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August 3, 2025 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Canonical Administrator:

Fr. Eugene Batungbacal, C.Ss.R. 616-527-3610, ext. 12

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School Principal: Mrs. Jenny Leik 616-527-3561, ext. 18

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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: 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.

August 1 is the feast day of Saint Alphonsus Liguori. The letters C.Ss.R. that you see after my name stands for "Congregatio Sanctissimi Redemptio" which is Latin for 'Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer" which he founded in Naples, Italy. He lived his life loving God in the Holy Eucharist and abandoned himself in God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He is also the patron saint of people who suffers with arthritis.

Let us pray for people with arthritis through the intercession of Saint Alphonsus:

"Saint Alphonsus, loving Father of the poor and sick, all your life you devoted yourself with charity towards those who suffer sickness. I invoke you as the patron of those who suffer with arthritis since you were afflicted with this disease in your lifetime. Look with compassion on me in my suffering. Full of confidence in your intercession come to you for help in my present need (mention need).

(https://www.catholicshare.com/prayer-for-arthritis/)



El 1 de agosto es la festividad de San Alfonso María de Ligorio. Las letras C.Ss.R. que aparecen después de mi nombre significan «Congregatio Sanctissimi Redemptio». que en latín significa «Congregación del Santísimo Redentor», fundada por él en Nápoles, Italia. Vivió su vida amando a Dios en la Sagrada Eucaristía y abandonándose a la misericordia de Dios en el sacramento de la reconciliación. También es el santo patrón de las personas que padecen artritis.

Oremos por las personas con artritis por intercesión de San Alfonso:

«San Alfonso, padre amoroso de los pobres y los enfermos, toda tu vida te dedicaste con caridad a los que padecen enfermedades. Te invoco como patrón de los que padecen artritis, ya que tú mismo sufriste esta enfermedad durante tu vida. (Traducción realizada con la versión gratuita del traductor DeepL.com)

Fr. Eugene Batungbacal, C.Ss.R.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL



We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21 Saturday, August 2

4:00 p.m. Pat Brockman (Barb Burrows)

Sunday, August 3

10:00 a.m. Joseph Rosenburg (Bill Rosenburg)

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

Monday, August 4—St. John Vianney, Priest

Nm 11:4-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21

No Mass

Tuesday, August 5—The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:1, 3-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36

No Mass

Wednesday, August 6—The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28-36

11:00 a.m. Confessions

12:10 p.m. Ed Bredice (Kurt & Laurie Tjalsma)

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (CH)

7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, August 7—St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs: St Cajetan, Priest

Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Mt 16:13-23

8:00 a.m. Dick & Margaret O'Malley (Townshend family)

No 1st Thursday Confessions & Adoration

11:00 a.m. Funeral of Carol Cope

Friday, August 8—St. Dominic, Priest Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-16, 21/Mt 16:24-28

No Mass

Saturday, August 9—St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martvr

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/Mt 17:14-20

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary

1:00 p.m. Marriage Convalidation for Jessica & Luis Gonzalez

3:00 p.m. Confessions

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)

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS-WEEK OF AUGUST 3

GENERAL CLEANING Maria Cardenas, Teresa Nuñez, Carolina Velasco

> **VACUUMING: Bruce Sibert, Joe Peckins**

AUGUST 3, 2025



 $\underline{\mathbf{AH}} = \mathbf{Apostles} \; \mathbf{Hall}$ \overline{CR} = Cornerstone Room \overline{SC} = School **BC** = Basement Chapel

CH = Church \overline{PO} = Parish Office VR = Veritas Room

Sunday, August 3—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time OCIA (PO) 8:30 a.m.

Monday, August 4

4-6 p.m. Vacation Bible School (School) No Monday Night Bible Study

Tuesday, August 5

Vacation Bible School (School) 4-6 p.m. Evangelization Team Meeting (PO) 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting (AH)

Wednesday, August 6

Vacation Bible School (School) 4-6 p.m.

6-7:30 p.m. TOPS (VR)

Thursday, August 7

3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, August 8

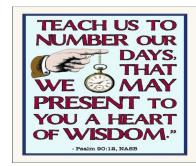
Wedding Rehearsal (CH) 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 9

9:30 a.m.

Health Support Group (Biggby)

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



OUR PARISH OFFERING: July 26 & 27, 2025

Regular Offertory Collection \$11,656.91 Electronic Giving 4,250.00 Total \$15,906.91 -5% Tithe

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Budgeted Weekly: \$10,096.15 Surplus for the Week: \$5,810.76

Budgeted YTD: \$50,480.75 Surplus YTD: \$8,753.69

School Support: \$300.00

Net Total

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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 6 and August 9, 2025, mark the 80th anniversaries of the U.S. dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. Between 129,000 and 226,000 people, mostly civilians, were killed. Thankfully, those bombings remain the only use of nuclear weapons in an armed conflict.

Lord, we pray for golden peace, Peace all over the land.

May all men dwell in dignity, Walking hand in hand.

Banish fear and ignorance, Hunger, thirst, and pain.

Banish hate and poverty. Let no man live in vain, Let no many live in vain.

—Song written by South African lay Franciscan Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)

August 2 & 3, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lector: Kara Griffith

Altar Servers: Reagan Crooks, Jaclyn Rewa EMs: Julie Bennett, Phill & Sue Wizorek Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

10:00 a.m.. Lector: Dan Lower

> Altar Servers: Shyla & Stephen Johnson EMs: Cheryl & John Hildebrandt,

Veronica Meyer

Greeters: Judy Hamblin, Dave O'Mara

August 9 & 10, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector: Cecilia Luke 4:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Charlotte & Lillian Mabe EMs: Monica Mabe, Mary Lou Mulick, Mary Perrien

Greeters: Julie Bennett

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

Please pray for:

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	Charles Timm
Lesley Williams	Pat McKinstry	Larry Lafler
Connie Waterman	Russinda Rohde	Arlene Stanton
Dorr Bissell	Landon Battle	Pat MacLachlan
Jim Zook	Marsha Packer	Jim & Barb Mulnix
Martha Brooks	Jack & Sue LaPeer	Ken and Sherry North
Denise Ward	Tamera Pierce	Nathan Lower
Shirley Weber	Angie Cedillo	Finnly Hunt
Judy Ďick	Jo Wirtz	Jerry & Maribeth Fritz
Cindy Hardy	Witney Fockler	Tom White
Diana Kujala	Becky Wagner	Pamela Coggan
Mark Dawson	Amanda Eveleth	Joe Drysdale
Tony Burns	Martha Misak	Nichole Munsell
Lois Walker	Jennifer Durden	Jace Peterson
Ed Blyth	Beth Buffey	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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Permanent Deacon	Zenon Cardenas	616-527-8942
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Knights' Corner

Looking back on this month of July, our Council has been through many events involving our faith, unity and charity in every aspect. As some of our brother

knights have started their eternal journeys, and others are beginning their legacy as Catholic Gentlemen, we celebrate both stages of life.

As you may know, Council #944, received Star Council recognition! This is not an easily obtainable level of excellence in the Knights of Columbus. But the men of this parish who have dedicated their time and talents to their faith, family and community, have been recognized and rewarded.

We also want to welcome Fr. Eugene as our Chaplain. We received a letter from Bishop Walkowiak appointing our new shepherd to this position. Our prayers and efforts will always be in support of his spiritual and earthly needs.

Our monthly business meeting is this Tuesday, August 5th. Please note that we will meet in Apostles Hall rather than in the Veritas Room this month because of our parish Vacation Bible School. We will pray the rosary at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 7:30.

Vivat Jesus! Ron Speckin G.K.

Health Support Group

Are you or a family member struggling with cancer or another serious health issue? No matter where you are in your health journey, we are here for you. Our support group is reaching out to invite anyone who is facing a serious health challenge. Team members of the Ministry of Consolation are offering Health Support gatherings. Our next session is on Saturday, August 9, at 9:30 a.m. at Biggby Coffee in Ionia. For more information, please contact Vanessa Booth at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

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

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.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences Coming Up!

Nurture your Sacrament of Marriage at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience! Upcoming experiences are being held 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 <a href="https://www.encounter.org

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-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. Our next retreat will be September 19-21. For more information, contact Sally Cranson 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/.

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.

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.

Register now for VBS on August 4, 5, & 6, 4-6 p.m. in our parish school. We will have Bible Adventures, Games, Snacks, Crafts, and Music. Fun for all ages! Adults and older youth volunteers will help make this a wonderful experience!







Monday Night Scripture Study
begins a new adventure:
Monday, August 11, 6:30 p.m., Veritas Room.
Contact Toni McKay tmkay@sspppcatholic.com
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The Bible Timeline® Study teaches you how to read and understand the Bible and introduces you to the "big picture" of Scripture in a way that will transform your life. It has been called "the greatest story ever told" - the story of God's plan for us, His people. It has been given to us through the Church and written in Sacred Scripture—not only so we can read the story, but so we can meet God there, hear Him speak, and be changed by the encounter.

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.

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!



SSPP Garage Sale Clearance

One Day Only – Saturday, August 16 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Por favor, llama a Toni McKay si puedes ayudar.



Come rest awhile in the Lord's presence.

Wednesdays 6-7 p.m.
in the Church