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July 7, 2024
Fourteenth 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 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.

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

The month of July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. There are several prayers about his precious blood. One very short one is **Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, save us and the whole world!** It is easily memorized and you can pray it at different times throughout the day.

Remember that Jesus Christ loves us so much that He willingly died, shed his Blood for us, just to save us! He did this out of his great love. He who is God could have easily just let us die in our sins and create other people to take our place. But in his great love, He became a human being and died for us so that the doors of heaven would be opened to us, so that we could hear his call and follow him to heaven.

The shedding of blood has a long history. Think of Cain who killed his brother Abel. When the Lord asked Cain where his brother was, Cain lied, saying, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" God then said, "What have you done? Your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground!" In killing his brother and lying about it, Cain was banned. At other times we are saved by the shedding of blood. At the instruction of God to Moses, the enslaved Israelites applied the blood of the Lamb to their lintels and door posts. Seeing the blood, the Lord passed over their doors and did not let the destroyer come into the house and strike them down. They were saved by the blood of the lamb.

Years later, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, died on Calvary. His blood, spilled out on the cross, is for the salvation of the whole world. We have been saved and now have the opportunity to hear his call and follow him. Will we hear and follow? Or will we choose instead our own path which leads to destruction?

Some will insist that their path does not lead to destruction. Yet Jesus, in establishing the Eucharist, insists on it. Jesus said, "Let Me solemnly assure you, if you do not eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood, you have no life in you. He who feeds on my Flesh and drinks my Blood has life eternal, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my Flesh is real food and my Blood is real drink. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in Me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent Me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on Me will live because of Me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

Let us, then, continue to honor and thank God for this gift of eternal life. It is the gift of the Eucharist, of his Body and Blood, which he gave to us out of his infinite love. It is the gift that will bring us to eternal life in heaven.

May God bless you!

Fr. Tom

We are one body in Christ!



The Week Ahead...

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-4/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6

Saturday, July 6

4:00 p.m. Gerry Burrows (Hemenway family)

Sunday, July 7

8:00 a.m. Dennis Spitzley (Katie Nurenberg Good)
 11:30 a.m. Peter & Edith Brown
 1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

Monday, July 8—Weekday

Hos 2:16-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-9/Mt 9:18-26

11:00 a.m. Confessions
 12:10 p.m. Melvin Finkler

Tuesday, July 9—St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-10/Mt 9:32-38

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, July 10—Weekday

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-7/Mt 10:1-7

12:10 p.m. Bruce Hoeksema (Denise Peabody)
 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (BC)

Thursday, July 11—St. Benedict, Abbot

Hos 11:1-4, 8-9/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

7:30 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

Friday, July 12—Weekday

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17/Mt 10:16-23

7:30 a.m. Intention of Bill & Samantha
 6:00 p.m. Marriage Convalidation of Bill & Samantha Crawford

Saturday, July 13—St. Henry

Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-14/Eph 1:3-14/Mk 6:7-13

Saturday, July 13

4:00 p.m. Doug Antonides (Sandy Antonides)

Sunday, July 14

8:00 a.m. Florence Wacha (Gerald & Maribeth Fritz)
 11:30 a.m. Eugene Dietrich
 1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF JULY 7

GENERAL CLEANING:
 Kip Geldhof, Colleen Pierce,
 Ann Buck, Paula Geldhof

VACUUMING:
 John & Kathy Curtin

Sunday, July 7—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 8

5:30-8:30 p.m. Driver Training Parent Mtg. (AH)
 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Group (PO)

Tuesday, July 9

Wednesday, July 10

6:30-8 p.m. TOPS (VR)

Thursday, July 11

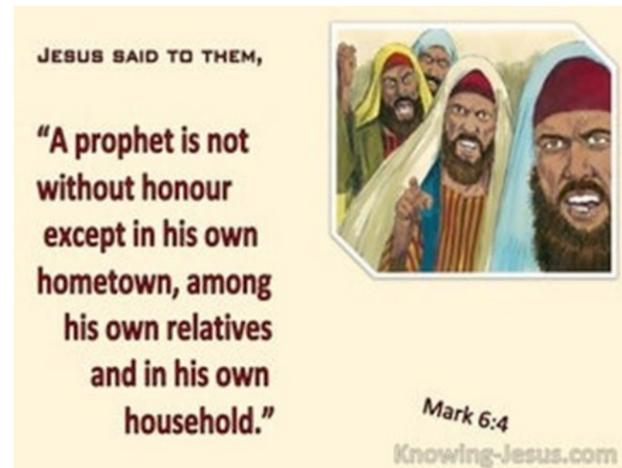
3:45 p.m. Ionia Free Fair begins (July 11-20)
 Life Fit (VR)

Friday, July 12

Saturday, July 13

10:00 a.m. Health Support Group (Biggy)

Sunday, July 14—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



OUR PARISH OFFERING - June 29 & 30, 2024

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| Regular Offertory Collection | \$6,665.00 |
| Electronic Giving | 4,105.00 |
| Total | \$10,770.00 |
| -5% Tithe | -538.50 |
| Net Total | \$10,231.50 |

Budgeted Weekly: \$9,807.69
Surplus for the Week: \$962.31

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.



Prayer for Our Nation

O God, who arrange all things according to a wonderful design, graciously receive the prayers we pour out to you for our country, that, through the wisdom of its leaders and the integrity of its citizens, harmony and justice may be assured and lasting prosperity come with peace.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

—The Roman Missal

July 13 & 14, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lector: Mary Lou Mulick
 Altar Servers: Levi & Logan Haskin
 EMs: Cecilia Luke, Garry Mulick, Mary Perrien
 Greeters: Volunteers

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

8:00 a.m. Lector: Veronica Meyer
 Altar Servers: Paul & Sam Meyer
 EMs: Kevin Heinlein, Denise Peabody, Laurie Tjalsma
 Greeters: Deb Porter

Please pray for:

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| Amanda Baer | Linda Jasman | Terri Nurenberg |
| Ed Blyth | Marv Kogelmann | Jessica Fritz |
| Nancy Betz | Tamera Pierce | Cole LeBarre |
| Jim & Sue Huver | Angie Cedillo | Travis Eveleth |
| Margaret O'Malley | Jo Wirtz | Charles Timm |
| Doug Zeeck | Witney Fockler | Kathy Kranz |
| Randy Tripp | Becky Wagner | Larry Lafler |
| Mike Peckins | Phill Wizorek | Arlene Stanton |
| Glen Alvord | Amanda Eveleth | Pat MacLachlan |
| Julie McClintock | Martha Misak | Jim & Barb Mulnix |
| Heather Rensi | Jennifer Durden | Ken and Sherry North |
| Cherie Flinn | Beth Buffey | Rueger Eveleth |
| Pamela Pontius | Tom McClintock | Nathan Lower |
| Anita Hozeski Scott | Chuck Tarpey | Finnly Hunt |
| Karen Miller | Renee Wagner | Jerry & Maribeth Fritz |
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| Pat McKinstry | Sheila Jobbitt | Pamela Coggan |
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| Landon Battle | Jamison Crynes | Nichole Munsell |
| Marsha Packer | Mary O'Connor | Jace Peterson |
| Jack & Sue LaPeer | Pam Garragon-Goss | 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 big thank you goes to all our brother Knights who helped set up the tents, tables, chairs, and games for the parish picnic last week, and then helped put them all away again! It was a true act of service and was appreciated by all who came to the picnic.

Congratulations to our July raffle winners—Joe Thelen, Matt & Jenny Cusack, Ron Speckin and Denny Hybarger.

Silent Auction Winners

Congratulations to all who made the winning bids in our Silent Auction on items made by Dann Werner from the old kneelers: Diane Grummet, John Curtin, Cindy McKee, Kip Geldhof, Barb Voet, Frank McClintock, Elaine Caswell, and Julie Bennett. The total amount raised was \$800. Thank you to all who made bids, and to Dann for making this possible!

Work Is Set to Commence!

Work will begin on our parking lot this week! The old, broken concrete will be removed and new will be poured. This should make for a much nicer and safer surface to drive and walk on. C&L Trucking will remove the old concrete beginning Monday, July 8, and Platte Brothers will handle the pouring of the new concrete. The concrete itself has been donated by HSV Redi-Mix. The work will be done in two stages so that some parking will be available throughout the project. Thank you for your patience!

Parking at the Ionia Free Fair (July 11-20, 2024)



When you come to the fair this year, please consider parking in the SSPP lot. Elaine Caswell is generously letting us use the empty lot next to Burger King. It is handy to the fairgrounds, will save you a few bucks, and will generate money to support Catholic education here in Ionia.

Nourish for Caregivers support group

Virtually everyone, at some point in their life, will care for someone in their family. The Catholic Church has a rich tradition of supporting families during times of transition and change.

St. Robert of Newminster Parish in Ada is offering a new, faith-based support group, *Nourish for Caregivers*, which will meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. *Nourish* helps caregivers discover the joys and blessings of caring for another by providing practical, emotional, and spiritual support, all with a Christ-centered view. For more information, visit strobertychurch.org/ministries/nourish/.

Enrollment is now open for the 2024 Young Adult Leadership Institute.

YALI is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Grand Rapids and the Catholic Information Center. It is an opportunity for young adults in their 20s and 30s to explore living their faith and values at work, with family and friends, and in the community.

Growing in Faith: Discover your own strengths and explore your relationship with God and essential role in the Church.

Sharing in Faith: Develop essential skills that are necessary in our world today.

Leading in Faith: Guided by Catholic principles, discern where and how God is calling you to lead.

Retreats and seminars run from September to November. For more information, please call the Catholic Information Center at 616-459-7267.

SMART Recovery Family and Friends

The Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative is beginning a new program for those in a close relationship with someone struggling with addiction or problematic behaviors. With SMART Recovery Family and Friends, you can improve your understanding of the problem, receive the support you need, and form a plan to regain control of your own life. Meetings will be held every Wednesday at the Ionia County Health Department, 175 E. Adams St., from 3-4 p.m.



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

Keep those donations coming! 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.

Volunteers, we need you! Below is the work schedule for the preparations that need to take place before the sale (separating, organizing, and pricing donations), and for the sale dates. Please let us know when you can help by emailing Toni at tmckay@ssppcatholic.com, or by calling the parish office. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Annual Parish Garage Sale - Work Schedule

Monday thru Wednesday, July 8-10, 9 a.m. to noon
Monday thru Thursday, July 15-18, 9 a.m. to noon
Monday thru Wednesday, July 22-24, 9 a.m. to noon
Thursday, July 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday, July 26 (day 1 of sale), 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, July 27 (day 2 of sale), 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sacraments

Is there a Sacrament that you meant to prepare your child to receive but were unable to? (First Reconciliation/Confession, First Eucharist/Communion, Confirmation?) We would love to talk with you and work with your family to help with the preparation. Please call Vanessa at 616-527-3610, or email her at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

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 grief support series. Each session offers a topic of discussion, as well as time to reflect, listen, and share if one chooses. We are here to walk the journey with you. Sessions are held biweekly on Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the parish office living room. We wrapped up our last series in June, and we hope to begin the next series in September. Please contact Vanessa at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com if you are in need of support before then.

Health Support Group (formerly known as Cancer Support)

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 next session will be on Saturday, July 13, at 10:00 a.m. at Biggby Coffee in Ionia. All are welcome!

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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July 29-31

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Go to www.lifeprocesscenter.org to learn more.

Donations Needed

The diocesan Prison and Jail Ministry will again host and sponsor the Michigan Department of Corrections Offenders Success Annual Reentry Summit for Kent County.

This summit offers individuals on parole and probation the opportunity to meet with more than 20 support service providers and includes a free raffle. In the past, more than 100 individuals have attended this event.

Please help make it a success again this year by a donation of the following raffle items:

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bath towels, hand towels, and/or wash cloths**

You may place your donations in the bin at the back of our church from now through Sunday, July 7. Deb Trierweiler will deliver them to Cathedral Square Center in time for the Summit.

Foster Parents Needed!

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Taking off for vacation? Don't take a vacation from Sunday Mass (or Sunday giving)!

Visit www.masstimes.org to find the schedule for Catholic Church services in the area you will be visiting. You may want to call the church to verify that the schedule is accurate.

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