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April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

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.

Happy Third Sunday of Easter! Yes, it is only the third Sunday, but already so many are rushing off to do other things instead of coming to Mass. So many other things they consider much more important. Jesus asks, "Why are you troubled? Why do questions arise in your hearts?" Jesus assures us that not only has He risen, but that he has important missions for each of us. Many don't want it. Neither did the disciples. That is why Simon Peter said, "I am going fishing!" Others decided to go with him. This was not a simple couple hours of relaxing fishing. This was hard work. It was a return to their previous occupation before they met the Lord. It was difficult and lasted all night and into the next morning. It is no wonder Jesus, standing on the shore addresses them as children! "Children," Jesus asked, "Have you caught anything?" Jesus is alive. He has risen. We are called to believe. We are to announce this good news to the whole world.

This was true for the Apostles. It remains true for us today. The majority of people alive in the world today either don't know Christ or they reject him. Even in countries that are considered "Christian," He is rejected. Think of our country. He is not to be mentioned in the work place. He is not to be mentioned in schools. Mention Him and you get threatened with a lawsuit. More and more people are removing Him from yards and homes where fewer and fewer statues and pictures of our Lord and our Blessed Mother are displayed. Yet it is such a gift!

Jesus offered His Body to the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for us. He shed His Blood for our ransom and purification so that we may be redeemed from all bondage and cleansed from all sin. And He left His Body and His Blood as food and drink for the faithful to consume in the form of bread and wine. O precious and wonderful banquet that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of greater value? Here Christ Himself, the true God, is set before us as our food! What could possibly be more wonderful? No other sacrament has greater healing power. Through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and our souls are enriched with an abundance of spiritual gifts. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead. Yet in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in His passion.

It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper. As He was at the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with His disciples, He left it as a perpetual memorial of His passion. Know that this bread is the Body of Christ which hung upon the Cross, and in this Chalice, the Blood of Christ which flowed from His side. Take, therefore, and eat His Body; take and drink His Blood, and you will become members of His Body!

God bless you! Fr. Tom

*He is Risen!
Alleluia!*



The Week Ahead...

AH = Apostles Hall **CH** = Church
CR = Cornerstone Room **PO** = Parish Office
SC = School **VR** = Veritas Room
BC = Basement Chapel

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9/1 Jn 2:1-5, Lk 24:35-48

Saturday, April 13

4:00 p.m. Philip Fox (Carol Fox)

Sunday, April 14

8:00 a.m. Deceased of William & Katherine Spitzley family
 11:30 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish
 1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

Monday, April 15—Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

11:00 a.m. Confessions
 12:10 p.m. Intention of Lindsay Shellenbarger (Julie Bennett)

Tuesday, April 16—Easter Weekday

Acts 7:51—8:1/Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21/Jn 6:30-35

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, April 17—Easter Weekday

Acts 8:1-8/Ps 66:1-7/Jn 6:35-40

12:10 p.m. Daniel Brown
 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (BC)

Thursday, April 18—Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

8:00 a.m. Vernon Brown

Friday, April 19—Easter Weekday

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 6:52-59

7:30 a.m. Eugene Dietrich

Saturday, April 20—Easter Weekday

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 28-29/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Saturday, April 20

4:00 p.m. Thomas Brockman (Tom & Julie Bennett)

Sunday, April 21

8:00 a.m. Bruce Hoeksema (SSPP Parish Office staff)
 11:30 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish
 1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass
 3:00 p.m. Baptism of Mia Annaleah Dolan

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF APRIL 14

GENERAL CLEANING:
 Kip Geldhof, Colleen Pierce

VACUUMING:
 John & Kathy Curtin

Sunday, April 14

9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)
 9:15 a.m. "Into the Breach" session (VR)
 9:15 a.m. RCIA (PO)
 10:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes PreK-HS
 6-8 p.m. Discovering Christ (CH & AH)
 6:00 p.m. ICT Board Meeting (VR)

Monday, April 15

6-8:30 p.m. Driver Training (AH)
 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Group—"Fearless" (PO)

Tuesday, April 16

6-8:30 p.m. Driver Training (AH)
 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (PO)

Wednesday, April 17

11 a.m.-noon Parish Staff Meeting (PO)
 5-6:30 p.m. Hispanic Faith Formation (AH, VR, CR)
 6:30-8 p.m. TOPS (VR)
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (AH)

Thursday, April 18

3:00 p.m. Priests' Deanery Meeting (PO)
 3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

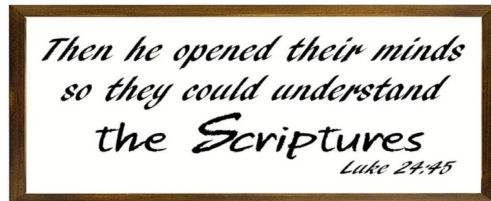
Friday, April 19

Saturday, April 20

9:30-11 a.m. Grief Support Session (PO)
 5 pm-doors open SSPP Luau Auction (Ionia Armory)

Sunday, April 21

9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)
 9:15 a.m. "Into the Breach" session (VR)
 9:15 a.m. RCIA (PO)
 10:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes PreK-HS
 2-5 p.m. Cursillo Follow-Up (AH)
 6-8 p.m. Discovering Christ (AH)



OUR PARISH OFFERING - April 6 & 7, 2024

Regular Offertory Collection	\$9,917.49
Electronic Giving	1,310.00
Total	\$11,227.49
-5% Tithe	-561.37
Net Total	\$10,666.12

Budgeted Weekly: \$9,519.23
Surplus for the Week: \$1,708.26

School Support Fund: \$20.00

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.

Daily Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Your divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard.

We earnestly pray to You to bless our diocese and our world with many priests and religious men and women who will love You and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to Your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We pray that their lives may be always centered on our Eucharistic Lord; that they be always faithful to the Holy Father; that they may be devoted sons and daughters of Mary, our Mother, in making You known and loved; and that all may attain Heaven.

Bless our families and our children and choose from our homes those whom You desire for this holy work.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

April 20 & 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Lector: Kara Griffith
 Altar Servers: Levi & Logan Haskin
 EMs: Cecilia Luke, Phill & Sue Wizorek
 Greeters: Garry & Mary Lou Mulick

8:00 a.m. Lector: Pete Fox
 Altar Servers: Alexis Heinlein, Nicole Trierweiler
 EMs: Julie Bennett, Kevin Heinlein, Denise Peabody
 Greeters: Dave O'Mara

11:30 a.m. Lector: Monica Mabe
 Altar Servers: Lillian Mabe
 EMs: Barb Mulnix, Theresa Scholtens, Shannon Andrews
 Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

Note: April 21st is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Please pray for:

Julie McClintock	Phill Wizorek	Larry McKaig
Lindsay Shellenbarger	Amanda Eveleth	Cole LeBarre
Heather Rensi	Martha Misak	Travis Eveleth
Cherie Flinn	Todd Cooper	Charles Timm
Pamela Pontius	Jennifer Durden	Kathy Kranz
Anita Hozeski Scott	Beth Buffey	Larry Lafler
Karen Miller	Tom McClintock	Arlene Stanton
Pat Brockman	Chuck Tarpey	Pat MacLachlan
Pat McKinstry	Renee Wagner	Jim & Barb Mulnix
Russinda Rohde	Michelle Richard-Mix	Ken and Sherry North
Landon Battle	Sue Huver	Rueger Eveleth
Marsha Packer	Dave Erbes	Nathan Lower
Fr. Mark Mitchell	Margaret O'Malley	Debbie Flinn
Jack & Sue LaPeer	Sheila Jobbitt	Finnly Hunt
Elizabeth Voet	Jennifer Lewis	Isaac Fletcher
Linda Jasman	Jamison Crynes	Jerry & Maribeth Fritz
Marv Kogelmann	Mary O'Connor	Tom White
Tamera Pierce	Pam Garragon-Goss	Pamela Coggan
Angie Cedillo	Kym Coryell	Joe Drysdale
Jo Wirtz	Carol Ardis	Nichole Munsell
Witney Fockler	Terri Nurenberg	Jace Peterson
Becky Wagner	Jessica Fritz	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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Shannon Andrews	Deb Campbell	Deb Trierweiler
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Knights' Corner

We are nearing the end of our *Into the Breach* video series on Sunday mornings, with only three left. This week our topic will be "Spiritual Warfare." Even if you have not attended any of the previous meetings, we will be happy to welcome you. We gather at 9:15 in the Veritas Room.

If you are a Catholic man who would like to grow in your faith, be of service to others, and enjoy the companionship and support of other men, you should consider joining the Knights. Ask one today!

Will you open your loving home to a child?

Catholic Charities West Michigan, through a federal grant, will be serving unaccompanied children in response to the crisis at the border. These children need a temporary, safe place to sleep, warm meals, and somewhere they can feel the security of a family. If you are interested in joining Catholic Charities in caring for these vulnerable children for a short time (less than a month), they will be holding a **bilin-gual virtual informational meeting on April 24 at 6:00 p.m.** To register, contact Mandi Thome at mthome@ccwestmi.org or 616-287-3068; or Arianna Velazquez-Amado at avamado@ccwestmi.org or (616) 644-2844.

Exploring Priesthood Discernment Meetings

Considering the priesthood? The Diocese of Grand Rapids invites you to meet with other young men (ages 16+) to gather and discern God's will for your life. The last meeting for the 2023-24 school year will take place on Sunday, April 21, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish, 750 Gladstone Dr. S.E., East Grand Rapids. Just show up, or email Pattie Reynolds at preynolds@grdiocese.org, to R.S.V.P. Questions? Contact Fr. Stephen Durkee, director of priestly vocations, at sdurkee@grdiocese.org.

Discerning the Diaconate Meetings

Is God calling you to discern a vocation to become a deacon? The Office of Diaconate Formation invites men with interest or questions about discernment and formation to an informational session on Monday, May 6, at Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S., Grand Rapids, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. To RSVP or learn more, contact Deacon Jerry Roersma, director of diaconate formation, at 616-288-0913 or jroersma@grdiocese.org

Panther Prayer Corner

Please pray for our 8th Grade students as they take the next step in their academic life by attending Freshmen Welcome Night at Ionia High School.



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Diocese of Grand Rapids
Catholic Services Appeal

With the CSA batch we sent in this week, our total is now 73 pledges for \$28,946.75. We appreciate all who have responded so far – thank you! If you have not made a pledge yet, please send it to us this week! (Pledges can also be made online at grdiocese.org.) We have a *long* way to go to reach our targeted goal of \$73,553, and this will only be possible when everyone does their part.

The annual Saints Peter & Paul Auction

is next weekend! The Luau themed event will be held on Saturday, April 20th, at the Ionia Armory. Tickets are available in the school and parish offices and from auction committee members. The \$30 tickets include entry to the event, dinner, and draft beer. Mark your calendar for this awesome event!

Project Rachel

The grief over an abortion experience is often so deep that it remains silent. Women and men may bear this burden for years, thinking that there is no hope for peace or forgiveness. Project Rachel offers private and compassionate support, at no charge, for anyone who is suffering after an abortion experience. Contact Project Rachel at 616-340-1824 or projectrachel@ccwestmi.org to begin your journey of healing.

Do you have a desire to grow in your relationship with God? Try a **Men's Cursillo Weekend**, April 25 – 28 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Sparta. For more information, visit grcursillo.org or call Rose at 616-824-0701.

Women's Day of Reflection

Join women from throughout the diocese for a day of reflection as we enter spring. The event will be held at St. Mary Parish, Spring Lake, on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Please join us as we welcome our special guest, Kathryn Mulderink, for this special day of prayer, reflection, and confession. Registration fee is \$15 and includes morning reception and lunch. Tickets are available at stmarysl.org or on the parish Facebook page.

Faith Formation

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

April 14—Classes PreK-High School

April 21—Classes PreK-High School

April 26—1st Communion Retreat in the school
7:40 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

April 27—1st Communion at 4 p.m. Mass

April 28—Hispanic 1st Communion at 1 p.m. Mass

April 28—Last Faith Formation Classes for the year

If you have a child or other family member who would like to catch up on their sacraments, please email Vanessa Booth at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com or call the parish office at 616-527-3610. We are currently working with a few families and would love for you to join us.

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 to 10:30 a.m. Our next series will begin on April 20.

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 is on Wednesday, May 8, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the parish office living room.

For more information about any of these Ministry of Consolation opportunities, please contact Vanessa Booth at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com or call the parish office at 616-527-3610.



*Come rest awhile
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Catholic Schools Art Show

Student artwork from 20 of our Catholic schools will be on display at Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S., Grand Rapids, on Friday, May 3, from 3:30 to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free parking is available in the parking garage next to the building. We hope you will join us!

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Sharing Group**

If you have ever attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience in the past, we invite you to join our sharing group. We meet at St. Edward's on the 2nd Friday of the month at 7 p.m. in the parish basement. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris and Darla Vinton at 410-487-5226.

Our Monday Night Study Group invites you to attend **Fearless: a 7-week Video Series with Chris Stefanick.** On Monday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Living Room, we will continue with **Lesson 6—Fear of Being Canceled with Paul J. Kim, Evangelist.** All are welcome!

**Are you curious about the meaning
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**Seek answers at a program called
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**You are invited to join us at our
COME AND SEE EVENT
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6:00—8:00 p.m.**

**We will begin with worship and prayer in
SS. Peter & Paul Church,
then move to the school cafeteria
for our presentation and meal.
There is no cost to participate.
Dinner will be provided.**

**At this COME AND SEE EVENT,
you will learn:**

- What is "Discovering Christ"?
- What role can I play in a team of faith-filled parishioners to bring this vital program to our parish family?