

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

AUGUST 17, 2025

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.



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

CH = Church
PO = Parish Office
VR = Veritas Room

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*)

Monday, August 18—Weekday
Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43-44/Mt 19:16-22
11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Sandra Meyers

Tuesday, August 19—St. John Eudes, Priest
Jgs 6:11-24/Ps 85:9, 11-14/Mt 19:23-30
No Mass

Wednesday, August 20—St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor
Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-7/Mt 20:1-16
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. Mark Charles (Christine Bewell)
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (CH)
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, August 21—St. Pius X, Pope
Jgs 11:29-39/Ps 40:5, 7-10/Mt 22:1-14
8:00 a.m. Bob & Louise Bledsoe (Denny & Sharon Bledsoe)

Friday, August 22—Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22/Ps 146:5-10/Mt 22:34-40
No Mass

Saturday, August 23—St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Ru 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 23:1-12
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
11:00 a.m. Burial Service for Angela Priest (Mt. Olivet)
1:00 p.m. Quinceañera for Kally Zuniga
3:00 p.m. Confessions

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Saturday, August 23
4:00 p.m. Intention of Catherine Dietrich

Sunday, August 24
10:00 a.m. Joyce Funkey (Don Funkey & family)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español (*People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish*)

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF AUGUST 17

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

VACUUMING:
Shannon Andrews, Debra Sochor

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

Monday, August 18
6:30 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study (VR)

Tuesday, August 19

Wednesday, August 20
1st Day of School for K-8 students,
with dismissal at 11 a.m.
6-7:30 p.m. TOPS (VR)

Thursday, August 21
3:00 p.m. Priests' Deanery Meeting (Pewamo)
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)
5:45 p.m. Ionia Community Awareness (AH)

Friday, August 22

Saturday, August 23

Sunday, August 24—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)



OUR PARISH OFFERING: August 16 & 17, 2025		
Regular Offertory Collection	\$4,755.68	
Electronic Giving	3,195.00	
Total	\$7,950.68	
-5% Tithe	-397.53	
Net Total	\$7,553.15	
Budgeted Weekly: \$10,096.15		
Deficit for the Week: \$2,145.47		
Budgeted YTD: \$70,673.05		
Surplus YTD: \$6,444.59		
School Support: \$2,366.00		

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.

Prayer for the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, August 22nd



O Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, on this feast day of your Queenship, we come before you with hearts full of love and devotion.

You who were chosen by God to be the Mother of His Son, and who now reign at His side in glory, look upon us, your children, with compassion and grace.

August 16 & 17, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: 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.

You are the Queen of all creation, the Mother of the Church, and our intercessor before the throne of the Lamb.

On this day, we acknowledge your exalted position and offer you our love, gratitude, and allegiance.

Help us, dear Mother, to follow your example of humility, obedience, and love. Guide us in our journey of faith, and intercede for us in our times of need.

May your Queenship remind us of the dignity and honor of being children of God, called to share in His kingdom.

O Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

August 23 & 24, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lector: Pat Rinker
Altar Servers: Adah Drown, Micah Mulford
EMs: Mary Perrien, Phill & Sue Wizorek
Greeters: Mary Lou Mulick

10:00 a.m. Lector: Paul Meyer
Altar Servers: Alexis/Hans/Kendra Heinlein
EMs: Julie Bennett, Kevin Heinlein, Theresa Scholtens
Greeters: Dave O'Mara, Deb Porter

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Cara Brownell	Nik Discher	Rachel Wilson
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Lauren Christensen	Anna Johnson	



Knights' Corner

Last week we celebrated Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney's birthday, feast day, and anniversary of death. It has been more than 130 years since he died, and his vision still remains our mission: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity which motivate a stronger involvement and understanding in how we as Knights become worthy instruments in God's hands. The Catholic men of this parish have maintained a tradition of being deed doers and not just talkers. This has strengthened the spirit of charity and commitment within our parish at large.

Vivat Jesus!
Ron Speckin, Grand Knight

CSA 2025 – Strengthened In Christ,
Responding With Joy

Thank you to all those who have made their Catholic Services Appeal pledge! Our parish assessment for this year is \$78,253. With the batch of pledges we sent in this week, and those who have pledged online, we have brought our total for the year to \$46,080. We are 59% of the way to our goal, but we still have a long way to go. Please make your pledge today!

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-vi) 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, email retrograndrapids@gmail.com or call 616-980-6029.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today Jesus warns us his Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society which advocates individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and live the gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.

Panther Prayer Corner

Please pray for our staff, students, and families as we begin the 2025/2026 school year. Pray that all our thoughts, words, and actions this year will be guided by faith and love.

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 Studies (Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Veritas Room)

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.

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.



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

Faith Formation Religious Education

Registration is now open for Seedlings (4 & 5 years old) through High School. Please see the registration forms on the table in the back of church. All regular classes will be held in our school from **9:00-9:55 a.m. on Sunday mornings**. For more information about Faith Formation, please contact Vanessa Booth: 616-527-3610 or vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

Our Faith Formation program is growing, and we are in need of Sunday School teachers (Catechists). Do you love children AND God? *Perhaps* God is calling you to serve him in our Faith Formation Program. Please pray about it, and if you think he may be calling you to serve in this (or any other way), I'd love to talk with you!

September

Sept. 14 Fall Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Session 4:30—6 p.m. (Veritas Rm.)
Sept. 21 Faith Formation Classes for Seedlings- Confirmation 9:00—9:55 a.m.

The Ministry of Consolation
Our Grief Support Series is Expanding!

Have you suffered the loss of a loved one or experienced a loss in your professional or personal life? We will soon begin offering a few different opportunities to gather in small groups to talk over coffee/tea. Dates and times will be determined by the response we receive. Each session offers a topic of discussion, as well as time to reflect, listen, and share if one chooses. Please let us walk this journey with you and offer our support. For more information, contact Vanessa Booth at 616-527-3610 or vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

Ministry of Consolation needs volunteers

Called by the healing ministry of Jesus, The Ministry of Consolation continues to reach out to parishioners and community members suffering from any type of a loss, as well as those facing health challenges. For over fifteen years we have been developing various programs to meet the specific bereavement needs of our community. We are looking for volunteers who have a desire to care for grieving people through various means of support. Training will be provided. Please prayerfully consider this ministry while keeping in mind the following qualities that we are seeking. Volunteers should have a desire to:

- Assist people in crisis
- Be a good listener
- Be sympathetic
- Be understanding
- Have time to dedicate to this ministry

If you are interested in learning more about the Ministry of Consolation, please contact Vanessa Booth at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com or 616-527-3610.

Formación de Fe Educación Religiosa

La inscripción ya está abierta para Semilleros (4 y 5 años) hasta la escuela secundaria. Por favor, vea los formularios de inscripción en la mesa en la parte trasera de la iglesia. Todas las clases regulares se llevarán a cabo en nuestra escuela de 9:00 a 9:55 a.m. los domingos por la mañana. Para más información sobre la Formación de Fe, por favor contacte a Vanessa Booth: 616-527-3610 o vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

Sesión de Confirmación de Otoño para Candidatos/ Patrocinadores el 14 de septiembre de 4:30 a 6 p.m. (Sala Veritas).

Clases de Formación en la Fe para Plantitas - Confirmación el 21 de septiembre de 9:00 a 9:55 a.m.

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 through the 12 p.m. Mass on August 17. 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!

Artículos de subasta silenciosa

El feligrés Dann Werner ha puesto sus habilidades de carpintería en buen uso y ha hecho más de 20 pequeñas cruces con los antiguos reclinatorios de madera de la iglesia. Están exhibidas en las mesas en la parte trasera de la iglesia y estarán disponibles como artículos de subasta silenciosa hasta la misa de las 12 p.m. del 17 de agosto. Todos los fondos recaudados irán al Fondo Amigos de Jesús, que ayuda a proporcionar asistencia de emergencia a aquellos que lo necesitan en nuestra comunidad. ¡Haz tus ofertas ahora!



SSPP Garage Sale Clearance

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

Lots of treasure still available!
Come and shop at reduced prices!
Bring your family & friends!

Venta de Garaje de SSPP
Sábado, 16 de Agosto 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

¡Muchos tesoros todavía disponibles!
¡Ven y compra a precios reducidos!
¡Trae a tu familia y amigos!