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# SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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## May 25, 2025 Sixth 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](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. 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.

*Below are excerpts from the homily Pope Leo XIV delivered in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, May 18, 2025, after being elected the 266th successor of St. Peter on May 8.*

Brothers and Sisters, I greet all of you with a heart full of gratitude at the beginning of the ministry that has been entrusted to me. St. Augustine wrote: "Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you" (Confessions, I: 1,1).

In these days, we have experienced intense emotions. The death of Pope Francis filled our hearts with sadness. In those difficult hours, we felt like the crowds that the Gospel says were "like sheep without a shepherd" (Mt 9:36). Yet on Easter Sunday, we received his final blessing and, in the light of the Resurrection, we experienced the days that followed in the certainty that the Lord never abandons his people but gathers them when they are scattered and guards them "as a shepherd guards his flock" (Jer 31:10).

In this spirit of faith, the College of Cardinals met for the conclave. Coming from different backgrounds and experiences, we placed in God's hands our desire to elect the new successor of Peter, the bishop of Rome, a shepherd capable of preserving the rich heritage of the Christian faith and, at the same time, looking to the future, in order to confront the questions, concerns, and challenges of today's world. Accompanied by your prayers, we could feel the working of the Holy Spirit, who was able to bring us into harmony, like musical instruments, so that our heartstrings could vibrate in a single melody.

I was chosen, without any merit of my own, and now, with fear and trembling, I come to you as a brother, who desires to be the servant of your faith and joy, walking with you on the path of God's love, for he wants us all to be united in one family.

Love and unity: These are the two dimensions of the mission entrusted to Peter by Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world.

In this our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest. For our part, we want to be a small leaven of unity, communion, and fraternity within the world. We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of love and become his one family: in the one Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of goodwill, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

This is the missionary spirit that must animate us; not closing ourselves off in our small groups, nor feeling superior to the world. We are called to offer God's love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people.

Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk toward God and love one another.



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

MAY 25, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



AH = Apostles Hall

CR = Cornerstone Room

SC = School

BC = Basement Chapel

CH = Church

PO = Parish Office

VR = Veritas Room

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
*Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rv 21:10-14,22-23/Jn 14:23-29*

**Saturday, May 24**  
4:00 p.m. Kimberly Goodemoot (Hemenway family)

**Sunday, May 25**  
8:00 a.m. Deceased members of Anna & Harry Homa family  
11:30 a.m. Beverly White (Marie White)  
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

**Monday, May 26—St. Philip Neri, Priest—Memorial Day**  
*Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Jn 15:26—16:4*  
9:00 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish (*note the time*)  
*No Confessions or 12:10 p.m. Mass today*

**Tuesday, May 27—St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**  
*Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Jn 16:5-11*  
No Mass or Service

**Sunday, May 25—Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Monday, May 26—Memorial Day**  
No school  
Parish office closed

**Tuesday, May 27**  
6:30 p.m. Liturgy Commission Meeting ( PO)

**Wednesday, May 28**  
10:00 a.m. Priests' Day of Recollection (GR)  
6-7:30 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation Celebration (AH)  
6-7:30 p.m. TOPS (VR)  
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (CH)

**Thursday, May 29**  
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

**Friday, May 30**  
Last day for Preschool & Dev. Kdg.

**Saturday, May 31**  
11:00 a.m. Marriage Preparation Session (PO)  
6:30 p.m. Marian Concert & Ice Cream Sundae Bar (CH & church plaza)

**Sunday, June 1—The Ascension of the Lord**  
9:15-10:15 a.m. OCIA (PO)  
9:30-11 a.m. Catechist Appreciation Brunch (VR)  
10:15-11:15 OCIA Inquiry (PO)  
1-8 p.m. Sharing Christ Retreat (AH)  
6-8 p.m. Youth Group Night (CR)



OUR PARISH OFFERING: May 17 & 18, 2025		
Regular Offertory Collection	\$6,078.73	
Electronic Giving	1,390.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,468.73</b>	
-5% Tithe	-373.44	
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$7,095.29</b>	
Budgeted Weekly: \$9,807.69		
<b>Deficit for the Week: \$2,338.96</b>		

School Support Fund: \$80.91  
Cemetery: \$300.00

*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.*



May 31 & June 1, The Ascension of the Lord

4:00 p.m.	Lector: Cecilia Luke Altar Servers: Kaylynn/Kenna/Kinleigh Wizorek EMs: Cecilia Luke, Mary Perrien, Adam Rewa Greeters: Volunteers
8:00 a.m.	Lector: Madeline Desrochers Altar Servers: Paul & Sam Meyer EMs: Cheryl & John Hildebrandt, Volunteer Greeters: Dave O'Mara

Please pray for:

Mike Priest	Randy Tripp	Michelle Richard-Mix
Lisa Pringle	Mike Peckins	Jennifer Lewis
Lesley Williams	Glen Alvord	Mary O'Connor
Patricia Anwar	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.*

Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy,  
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.

Banish violence from our midst  
and wipe away our tears,  
that we may all deserve to be called  
your sons & daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women  
who have died in the cause of freedom,  
and bring them safely into your  
kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

--from *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

11:30 a.m.	Lector: Monica Mabe Altar Servers: Charlotte & Lillian Mabe EMs: Shannon Andrews, Barb Mulnix, Theresa Scholtens Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen
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**The Ascension of the Lord**  
*Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Lk 24:46-53*

**Saturday, May 31**  
4:00 p.m. Marvin, Gwen, & David Kuieck (Diane Grummet)

**Sunday, June 1**  
8:00 a.m. Margaret Tyler  
11:30 a.m. Intention of our High School Graduates  
1:00 p.m. Misa en español

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF MAY 25

Pat Duffy, Gwen O'Mara, Janis Neustifter

VACUUMING:  
Shannon Andrews, Debra Sochor

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Faith Formation	Vanessa Booth	ext. 21
Maintenance	Matt Lang	616-527-3610
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SS. Peter and Paul School		(616) 527-3561
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Principal	Jenny Leik	ext. 18
Secretaries	Joann Johnson & Amie Heinlein	ext. 23

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### Knights' Corner

With this Monday being Memorial Day, I thought it might be interesting to share the story of one Knight who died in the First World War. His name was 1st Lt. Chaplain William F. Davitt, and he was the last U.S. officer and chaplain to be killed in the war. A member of Holyoke (Mass.) Council 90, Father Davitt volunteered as a K of C chaplain and served with the 125th Infantry. He was killed by one of the last shells fired in the war, just over an hour before the ceasefire at 11 a.m. on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1918. He had already been awarded the Croix de Guerre and Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) for organizing and leading the rescue of 40 wounded soldiers cut off from the troops. One soldier wrote that Father Davitt's "DSC" should stand for "Died in the Service of Christ!"

On this Memorial Day, may we remember in our prayers all the heroic men and women who have given their lives for our country.



### 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.



**Our final Youth Group Night for this school year** will be on Sunday, June 1, from 6-8 p.m. By special request, there will be ice cream floats!

--Kevin Heinlein



**CHILDREN'S**  
Liturgy of the Word

We would like to thank all of our families and especially all of our volunteers for a wonderful year of Children's Liturgy of the Word. We will be on a short pause this summer but will be back in September to offer this wonderful opportunity to the families of our parish. We are always looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in learning more about CLOW, contact Meghan at [mmmgvsu@yahoo.com](mailto:mmmgvsu@yahoo.com) or Vanessa at [vbooth@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com).

### 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.

### Panther Prayer Corner

Please pray for those who have lost their lives serving our country, and for those who are currently serving. May the families of those lost feel the loving comfort of Christ. May those who are currently serving be protected wherever they may be.



### 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 12<sup>th</sup> grade students of our parish have been mailed a special invitation. In this invitation is a request for a photo of the graduate that we can include in our special graduation section of the bulletin that weekend. Please send a photo, along with your RSVP form, to the parish office by this Friday, May 23. 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 **now!**



**We'll be starting a new Monday Night Bible Study adventure on June 2, 6:30 p.m.**

**Follow Me:  
Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John**

Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer—he wants you to be his disciple and friend. *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus seeks us. He comes to meet us and beckons us to follow him. He calls us to be his disciples, to trust him, to open ourselves to his merciful love, and to love others as he has loved us. *Follow Me* invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. In this study you will learn what it takes to follow Christ and discover the joy of divine friendship. You will see how God, and only God, can satisfy the deepest desires of your heart.

To reserve your study materials (\$23), contact Toni at the parish office.

### A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today Jesus gives this advice: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Worry and anxiety can consume our lives preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another. Don't miss the forest for the trees. We are living to day what we worried about yesterday.

**Faith Formation Classes for Kindergarten through High School 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](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com) or 616-527-3610.

- June 1 Catechist Appreciation Brunch  
10 a.m. in the Veritas Room
- June 21 Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor  
Retreat 11 a.m.—3:30 p.m. in the Veritas Room
- August 4,5,6 Vacation Bible School 4—6 p.m.  
(SSPP School). Join us for a *True North* Vacation Bible School experience. Learn to trust Jesus in a *wild world*.



### Health Support Group

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 is reaching out to invite anyone who is facing a serious health challenge. Team members of the Ministry of Consolation are offering Health Support gatherings. Our next session is on Saturday, June 7, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Biggby Coffee in Ionia. For more information, please contact Vanessa Booth at 616-527-3610, or [vbooth@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com)



**Saints Peter & Paul Annual Garage Sale Friday and Saturday, July 18 & 19, 2025 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

You may drop off your gently used and no-longer-needed treasures at the parish garage M-F from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but please call (616-527-3610) to let us know you are coming. **(Please: No box-style televisions, or outdated computer equipment/printers.)** All proceeds will benefit our parish ministries. Thank you for your generosity!

**HELPERS NEEDED!** Do you have a few free hours this summer? Do you like to be outside? Do you have the knack for organizing, merchandising, and maximizing space? Do you like to have FUN? Join our garage sale team! Any time you can give is appreciated. Please contact Toni at the parish office if you can help!

### Zion Food Pantry Director

After fourteen years of faithful service, Deb and Elwin Hall will be stepping down from directing the Zion Food Pantry. The search for a new director is beginning. This is a part-time position which requires a compassionate heart, a healthy body, and strong organizational abilities. Duties include coordinating volunteers, ordering supplies, overseeing the budget, keeping track of donations and services provided, and working with Feeding America. If you are interested, please contact Deb Hall at 989-400-2121 or email [ioniazion@gmail.com](mailto:ioniazion@gmail.com).

### A Change to our Sunday Mass Schedule

The Sunday Mass schedule at SS. Peter and Paul, Ionia, and St. Edward, Lake Odessa, will be changing, **starting on Pentecost Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**. The Saturday evening schedule will remain the same, but the Sunday Mass times will change. The new schedule is as follows:

**SS. Peter and Paul** – Saturday at 4:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:00 a.m., and Sunday at 12:00 Noon (in Spanish)

**St. Edward** – Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

For many years we have had two Sunday morning Masses in English at SS. Peter and Paul. This has been true even though it has meant that our pastor was usually presiding at six Masses per weekend. Church law says that priests should celebrate no more than three, except in extreme situations. Our bishop has been patient in letting this go on for the past few years, but the time has come to make the change. Thank you for your understanding and patience as **we begin this new schedule on June 8<sup>th</sup>**.

### 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.

To locate Antenna TV on your television, go to: [antennatv.tv/channel-finder](http://antennatv.tv/channel-finder)



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