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Letter to Parishioners of St. Edward & SS. Peter & Paul

Dear friends, I greet you with the heartfelt words of Saint Peter: "May grace and peace be with you abundantly." I am truly blessed to share this journey with you as beloved children of God, united in our faith, family, and community.

As your shepherd, it is my sincerest prayer that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd, guides and supports me as I walk alongside each of you, leading us toward His loving mercy and warm embrace. I have made a promise as a priest to invite you to the altar of abundance, where God's body and blood are offered to nourish our souls and lead us to salvation. And to give a testimony of His mercy and of His love that endures forever.

With a spirit of humility and dedication, reflecting the virtues of Saint Edward, I come before you ready to give myself fully to God and to each of you whom I am called to serve. Together, may we find strength in our prayers and comfort in our shared faith.

Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us.
 Saint Edward, pray for us.

Queridos amigos, los saludo con las sinceras palabras de San Pedro: "Que la gracia y la paz estén con ustedes en abundancia". Estoy verdaderamente bendecido de compartir este viaje con ustedes como queridos hijos de Dios, unidos en nuestra fe y familia, y comunidad.

Como su pastor, es mi oración más sincera que nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el Gran Pastor, me guíe y me apoye mientras camino junto a cada uno de ustedes, llevándonos hacia Su amorosa misericordia y querido abrazo. He hecho una promesa como sacerdote de invitarte al altar de la abundancia, donde el cuerpo y la sangre de Dios se ofrecen para nutrir nuestras almas y llevarnos a la salvación. Y para dar testimonio de Su misericordia y de cómo Su amor perdura para siempre.

Con un espíritu de humildad y dedicación, reflejando las virtudes de San Eduardo, vengo ante ustedes listo para entregarme plenamente a Dios y a cada uno de ustedes a quienes estoy llamado a servir. Juntos, que encontremos fuerza en nuestras oraciones y consuelo en nuestra fe compartida.

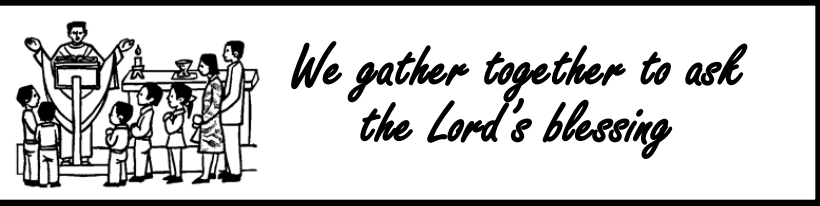
Santos Pedro y Pablo, oren por nosotros.
 San Eduardo, reza por nosotros.

Fr. Eugene T. Batungbacal

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

JULY 6, 2025

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Week Ahead...

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

CH = Church
PO = Parish Office
VR = Veritas Room

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 66:10-14/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
Saturday, July 5
4:00 p.m. Margaret O'Malley (Townshend family)

Sunday, July 6
10:00 a.m. Suzanne Rosenberg (Bill Rosenberg)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, July 7—Weekday
Gn 28:10-22/Ps 91:1-4, 14-15/Mt 9:18-26
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. Living & deceased of Freund & Stoj families

Tuesday, July 8—Weekday
Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1-3, 6-8, 15/Mt 9:32-38
No Mass or Service

Wednesday, July 9—St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
12:10 p.m. Lorena Kuhtz (Tom & Carol O'Connor)
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (CH)

Thursday, July 10—Weekday
Gn 44:18-21, 23-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 10:7-15
8:00 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

Friday, July 11—St. Benedict, Abbot
Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23
No Mass or Service

Saturday, July 12—Weekday
Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26/Ps 105:1-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
3:00 p.m. Confessions

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
Saturday, July 12
4:00 p.m. Gary & Marlene Chartrand (Brad & Mary Chartrand)

Sunday, July 13
10:00 a.m. John & Mary O'Connor (Tom & Carol O'Connor)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF JULY 6

GENERAL CLEANING
Pat Duffy, Marisha Hileman,
Gwen O'Mara, Janis Neustifter

VACUUMING:
Shannon Andrews, Debra Sochor

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

Monday, July 7
6:30 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study (VR)
7:30 p.m. Marriage Prep. Session (PO)

Tuesday, July 8
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting (VR)

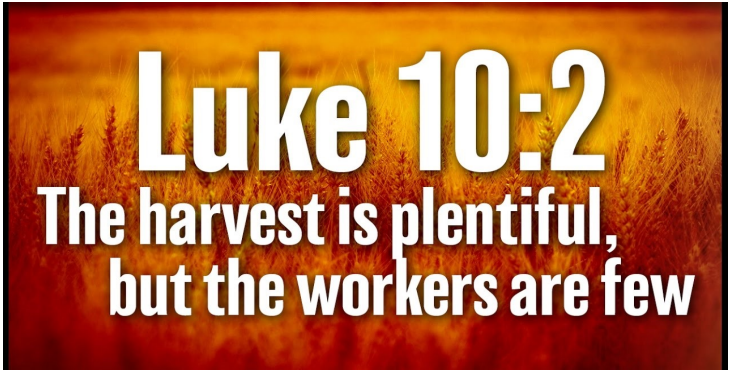
Wednesday, July 9
6-7:30 p.m. TOPS (VR)

Thursday, July 10
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, July 11

Saturday, July 12
4 p.m. Mass Mission Appeal by Crosier Fathers

Sunday, July 13—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)
10:00 Mass Mission Appeal by Crosier Fathers



OUR PARISH OFFERING: June 28 & 29, 2025	
Regular Offertory Collection	\$7,547.32
Electronic Giving	4,245.00
Total	\$11,792.32
-5% Tithe	-589.62
Net Total	\$11,202.70
Budgeted Weekly: \$10,096.15	
Surplus for the Week: \$1,696.17	
Budgeted YTD: \$10,096.15	
Surplus YTD: \$1,696.17	

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 following is based on an article by Fr. James Martin, SJ, entitled "Cultivating Gratitude Through Prayer".

St. Ignatius of Loyola promoted a way of prayer called the Examen. The Examen is a review of the day, which many people do before going to bed at night.

Begin by remembering that you are in the presence of God. Next, call to mind anything that you're grateful for in the past 24 hours. This can be something big, such as a promotion at work, a healed relationship, a good medical diagnosis, or a

special experience during Mass. Or, it can be something more ordinary, such as a joke someone told you, a visit with a friend, or a delicious meal. You recall these things, savor them, and thank God for them.

The rest of the Examen is reviewing your day from start to finish, noticing where God was active. Then you express sorrow for where you might have sinned, and ask for the grace to notice God the next day.

The gratitude portion of the Examen may be the most important part, because many of us tend to skip over the good parts of our day, focusing instead on the problem areas. But in time, you'll grow more grateful because every day you'll be invited to notice where God has blessed you.

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

July 12 & 13, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lector: Mary Lou Mulick
Altar Servers: Reagan Crooks, Jaclyn Rewa
EMs: Julie Bennett, Cecilia Luke,
Mary Lou Mulick
Greeters: Volunteers

10:00 a.m. Lector: Kevin Kenney
Altar Servers: Alexis/Hans/Kendra Heinlein
EMs: Shannon Andrews, Veronica Meyer,
Laurie Tjalsma
Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

Please pray for:

Theresa Hess	Randy Tripp	Michelle Richard-Mix
Mike & Carol Gallagher	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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Andrew Bucholtz	Kevin Heinlein	Allen Wizorek
Lauren Christensen	Anna Johnson	



Knights' Corner

Our normally scheduled meeting last Tuesday was postponed due to the vigil service for Brother Knight Phil O'Mara. May he rest in peace. We will be meeting this Tuesday, July 8th, at 7:00 in the Veritas Room for the rosary, with the business meeting following at 7:30.

Congratulations to our July Raffle winners—Spencer Stewart, Steve Dick, Rebecca Heneghan, and John Curtin.

Behind the Scenes

There are many people in the parish who quietly and cheerfully volunteer to take care of jobs that would otherwise be left undone. In recent weeks, several such people were spotted doing this very thing, and I hope they don't mind a mention in the bulletin! Leona Astle and some family members showed up on a terribly hot afternoon to plant flowers in the planters by the parish office door, bringing a very welcome touch of beauty to our entrance. Rich Geldhof and his grandson came by on another warm morning and carefully washed the church sign, making it much brighter and more appealing. Finally, on yet another hot and muggy afternoon, Dave O'Mara trimmed the bushes and trees around the church to shape them up. Thank you, all of you, for your service! This is not a complete list by any means and I could have mentioned Zenon Cardenas weeding the flower beds, or Veronica Meyer bringing beautiful plants to decorate our church, or all those who clean and vacuum our church week in and week out, but you get the idea!



A big thank you to all the people who participated in Fr. Tom Brown's retirement celebration. A special thank you to the individuals who donated baked goods, sandwiches, and all the extra food that made our meal a success.

Happy Retirement! Bless you, Fr. Tom Brown!

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.

"O God our Creator, through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society."
—USCCB, *Prayer for Religious Liberty*

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.

Pregnancy Services of Ionia County (PSIC) 330 Lovell St., Ionia. 616-755-6077

We are looking for 2 more members to join our Board of Directors and additional Client Advocates. If interested, email katie@psic-ionia.org to apply.

We will be part of the Ionia Free Fair Parade on July 12 at 11 a.m. If you would like to donate water bottles and candy, please drop them off at the PSIC Center by July 10 at 2 p.m. We will also be participating in Kids' Day on July 15, doing face painting.

Items needed at the PSIC Center boutique

- Wipes (we are in desperate need)
- Adult and baby shampoo and body wash
- Pull-ups
- Diaper Cream
- Diapers 6s and 7s
- Baby food pouches

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 wwwme.org or contact Amy and Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for more information.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Just like the seventy two disciples sent out by Jesus in today's gospel, families are expected to be MIS- SIONARIES. By our lives, words, and life style, we proclaim peace, commitment, fidelity, and respect to a culture caught up with violence and gratification.

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.

Join us for a True North Adventure! Pre-K through 5th 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: gdiocese.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!

**Engaged Couples Retreat
Friday, July 18 at 6:30 p.m.
to Saturday, July 19, at 9:00p.m.
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI**

Prepare your hearts for the Sacrament of Matrimony! Join us for a special overnight **Engaged Couples Retreat** designed to help you grow in faith and love as you journey toward marriage.

What's included:

- Theological and practical talks by Fr. Bob Irish, Fr. Gary Koenigsnecht, and Mike & Lisa Kutas
- Vigil Mass and Special Blessing of Couples
- Ballroom dance lessons with Louis Soma of Our Dance Studio
- Private overnight accommodations

Bonus opportunity: Join our half-day kerygma retreat, "The Urgency of the Message", at no additional cost, starting at noon on July 18. \$250/couple – includes meals, materials, & lodging. Register at www.stfrancis.ws/engaged

Men's Discernment Retreat for men ages 16-25

**August 12, 4:00 p.m. to August 14, 11:00 a.m.
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI**

This retreat is a chance for men to learn more about the discernment process and meet men who are already in formation, ask questions about the life and ministry of a priest, and provides an opportunity to experience the camaraderie of other discerners.

Fr. Mike Cassar, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Lansing, and Fr. Ryan Riley, Pastor of St. Martha in Okemos, will provide direction on the discernment process, give their reflections on the priesthood, and answer questions. Small group discussions will be led by priests of the Diocese of Lansing. Daily Mass and the opportunity for Confession and Adoration will be offered.

Rooms are private with a shared bathroom. The weekend includes Tuesday dinner through Thursday breakfast. Suggested donation is \$200. Scholarships are available through the Diocese of Lansing Vocations Office.

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.