School

BC = Basement Chapel

CH = Church

PO = Parish Office

VR = Veritas Room

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Saturday, January 27
4:00 p.m. Thomas Brockman (Paul & Jean Barker)
Sunday, January 28
8:00 a.m. Saints Peter & Paul School Family
11:30 a.m. Dr. Jack Buck (Jim & Joan Laws, Joe & Loretta Kirby)
1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

Monday, January 29—Weekday
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/Mk 5:1-20
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. Ray Dietrich

Tuesday, January 30—Weekday
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-6/Mk 5:21-43
7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, January 31—St. John Bosco, Priest
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 6:1-6
12:10 p.m. Felix Carrizales
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (in the Basement Chapel)

Thursday, February 1—Weekday
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/(Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12/Mk 6:7-13
8:00 a.m. Saints Peter & Paul School Family

Friday, February 2—The Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
7:30 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

Saturday, February 3—St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
3:00 p.m. Confessions

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-6/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Saturday, February 3
4:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Bernard & Elizabeth Werner family (Dann & Jean Werner)

Sunday, February 4
8:00 a.m. James Peckins
11:30 a.m. Toni Montgomery (Marie Thelen)
1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF JAN. 28

- GENERAL CLEANING:
Jane Hemenway, Laurie Tjalsma
- VACUUMING:
Ray Korytkowski, Lon MacLachlan

Sunday, January 28
9-11 a.m. CSW Pancake Breakfast (AH)
9:15 a.m. Into the Breach (VR)
9:15 a.m. RCIA (PO)
10:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes PreK-Gr 6
4:30-6 p.m. Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Session (VR)
6-8 p.m. Youth Group (CR)

Monday, January 29
6:30 p.m. Monday Night Study Group (PO)

Tuesday, January 30
6:30 p.m. Liturgy Commission Mtg. (PO)

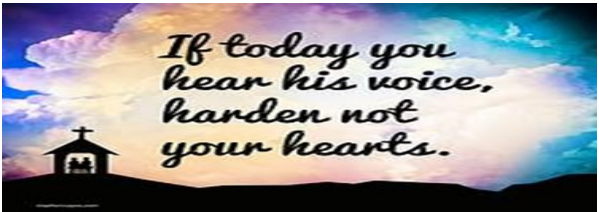
Wednesday, January 31
5-6:30 p.m. Hisp. Faith Formation (AH,VR,CR)
6:30-8 p.m. T.O.P.S. Session (VR)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (AH)

Thursday, February 1
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, February 2

Saturday, February 3
Euchre Tournament (Moose)

Sunday, February 4
9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)
9:15 a.m. "Into the Breach" (VR)
9:15 a.m. RCIA (PO)
10:15 a.m. Faith Formation PreK-HS



OUR PARISH OFFERING - January 20 & 21, 2024		
Regular Offertory Collection	\$8,056.39	
Electronic Giving	1,670.00	
Total	\$9,726.39	
-5% Tithe	-486.32	
Net Total	\$9,240.07	
Budgeted Weekly:	\$9,519.23	
Surplus for the Week:	\$207.16	

School Annual Appeal: \$335.00
School Support Fund: \$120.00
Retirement Fund for Religious: \$5.00

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.

Catholic Schools

United in Faith and Community

Catholic Schools throughout the nation will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2024 from January 28-February 3. The theme is “United in Faith and Community.” These are some of the ways that Saints Peter & Paul School will be celebrating the week.

Sunday, January 28: Celebrate Your Parish

Families attend Mass at SS. Peter & Paul at 8 a.m. CSW Breakfast hosted by the Family School Council Suggested donation is \$5 per person.

Sunday, January 28: Celebrate Your Parish

Cards will be made and delivered to local businesses that are anchors in our community.

Tuesday, January 30: Celebrate Students

Students watch live-stream of Mass from the Cathedral. 8th Graders attend the Mass in person. Students view “Dolphin Tale” at the Ionia Theatre. Students receive new Catholic Schools Week t-shirts.

Wednesday, January 31: Celebrate the Nation

Students wear red, white, and blue. Service project for the Commission on Aging

Thursday, February 1: Celebrate Vocations

Students attend 8 a.m. CSW Mass at SS. Peter & Paul. Students make cards for Fr. Tom and Deacon Cardenas.

Friday, February 2: Celebrate Faculty, Staff, & Volunteers

Students bring in thank-you notes or small tokens of appreciation for their teacher or a staff member.

Saturday, February 3: Celebrate Families

Euchre Tournament at Ionia Moose Lodge for adults

February 3 & 4, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m.	Lector: Cecilia Luke Altar Servers: Levi & Logan Haskin EMs: Garry & Mary Lou Mulick, Mary Perrien Greeters: Pat Brockman	11:30 a.m.	Lector: Kevin Kenney Altar Servers: Evan & Jacquelynn Bailey EMs: Shannon Andrews, Vanessa Booth, Barb Mulnix Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen
8:00 a.m.	Lector: Denise Peabody Altar Servers: Robert Hendrick-Brown, Nicole Trierweiler EMs: Kevin Heinlein, Cheryl & John Hildebrandt Greeters: Judy Hamblin		

Please pray for:

Pat Brockman	Todd Cooper	Michelle Montgomery
Pat McKinstry	Jennifer Durden	Charles Timm
Russinda Rohde	Beth Buffey	Kathy Kranz
Landon Battle	Tom McClintock	Larry Lafler
Marsha Packer	Chuck Tarpey	Arlene Stanton
Fr. Mark Mitchell	Renee Wagner	Pat MacLachlan
Brittany Denker	Michelle Richard-Mix	Jim & Barb Mulnix
Terri McClure	Sue Huver	Ken and Sherry North
Jack & Sue LaPeer	Dave Erbes	Rueger Eveleth
Elizabeth Voet	Margaret O’Malley	Nathan Lower
Linda Jasman	Sheila Jobbitt	Debbie Flinn
Marv Kogelmann	Jennifer Lewis	Finnly Hunt
Tamera Pierce	Jamison Crynes	Isaac Fletcher
Angie Cedillo	Mary O’Connor	Jerry & Maribeth Fritz
Bruce Hoeksema	Pam Garragon-Goss	Tom White
Gert Bennett	Kym Coryell	Pamela Coggan
Jo Wirtz	Carol Ardis	Joe Drysdale
Witney Fockler	Terri Nurenberg	Nichole Munsell
Becky Wagner	Jessica Fritz	Jace Peterson
Phill Wizorek	Larry McKaig	Georgia Sibert
Amanda Eveleth	Cole LeBarre	
Martha Misak	Travis Eveleth	

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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Music Director	Whitney Crooks	616-527-3610
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SS. Peter and Paul School		(616) 527-3561
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Secretaries	Joann Johnson	
	& Amie Heinlein	ext. 23

SS. Peter & Paul Parish - Pastoral Council	
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Knights' Corner

Last Sunday our Council held its annual free throw contest. Congratulations to our winners and runners up: Lain Edwards, Henry Rowley, Aaron Lepley, Autumn Cusack, Grant Starks, and Kyle Cusack. We will be hosting the District competition in our gym this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Registration begins at 12:30. Thank you to our brother Knights who helped run this event!

This Sunday is the first of our "Into the Breach" video series, beginning at 9:15 a.m. in the Veritas Room. All men of the parish are invited.

Lent is right around the corner and with it comes our Friday evening Fish Dinners. The first one of the season will be February 16th. We will need lots of helpers!

End of Year Statements

If you would like your end-of-year contribution statement, please call the parish office and we will mail you a copy when it is ready.

Exploring Priesthood Discernment Meetings

Discernment is a time of obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding. If you are considering the priesthood, the Diocese of Grand Rapids invites you to meet with other young men (ages 16 and up) to gather and discern God's will for your life.

Meetings will take place from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish, 750 Gladstone Dr. SE, East Grand Rapids, and are offered on the following Sundays in 2024: **January 28, February 18, March 10, and April 21.** Just show up, or email Pattie Reynolds at preynolds@grdiocese.org to register.

Questions? Contact Fr. Stephen Durkee, director of priestly vocations at sdurkee@grdiocese.org.

Mundelein Seminary Visits

March 15-18, 2024

7 p.m. Friday – 1 p.m. Sunday

Mundelein Seminary invites any man discerning the priesthood to visit campus for a retreat to further discern God's call to the priesthood. The weekend will include prayer, discussion, fraternity, and recreation. Attendees are responsible for their own transportation costs, but the rest of the weekend is free with private rooms and meals included. Pickups from O'Hare Airport and Metra are provided. Register at usmi.edu/epw.

Our next two Youth Group Nights will be on Sundays, January 28 and February 11, 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*

Panther Prayer Corner

Please pray with us during Catholic Schools Week for the many people who have dedicated their lives in service to our Catholic school; for the teachers and administrators who sustain our school; for the parents who have given support and witness to the importance of Catholic education; and for the students who work hard to further their education. May our school be a home for all who look to grow in faith, love, knowledge, and commitment to justice.

Stewardship of Time, Talent & Treasure is the active expression of our gratitude for the great gifts God has given to each of us. Understanding and practicing stewardship is critical for our growth into intentional and effective disciples of Christ. It is what our Baptism has called us to, and is a necessary element of our spirituality for living out the mission of our Lord and Savior. We cannot leave the work to others. Each of us can do something! Our community will thrive and grow only when everyone participates in the mission.

In 2017 our parish families were invited to prayerfully reflect on how they are called to serve in Christ's Church. As we begin 2024, we extend this same invitation to our families, and to resolutely commit to and engage in some element of the life of our parish.

Every family in our parish is asked to complete a Stewardship Commitment Pledge Form (found in each pew and at the entrances to church), and return it to the parish next weekend. Simply drop your form into the basket at the entrance to the church.

Our goal is 100% of parishioners to commit to specific tasks that will accomplish the work of the Church here at Saints Peter & Paul, Ionia. Thank you, and may God bless all our families!

SS. Peter & Paul Parish Evangelization Team:
Shannon Andrews, Joan Blyth, Dan Lower, Pat Rinker, Laurie Tjalsma, Deb Trierweiler, Toni McKay

Bishop Walkowiak invites you to join him for the diocese's pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress—a once in a lifetime opportunity. Join your Catholic brothers and sisters for the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis this summer, July 17-21.

The diocese has travel packages available - Your package includes a 5-day pass to the Congress, 4 nights' accommodation, and transportation to and from Grand Rapids and daily to the Congress via deluxe motor coach. Pricing is dependent upon room occupancy.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/DOGRNECreservation>
Other pass options are also available.

Faith Formation

Open enrollment continues. Registration forms are on the table in the back of church. Do you have a child or family member who needs to catch up on their sacraments? Please contact Vanessa Booth at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com, or call the parish office at 616-527-3610.

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

January 28—Classes for PreK-Gr.6 & High School

January 28—**Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Session 4:30-6 p.m. (Apostles Hall)**

February 4—Classes PreK-High School

February 11—Classes PreK-High School

First Reconciliation Retreat/Reflection will be held on Saturday, February 24, at 9:30 a.m. in the Veritas Room.

We thank Mr. Rewa for training a few more of our students to be Altar Servers. If you see a new face on the altar (or even a veteran server), take a moment to thank and encourage them!

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. Sessions are held in the parish office living room on Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The next session will be held on January 27.

Cancer Support Sessions

All those touched by cancer in any way are invited to join our new discussion series on love, grace, and gratitude. Our next Cancer Support Session will be held on Wednesday, February 7, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the parish office living room.

Email Vanessa Booth at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com for more information about either of these Ministry of Consolation opportunities, or if you are interested in private sessions.



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

*Wednesdays 6-7 p.m.
in the Basement Chapel*

10th Annual Winter Blues Party!

**Friday, February 9, 6:00 p.m.
in Apostles Hall**



**A STAR WARS themed
fun evening
for family & friends of
all ages!**

This year our theme sends us into the STARS to focus on the Divine Gift of the Power of the Holy Spirit!

**Come dressed as your favorite
STAR WARS character!**

**Fun Theme ~ White Elephant BINGO ~
Food ~ Snow Cones ~ Hot Chocolate Bar ~
Music ~ Piñata**

Bring a dish or snack to share!

To participate in Bingo, please bring a prize valued at no more than \$5 for each elementary, junior high, or high school aged youth or adult person who plays. Place each prize in a paper lunch sack or wrapping paper, and indicate if it is for a male/female child or adult (indicate age category of each child). This is a perfect time to re-gift items you may have been given that would better suit someone else!

BE SURE TO WRAP YOUR PRIZE, AS WE ARE ADDING A "WHITE ELEPHANT" ELEMENT TO BINGO THIS YEAR!

A free-will offering will be accepted and appreciated to cover expenses of the event.



Middle School Youth Rally

All young disciples are invited to join other diocesan youth at the 2024 SHINE YOUTH RALLY at the 3 Mile Project on Sunday, March 24, 2024, from 1:00 to 6:30 p.m. The event includes inspiring talks, prayerful worship music, and dedicated times of prayer. The Eucharist will center our day as we place ourselves before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, inviting Jesus to speak to our hearts. Featuring former NFL QB David DenBraber and the John Trabbic Band. To register, please call Deb Trierweiler at 616-902-3473. The early bird registration rate of \$30 ends on February 16.