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May 11, 2025
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. en español

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.

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.



Mother's Day: A Stewardship Reflection

May 11 is Mother's Day, and what theme is more universal than motherhood? We Catholics prize that nurturing relationship so highly that we call our Church "Holy Mother," and we venerate Mary, the mother of Jesus, for her pivotal role in the life of our Lord and Savior.

Yet, Mother's Day can bring with it a plethora of emotion and memories. Any mother can attest to the difficulty and challenge of the task of parenting. And mothers come in all shapes and sizes. Some mothers are birth mothers, some are adoptive. Some mothers are the grandmas or aunts who raised us. Some mothers left us far too soon. Some mothers are the people we rebelled against; some mothers are the women we idolized. Most often, our mothers were probably both. It's a complex relationship, this parenting.

During the month of May, we honor and remember not just our own moms, but Mary, the Mother of God. We see her as the great symbol of motherhood and as our role model. Let us ask Mary's intercession, so that in our endeavors to be good stewards and to raise good stewards, to nurture in the faith those entrusted to us, she might come to our assistance and guide us with her motherly understanding.

And on Mother's Day, we ask Mary to bless all mothers, especially our own.

—from the International Catholic Stewardship Council

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

MAY 11, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Rv 7:9, 14-17/Jn 10:27-30
Saturday, May 10
4:00 p.m. Melvin Finkler

Sunday, May 11
8:00 a.m. Howard & Margaret Scheid (Luke Cusack)
11:30 a.m. Peter & Edith Brown
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, May 12—Saints Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Acts 11:1-18/Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:1-10
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

Tuesday, May 13—Our Lady of Fatima
Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1-7/Jn 10:22-30
No Mass or Service

Wednesday, May 14—St. Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-8/Jn 15:9-17
12:10 p.m. Intention of Breanna Lafferty
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (CH)

Thursday, May 15—St. Isidore
Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20
8:00 a.m. Eugene Dietrich

Friday, May 16—Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11/Jn 14:1-6
No Mass or Service

Saturday, May 17—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 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/Rv 21:1-5/Jn 13:31-35
Saturday, May 17
4:00 p.m. Pat Brockman (Paul & Jean Barker)

Sunday, May 18
8:00 a.m. Sister Phyllis
11:30 a.m. Don Gardner (Patrick & Carol Lewis)
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF MAY 11

Maria Cardenas, Teresa Nuñez, Carolina Velasco

VACUUMING:
Bruce Sibert, Joe Peckins

AH = Apostles Hall

CR = Cornerstone Room

SC = School

BC = Basement Chapel

CH = Church

PO = Parish Office

VR = Veritas Room

Sunday, May 11—Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day
9:00 a.m. Mother’s Day Breakfast (AH)
9:15 a.m. OCIA (PO)
10:15 a.m. OCIA Inquiry (PO)

Monday, May 12
6:30 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study (PO)

Tuesday, May 13
6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, May 14
3:30-4:30 p.m. Plant Sale pickup (SSPP parking lot)
6-7:30 p.m. TOPS (VR)
6:30 p.m. Meitler Deanery Meeting (AH)
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (CH)

Thursday, May 15
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, May 16
1st Grade Manners Luncheon

Saturday, May 17

Sunday, May 18—Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:15 a.m. OCIA (PO)
10:15 a.m. OCIA Inquiry (PO)
5-7 p.m. Sharing Christ (AH)



OUR PARISH OFFERING: May 3 & 4 , 2025		
Regular Offertory Collection	\$8,264.80	
Electronic Giving	1,390.00	
Total	\$9,654.80	
-5% Tithe	-482.74	
Net Total	\$9,172.06	
Budgeted Weekly: \$9,807.69		
Deficit for the Week: \$152.89		

School Support Fund: \$110.00
Cemetery: \$305.00

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.

As the cardinals gather in conclave to choose the successor to Pope Francis, we as a Church pray:

Holy Spirit, enlighten the Church at this time, especially all the cardinals you call to take part in the conclave. Grant them wisdom and holiness so that all may cooperate with your inspiration and guidance to elect the next Vicar of Christ, your chosen servant. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May 17 & 18, Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m.	Lector: Pat Rinker Altar Servers: Reagan Crooks Jaclyn Rewa EMs: Garry & Mary Lou Mulick, Mary Perrien Greeters: Volunteers	11:30 a.m.	Lector: Kevin Kenney Altar Servers: Charlotte & Lillian Mabe EMs: Shannon Andrews, Monica Mabe Theresa Scholtens Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen
8:00 a.m.	Lector: Jamie Meyer Altar Servers: Alexis/Hans/Kendra Heinlein EMs: Julie Bennett, Kevin Heinlein, Veronica Meyer Greeters: Dave O’Mara		

Please pray for:

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

A Prayer for Vocations
Father, you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you.

Bless your Church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders who will serve your people as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers.

Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call.

We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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Principal	Jenny Leik	ext. 18
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**Knights' Corner**

At our meeting this week, we approved the new Slate of Officers for the coming year. We wouldn't be able to do the good work we do if it weren't for the men willing to serve the council as officers. Thank you!

Congratulations to our May raffle winners: Lisa Loucks McKee, Margaret Stoj, John Meyer, and Jean Barker!

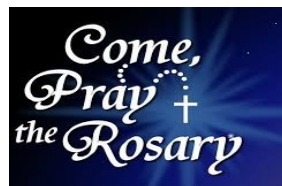
*Mother's Day Breakfast
Sunday, May 11
in Apostles Hall
after the 8:00 a.m. Mass*

Hosted by Kevin Heinlein & crew

All are welcome!

**A Flower Shower for Mary,
the Mother of God ,
at Masses on May 10 & 11**

On Mother's Day we honor all mothers, including our Holy Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. You are invited to bring an offering of flowers to Mass in honor of our Blessed Mother on the weekend of May 10 & 11. Before Mass begins, you will be invited to present the flowers at Mary's altar. Please wait for the procession before Mass to begin before placing your flowers at Mary's altar. If you'd like, bring extra flowers to share.



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. If you'd like to volunteer to lead one of the Rosaries, please contact Madeline Desrochers, or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

Panther Prayer Corner

Please pray for all of our mothers. May they feel our gratitude and know the true impact they make in our lives.

SSPP Auction – Saturday, May 10

The Saints Peter and Paul Auction is Saturday, May 10, at the Ionia Armory. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. The theme is *Casino Royale*. Tickets are \$30 per person and include dinner and drinks. Tickets can be purchased at the school or parish office, or at the door. Come and support our school!

**Celebrating Our Graduates!!**

The Saints Peter and Paul Parish family would like to recognize and celebrate our 2025 high school graduates on Sunday, June 1, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. All 12th grade students registered with our parish have been mailed a special invitation. Included in this invitation is a request for a photo of the graduate that we can include in our special graduation section of the bulletin on that weekend. Please send photos, along with your RSVP form, to the parish office by Friday, May 23rd. We would also like to include our college graduates' information and photos. If you know of someone from our community who has or will be graduating from college this spring (or last fall), please contact Toni McKay at the parish office as soon as possible.

**SS. Peter & Paul School
2025 Spring Plant Sale**

SS. Peter & Paul School is selling beautiful flowering baskets from Bos Greenhouse for our spring fundraiser. All selections are in 10" plastic baskets with wire hangers. \$24.00 each, or \$22.50 each for 2 or more.

Order forms are available in the parish office and on the table in the back of church, **Deadline for orders and payments is Friday, May 9.**

Pick up orders on Wednesday, May 14, between 3:30 & 4:30 p.m. at the SSPP School parking lot.

For questions on the Spring Plant Sale, please contact Jenny Leik: jleik@ssppcatholic.com

Get the Scoop on Mary!

Join the music ministry for a Marian Concert and Ice Cream Sundae Bar on Saturday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m. In the church.



Classes have concluded for this school year, but they will resume in the fall. For information about our program, please contact Vanessa Booth at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com or 616-527-3610.

June 21 Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Retreat 11 a.m.—3:30 p.m. (Veritas Room)

August 4,5,6 Vacation Bible School 4—6 p.m. (SSPP School)

Congratulations to our First Communicants:

Charleigh Crawford, Ander Benavides-Moral, Chloe Cardenas, Angelee Mendez-Garcia, Colin McGuire, Jesus Garcia-Cruz, Clyde Valera-Benavidez, and Lola Stemler.



**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

Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children, who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice," what message do they hear?

**Is God calling you to live out
the Corporal Works of Mercy?**

Prison and Jail Ministry develops and maintains Catholic religious services, including Masses, Communion services, OCIA, and Bible studies, within six state prisons in our diocese. In addition to these weekly services, we offer resources and programming in 11 county jails and three juvenile detention centers as needed.

Will you join us in bringing Christ to our incarcerated brothers and sisters? We are looking for new volunteers to help lead Communion services. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the work we do to serve the incarcerated and about potential volunteer opportunities, consider attending our next information session.

**Wednesday, June 25, 6 - 9 p.m.
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Different channel for TV Mass on May 25

The regularly scheduled FOX 17 broadcast of the televised Sunday Mass will be moved to Antenna TV on May 25th due to the airing of the Indianapolis 500 on Fox 17. Mass will still air at 10 a.m. Mass will return to FOX 17 the following weekend. You can also watch Mass on the diocesan YouTube channel and website.

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