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August 10, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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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: 10:00 a.m.; 12 noon in Spanish

Weekday Mass Schedule
 Wednesday: 12:10 p.m.; 7 p.m. in Spanish
 Thursday: 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation Schedule
 Wednesday 11 a.m.-12 noon
 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.

Finding Meaning in Life

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—oracle of the LORD—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope (NABRE)

Viktor Frankl was a compassionate psychologist whose profound insights emerged from his harrowing experiences as a prisoner in a concentration camp during World War II. After enduring such unimaginable suffering, he authored "Man's Search for Meaning," where he emphasized the essential human drive to find meaning in our lives. He believed that when we discover that meaning, we can triumph over even the most difficult challenges.

Living with a sense of purpose can be a powerful motivation that helps us navigate life's journey. However, it's important that our purpose extends beyond mere self-satisfaction. True fulfillment arises when our intentions are rooted in the desire to love God and to extend kindness, goodness, and love to one another.

In moments of reflection, let us turn to God for guidance. May we seek His wisdom in our thoughts and actions, allowing us to discern and embrace the purpose He has for us—a purpose-driven life that uplifts ourselves and those around us. Thus, giving praise and glory to God.

Sobre Encontrar El Propósito En La Vida

Jeremias 29:11 Porque Yo sé los planes que tengo para ustedes", declara el SEÑOR, "planes de bienestar y no de calamidad, para darles un futuro y una esperanza (Nueva Biblia de las Americas)

Viktor Frankl fue un psicólogo compasivo cuyas profundas ideas surgieron de sus terribles experiencias como prisionero en un campo de concentración durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial. Después de soportar un sufrimiento inimaginable, escribió *El hombre en busca de sentido*, en el que enfatizó el impulso humano esencial de encontrar sentido a nuestras vidas. Creía que cuando descubrimos ese sentido, podemos triunfar incluso sobre los retos más difíciles.

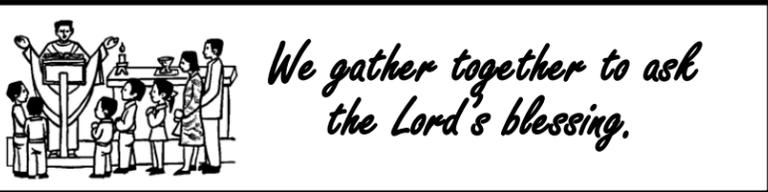
Vivir con un propósito puede ser una poderosa motivación que nos ayuda a navegar por el viaje de la vida. Sin embargo, es importante que nuestro propósito vaya más allá de la mera satisfacción personal. La verdadera plenitud llega cuando nuestras intenciones se basan en el deseo de amar a Dios y de extender la bondad, la generosidad y el amor a los demás.

En los momentos de reflexión, acudamos a Dios en busca de orientación. Busquemos Su sabiduría en nuestros pensamientos y acciones, lo que nos permitirá discernir y abrazar el propósito que Él tiene para nosotros: una vida significativa que nos eleve a nosotros mismos y a quienes nos rodean. De esta manera, alabaremos y glorificaremos a Dios.

Father Eugene Batungbacal

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

AUGUST 10, 2025



The Week Ahead...

AH = Apostles Hall	CH = Church
CR = Cornerstone Room	PO = Parish Office
SC = School	VR = Veritas Room
BC = Basement Chapel	

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 12:32-48

Saturday, August 9
 4:00 p.m. Robert O'Connor (Barbara Burrows)

Sunday, August 10
 10:00 a.m. Leon Kultz (Tom & Carol O'Connor)
 12:00 p.m. Misa en español (People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish)

Monday, August 11—St. Clare, Virgin
 Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
 No Mass

Tuesday, August 12—St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
 Dt 31:1-8/(Ps) Dt 32:3-4, 7-9, 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 No Mass

Wednesday, August 13—Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
 Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3, 5, 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
 11:00 a.m. Confessions
 12:10 p.m. Intention of Jessica Fritz (Gerald & Maribeth Fritz)
 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (CH)
 7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, August 14—St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
 Jos 3:7-11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
 8:00 a.m. Intention of President Trump (Gayle Gardner)

Friday, August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation
 Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
 12:10 p.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish
 7:00 p.m. Rosario & Misa en español

Saturday, August 16—St. Stephen of Hungary
 Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
 8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
 1:00 p.m. Quinceañera for Alma Pacheco
 3:00 p.m. Confessions

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Saturday, August 16
 4:00 p.m. Ken Hozeski (Gloria Hozeski)

Sunday, August 17
 10:00 a.m. Margaret O'Malley (Townshend family)
 12:00 p.m. Misa en español (People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish)

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF AUGUST 10

GENERAL CLEANING
 Chris & Pilya Christensen, Joe Thelen

VACUUMING:
 Chris & Pilya Christensen, Joe Thelen

Sunday, August 10—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)

Monday, August 11
 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study (VR)

Tuesday, August 12
 11 a.m.-9 p.m. CROP Walk Fundraiser (El Mariachi)
 5:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting (VR)
 7-9 p.m. Ladies' Social Group (VR)

Wednesday, August 13
 5-7 p.m. Back-to-School Open House (SC)
 6-7:30 p.m. TOPS (VR)

Thursday, August 14
 3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

Saturday, August 16
 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Garage Sale Clearance
 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Retreat (VR)

Sunday, August 17—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)

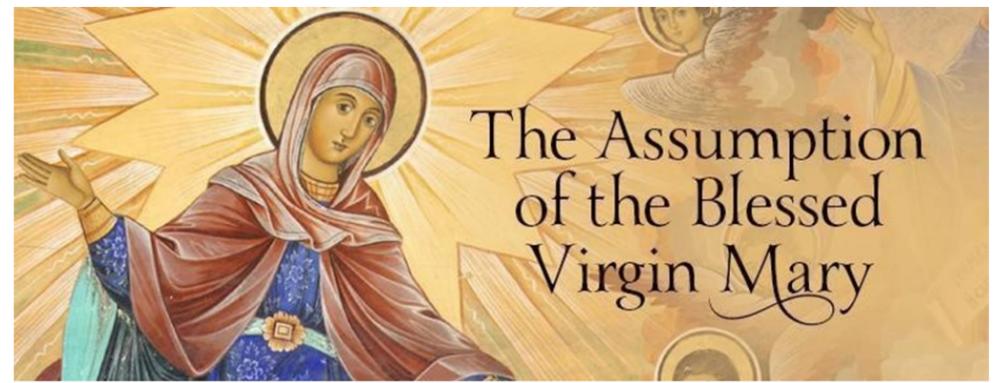


OUR PARISH OFFERING: August 2 & 3, 2025

Regular Offertory Collection	\$8,167.52
Electronic Giving	1,765.00
Total	\$9,932.52
-5% Tithe	-496.63
Net Total	\$9,435.89
Budgeted Weekly: \$10,096.15	
Deficit for the Week: \$163.63	
Budgeted YTD: \$60,576.90	
Surplus YTD: \$8,590.06	
School Support: \$40.00	

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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

<u>August 9 & 10, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>		<u>August 16 & 17, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
4:00 p.m.	Lector: Cecilia Luke Altar Servers: Charlotte & Lillian Mabe EMs: Monica Mabe, Mary Lou Mulick, Mary Perrien Greeters: Julie Bennett	4:00 p.m.	Lector: Mary Lou Mulick Altar Servers: Kaylynn/Kenna/Kinleigh Wizorek EMs: Julie Bennett, Phill & Sue Wizorek Greeters: Volunteers
10:00 a.m.	Lector: Veronica Meyer Altar Servers: Alexis/Hans/Kendra Heinlein EMs: Shannon Andrews, Kevin Heinlein, Laurie Tjalsma Greeters: Deb Porter, Theresa Scholtens	10:00 a.m.	Lector: Pete Fox Altar Servers: Shyla & Stephen Johnson EMs: Shannon Andrews, Kevin Heinlein, Laurie Tjalsma Greeters: Dave O'Mara, Deb Porter

Please pray for:

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

This month we celebrate a number of milestones in the life of our founder, Blessed Father Michael McGivney. His birthday was August 12th, his feast day is August 13th, and his date of death was August 14th. This parish has been blessed with the spirit and embodiment of his dream throughout the years, with dedicated Catholic gentlemen who have made it possible and the parish family that has been there to support and encourage our efforts. We Knights thank you!

Congratulations to our August raffle winners: Mike Smith, Nick Cusack, Ken McKee, and Jean Barker. Vivat Jesus!

Ron Speckin, Grand Knight

**Saints Peter & Paul
Back to School Open House
Wednesday, August 13th
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Feel free to bring your supplies
to drop off in the classroom!
School starts on August 20th**

**Ionia Area CROP Hunger Walk Fundraiser
at El Mariachi's, Ionia**

Come and have lunch or supper at El Mariachi's on Tuesday, August 12, between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. 10% of food and beverage revenue will be donated to the Ionia Area CROP Walk. We are so grateful to Moises and Tony Velasco and the people of El Mariachi's for their generosity and willingness to host this event.

Bring your appetite, your family, your friends - and spread the word. Let's fill the restaurant for lunch and dinner and raise funds and awareness as we answer the call to feed the hungry in the local and global community.

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States. 25% of the funds raised by CROP Walk are given to local food agencies. Zion Food Pantry, Commission on Aging, IM Kids 3rd Meal, and Saranac Area Food Bank all benefit from the Ionia Area CROP Walk.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel a servant WAITED for the master to return. Waiting is a normal part of family life. We wait for a child's birth, then for small legs to catch up. Later we wait for teenagers to return home safely. Finally we wait alone anticipating a call or visit from an adult child. Waiting is sacred time, for even in the waiting we are connected.

I Want to know more . . . Living My Catholic Life

Do you wonder sometimes how to be a better Catholic or even just a good Catholic?

When you gaze upon Jesus crucified and contemplate His suffering and death, do you sometimes feel unworthy, inadequate, or unsure about how to live your life well and faithfully? You know you want to live each day for God, but how do you do it?

Living well one day at a time is how to become a better Catholic. God calls you to Him every day. How you respond to Him is up to you, and our Catholic faith teaches us a lot about that!

If you have been pondering learning more about the Catholic faith, our parish offers some opportunities:

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (for those entering the Catholic Church or completing initiation into the Catholic Church)

Monday Night Bible Study (see article in this bulletin for information on the new study beginning Monday, August 11).

NEW! Daytime faith sharing/Scripture study sessions, beginning Wednesdays after Labor Day. We've heard there is interest in having a daytime opportunity for faith sharing/Scripture study. We are seeking out those who are interested in participating. From there, we will set a date to discuss the format, content, and resources for our sessions. We are excited to hear from YOU and to begin this new adventure!

Contact Toni McKay at the parish office, or email tmckay@ssppcatholic.com.

**Ladies' Social Group Event: Flower Power
Tuesday, August 12,
7-9 p.m. Veritas Room**

The Ladies of Saints Peter & Paul Parish are invited to enjoy flower arranging, light snacks, and conversation. Please bring a vase to fill, cut flowers from your garden to share, a snack to share, and your own beverage. No flowers in your garden? Come anyway! There will be plenty to share—**Flower Power!**

Mark your calendar for upcoming 2025 dates:

- September 10th** – BINGO – white elephant
- October 8th**—Pumpkin Craft – (4-6 p.m.)
save old t-shirts, any color
- November 12th** – Euchre Card Party
– cost: \$5.00 to play
- December 1st** – Advent by Candlelight

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, 9th Grade Confirmation students who will be confirmed in fall 2025—and their sponsors: Our Confirmation Retreat will be on Saturday, August 16, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., in the Veritas Room of our school.

Please note that this retreat is not for students entering the 8th grade, who will begin their Confirmation preparation this fall and will be confirmed in fall 2026.

**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.



**Monday Night Scripture Study
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*Come rest awhile
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Wednesdays 6-7 p.m.
in the Church*

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.

Silent Auction Items

Parishioner Dann Werner has put his woodworking skills to good use and has made over 20 small crosses from the old wooden kneelers in the church. They are displayed on the tables in the back of the church, and will be available as silent auction items for the next two weekends. All proceeds will go to the Friends of Jesus Fund, which helps provide emergency assistance to those in need in our community. Make your bids now. The auction will close after the 12:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, August 17!

Artículos de subasta silenciosa

El feligrés Dann Werner ha puesto en práctica sus habilidades en carpintería y ha hecho más de 20 pequeñas cruces con los antiguos reclinatorios de madera en la iglesia. Están exhibidas en las mesas en la parte trasera de la iglesia y estarán disponibles como artículos de subasta silenciosa durante los próximos dos fines de semana. Todos los ingresos se destinarán al Fondo Amigos de Jesús, que ayuda a proporcionar asistencia de emergencia a quienes lo necesitan en nuestra comunidad. Haga sus ofertas ahora. La subasta cerrará después de la misa de las 12:00 p.m. del domingo 17 de agosto!



SSPP Garage Sale Clearance

One day only –
Saturday, August 16
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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