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SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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May 4, 2025 Third 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
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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.

Jesus Christ is ALIVE! He has risen and lives forever. We know this. But it is something we really emphasize during this Easter season. He is Alive! And Jesus has given Himself to us. He has given us the Eucharist. This means the Eucharist is Alive. Maybe you already know this. Maybe you once knew it but forgot. Or maybe this is brand new. Jesus is the Eucharist. When we come up to Communion, we receive Him. We receive His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. We receive Jesus. We receive the Eucharist. Jesus is alive. The Eucharist is alive.

When a stranger watches us receive the Eucharist, would he know this? When we receive the Eucharist, does it look like we believe we are about to take into our bodies the living person Jesus Christ, true God and true Man? How many times, Lord, have I forgotten that the Eucharist is alive? As I wait in line to receive you, do I think of how much you want to unite yourself with me? Am I seeing your hands filled with the graces you want to give me? Am I filled with awe at how much you want to come to me in this most intimate way? Or am I distracted, thinking of other things?

The Host we receive is not a thing. It is not a wafer. It is not bread. It is a person---and He is Alive. Still wondering? Think of this. Back in 1916 when Our Lady was preparing to appear in Fatima, an angel, the Angel of Peace, appeared to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco. On his third visit, he brought with him the Eucharist. Suspending the Host and the chalice in the air, the angel threw himself prostrate on the ground and prayed:

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference with which He Himself is offended. And, through the infinite merits of his most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners.

An angel prostrates himself on the ground! We stand in line with our minds filled with distractions, walk up, receive the Eucharist, and return to our pews thinking about other things. But an angel, a pure spirit who lives in the presence of God, prostrates himself before the Eucharist in adoration! Think about it. It is a pretty strong message. It was so strong that young Francisco spent the rest of his short life trying to console God in the Eucharist.

So here is our invitation: We can treat God as just a symbol, or we can prostrate ourselves in front of Him, in adoration, gratitude, love and reparation. I am not suggesting we come up and throw ourselves on our faces in front of the Eucharist, but we can do it interiorly. As we receive, standing or kneeling, we can always, in our hearts, minds, and souls, be prostrate in loving God in the Eucharist. As the Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship explains, "The Church has always required from the faithful respect and reverence for the Eucharist at the moment of receiving it" (Inaestimabile Donum, 11). Pope Benedict XVI discusses it, saying that instead of arguing over receiving standing or kneeling, in the hand or on the tongue, we need to focus on the spirit of reverence with which the early Christians received the Eucharist.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus says: "I am the *living* bread . . . whoever eats this bread will live forever . . . just as the *living* Father sent Me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on Me will have life because of Me."

May God bless you!
Fr. Tom

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

MAY 4, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



AH = Apostles Hall
CR = Cornerstone Room
SC = School
BC = Basement Chapel

CH = Church
PO = Parish Office
VR = Veritas Room

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32, 40-41/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19
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

Monday, May 5—Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. Intention of Daniel Dietrich

Tuesday, May 6—Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51—8:1/Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21/Jn 6:30-35
No Mass or Service

Wednesday, May 7—Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1-8/Ps 66:1-7/Jn 6:35-40
12:10 p.m. People of Saints Peter & Paul Parish
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (CH)

Thursday, May 8—Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
8:00 a.m. Pirl White (Marie White)

Friday, May 9—Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 6:52-59
No Mass or Service

Saturday, May 10—St. John of Avila, Priest & Doctor
St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
3:00 p.m. Confessions

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

GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF MAY 4

Jane Hemenway, Laurie Tjalsma
VACUUMING:
Ray Korytkowski, Lon MacLachlan

Sunday, May 4—Third Sunday of Easter
9:15 a.m. OCIA (PO)
10:15 a.m. OCIA Inquiry (PO)
5-7 p.m. Sharing Christ (AH)

Monday, May 5
6:30 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study (PO)

Tuesday, May 6
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting (VR)

Wednesday, May 7
6-7:30 p.m. TOPS (VR)
7:15 p.m. SSPP Choir Rehearsal (CH)

Thursday, May 8
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, May 9
Kindergarten Mother’s Day Tea
School Plant Sale orders due

Saturday, May 10
9:30-10:30 a.m. Health Support Group (PO)
5:00 p.m. Doors open for Auction (Ionia Armory)

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



OUR PARISH OFFERING: April 26 & 27 , 2025

Regular Offertory Collection	\$5,032.12
Electronic Giving	4,615.00
Total	\$9,647.12
-5% Tithe	-482.36
Net Total	\$9,164.76
Budgeted Weekly: \$9,807.69	
Deficit for the Week: \$160.57	

Catholic Relief Services: \$20.00
School Support Fund: \$60.00
Cemetery: \$12.06

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.

*We welcome to the table
these children who receive Jesus
for the first time in Holy Communion
on Saturday, May 3, 2025*



May 3 & 4, Third Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Lector: Nancy Wilson
Altar Servers: Jace Perry, Jaclyn Rewa
EMs: Vanessa Booth, Petra Laux, Phill Wizorek
Greeters: Mary Lou Mulick

8:00 a.m. Lector: Pete Fox
Altar Servers: Alexis & Kendra Heinlein
EMs: Julie Bennett, Kevin Heinlein,
Veronica Meyer
Greeters: Judy Hamblin

11:30 a.m. Lector: Monica Mabe
Altar Servers: Shyla & Stephen Johnson
EMs: Shannon Andrews, Theresa Scholtens,
Volunteer
Greeters: Chris Christensen

Please pray for:

Lesley Williams	Mike Peckins	Jennifer Lewis
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
Randy Tripp	Michelle Richard-Mix	

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.

Chloe Sofia Cardenas
Ander Cadit Benavides-Moral
Charleigh Marie Crawford
Jesus Alexis Garcia-Cruz
Colin Patrick McGuire
Angelee Suheim Mendez-Garcia
Lola Maxine Stemler
Clyde Dean Valera-Benavidez

May 10 & 11, Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

8:00 a.m. Lector: Walt Downes
Altar Servers: Paul & Sam Meyer
EMs: Cheryl & John Hildebrandt, Laurie Tjalsma
Greeters: Julie Bennett

11:30 a.m. Lector: Shannon Andrews
Altar Servers: Shyla & Stephen Johnson
EMs: Monica Mabe, Barb Mulnix,
Theresa Scholtens
Greeters: Volunteers

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Cemetery Sexton	Aaren Perry	616-527-3610

<u>SS. Peter and Paul School</u>		(616) 527-3561
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Secretaries	Joann Johnson & Amie Heinlein	ext. 23

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Shannon Andrews Deb Campbell

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Cara Brownell	Nik Discher	Rachel Wilson
Andrew Bucholtz	Kevin Heinlein	Allen Wizorek
Lauren Christensen	Anna Johnson	



Knights' Corner

A big "Thank You!" goes to the three brave Knights who handled the Easter Egg Hunt all on their own last Saturday. Well done, Tom O'Connor, Ron Speckin, and John Curtin! You helped make some little people very happy!

Don't forget that this Tuesday, May 6th, is our monthly meeting. Join us in the Veritas Room at 7:00 p.m. for the Rosary, followed by the business meeting at 7:30.

CSA 2025 – Strengthened In Christ, Responding With Joy

Through the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA), children in our 11 counties are educated, kids in foster care find permanent homes, migrants are resettled, and countless other good works are performed. Your support makes this happen! Our parish assessment for this year is \$78,253. We sent in our fourth batch of 9 pledges this week for \$1,670, bringing our total for the year to \$31,270. Pledges can also be made online at grdiocese.org, and you can view the short video about CSA there. Giving to a good cause is a great way to find joy in our lives. Make your pledge today!

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 again this year 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 (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 Madeline Desrochers, or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

Panther Prayer Corner

Please pray for the success of the annual school auction. May the generosity of our community be felt by all who are present.

SSPP Auction – Saturday, May 10

The Saints Peter and Paul Auction is next 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, at Wilson Heating and Cooling, from any auction committee member, or at the door. Come and support our school!



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, on the table in the back of church, and as an attachment to the bulletin email for May 4th. **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

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.



Faith Formation

Classes are held on Sunday mornings in the school from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. for Kindergarten through high school. For more information about Faith Formation, please contact Vanessa Booth at 616-527-3610 or vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

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

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)

Please join me in thanking all our Catechists for an amazing year in Faith Formation:

Michele McDowell Amy Pung
Rana Johnson Diane Grummet
Kylie Booth Chris Brown
Karen Meyers

Grief Support Group

Have you suffered the loss of a loved one or experienced a loss in your professional or personal life? We would like to walk this journey with you. We are on a short pause, but we will begin a new support group series in late May. If you need to talk before the next group session, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of our team members. For more information, please contact Vanessa at 616-527-3610, or at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

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, May 10, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the parish office living room. For more information, please contact Vanessa Booth at 616-527-3610, or vbooth@ssppcatholic.com

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Jesus invited the disciples to "Come and have breakfast." At this beach breakfast and the Last Supper, Jesus teaches us that meals should be more than eating. Family meals are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each other's stories, understand and support one another.

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 Wojtyla (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. Maximilian 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!



Come rest awhile in the Lord's presence.

Wednesdays 6-7 p.m. in the Church