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SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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June 22, 2025 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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: 10 a.m.; and 12 noon in Spanish

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday: Mass at 12:10 p.m.
Tuesday: No Mass or Service
Wednesday: Mass at 12:10 p.m.
Thursday: Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Friday: No Mass or Service

Reconciliation Schedule
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 Body and Blood of Christ

What a gift we have been given! "Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the world," Jesus said to his followers. We have the gift of the real presence of Jesus Christ. Have you ever noticed how strangers to the Catholic faith, when they first enter a Catholic Church, notice there is something different? It is more than statues and votive lights. It is more than the crucifix or the altar. They cannot name it, but they know there is something different.

We have the gift of the real presence of Jesus Christ. It is more than his presence in the scriptures. It is more than his presence in each other. It is his real presence in the Eucharist. The Sacred Host contains the Body and Blood, soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ. I once read about Mrs. Kimberly Hahn, wife of Scott, going to a Catholic church back in the days when she was still a Protestant. At the end of Mass, there was a Eucharistic procession. She had never seen this and was watching as row after row of people knelt down in adoration. She thought: "These people believe that this is the Lord and not just bread and wine. If this is Jesus, that is the only appropriate response. If one should kneel before a king today, how much more before the King of Kings? the Lord of Lords? Is it safe not to kneel? But what if it's not? If that is not Jesus in the monstrance, then what they are doing is gross idolatry. So is it safe to kneel?"

The most Blessed Sacrament! Of course we believe. What would the Church be without it? What would we be without it? Orphans! Worse than orphans, we would be lost sheep. An empty tabernacle would be the greatest catastrophe in all history. A world without the Eucharist would be hell on earth. Just as there is no heaven without God present in it, so too there cannot be a Christian world without the Holy Eucharist. A Eucharist empty world would be nothing like the world we know. No angel would want to live in heaven without God there to adore. Neither would we want to live here without the Eucharist to adore. Always, Jesus Christ would be in our midst, for the Eucharist is Christ Himself. The Eucharist is not anything less than God, for Jesus Christ is God. The Eucharist has no equal because God has no equal. There can be no substitute for the Eucharist.

The world cannot shut out the Eucharist, which is the Blessed Sacrament. You cannot shut out God. The Holy Eucharist is the salvation of the world. There will always be adorers. They will cause the floodgates of heaven to open and send down, again and again, a rain of graces and blessings and helps upon the suffering and discouraged people.

May God always bless you!

Fr. Tom


SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

JUNE 22, 2025

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



Take this, all of you,
and eat of it



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

CH = Church
PO = Parish Office
VR = Veritas Room

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1-4/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11-17
Saturday, June 21
4:00 p.m. Jon Caswell (Elaine Caswell)

Sunday, June 22
10:00 a.m. Joseph Meyers (Sandra Meyers & family)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, June 23—Weekday
Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22/Mt 7:1-5
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. Intention of Mike & Carol Gallagher (Joan Blyth)

Tuesday, June 24—The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
No Mass or Service

Wednesday, June 25—Weekday
Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Mt 7:15-20
12:10 p.m. People of Saints Peter & Paul Parish
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (CH)

Thursday, June 26—Weekday
Gn 16:1-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1-5/Mt 7:21-29
8:00 a.m. Intention of Maribeth Fritz (90th birthday on June 29)

Friday, June 27—The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11/Lk 15:3-7
No Mass or Service

Saturday, June 28—The Immaculate Heart of Mary; St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, & Doctor of the Church
Gn 18:1-15/(Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-55/Mt 8:5-17
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
1:00 p.m. Quinceañera for Tatiana Castillo
3:00 p.m. Confessions

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Saturday, June 28
4:00 p.m. People of Saints Peter & Paul Parish

Sunday, June 29
10:00 a.m. Bill & Judy Nowak (Diana Verdun)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español

GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF JUNE 22

GENERAL CLEANING
Maria Cardenas, Teresa Nuñez, Carolina Velasco

VACUUMING:
Bruce Sibert, Joe Peckins

Sunday, June 22—Corpus Christi
8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)

Monday, June 23
6:30 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study (VR)
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus mtg. (AH)

Tuesday, June 24
6:30 p.m. Liturgy Commission (PO)

Wednesday, June 25
6-7:30 p.m. TOPS (VR)

Thursday, June 26
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, June 27

Saturday, June 28
9:00 a.m. Marriage Prep. Session (PO)
5:00 p.m. Farewell Open House for Fr. Tom Brown (AH)

Sunday, June 29—Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles
8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)




OUR PARISH OFFERING: June 14 & 15 2025		
Regular Offertory Collection	\$8,836.57	
Electronic Giving	3,415.00	
Total	\$12,251.57	
-5% Tithe	-612.58	
Net Total	\$11,638.99	
Budgeted Weekly: \$9,807.69		
Surplus for the Week: \$2,443.88		

School Support Fund: \$85.00

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.

The Solemnity of the
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
is celebrated on the Friday after Corpus Christi.
In 2025, it is celebrated on June 27th.



Prayer to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

O most holy Heart of Jesus,
fountain of every blessing,
I adore you, I love you,
and with a lively sorrow for my sins.
I offer you this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure,
and wholly obedient to your will.
Grant, good Jesus, that I may live
in you and for you.
Protect me in the midst of danger;
comfort me in my afflictions;
give me health of body, assistance
in my temporal needs,
your blessings on all that I do,
and the grace of a holy death.
Within your heart I place my every care.
In every need, let me come to you
with humble trust saying,
Heart of Jesus, help me. Amen.

June 21 & 22, The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ		June 28 & 29, Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles	
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Mary Lou Mulick Altar Servers: Volunteers EMs: Cecilia Luke, Mary Perrien, Volunteer Greeters: Volunteers	4:00 p.m.	Lector: Sue Wizorek Altar Servers: Jace Perry, Jaclyn Rewa EMs: Mary Lou Mulick, Mary Perrien, Phill Wizorek Greeters: Volunteers
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Walt Downes Altar Servers: Charlotte & Lillian Mabe EMs: Cheryl & John Hildebrandt, Laurie Tjalsma Greeters: Dave O’Mara, Deb Porter	10:00 a.m.	Lector: Paul Meyer Altar Servers: Reagan Crooks, Lillian Mabe EMs: Shannon Andrews, Theresa Scholtens, Laurie Tjalsma Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

Please pray for:		
Mike & Carol Gallagher	Randy Tripp	Michelle Richard-Mix
Phil O’Mara	Mike Peckins	Jennifer Lewis
Garry Mulick	Glen Alvord	Mary O’Connor
Mike Priest	Heather Rensi	Kym Coryell
Lisa Pringle	Cherie Flinn	Terri Nurenberg
Lesley Williams	Anita Hozeski Scott	Jessica Fritz
Connie Waterman	Karen Miller	Travis Eveleth
Dorr Bissell	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.

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Lauren Christensen Anna Johnson

**Knights' Corner**

As we head into this final full week of June, we are preparing for a change of officers, including a new Grand Knight. Tom O'Connor has served us faithfully and well for the past few years, and we are grateful for his steady leadership. On July 1, Ron Speckin will take over as Grand Knight, an office that he has held once before. We are confident that he will continue to lead our council in a positive direction. Thank you, Tom, and welcome Ron!

Open House in Honor of Our Pastor, Father Tom Brown

We will soon be saying good-bye to Fr. Tom as he retires from active ministry on June 30, 2025. He has served the Church as a priest since his ordination on June 5, 1999, and he has been Pastor of Saints Peter & Paul and Saint Edward's Parishes since July 1, 2016. (Twenty-six years of faithful service as a priest, over 1/3 of those years right here among us!) We will mark this occasion with a simple celebration in Apostles Hall on Saturday, June 28, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. The open house will begin around 5 p.m. All are welcome!

Zion Food Pantry Director

After fourteen years of service, Deb and Elwin Hall are stepping down from directing the Zion Food Pantry. 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.

The Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St. NE, offers the **True Adventure Series for children ages 6 – 12 this summer**. These technology-free weeklong experiences will help children develop life skills and enhance critical thinking and creative artistic exploration through a variety of activities. Join us for *The Wild West*, July 21 – July 25; *In the Footsteps of St. Francis*, July 28-August 1; and *Campfire Storytellers*, August 4–August 8. Sessions run Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$300. Go to www.lifeprocesscenter.org to learn more.

**Becoming Catholic:
An Invitation to Come and 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 8:30 a.m. in the parish office living room. Contact Toni McKay at the parish office for more information or to register.

"Christ's blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self. ...It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. It is precisely this blood that is the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God's plan, life will be victorious."

—Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, 1995

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Experiences Coming Up!**

Nurture your Sacrament of Marriage at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience! Upcoming experiences are being held August 1-3 and October 3-5 at Augustine Center in Petoskey; and November 21-23 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit. Apply today at www.me.org or contact Amy and Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for more information.

**Michigan Catholic Women's Conference
Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025
9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Lansing Center,
333 E Michigan Ave, Lansing**

The conference focuses on the theme, "Living the Promise" (cf. Proverbs 3:5-6). The day will feature talks from wonderful Catholic speakers and diocesan priests, praise and worship music, a time of Eucharistic Adoration. The day culminates with Mass celebrated by bishops from Michigan. The messages will center around God's unlimited faithfulness to our story and the incredible grace that comes from putting our trust in Him.

**Register today—
mcwc.ticketspice.com/2025-mcwc**

**Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage for Families
Sunday, June 29, 3:00 p.m.
Cathedral of Saint Andrew
301 Sheldon Blvd. SE, Grand Rapids**

During this Jubilee year, the Diocese of Grand Rapids is hosting several local pilgrimages. Join other families from throughout the diocese to celebrate the domestic church. ALL are welcome: children, youth, young adults, parents, and grandparents.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus teaches we will find abundance by sharing the little we have. No matter how little time, money or food we have, it is enough to share.

Faith Formation Classes for Kindergarten through High School will resume in the fall. For information about our program, please contact Vanessa Booth at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com or 616-527-3610.

Rescheduled Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Retreat—will be in late August

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*.



Registration for Vacation Bible School is now open for Pre-K through 6th Grade. Older students and adults are encouraged to sign up as helpers!



<https://vbspro.events/p/64f219>

It's Parish Festival Season!

Celebrate the sights and sounds of summer by visiting a parish festival near you. These gatherings offer a chance to worship and celebrate our local Church.

Find a parish festival this weekend by visiting: grdiocese.org/parish-festivals-guide-2025/



**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!

**Join Bishop Walkowiak
for a Holy Hour for our priests.**

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (also the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests) offers us the perfect opportunity to lift up our spiritual fathers in prayer. Join Bishop Walkowiak and the faithful of the diocese for a Holy Hour on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to pray for the sanctification of our priests.

**Thursday, June 26, 6-7 p.m.
Cathedral of St. Andrew**

**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. 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!

Eucharistic



Adoration

*Come rest awhile
in the Lord's presence.*

*Wednesdays 6-7 p.m.
in the Church*