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# SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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June 29, 2025  
Saints Peter & Paul,  
Apostles

Canonical Administrator:  
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616-527-3610, ext. 12  
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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: 10:00 a.m.; 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.

Dear parish families,

As all of you know, I will soon be retired. I want to use this bulletin column to say again a sincere Thank You! Being here with you for the last nine years has been a great blessing, and I am grateful for the time we have had.

In my 26 years as a priest (and still counting), I have been in many places, but being here has felt like home in many ways. We have shared many important moments –from Baptisms to funerals, First Communions to Anointings of the Sick, and many others. These are special memories I carry with me.

To our parish staff, school staff, K of C members, and others – Thank you for the time, energy, and care you give behind the scenes and in every ministry. Your dedication makes such a difference. I am grateful for your help and service.

Retirement will bring many changes, but my love and prayers for you will continue. You will be in my prayers and in my heart.

May God richly bless you!

*Fr. Tom Brown*

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*And, Fr. Tom, your parish families offer our prayers for you . . .*

May the Lord bless you and keep you!

May the Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you!

May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you his peace!

Numbers 6:24-26

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We will be honoring Fr. Tom with a simple celebration in Apostles Hall on Saturday, June 28, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. The open house will begin around 5:00 p.m. All are welcome!




SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

JUNE 29, 2025



Happy Solemnity of  
Saints Peter and Paul!



AH = Apostles Hall

CR = Cornerstone Room

SC = School

BC = Basement Chapel

CH = Church

PO = Parish Office

VR = Veritas Room

**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

**Monday, June 30—The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**  
*Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1-4, 8-11/Mt 8:18-22*  
11:00 a.m. Confessions  
12:10 p.m. Vernon Brown

**Tuesday, July 1—St. Junipero Serra, Priest**  
*Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-12/Mt 8:23-27*  
No Mass or Service

**Wednesday, July 2—Weekday**  
*Gn 21:5, 8-20/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34*  
12:10 p.m. Lorena Kuhtz (Tom & Carol O'Connor)  
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (CH)

**Thursday, July 3—St. Thomas, Apostle**  
*Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1-2/Jn 20:24-29*  
8:00 a.m. Intention of Fr. Tom Brown (parishioners)

**Friday, July 4—Independence Day**  
*Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1-5/Mt 9:9-13*  
7:30 a.m. People of Saints Peter & Paul Parish (bilingual Mass)

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

**Monday, June 30**  
6:30 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study (VR)

**Tuesday, July 1**  
6:00 p.m. Marriage Prep. Session (PO)  
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting (VR)

**Wednesday, July 2**  
6-7:30 p.m. TOPS (VR)

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

**Friday, July 4**—Independence Day  
Parish Office closed.  
Bilingual Mass at 7:30 a.m.

**Saturday, July 5**

**Sunday, July 6**—Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)



OUR PARISH OFFERING: June 21 & 22, 2025

Regular Offertory Collection	\$5,002.00
Electronic Giving	1,760.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,762.00</b>
-5% Tithe	-338.10
Net Total	\$6,423.90
Budgeted Weekly: \$9,807.69	
<b>Deficit for the Week: \$3,045.69</b>	

School Support Fund: \$70.00  
Cemetery: \$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.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES



Prayer for Our Nation

O God, who arrange all things according to a wonderful design, graciously receive the prayers we pour out to you for our country, that, through the wisdom of its leaders and the integrity of its citizens, harmony and justice may be assured and lasting prosperity come with peace.

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.

—The Roman Missal

June 28 & 29, Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

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: Paul Meyer  
Altar Servers: Reagan Crooks, Lillian Mabe  
EMs: Shannon Andrews, Theresa Scholtens, Laurie Tjalsma  
Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

July 5 & 6, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lector: Monica Mabe  
Altar Servers: Kaylynn/Kenna/Kinleigh Wizorek  
EMs: Vanessa Booth, Phill & Sue Wizorek  
Greeters: Mary Lou Mulick

10:00 a.m. Lector: Shannon Andrews  
Altar Servers: Alexis/Hans/Kendra Heinlein  
EMs: Kevin Heinlein, Cheryl & John Hildebrandt  
Greeters: Deb Porter, Theresa Scholtens

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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	& Amie Heinlein	ext. 23

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GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF JUNE 29

GENERAL CLEANING  
Chris & Pilya Christensen, Joe Thelen

VACUUMING:  
Chris & Pilya Christensen, Joe Thelen





### Knights' Corner

This Sunday is the feast day of our patron saints, Peter and Paul. In many ways they were an unlikely pair, a fisherman and a student of the law, who together provided essential leadership in the early decades of the Church. This is a powerful example of how God can use each and every one of us, with whatever talents and baggage we carry, and use us to do something beautiful in the world.

Our normal monthly business meeting is this Tuesday, July 1st. Join us at 7:00 p.m. for the Rosary and stay for the meeting at 7:30!

### Welcome, Fr. Eugene Batungbacal!

Fr. Eugene will become the "Canonical Administrator" of SS. Peter & Paul and St. Edward Parishes starting July 1. He will follow our regular daily Mass schedule, but will be offering an additional Mass (bilingual) on Friday, July 4th, Independence Day.

### CSA 2025 – Strengthened In Christ, Responding With Joy

Have you made your Catholic Services Appeal pledge yet? Our parish assessment for this year is \$78,253. We sent in another batch of pledges this week, bringing our total for the year to \$38,835. Pledges can also be made online at [grdiocese.org](http://grdiocese.org). With almost \$40,000 left to raise, we have a long way to go, so make your pledge today!

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.lifeprocesscenter.org) to learn more.

### Why does the Church celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul?

On June 29th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul to honor the two great apostles Peter and Paul. Saint Peter, one of the Twelve and the chief of the Apostles, the Rock upon which Christ built His Church, and Saint Paul "called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God" (Rom. 1:1) and Apostle to the Gentiles. Together they are honored as founders of the Church of Rome, having been separately martyred there during the reign of the Emperor Nero.

"Christian tradition has always considered Saint Peter and Saint Paul to be inseparable: indeed, together, they represent the whole Gospel of Christ." (Pope Benedict XVI)

### 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](http://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](http://mcwc.ticketspice.com/2025-mcwc)

### Seven Sisters Apostolate

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is looking for seven women from our parish to pray a Holy Hour daily for a specific priest or bishop. One priest, 7 women, 1 day, 1 Holy Hour. Would you like to be a part of this ministry—or find out more about it? If so, please contact Barb Mulnix at 616-915-4613.

**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](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com) or 616-527-3610.

**Join us for a True North Adventure! Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade—Come to our Vacation Bible School adventure: Trusting God in a Wild World.** Sign up now for VBS on August 4, 5 & 6, 4:00—6:00 p.m., in our parish school.



We will have Bible Adventures, Games, Snacks, Crafts, and Music. It will be fun for all ages! Adults and older youth volunteers are needed! Help us make this a wonderful experience!

### 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/](http://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!

"O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith."

### 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](mailto:preynolds@grdiocese.org) or <https://www.206tours.com/cms/grdiocese/poland/>. Don't delay, seats are limited!

### 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.



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