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June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

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 (starting June 7 & 8)
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m.; and 12 noon in Spanish

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.

“Come, Holy Spirit!”

This Sunday, we celebrate Pentecost, the powerful moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and gave birth to the Church. What began in a locked room with frightened disciples became a bold public proclamation of the Gospel to people of every nation. This is not just a moment in history – it is a moment that continues to shape our lives today.

At Pentecost, we are reminded that God keeps his promises. Jesus had told His followers that He would send the Advocate, the Spirit of truth. And He did. That same Spirit now dwells within each baptized believer – in you and in me.

St. Paul reminds us in today’s second reading that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts “for some benefit” (1 Cor 12:7). These gifts are not just for personal growth – they are for the building up of the Body of Christ. Each one of us has something to offer: a gift of wisdom, service, leadership, kindness, or patience. And these gifts are meant to be shared.

In a world that often feels divided, noisy, and anxious, Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit brings unity, peace, and courage. He helps us speak the truth with love, forgive others, and live as Christ’s witnesses.

As we conclude the Easter season with this great feast, let us open our hearts to the Spirit anew. Pray each day: “Come, Holy Spirit.” Let that prayer guide your thoughts, your choices, and your actions. Ask God to show you how to use your gifts to serve the Church and the world around you.

The Spirit is alive. The mission continues. And you are part of it.


Come, Holy Spirit!

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

JUNE 8, 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY





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

CH = Church
PO = Parish Office
VR = Veritas Room

Pentecost Sunday—New Mass Schedule begins
Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34/1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
Saturday, June 7
4:00 p.m. Vernon Brown

Sunday, June 8
10:00 a.m. Marilyn Nash (Tom & Julie Bennett)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, June 9—Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 87:1-3, 5-7/Jn 19:25-34
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. Vicki MacDermaid (Hemenway family)

Tuesday, June 10—Weekday
2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129-133, 135/Mt 5:13-16
No Mass or Service

Wednesday, June 11—St. Barnabas, Apostle
Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1-6/Mt 5:17-19
12:10 p.m. Thomas Fritz (Hemenway family)
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (CH)

Thursday, June 12—Weekday
2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 5:20-26
8:00 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

Friday, June 13—St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor
2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-18/Mt 5:27-32
No Mass or Service

Saturday, June 14—Weekday
2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Mt 5:33-37
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
1:00 p.m. Baptism of Angel Tadeo Moreno-Hernandez
3:00 p.m. Confessions

The Most Holy Trinity
Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-9/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15
Saturday, June 14
4:00 p.m. Richard Fifelski (Adam & Jody Rewa)

Sunday, June 15
10:00 a.m. Barbara Howe (Gayle Gardner)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español

GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF JUNE 8

GENERAL CLEANING
Tom & Norma White, Kip Geldhof

VACUUMING:
John & Kathy Curtin

Saturday, June 7—Vigil of Pentecost
After 4 p.m. Mass—Cake & Ice Cream (AH)

Sunday, June 8—Pentecost Sunday- Birthday of the Church
8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)
After 10 a.m. Mass—Cake & Ice Cream (AH)

Monday, June 9
6:30 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study (VR)

Tuesday, June 10
5:00 p.m. Finance Council (VR)

Wednesday, June 11
6-7:30 p.m. TOPS (VR)

Thursday, June 12
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, June 13

Saturday, June 14

Sunday, June 15—Trinity Sunday, Father’s Day
8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)



OUR PARISH OFFERING: May 31 & June 1, 2025		
Regular Offertory Collection	\$8,797.23	
Electronic Giving	4,245.00	
Total	\$13,042.23	
-5% Tithe	-652.11	
Net Total	\$12,390.12	
Budgeted Weekly: \$9,807.69		
Surplus for the Week: \$3,234.54		

School Support Fund: \$55.00
Cemetery: \$65.00

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.

We would like to share some important news with our parish communities. After 26 years of service as a priest in the diocese of Grand Rapids and nine years of faithful and devoted service as Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Parish and Saint Edward Parish, Father Tom Brown will be retiring effective June 30th.

During his time with us, Father Tom has shown tremendous care for the people of our parishes, guiding our families in faith, supporting us in times of joy and sorrow, and helping us grow as a community centered in Christ. His dedication and spiritual leadership have been a blessing to us all, and he will be deeply missed.

As he enters senior priest status, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Father Tom and offer our prayers for his continued health and peace in retirement.

The Diocese has also announced that, effective July 1st, Father Eugene Batungbacal will be appointed as Canonical Administrator of both Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Edward Parishes. We look forward to welcoming Father Eugene and walking together in faith as he begins this new role in our communities.

Please keep both Father Tom and Father Eugene in your prayers during this time of transition.

June 14 & 15, The Most Holy Trinity			Happy Birthday to the Universal Church! Pentecost Sunday. June 7 & 8		
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Pat Rinker Altar Servers: Jace Perry, Jaclyn Rewa EMs: Cecilia Luke, Garry & Mary Lou Mulick Greeters: Volunteers		Pentecost is commonly referred to as the "birthday of the Church." It marks the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, empowering them to share the message of Jesus and initiating the public ministry of the Church in building up the Kingdom of God throughout the world. Please “wear red for Pentecost” and join us for cake and ice cream in Apostles Hall after the 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. Masses to celebrate our birthday and socialize with our fellow parishioners as we embrace our new Mass times together!		
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Sam Meyer Altar Servers: Reagan Crooks, Lillian Mabe EMs: Shannon Andrews, Julie Bennett, Barb Mulnix Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen				

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.

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Knights' Corner

At our meeting this week, we approved the slate of officers for the coming year. We appreciate all those who are willing to take on an officer role! We also approved donations of \$1,000 to the parish and \$500 to the school from our Lenten Fish Dinners.

In the past few weeks, we have added three new members to our council. Welcome, Brad Chartrand, David Buck, and John Cusack!

Congratulations to our June raffle winners—Betty Montague, Adam Rewa, Jo Wirtz, and Nick Cusack.

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 our sixth batch of pledges this week, bringing our total for the year to \$36,120. Pledges can also be made online at grdiocese.org. With over \$42,000 left to raise, we have a long way to go, so make your pledge today!

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.

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 & 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.

Panther Prayer Corner

Please pray that the staff, students, and Saints Peter and Paul School family members all have a restful summer break. Please pray that over the summer their faith continues to grow as they continue to get to know Jesus.

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—

Early bird pricing ends June 15!
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Thank you to all those who came to our "A Musical Moment with Mary" concert on Saturday. We had many prayerful, musical moments and a lovely ice cream social afterwards. We appreciate your support of our ministry. —The SSPP Music Ministry

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

Today's gospel tells us God actually wants to take up residence in your family, "We will come and make our home with you." Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today the promise is given. The choice is ours.

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!



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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!

Our New Sunday Mass Schedule as of Pentecost Sunday, June 7 & 8

SS. Peter and Paul

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday at 12:00 Noon (in Spanish)

St. Edward

Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Sequence for Pentecost

*Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!*

*Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine.*

*You, of comforters the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;*

*In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.*

*O most blessed Light divine,
May that light within us shine
And our inmost being fill!*

*Where you are not, we have naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint and ill.*

*Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:*

*Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.*

*On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore
In your sevenfold gift descend;*

*Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end.*

Amen. Alleluia.



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

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