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**May 19, 2024**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

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](mailto: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.

**Pentecost**  
 For several weeks we have been celebrating our Lord's Resurrection. Indeed, it is huge for us. His Resurrection is the cause of joy both for Jesus, who is alive, and for us as a promise of our future entry into everlasting life. Then, last Sunday, we focused on our Lord's Ascension into heaven. We celebrated that day when our poor human nature was carried up, as very much a part of Jesus Christ, above all the hosts of heaven, past the angels, to the very throne of God the Father. It is in this divine act of Jesus, along with the Father and the Holy Spirit, that the grace of God shows itself more marvelous. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit.

This Holy Spirit, poured out on the faithful people, brought them to a faith that does not fail, a hope that is not shaken, and a charity that does not grow cold. Our Redeemer's visible presence was passed into the Holy Spirit and poured out on us in the sacraments. Our faith is nobler and stronger because sight has been replaced by a doctrine whose authority is accepted by believing hearts. Strengthened by our Lord's Ascension and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, it would remain unshaken by imprisonment, exile, fire, and the most brutal tortures devised by angry men. Believing men and women, as well as girls and boys, made such progress in the love of God that they found joy in what had terrified them before. They were able to fix their attention on Christ and his Divinity as He sat at the right hand of the Father. They recognized that He had not abandoned them when He returned to heaven.

The truth is that the Son of Man was also revealed as the Son of God in a more perfect way once He entered into His Father's glory. He was now even more present in His Divinity to those from whom He was removed in his humanity. A more mature faith enabled them to stretch their minds upward to the Son in his equality with the Father. We no longer needed the contact with Christ's tangible body, wonderful as it was. The Holy Spirit was poured out on us.

This Holy Spirit, whose nature is always the same, pours out grace to each person as He wills. The Spirit never changes, but the effects of his actions are different and marvelous. He makes one person a teacher of divine truth, inspires another to prophesy, gives another the power to cast out demons, and another the power to interpret Holy Scripture! All from the same Spirit! Still another gains self-control, while another learns how to help the poor. Another is trained to fast, while another is trained for martyrdom. In each person, the Holy Spirit reveals his presence in a particular way for the common good of all. This Holy Spirit comes with the tenderness of a true friend. He enlightens the mind of one and then through him, the minds of others as well. Thus we study the writings of great scholars that our minds may grow in our love of the Holy Spirit, and of the Father and the Son as well. Through the Holy Spirit, we become citizens of Heaven. Of Heaven!!! What a most marvelous gift as we work to attain that for all eternity. Life in Heaven!

May God richly 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

**Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1,24, 29-31, 34/1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

**Saturday, May 18**

4:00 p.m. Dick Bigelow (Hemenway family)

**Sunday, May 19**

8:00 a.m. Bruce Hoeksema (Kurt & Laurie Tjalsma)  
 11:30 a.m. Intention of our High School Graduates  
 1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

**Monday, May 20—Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 87:1-3, 5-7/Jn 19:25-34

11:00 a.m. Confessions  
 12:10 p.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

**Tuesday, May 21—St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-11, 23/Mk 9:30-37  
 7:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Wednesday, May 22—St. Rita of Cascia, Religious**

Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-11/Mk 9:38-40

12:10 p.m. Communion Service  
 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (BC)  
 6:30 p.m. DK Graduation (CH)

**Thursday, May 23—Weekday**

Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-20/Mk 9:41-50  
 8:00 a.m. Peter & Edith Brown

**Friday, May 24—Weekday**

Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12  
 7:30 a.m. Eugene Dietrich

**Saturday, May 25—St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin**

Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-3, 8/Mk 10:13-16

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

**The Most Holy Trinity**

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

**Saturday, May 25**

4:00 p.m. Jon Caswell (Elaine Caswell)

**Sunday, May 26**

8:00 a.m. Living & deceased of Patrick & Carol Lewis family  
 11:30 a.m. Vernon Brown  
 1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

**GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF MAY 19**

**GENERAL CLEANING:**

**Beth Alberda, Julie Bennett, Bridgett Flanigan**

**VACUUMING:**

**Beth Alberda, Julie Bennett, Bridgett Flanigan**

**Sunday, May 19—Pentecost Sunday**

9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)  
 9:15 a.m. RCIA (PO)  
 11:30 a.m. High School Graduates at this Mass  
 6-8 p.m. Youth Group Night (CR)

**Monday, May 20**

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

**Tuesday, May 21**

6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council (PO)

**Wednesday, May 22**

6:30-8 p.m. TOPS (VR)  
 6:30 p.m. DK Graduation (CH & AH)

**Thursday, May 23**

3:45 p.m. PreK-Gr.2: Field Trip to John Ball Zoo  
 Life Fit (VR)

**Friday, May 24**

11:00 a.m. School dismissal at 11 a.m.

**Saturday, May 25**

**Sunday, May 26—Trinity Sunday**

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



**OUR PARISH OFFERING - May 11 & 12, 2024**

Regular Offertory Collection	\$5,796.00
Electronic Giving	3,525.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,321.00</b>
-5% Tithe	-466.05
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$8,854.95</b>

Budgeted Weekly: \$9,519.23  
**Deficit for the Week: \$198.23**

School Support Fund: \$220.00  
 Cemetery: \$155.00

*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.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts  
 of your faithful  
 and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
 Send forth your Spirit  
 and they shall be created,  
 and you shall renew the face of the earth.*

*Let us pray.*

*O God, who have taught the hearts  
 of the faithful  
 by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
 grant that in the same Spirit  
 we may be made truly wise  
 and ever rejoice in his consolation.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



**May 25 & 26—The Most Holy Trinity**

4:00 p.m. Lector: Mary Lou Mulick  
 Altar Servers: Jaclyn Rewa  
 EMs: Cecilia Luke, Garry Mulick, Mary Perrien  
 Greeters: Volunteers

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

11:30 a.m. Lector: Nancy Wilson  
 Altar Servers: Raelynn Christensen, Lillian Mabe  
 EMs: Monica Mabe, Barb Mulnix,  
 Theresa Scholtens  
 Greeters: Volunteers

**Please pray for:**

Glen Alvord	Phill Wizorek	Cole LeBarre
Julie McClintock	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
Linda Jasman	Mary O'Connor	Tom White
Marv Kogelmann	Pam Garragon-Goss	Pamela Coggan
Tamera Pierce	Kym Coryell	Joe Drysdale
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Jo Wirtz	Terri Nurenberg	Jace Peterson
Witney Fockler	Jessica Fritz	Georgia Sibert
Becky Wagner	Larry McKaig	

*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**

In 2018, Pope Francis instituted a new feast in honor of our Blessed Mother, called "Mary, Mother of the Church." It is celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost. Before this feast was created,

Pope Francis wrote a prayer that fits nicely with its theme:

*Mother, help our faith! Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognize his voice and call. Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise.*

*Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith. Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature. Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.*

*Remind us that those who believe are never alone. Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!*

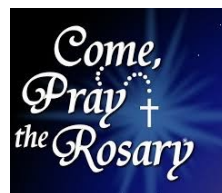
**A Wonderful Surprise**

Last week we received an unexpected, but very welcome, phone call from Lisa Barnard. She is the daughter of James Barna, a graduate of SSPP Class of 1958, and the granddaughter of John and Helen Barna. She wished to make a donation to SS. Peter and Paul in their memory. The donation came in the form of a check for \$50,000! We very much appreciate her generosity and have placed the money in our savings account with the Diocesan Deposit and Loan. We have not decided on a specific use for the funds as of yet, but we will find some tangible, practical use that will honor the memory of the Barna family. Thank you, Ms. Barnard!

**Youth Group Night**

Our last Youth Group Night of the current school year will be on Sunday, May 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room. It will be a special night for our seniors as we wish them the best as they graduate from high school. As always, students in grades 8 through 12 are welcome. Bring a friend!

--Kevin Heinlein



We invite you to join us as we pray the Rosary together, beginning 30 minutes before the start of the 4 p.m., 8 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. weekend Masses in May. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back of church if you can lead one of the Rosaries.

**Panther Prayer Corner**

Please pray with us for our students taking field trips this week. May they be safe, have fun, and learn more about God's incredible creation.



With 5 more responses this week, we now have 89 pledges for \$35,096.75 towards our \$73,553 assessment. Much good work is done on our behalf throughout the eleven counties of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, and the Catholic Services Appeal makes it possible!

**Plans are Afoot!**



**We are beginning to plan our parish picnic for Saturday, June 29, the feast day of our patrons, SS. Peter and Paul!**

The plan so far is to have a bilingual Mass at our normal time, 4:00 p.m., followed by a picnic on the parish grounds. We will have tents set up, and plan to provide hot dogs and hamburgers, with everyone invited to bring a dish to pass. More details will follow as we get closer to the day!

**Fr. Tom will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

All are invited to attend the 12:10 p.m. Mass that day, and we will have a small reception to follow. St. Edward Parish in Lake Odessa is planning a celebration for Fr. Tom on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, following their 6:00 p.m. Mass.



**Saints Peter & Paul Annual Garage Sale Friday and Saturday, July 26-27, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

We invite you to donate your gently used and no-longer-needed treasures to our sale. You may drop them off at the parish garage, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but please call (616-527-3610) and let us know you are coming. All proceeds from the sale will benefit our parish ministries. Thank you for your generosity!

**Would you like to join the Garage Sale Team?**

Any time you can give is appreciated! Contact Toni McKay at the parish office if you can help.

Faith Formation

June 1—1st Communion for 2nd group at 4 p.m. Mass

June 2—Catechist Appreciation Brunch 10-11 a.m. in the parish office living room

TBA—Summer Confirmation Retreat

Regular classes will start up again in mid-September. For information about registering or becoming a classroom helper, please contact Vanessa: [vbooth@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com) or call the parish office at 616-527-3610.

**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 2 sessions will be on May 18 and June 1.

**Health Support Group**

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

Are you or a family member struggling with cancer or another serious health issue? Team members of the Ministry of Consolation will be offering Health Support gatherings on a monthly basis. Our next session will be on Wednesday, June 12, 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](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com) or call the parish office at 616-527-3610.



Thank you to all our amazing volunteers who led the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) program all year! We would not be able to have this wonderful opportunity for the children of our parish without you! CLOW is done for the summer and will return in September. If you would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer, please contact Barb Montgomery [lkydog67@yahoo.com](mailto:lkydog67@yahoo.com) or Vanessa Booth at [vbooth@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com).



*Come rest awhile in the Lord's presence. Wednesdays 6-7 p.m. in the Basement Chapel*

**Deacon Nick Baker to be ordained a priest**



Deacon Nick Baker will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 1st, at 10 a.m. You are welcome to attend the ordination Mass in person at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew or watch the livestream on [gdiocese.org](http://gdiocese.org). Please pray for Deacon Nick as he begins his priestly ministry!

**Magnificat Magazine Subscriptions**

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**PSIC Baby Bottle Drive**

*You are invited to participate in the Baby Bottle Drive sponsored by Pregnancy Services of Ionia County (PSIC). "The funds collected directly support the essential services provided at PSIC to women and families, helping to meet their immediate needs and introduce them to the transformative love of Christ."*

**Bottle Distribution:** Pick up an empty bottle from the table in the back of church on Mother's Day. (There are still a few left.)

**Collection:** Take a bottle home and fill it with coins (or bills and checks) over the course of the drive. Return it to the table in the back of church (or to the parish office) by Father's Day (June 16).

**Bottle Pick-Up:** PSIC will pick up the filled bottles.

Thank you to everyone who attended our *Sing of Mary* concert. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated. During the month of May, I hope we continue to follow the Blessed Virgin Mother and answer whatever God calls us to do to glorify His name: *Magnificat anima mea Dominum.*