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> June 9, 2024 Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 7:30 a.m. (summer) 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.

Praver Chain

If you have a prayer request for immediate need, please call 616-522-0279, or 616-527-0438.

I wonder how many people here have seen the vitamin A in a carrot, the vitamin C in an orange, or the potassium in a banana? I have seen lots of vitamin pills, but I wouldn't know what an actual vitamin molecule looked like even if it came up and bit me. Yet the experts tell us they are in certain foods whether we see them or not. With this thought in mind, we could make a simple comparison with the Eucharist, in so far as we cannot see Christ present in the Eucharist. But it still doesn't matter that we can't see him; he is still there. I would like to extend this comparison a little bit further. Health experts tell us that without sufficient amounts of vitamins, minerals, carbohydrates, proteins and fats in our diets, we will not be healthy and may even die. We are told to eat a variety of foods so that we get all the nutrients we need. We tend not to question the health experts that tell us all of this. We trust they know what they are talking about. Even though there is probably no one here who follows their recommendations perfectly, I think many Americans are beginning to pay attention to following a good diet, especially as some of us get older. But there are also many who seem to think that those who promote good nutrition are just trying to take all the fun out of life, so they go their merry way filling themselves full of saturated fats, salt, sugar, nicotine and alcohol. The experts tell us how to take care of ourselves, but they can't help us much if we don't believe them or follow their suggestions. Today's feast puts us in touch with another expert, Jesus. He

tells us what we need to do to be healthy spiritually, but he knows many will not believe him just because he said so. So, he told us if we are not sure we want to believe him, to look at his works. "If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may believe that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." Of course we are not there personally to see the miracles Jesus worked, but there are many who did witness his works and there are those who gave their lives as a testimony that what they preached about Jesus was true. So if we decide to believe the words of those who saw him and knew him and died for him, then we can only conclude that when he speaks to us about things that are beyond us, we ought to listen to what he has to say. And if we listen to what he had to say, we will discover that he has a few things to say about nutrition too. He doesn't tell us about the vitamins and minerals we need to keep our physical lives healthy. He has a much greater purpose in mind He tells us, "I came that they may have life and may have it to the full." And the food that will nourish that life is himself. For he tells us "I am the bread of life...Whoever eats this bread will live forey er." Now that's the ultimate healthy diet. The gospel tells us how he became our food.

If many of us have difficulty trusting, and especially if we have difficulty following the research and expertise of those who advocate eating a well-balanced and healthy diet, then I suppose it's not too great a surprise that many have difficulty trusting and following the guidance of Jesus, who is our expert on eternal life. We see a great number of people, even Catholics, who try to tell us Jesus didn't really mean it when he said, "This is my body." They tell us it's all symbolism. Long before the Last Supper, many of Jesus followers walked away from him, shaking their heads in disbelief, when he said to them "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." When he saw them walk away he didn't call them back. He knew they were leaving him because they didn't understand what he said to

Jesus is our expert on eternal life, and he tells us the food he offers us, which is himself, will nourish us forever. This feast chal lenges our belief in him and in his presence with us in the Eucharist. Do I overemphasize the importance of the Eucharist? I don't think so. Certainly God's love is shown to us in many ways, but I believe the Eucharist helps us to see those ways more clearly in which God's love is present in our lives, and I believe it is also the Eucharist itself, more than anything else, that tells us God loves us and that God is with us.

—A Body and Blood of Christ homily by Fr. Joe Robinson



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JUNE 9, 2024

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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-8/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35

Saturday, June 8

4:00 p.m. Bernard Hengesbach (Mike & Joan Boog)

8:00 a.m. Deceased of William & Katherine Spitzley family

11:30 a.m. Alovse & Theresa Dietrich

1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

3:00 p.m. Baptism of Maren May Konyndyk

Monday, June 10—Weekday

1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1-8/Mt 5:1-12

11:00 a.m. Confessions

12:10 p.m. Melvin Finkler

Tuesday, June 11—St. Barnabas, Apostle

Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1-6/Mt 5:13-16 7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, June 12—Weekday

1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1-2, 4-5, 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

12:10 p.m. Bertha Meier

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (BC)

Thursday, June 13—St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor

1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10-13/Mt 5:20-26

7:30 a.m. Ray Dietrich

Friday, June 14—Weekday

1 Kgs 19:9, 11-16/Ps 27:7-9, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32

7:30 a.m. Intention of Elliot Rewa & Emily Bonneville

Saturday, June 15—Weekday

1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-10/Mt 5:33-37

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary

3:00 p.m. Confessions

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-16/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, June 15

4:00 p.m. Sister Donna

Sunday, June 16

8:00 a.m. Jerry Blundy (Joan Blundy)

11:30 a.m. Intention of Fr. Tom Brown (Geldhof family)

1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

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Sunday, June 9—Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Food & Fellowship (AH) 9-10:30 a.m.

Monday, June 10

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

Tuesday, June 11

6:30-8 p.m.

Driver Training (AH)

Wednesday, June 12

Health Support Group (PO) 5:30-7 p.m. 6:30-8 p.m. 6:30-8 p.m.

TOPS (VR) Driver Training (AH)

Thursday, June 13

3:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

Life Fit (VR) Marriage preparation session (PO)

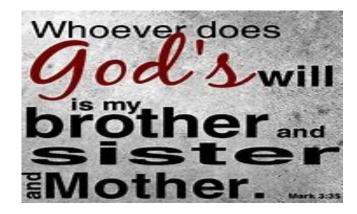
Friday, June 14

Saturday, June 15

9:30-10:30 a.m. Grief Support Session (PO)

Sunday, June 16—Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father's Day Celebration (AH) All are welcome!



OUR PARISH OFFERING - June 1 & 2, 2024

Regular Offertory Collection \$6,937.50 Electronic Giving 4,255.00 Total \$11,192.50 -5% Tithe -559.63 Net Total \$10.632.87

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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Mission of SS. Peter & Paul School is to provide a high quality Catholic education in a Catholic Christian environment.

Through Word, example, and service, students are taught a sense of responsibility for others and are encouraged to be actively involved in their faith and local communities.

Our goal is to form future leaders, productive citizens, and active, faith-filled Christian men and women.

Congratulations to our 2024 Saints Peter & Paul School 8th Grade Graduates

Kyle John Cusack Trinity Marie Denis-Griffith Arabella Marie Edwards Isabella Lee Gallagher Emma Caitlin Johnson Brady Michael Morgan Cayden Marie Purkey

June 15 & 16, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lector: Sue Wizorek

Altar Servers: Autumn/Kendall/Kyle Cusack EMs: Cecilia Luke. Phill Wizorek. Volunteer

Greeters: Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Lector: Denise Peabody

> Altar Servers: Alexis & Kendra Heinlein EMs: Kevin Heinlein, Cheryl & John Hildebrandt

Greeters: Deb Porter

11:30 a.m. Lector: Monica Mabe

Altar Servers: Evan & Jacquelynn Bailey

EMs: Shannon Andrews, Barb Mulnix, Theresa Scholtens

Greeters: Volunteers

Please pray for:

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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.

Jessica Fritz

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Knights' Corner



At our meeting this week, we approved the slate of officers for the coming year. We appreciate all those who are willing to take on an officer role! We also approved donating the hamburgers, hot

dogs, and buns for our upcoming parish picnic, along with ice cream for dessert.

Congratulations to our June raffle winners—Jack Kujala, Jack Lapeer, Dane Droste, and Jack Lapeer. (Yes, Jack Lapeer had 2 separate winning tickets drawn!)

Our Old Kneelers Have Been Given New Life!

When we replaced our old kneelers a few months ago, we hated the thought of the old ones going into the dumpster or the burn pile. Fortunately, we were able to send some to a chapel on Bois Blanc Island, and parishioner Dann Werner took the rest to his home woodshop. He has repurposed some of them into end tables, quilt racks, and coat racks, and has donated them to be used as a fundraiser for the parish. They will be available in the back of church for the next few weeks as silent auction items. If you would like to make a bid for an item, simply add your name and the amount of your bid to the sheet. We will close the bidding on our feast day, Saturday, June 29th, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

"Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the Church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 1:14).

On Wednesday, June 19, Saints Peter & Paul Parish will be offering a 12:10 p.m. Mass with the Anointing of the Sick in the church. You, your loved ones, and your neighbors are invited to join us. We especially invite those facing illness or surgery, and the elderly, to come to this special Mass and receive the Sacrament of the Sick. After the homily, those wishing to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may do so.

After Mass, there will be a light luncheon in Apostles Hall (the school cafeteria). To help us know how many might attend the luncheon, you are encouraged to call the parish office (616-527-3610), to RSVP.

If you would like to bring a salad or dessert for the luncheon, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table in the back of church. Thank you!

—SSPP Ministry of Consolation



Congratulations, Fr. Nick Baker!

Father Nicholas Baker was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Walkowiak on Saturday, June 1. Father Nick has been assigned as parochial vicar at Holy Spirit Parish in Grand Rapids. Please pray for Father Nick as he begins his priestly ministry!



We hope you plan to attend our parish picnic on Saturday, June 29, the feast day of our parish patrons, Saints Peter and Paul. We will 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!



SS. 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 nolonger-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.

PSIC Baby Bottle Drive ends on Father's Day

Next weekend, June 15 & 16, is Father's Day weekend, the close of PSIC's Baby Bottle Drive. If you have been filling a baby bottle with your coins, cash, or checks, please return it to the table in the back of church or to the parish office. We will see to it that the bottles and the funds you've collected are received by Pregnancy Services of Ionia County to help them continue their vital work.

Faith Formation

A special thank you to all our amazing Catechists who taught Faith Formation this year: Denise Peabody, Kim Hoeksema, Karen Meyers, Michele McDowell, Rana Johnson, Amy Pung, Samantha Bailey, Kevin Booth, Chris Brown, and Kylie Booth. We shared a wonderful brunch last Sunday in appreciation of all their dedication and hard work.

Watch the bulletin this summer for updates on ways we are working together to grow and strengthen our program. Regular classes will start again in mid-September. For information about registering or becoming a classroom helper, please email Vanessa Booth at 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 held on June 15 and June 29.

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, or if you are interested in private sessions, please contact Vanessa Booth at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

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