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April 21, 2024
Fourth 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.

 **DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS**
 Office of the Bishop

April 21, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

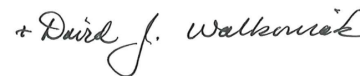
World Day of Prayer for Vocations is today, April 21, and is liturgically known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

Every vocation that comes from God is a blessing and a pathway toward holiness and fruitfulness on behalf of His kingdom. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention on this day to vocations to ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes), and to the missionary life.

We are beginning a prayer initiative in the Diocese of Grand Rapids to encourage discernment to the vocations of the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. In particular, our diocese is in desperate need of more priests. The number of priests retiring in the future is higher than the number of projected priestly ordinations. There will be one priestly ordination this year. In 2025, there will be none.

I am asking each pastor to lead his congregation in reciting the Prayer for Vocations at the end of every Mass. I am also asking each of you to find additional times when you can recite the prayer in support of vocations in our diocese. We need the Holy Spirit to move our young people to humbly place himself or herself before God and to have the confidence to follow wherever He may lead them.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, as we commence this campaign of prayer, join me in thanking the Lord for the clergy who serve you. The Eucharist is the foretaste of Heaven, and we can only have the Eucharist when we have priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

 Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
 Bishop of Grand Rapids

*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

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

Monday, April 22—Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18/Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:1-10

11:00 a.m. Confessions
 12:10 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving (Helene Dunn)

Tuesday, April 23—St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1-7/Jn 10:22-30

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, April 24—St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

Acts 12:24—13:5/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Jn 12:44-50

12:10 p.m. Sam Barnett
 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (BC)

Thursday, April 25—St. Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

8:00 a.m. Intention of Mark & Emily Myers family

Friday, April 26—Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11/Jn 14:1-6

7:30 a.m. Aloyse & Theresa Dietrich

Saturday, April 27—Easter Weekday

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-28, 30-32/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Saturday, April 27

4:00 p.m. First Communicants & their families

Sunday, April 28

8:00 a.m. Peter & Edith Brown
 11:30 a.m. Melvin Finkler
 1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass (First Communion)

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF APRIL 21

GENERAL CLEANING:
 Jane Hemenway, Laurie Tjalsma

VACUUMING:
 Bruce Sibert, Joe Peckins

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
 6-8 p.m. Discovering Christ (AH)
 6-8 p.m. Youth Group Night (CR)

Monday, April 22

6:30 p.m. Monday Night Group—"Fearless" (PO)

Tuesday, April 23

Wednesday, April 24

5-6:30 p.m. Grades 3-8 to Whitecaps game
 6:00 p.m. Hispanic Faith Formation (AH, VR, CR)
 6:30-8 p.m. Family School Council Meeting
 7:00 p.m. TOPS (VR)
 Choir Rehearsal (AH)

Thursday, April 25

3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, April 26

7:40 a.m. First Communion Retreat begins (SC)

Saturday, April 27

5:00 p.m. Crooks 1st Communion Party (AH)

Sunday, April 28

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
 2:00 p.m. Cardoso 1st Communion Party (AH)
 6-8 p.m. Discovering Christ (AH)



OUR PARISH OFFERING - April 13 & 14, 2024

Regular Offertory Collection	\$5,940.09
Electronic Giving	3,555.00
Total	\$9,495.09
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Net Total	\$9,020.34

Budgeted Weekly: \$9,519.23
Deficit for the Week: \$24.14

School Support Fund: \$292.00
 Catholic Relief Services: \$35.00
 Cemetery: \$25.00

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.



*My sheep
hear my voice,
and I know them,
and they follow me.*

April 27 & 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Lector: Pat Rinker
 Altar Servers: Emma & Isaac Fletcher,
 Jaclyn Rewa
 EMs: Garry & Mary Lou Mulick, Mary Perrien
 Greeters: Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Lector: Denise Peabody
 Altar Servers: Alexis & Kendra Heinlein
 EMs: Cheryl & John Hildebrandt, Laurie Tjalsma
 Greeters: Deb Porter

11:30 a.m. Lector: Nancy Wilson
 Altar Servers: Kennedy & Madison Hyland
 EMs: Shannon Andrews, Monica Mabe,
 Theresa Scholtens
 Greeters: Pamela Pontius

Please pray for:

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| Julie McClintock | Phill Wizorek | Cole LeBarre |
| Lindsay Shellenbarger | Amanda Eveleth | Travis Eveleth |
| Heather Rensi | Martha Misak | Charles Timm |
| Cherie Flinn | Todd Cooper | Kathy Kranz |
| Pamela Pontius | Jennifer Durden | Larry Lafler |
| Anita Hozeski Scott | Beth Buffey | Arlene Stanton |
| Karen Miller | Tom McClintock | Pat MacLachlan |
| Pat Brockman | Chuck Tarpey | Jim & Barb Mulnix |
| Pat McKinstry | Renee Wagner | Ken and Sherry North |
| Russinda Rohde | Michelle Richard-Mix | Rueger Eveleth |
| Landon Battle | Sue Huver | Nathan Lower |
| Marsha Packer | Margaret O'Malley | Debbie Flinn |
| Fr. Mark Mitchell | Sheila Jobbitt | Finnly Hunt |
| Jack & Sue LaPeer | Jennifer Lewis | Isaac Fletcher |
| Elizabeth Voet | Jamison Crynes | Jerry & Maribeth Fritz |
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| Angie Cedillo | Carol Ardis | Nichole Munsell |
| Jo Wirtz | Terri Nurenberg | Jace Peterson |
| Witney Fockler | 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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Knights' Corner

A thought from Pope Francis in honor of Earth Day: "May the relationship between man and nature not be driven by greed, to manipulate and exploit, but may the divine harmony between beings and creation be conserved in the logic of respect and care."—General audience, Vatican City, April 22, 2015

This week our *Into the Breach* topic will be "Evangelization." Even if you have not attended any of the previous meetings, please feel free to join us at 9:15 in the Veritas Room.



We are continuing to plug away at our CSA goal and now have 77 pledges for \$30,996.75. This brings us 42% of the way towards our \$73,553 assessment. While the work of the diocese may not be flashy, it is certainly important to the operation of many important ministries in the 11 counties that are served. Many Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy are done every day with our support. To all who have responded so far – thank you!

Youth Group Night

Our next Youth Group Night will be on Sunday, April 21, from 6-8 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room. Students from 8th Grade through High School are welcome. Bring a friend!
—Kevin Heinlein

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 RSVP. 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 with us for the success of our fundraising Luau Auction and in gratitude for all the fundraising events that help to keep our school sustainable.

Saints Peter & Paul Auction

We hope you and your friends are planning to attend our Luau-themed Auction on Saturday, April 20, at the Ionia Armory. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner is at 6:00. Tickets (\$30 each) are available at the door and include admission, dinner, and draft beer. Come join us for this awesome fundraiser for our school.

Evangelization Workshop

Learn how to share your story of faith with your family and friends. It doesn't have to be stressful!

Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Cathedral Square Center
360 Division Ave. S, Grand Rapids

Cost \$30 (includes workbook, light breakfast, and lunch). Register at: rebrand.ly/shareyourstory2024

Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic apostolate dedicated to the spiritual healing of adult children of divorce or separation, is offering a retreat May 17-19 at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI. The cost is \$225 and includes lodging, all meals, and materials for the weekend. The retreat includes presentations, guided small group discussions, Mass, Adoration, and opportunities for Confession. Come for a greater understanding of the wounds left by your parents' divorce or separation, for advice concerning love and trust of others, and for an experience of Christ and community that will lead to deeper self-understanding and healing. Register here: <http://bit.ly/3VKRvwo>

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.

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 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 Saturday, April 20.

**Health Support Group
(formerly known as Cancer Support Group)**

Are you or a family member struggling with cancer or another serious health issue? No matter where you are in your health journey, we are here for you. Our support group, formerly known as the Cancer Support Group, is now reaching out to invite anyone who is facing a serious health challenge. Team members of the Ministry of Consolation will be offering Health Support gatherings on a monthly basis. Our first session under the new name will be on Wednesday, May 8th, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Parish Office living room. All are welcome to attend.

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.

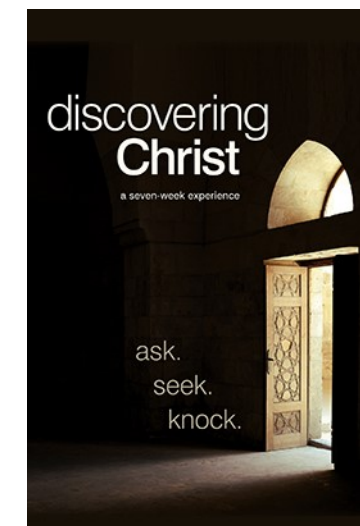
Catholic Schools Art Show

Student artwork from 20 of our Catholic schools (including SS. Peter & Paul-Ionia) 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 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Living Room, we will view **Lesson 7—More Than Conquerors with Jim Beckman**. All are welcome!



Nearly 40 people were present at our **COME AND SEE** event last Sunday. Participants gathered for praise and worship in the church, shared a meal and fellowship, and then were introduced to the first series of the ChristLife program, "Discovering Christ". All present were asked to prayerfully discern how God may be calling them to serve as a volunteer to help bring this vital program to our

parish and wider community.

Training for volunteers begins this Sunday, April 21, at 6:00 p.m. in Apostles Hall, and will continue on Sundays, April 28 and May 5, same time and place. Dinner will not be served for the training sessions; but hospitality, snacks, and drinks will be available. **It's not too late for you to "come and see"!** You are personally invited to join us as we explore the various opportunities available, in the areas of **small group facilitator, small group helper, greeter, hospitality/dinner crew, intercessory prayer, evangelization/marketing, registration, and technology support.** We hope to see you there!



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

*Wednesdays 6-7 p.m.
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