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# SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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August 10, 2025  
Nineteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

#### Canonical Administrator:

Fr. Eugene Batungbacal, C.Ss.R.  
616-527-3610, ext. 12  
Email: [freugene@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:freugene@ssppcatholic.com)

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616-527-3561, ext. 18  
Email: [jleik@ssppcatholic.com](mailto: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.

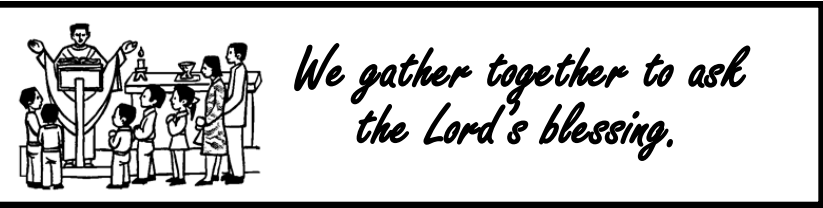
Father Eugene Batungbacal




SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

AUGUST 10, 2025

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





AH = Apostles Hall

CR = Cornerstone Room

SC = School

BC = Basement Chapel

CH = Church

PO = Parish Office

VR = Veritas Room

**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 Kuhtz (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

**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)

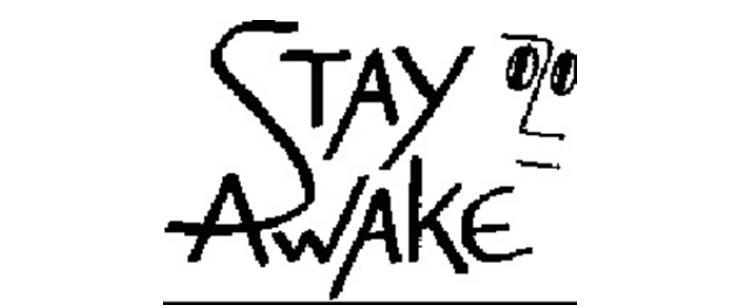
**Wednesday, August 13**  
5-7 p.m. Back-to-School Open House (SC)  
6-7:30 p.m. TOPS (VR)

**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)

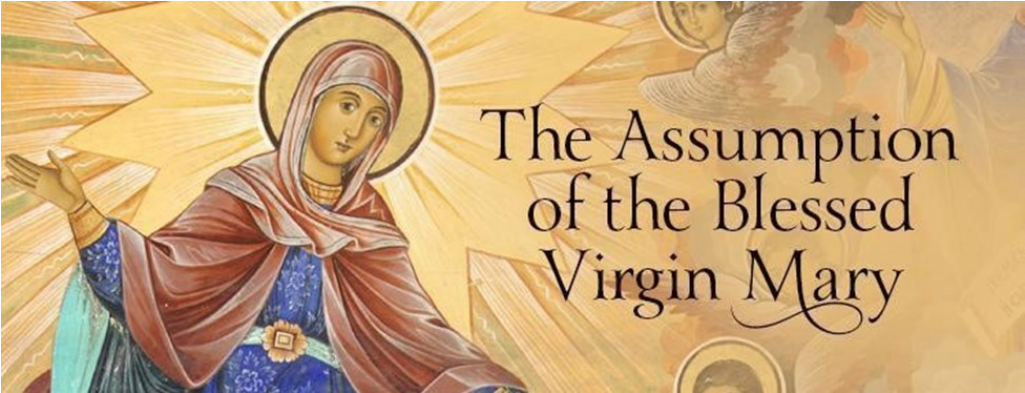
**Sunday, August 17**—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)



**OUR PARISH OFFERING: August 2 & 3, 2025**

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



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.

August 9 & 10, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		August 16 & 17, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
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:**

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.*

**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**  
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**SS. Peter & Paul Parish - Pastoral Council**  
Shannon Andrews Deb Campbell

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Chris Christensen	Kip Geldhof	Denise Peabody
Tom O'Connor	Dave O'Mara	Vanessa Booth

SS. Peter & Paul School - Board of Education		
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Andrew Bucholtz	Kevin Heinlein	Allen Wizorek
Lauren Christensen	Anna Johnson	





### Knights' Corner

This month we celebrate a number of milestones in the life of our founder, Blessed Father Michael McGivney. His birthday was August 12<sup>th</sup>, his feast day is August 13<sup>th</sup>, and his date of death was August 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 13<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

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

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup>** – BINGO – white elephant

**October 8<sup>th</sup>**—Pumpkin Craft – (4-6 p.m.)

save old t-shirts, any color

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** – Euchre Card Party

– cost: \$5.00 to play

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** – 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](mailto: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 begins a new adventure:

**Monday, August 11, 6:30 p.m., Veritas Room.**  
**Contact Toni McKay [tmckay@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:tmckay@ssppcatholic.com)**  
**to reserve your study materials (\$30).**

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This grand narrative, the "Story", tells us who we are, why we are here, and what we were made for. It tells us that God is, that He loves us, and how He has acted through the ages so we can get from here to Him.

Eucharistic



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

*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](mailto: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!

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### 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

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8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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