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Weekday Mass Schedule

English: Mon & Wed, Mass at 12:10 p.m. Tues, No Mass or Service Thurs, Mass at 8:00 a.m. Fri. No Mass or Service

Reconciliation Schedule

English: Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m. Monday 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

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



April 21, 2025

The Diocese of Grand Rapids Office of Communications issues the following statement from Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak, bishop of Grand Rapids, in response to the death of Pope Francis:

We are saddened by the death of our Holy Father, yet it is fitting that his passing from this life occurred in the Jubilee Year of Hope, which he inaugurated. For our hope in eternal life springs from our faith in the risen Lord.

Pope Francis sought to break down barriers and draw people into an encounter with Christ in the Catholic Church. Like Jesus, he served those whom the world often considered outcasts. He challenged priests to be shepherds with the 'smell of the sheep,' and constantly reminded us of the dignity of the unborn, migrants and refugees, and prisoners. He was a man of action, ministering to the homeless in Rome, visiting refugee camps, and washing the feet of prisoners. His pastoral heart, use of relatable language, and witness to serving people on the margins stand as an example for all people.

It is a privilege to be among the first bishops appointed by Pope Francis during his pontificate. His leadership and witness have shaped my episcopal priorities and ministry over these past 11 years.

May Pope Francis now rest in eternal peace. Please join me in praying for the repose of his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

La Oficina de Comunicaciones de la Diócesis de Grand Rapids emite la siguiente declaración del Reverendísimo David J. Walkowiak, obispo de Grand Rapids, en respuesta al fallecimiento del Papa

Estamos tristes por la muerte de nuestro Santo Padre, pero es significativo que su partida de esta vida haya ocurrido en el Año Jubilar de la Esperanza, que él mismo inauguró, pues nuestra esperanza en la vida eterna brota de nuestra fe en el Señor resucitado.

El Papa Francisco se esforzó por derribar barreras y acercar a las personas a un encuentro con Cristo en la Iglesia católica. Como Jesús, sirvió a quienes el mundo con frecuencia consideraba marginados. Exhortó a los sacerdotes a ser pastores con «olor a oveja» y nos recordó constantemente la dignidad de los no nacidos, los inmigrantes, los refugiados y los presos. Fue un hombre de acción: atendió a las personas sin hogar en Roma, visitó campos de refugiados y lavó los pies de los prisioneros. Su corazón pastoral, su lenguaje cercano y su testimonio de servicio a los marginados son un ejemplo para todos.

Es un privilegio haber sido uno de los primeros obispos nombrados por el Papa Francisco durante su pontificado. Su liderazgo y testimonio han dado forma a mis prioridades episcopales y a mi ministerio a lo largo de estos once años.

Oue el Papa Francisco descanse en la paz eterna. Les invito a unirse en oración por el descanso de su alma y de todas las almas de los fieles difuntos.

Concédeles, Señor, el descanso eterno y que brille para ellos la luz perpetua. Que descansen en paz. Amén.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

APRIL 27, 2025

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



The Week Ahead..

AH = Apostles Hall $\overline{CR} = C$ ornerstone Room SC = School
BC = Basement Chapel

CH = Church \overline{PO} = Parish Office VR = Veritas Room

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/Rv 1:9-13,17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Saturday, April 26

4:00 p.m. Katie Fox (Christine Bewell)

Sunday, April 27

8:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Thome (Mildred Brown)

11:30 a.m. Dilly K. Perpich (Philip Thelen)

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet; Prayers for Pope Francis

Monday, April 28—St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8

11:00 a.m. Confessions

12:10 p.m. Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis

Tuesday, April 29—St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7-15

No Mass or Service

Wednesday, April 30—St. Pius V, Pope

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21

12:10 p.m. Max Trimper (Hemenway family)

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

Thursday, May 1—St. Joseph the Worker

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36 8:00 a.m. Earl Allen (Johanna Allen)

Friday, May 2—St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

No Mass or Service

7:40-2:30 1st Communion Retreat (SC & CH)

Saturday, May 3—Saints Philip & James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-5/Jn 14:6-14

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary

1:00 p.m. Profession of Faith for Bennett Bucholtz

1:30 p.m. Baptism of Hazel Cardenas

3:00 p.m. Confessions

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-14 Saturday, May 3

4:00 p.m. Intention of our First Communicants

Sunday, May 4

8:00 a.m. Aloyse & Theresa Dietrich

11:30 a.m. Catherine Verdun

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS-WEEK OF APRIL 27

Kip Geldhof, Colleen Pierce, Ann Buck, Paula Geldhof

VACUUMING: John & Kathy Curtin

Sunday, April 27—2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

9:15 a.m.

OCIA Inquiry 10:15 a.m.

10:15 a.m. Faith Formation classes (last one) Hispanic 1st Communion prep. (VR) 2:00 p.m.

Sharing Christ (AH) 5-7 p.m. Youth Group (CR) 6-8 p.m.

Monday, April 28 12:10 p.m.

Mass for Pope Francis 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study (PO)

Tuesday, April 29

Wednesday, April 30

6-7:30 p.m. TOPS (VR)

SSPP Choir Rehearsal (CH) 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 1

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

Friday, May 2

7:40-2:30

First Communion Retreat (SC& CH)

Saturday, May 3

Sunday, May 4—Third Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

9:15 a.m. OCIÁ (PO) 10:15 a.m. OCIA Inquiry (PO) 5-7 p.m. Sharing Christ (AH)



Jesus, I Trust In You!

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

Feast of the Divine Mercy

claimed that the Sunday after Easter would henceforth be celebrated as the Feast of the Divine Mercy

Image of the Divine Mercy

The image of Divine Mercy is one of the risen Christ clothed in a white garment, with his right hand raised in blessing. His left hand is touching his garment near his heart, from which two large rays come forth, one red and the other pale. The two rays denote the blood and water which came forth from Jesus' side when it 3. On the 10 Hail Mary beads, say the following: was pierced by a lance, signifying the cleansing and life-giving sacraments made available to us through Jesus' perfect sacrifice on the cross. Under the image are inscribed these words: Jesus. I Trust in You.

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is a beautiful prayer form that invokes God's mercy on ourselves and others. It is prayed using traditional rosary beads in the following manner:

- In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II pro- 1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.
 - 2. On the Our Father beads, say the following: Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world
 - For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Repeat steps 2 & 3 for all five decades.)

4. Conclude with (three times): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Jesus, I trust in you!

April 26 & 27, Second Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Lector: Phill Wizorek

Altar Servers: Reagan Crooks, Adah Drown EMs: Mary Perrien, Garry & Mary Lou Mulick

Greeters: Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Lector: Veronica Meyer

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

Greeters: Julie Bennett

Lector: Kevin Kenney 11:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Charlotte & Lillian Mabe EMs: Shannon Andrews. Monica Mabe.

Barb Mulnix

Greeters: Theresa Scholtens

Please pray for:

Randy Tripp

Lesley Williams Mike Peckins Jennifer Lewis Mary O'Connor Patricia Anwar Glen Alvord Marilyn Nash Heather Rensi Kvm Corvell Patricia Klein Cherie Flinn Terri Nurenberg Connie Waterman Anita Hozeski Scott Jessica Fritz Travis Eveleth Dorr Bissell Karen Miller Colson Skilling Pat McKinstry Charles Timm Larry Lafler Jim Zook Russinda Rohde Martha Brooks Landon Battle Arlene Stanton Pat MacLachlan Marsha Packer Denise Ward Jack & Sue LaPeer Jim & Barb Mulnix Shirley Weber Ken and Sherry North Judy Dick Tamera Pierce Cindy Hardy Angie Cedillo Nathan Lower Finnly Hunt Diana Kujala Jo Wirtz Jerry & Maribeth Fritz Witney Fockler Mark Dawson Tom White Tony Burns Becky Wagner Pamela Coggan Lois Walker Amanda Eveleth Joe Drysdale Gert Bennett Martha Misak Nichole Munsell Ed Blyth Jennifer Durden Jim & Sue Huver Beth Buffey Jace Peterson Georgia Sibert Doug Zeeck Renee Wagner

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.

Michelle Richard-Mix

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Knights' Corner

As we mourn the death of Pope Francis, let us join with Catholics worldwide in praying for the repose of his soul.

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. 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. (Roman Missal)

Mass for Pope Francis

Our 12:10 p.m. Mass on Monday, April 28, will be offered for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. Come pray with us!



If you were saving money in a Rice Bowl this past Lent, now is the time to turn it in! Please count your money and write a check for the amount to SS. Peter & Paul, with "Rice Bowl" on the memo line. You can place your check

in the basket near Mary's Altar or return it to the parish office. The funds will be sent to Catholic Relief Services and used to feed people both locally and around the world. Thank you for supporting this important work!

SSPP Auction - Tickets now available!

The Saints Peter and Paul Auction will be held on Saturday, May 10, at the Ionia Armory. The theme is *Casino Royale*. Tickets are \$30 per person and include dinner and drinks. Tickets can be purchased at the school office, at Wilson Heating and Cooling, or from any auction committee member. We'd love to see you there!



Please 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 (except the 4 p.m. 1st Communion Mass on May 3). If you'd like to volunteer to lead one of the Rosaries, please contact Maddy Desrochers or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

Panther Prayer Corner

Please pray for all of our First Communicants who will receive the Eucharist on May 3rd. May their retreat on the 2nd be a joyful experience for all.

Youth Group Night

Our next Youth Group Night is scheduled for Sunday evening, April 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room. Students in Grades 8-12 are welcome. Bring a friend!

—Kevin Heinlein

Ladies Social Hour Event

Welcome, SS. Peter & Paul Ladies, to our first social hour event on May 5th at 4:00 p.m. in the Veritas Room. We will be making macramé Rosaries. All necessary supplies will be provided, including beverages and finger foods. Come, bring a friend, and have some fun. For more information, please call Kip Geldhof at 517-983-8241.

Breaking Bread, BINGO, & Buds!

Wednesday, April 30, 1 p.m. (after the noon Mass) in the Veritas Room of the school Bring a lunch-time snack and a \$5 gift.

We will gather to break bread (lunch), play BINGO, and enjoy the company of fellow parishioners on the last Wednesday of each month.

Bring a friend! All are welcome!

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Join fellow parishioners as we gather to pray the DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET this Sunday, April 27, at 3:00 p.m. in church.

Why pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet?

Invoking God's Mercy:

The Chaplet is a powerful prayer of trust, intercession, and atonement, asking for God's forgiveness, healing, and grace.

Atonement for Sins:

By praying the Chaplet, individuals are offering the merits of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross in atonement for sins.

Spreading the Message of Mercy:

Praying the Chaplet helps to spread the message of Divine Mercy and the importance of trusting in God's love and forgiveness.

Following the Chaplet, we will begin the Novena in Memory of Pope Francis

by praying the novena's First Day prayer.

Copies of the novena in its entirety will be made available so you may continue to pray over the next eight days.



Classes are held on Sunday mornings in the school from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. for Kindergarten through high school. It's never too late to register. Join us today! For more information about Faith Formation, please contact Vanessa Booth at 616-527-3610 or vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

April 27 Faith Formation—Last Class!

May 2 First Eucharist Retreat Day
7:40 a.m.—2:30 p.m. in the school

May 3 First Communion at 4:00 p.m. Mass

Vacation Bible School—Dates to be announced.

For our First Eucharist Retreat Day on May 2, we need parent/grandparent/Godparent volunteers to help our day be successful! Please contact Vanessa Booth if you're are able to help with our special day.

Congratulations to those who were initiated into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this past Saturday evening:

Brittany Adams
Haley Barker
Bodey Brownell
Cara Brownell
Caleb Mulford
Holly Mulford
Lauren Mulford
Micah Mulford
Zoe Mulford

Becoming Catholic: An Invitation to Come & See

No matter where you are in your journey of faith, there is a place for you here with us. Come see for yourself what we're all about. Inquiry sessions are on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in the parish office living room. Contact Toni McKay at the parish office for more information or to register.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today's gospel. In our families, we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.

Join us for a pilgrimage to the Solanus Casey Center

Searching for peace? On May 14, join Catholic Charities West Michigan as we embark on a pilgrimage to the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit. Inspired by the life and example of Blessed Solanus Casey, the center serves as a place of pilgrimage, healing, reconciliation, and peace, a perfect opportunity to draw closer to God in this Jubilee Year.

Participate in Mass, tour the center, and more. Tickets are \$70, which includes your bus ride to and from the center, along with lunch. For more information or to register, visit ccwestmi.org/jubilee-year. Questions? Please reach out to Sarah Stechschulte at sstechschulte@ccwestmi.org.

Encountering the Saints of Divine Mercy in Poland

November 3 – 11, 2025

Join Father Lam Le, pastor of St. John Paul II in Cedar Springs and Mary Queen of Apostles in Sand Lake, and Catholics from the Diocese of Grand Rapids as they embark on a special pilgrimage during this Jubilee Year to the homeland of St. John Paul II.

Highlights include:

- Mass celebrated by Fr. Lam Le at St. James Church in Warsaw
- Explore Old Town in the center of Warsaw City.
- Visit the beautiful hilltop Jasna Gora Monastery, where Saint John Paul II made frequent visits throughout his life.
- Take a cable car ride to the breathtaking village of Zakopane and then head to the Jaszczurówka Chapel, which was visited many times by the young Karol Woityla (St. John Paul II).
- Explore Wawel Hill in Krakow. This hill is home to the Cathedral and Coronation Chapel, one of the most the most important sites in Poland.
- Spend time in prayer and reflection at the Auschwitz concentration camp. Visit the cell of St. Maximillian Kolbe
- Visits to many other popular and devotional sites

For more information and to register contact Pattie Reynolds at preynolds@grdiocese.org or https://www.206tours.com/cms/grdiocese/poland/. Don't delay, seats are limited!



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