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July 20, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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Fr. Eugene Batungbacal, C.Ss.R.
616-527-3610, ext. 12
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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
Wednesday: Mass at 12:10 p.m.
Thursday: Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation Schedule
Saturday 3:00-3:45 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.

Change may be inevitable,
but love endures forever!

Scripture: Psalm 136

I've often heard that change always happens. It is inevitable. Either we go with change and be content, or fight change and end up disappointed. Sounds like one loses either way. We cannot simply embrace change, especially when we know it leads to falsehood, pain, or against the will of God. How, then, are we to understand the change happening to us and around us?

In the Book of Psalms, particularly in Psalm 136, we find a beautiful hymn of thanksgiving that reminds us, "God's love endures forever." In times of change, whether they are physical, spiritual, emotional, or beyond your control, it's important to remember that God's love for you remains constant. This unwavering love can guide you toward hope and peace, even in the most challenging moments. As you open your heart to embrace God's enduring love in your life, you'll discover a deep sense of trust in Him at every step of your journey. Know that you are not alone; His love is there to support and uplift you through every twist and turn. In times of uncertainty, do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in Him!

El cambio puede ser inevitable,
pero el amor dura para siempre!

Escritura: Salmo 136

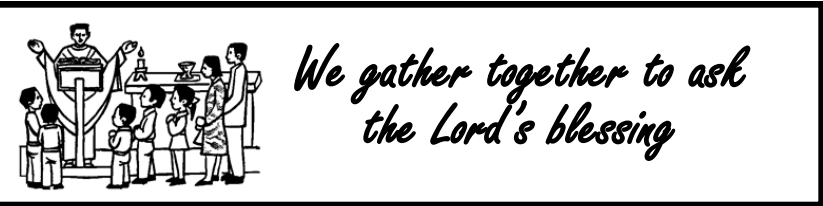
A menudo he escuchado que el cambio siempre ocurre. Es inevitable. O vamos con el cambio y estamos contentos o luchamos contra el cambio y terminamos decepcionados. Parece que uno pierde de cualquier manera. No podemos simplemente abrazar el cambio, especialmente cuando sabemos que conduce a la falsedad, al dolor o en contra de la voluntad de Dios. Entonces, ¿cómo vamos a entender el cambio que nos está sucediendo a nosotros y a su alrededor?

En el Libro de los Salmos, particularmente en el Salmo 136, encontramos un hermoso himno de acción de gracias que nos recuerda: "El amor de Dios perdura para siempre". En tiempos de cambio, ya sean físicos, espirituales, emocionales o fuera de tu control, es importante recordar que el amor de Dios por ti permanece constante. Este amor inquebrantable puede guiarte hacia la esperanza y la paz, incluso en los momentos más difíciles. A medida que abres tu corazón para abrazar el amor duradero de Dios en tu vida, descubrirás un profundo sentido de confianza en Él en cada paso de tu viaje. Sepa que no está solo; Su amor está ahí para apoyarlo y elevarlo a través de cada giro y vuelta. En tiempos de incertidumbre, no dejen que sus corazones se atraen. ¡Confía en Él!

Father Eugene Batungbacal

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

JULY 20, 2025



AH = Apostles Hall

CR = Cornerstone Room

SC = School

BC = Basement Chapel

CH = Church

PO = Parish Office

VR = Veritas Room

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gn 18:1-10/Ps 15:2-5/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Saturday, July 19
4:00 p.m. Sue Swinehart (Gary Swinehart)
(sale of olive wood items in church after Mass)

Sunday, July 20
10:00 a.m. Suzanne Sprung (Chris & Whitney Crooks)
(sale of olive wood items in church after Mass)

12:00 p.m. Misa en español (People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish)

Monday, July 21—St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor
Ex 14:5-18/(Ps) Ex 15:1-6/Mt 12:38-42
No Mass or Service

Tuesday, July 22—St. Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1-4/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
No Mass or Service

Wednesday, July 23—St. Bridget, Religious
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9
12:10 p.m. Living & deceased of Freund & Stoj families
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (CH)

Thursday, July 24—St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20/(Ps) Dn 3:52-56/Mt 13:10-17
8:00 a.m. Margaret O'Malley (Townshend family)

Friday, July 25—St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-6/Mt 20:20-28
No Mass or Service

Saturday, July 26—Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of Mary
Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
3:00 p.m. Confessions

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Saturday, July 26
4:00 p.m. Phil O'Mara (Joe, Criss, & Emma Hickey)

Sunday, July 27
10:00 a.m. Mike Nelson (Tom & Julie Bennett)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español (People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish)

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF JULY 20

GENERAL CLEANING
Ann Buck, Kip Geldhof,
Paula Geldhof, Colleen Pierce

VACUUMING:
John & Kathy Curtin

Sunday, July 20—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)
After 10:00 Mass Sale of Olive Wood Items (CH)
After 10:00 Mass Welcome for Fr. Eugene (AH)

Monday, July 21
6-7 p.m. VBS Adult Volunteer Meeting (AH)
6:30 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study (VR)

Tuesday, July 22
6:30 p.m. Liturgy Commission Meeting (PO)

Wednesday, July 23
6-7:30 p.m. TOPS (VR)

Thursday, July 24
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, July 25

Saturday, July 26
9-10 a.m. Marriage Prep. Session (PO)

Sunday, July 27—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)



OUR PARISH OFFERING: July 12 & 13, 2025

Regular Offertory Collection	\$5,779.32
Electronic Giving	3,420.00
Other Offertory	\$5,141.00
Total	\$14,340.32
-5% Tithe	-717.02
Net Total	\$13,623.30

Budgeted Weekly: \$10,096.15
Surplus for the Week: \$4,244.17

Budgeted YTD: \$30,288.45
Surplus YTD: \$5,653.92

School Support: \$335.00
Crosier Mission: \$2,535.00

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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Church celebrates the memory of Saints Anne and Joachim on July 26th. They were the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the grandparents of Jesus.

La Iglesia celebra la memoria de los Santos Joaquín y Ana el 26 de julio. Ellos fueron los padres de la Santísima Virgen María y los abuelos de Jesús.

God of our fathers,
you gave Saints Anne and Joachim
the privilege of being the parents of Mary,
the mother of your incarnate Son.
May their prayers help us to attain
the salvation you have promised to your people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Dios de nuestros padres,
tú diste a los Santos Ana y Joaquín
el privilegio de ser los padres de María,
la madre de tu Hijo encarnado.
Que sus oraciones nos ayuden a alcanzar
la salvación que has prometido a tu pueblo.
Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor.
Amén.

July 19 & 20, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lector: Pat Rinker
Altar Servers: Charlotte & Lillian Mabe
EMs: Vanessa Booth, Monica Mabe,
Mary Perrien
Greeters: Mary Lou Mulick

10:00 a.m. Lector: Jamie Meyer
Altar Servers: Shyla & Stephen Johnson
EMs: Kevin Heinlein, Theresa Scholtens,
Laurie Tjalsma
Greeters: Judy Hamblin, Dave O'Mara

July 26 & 27, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lector: Phill Wizorek
Altar Servers: Micah Mulford, Jaclyn Rewa
EMs: Julie Bennett, Mary Lou Mulick,
Mary Perrien
Greeters: Volunteers

10:00 a.m. Lector: Nancy Wilson
Altar Servers: Shyla Johnson, Jace Perry
EMs: Shannon Andrews,
Cheryl & John Hildebrandt
Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

Please pray for:

Theresa Hess	Mike Peckins	Jennifer Lewis
Mike & Carol Gallagher	Glen Alvord	Mary O'Connor
Garry Mulick	Heather Rensi	Kym Coryell
Mike Priest	Cherie Flinn	Terri Nurenberg
Lisa Pringle	Anita Hozeski Scott	Jessica Fritz
Lesley Williams	Karen Miller	Travis Eveleth
Connie Waterman	Pat McKinstry	Charles Timm
Dorr Bissell	Russinda Rohde	Larry Lafler
Jim Zook	Landon Battle	Arlene Stanton
Martha Brooks	Marsha Packer	Pat MacLachlan
Denise Ward	Jack & Sue LaPeer	Jim & Barb Mulnix
Shirley Weber	Tamera Pierce	Ken and Sherry North
Judy Dick	Angie Cedillo	Nathan Lower
Cindy Hardy	Jo Wirtz	Finnly Hunt
Diana Kujala	Witney Fockler	Jerry & Maribeth Fritz
Mark Dawson	Becky Wagner	Tom White
Tony Burns	Amanda Eveleth	Pamela Coggan
Lois Walker	Martha Misak	Joe Drysdale
Ed Blyth	Jennifer Durden	Nichole Munsell
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.

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	& Amie Heinlein	ext. 23

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**Knights' Corner**

This Tuesday, July 22, is the Memorial of St. Mary Magdalene, one of Jesus' closest friends and his faithful disciple. There are many unfortunate myths surrounding Mary, such as that she was a prostitute or that she secretly married Jesus. From the scriptures we know that she was healed by Jesus, that she stood by him at his crucifixion, and that she came on the morning of the Resurrection to anoint his body only to find him Risen. Let us try to be more like this wonderful woman, so full of faith, courage, and love. St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us!

Coffee & Rolls Reception for Fr. Eugene

Sunday, July 20, after the 10 a.m. Mass
11 to 11:45 a.m. in Apostles Hall
Come & introduce yourself!

Recepción de Café y Panecillos para el P. Eugene

Domingo, 20 de julio, de 11 a 11:45 a.m.
en el Salón de los Apóstoles
Ven y preséntate!

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

**Parking at the Ionia Free Fair
(July 10-19, 2025)**

When you come to the Ionia Free Fair this year, please consider parking in the lot run by Saints Peter & Paul. A generous parishioner is again letting us use the empty lot she owns next to Burger King. It is near the fairgrounds, could save you a few dollars, and will generate money to support Catholic education here in Ionia.

Estacionamiento en la Feria Libre de Ionia (10-19 de julio de 2025) Cuando vengas a la Feria Libre de Ionia este año, por favor considera estacionarte en el lote gestionado por Santos Pedro y Pablo. Un generoso feligrés nos está permitiendo nuevamente usar el lote vacío que posee junto a Burger King. Está cerca del recinto ferial, podría ahorrarte algunos dólares y generará dinero para apoyar la educación católica aquí en Ionia.

**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. 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.

Are You Struggling in Your Marriage?

Are you feeling lost, alone, or disconnected from your spouse? Do frustration, anger, or constant arguments seem to overshadow your relationship? Maybe you've stopped communicating altogether, or talking seems like it only makes things worse.

There is hope. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) offers a lifeline for marriages in distress. This program provides practical tools to help couples heal, rediscover love, and rebuild a stronger, more fulfilling relationship. Join us for the next Retrouvaille weekend: September 12-14.

To learn more, register, or sponsor a couple, call 616-980-6029, or email retrograndrapids@gmail.com

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

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/

¡Es temporada de festivales parroquiales!

Celebra las vistas y sonidos del verano visitando un festival parroquial cerca de ti. Estas reuniones ofrecen una oportunidad para adorar y celebrar nuestra Iglesia local. Encuentra un festival parroquial este fin de semana visitando: grdiocese.org/parish-festivals-guide-2025/

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Cell phones, emails, faxes, texts and voice mails can reduce our lives to a continual series of interrupted moments. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "You are anxious about many things," robbing us of the precious time needed to BE with others.

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.

Attention Confirmation students & sponsors:

Our Confirmation Retreat for candidates & sponsors will be on Saturday, August 16, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., in the Veritas Room of our school.

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!

Attention all Adult VBS Volunteers:

Important meeting on Monday, July 21, from 6-7 p.m. in Apostles Hall

Our Parish Garage Sale is here!

Friday & Saturday, July 18 & 19,
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

at the Saints Peter & Paul Parish Garage

Thank you to all who donated items for our sale, and to the wonderful volunteers who sorted and organized the sale items!

Come shop with us!**¡Nuestra venta de garaje de la parroquia está aquí!**

Viernes y sábado, 18 y 19 de julio,
de 8:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m.
en el garaje de la Parroquia
de San Pedro y San Pablo

¡Gracias a todos los que donaron artículos para nuestra venta, y a los maravillosos voluntarios que clasificaron y organizaron los artículos de venta!

¡Ven a comprar con nosotros!

Las clases de formación en la fe para jardín de infantes hasta secundaria se reanudarán en el otoño. Para obtener información sobre nuestro programa, comuníquese con Vanessa Booth a vbooth@ssppcatholic.com o al 616-527-3610.

Atención estudiantes y padrinos de Confirmación:

Nuestro Retiro de Confirmación para candidatos y padrinos será el sábado 16 de agosto, de 11 a.m. a 3:30 p.m., en la Sala Veritas de nuestra escuela.

¡Únete a nosotros en una Aventura de Verdadero Norte! Desde Pre-K hasta 5to grado: Ven a nuestra aventura de Escuela Bíblica Vacacional: Confiando en Dios en un Mundo Salvaje. Regístrate ahora para VBS el 4, 5 y 6 de agosto, de 4:00 a 6:00 p.m., en nuestra escuela parroquial.

Tendremos Aventuras Bíblicas, Juegos, Bocadillos, Manualidades y Música. ¡Será divertido para todas las edades! ¡Se necesitan voluntarios adultos y jóvenes mayores! ¡Ayúdanos a hacer de esta una experiencia maravillosa!

Hope and healing after abortion

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortion emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. **Our next retreat will be September 19-21.** For more information, contact Sally Cranston at 616-340-1824, which is a confidential line, or email projectrachel@ccwestmi.org. You can sign up for the retreat at ccwestmi.org/project-rachel/.

A representative of **Bethlehem Christian Families**, Wafa Al Sahouri, will be with us this weekend, July 19 & 20, after the Masses at SS. Peter & Paul and St. Edward. She will be selling olive wood religious items made by craftsmen in Bethlehem. All proceeds from sales will be sent back to families in the Holy Land to help them provide for their families. The last few years have been very tough for them, and this is their only source of income. You can get an idea of the items that will be available for sale by going to <https://theshepherdandthelostsheep.net>



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