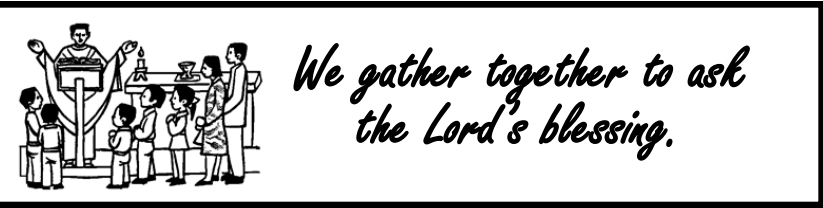


SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

AUGUST 31, 2025



AH = Apostles Hall

CR = Cornerstone Room

SC = School

BC = Basement Chapel

CH = Church

PO = Parish Office

VR = Veritas Room

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24/
Lk 14:1, 7-14

Saturday, August 30
4:00 p.m. Ernie & Estella Cusack (Luke Cusack)

Sunday, August 31
10:00 a.m. Catherine Verdun
12:00 p.m. Misa en español (*People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish*)

Monday, September 1—Weekday—Labor Day
1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13/Lk 4:16-30
No Mass

Tuesday, September 2—Weekday
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
No Mass

Sunday, August 31—Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)

Monday, September 1—Labor Day Holiday
No School. Parish Office closed

Tuesday, September 2
School Picture Day
Panther Playhouse begins
Knights of Columbus Mtg. (VR)
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 3
6-7:30 p.m. TOPS (VR)

Thursday, September 4
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, September 5

Saturday, September 6

Sunday, September 7—Twenty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)



OUR PARISH OFFERING: August 23 & 24, 2025

Regular Offertory Collection	\$6,000.00
Electronic Giving	1,395.00
Total	\$7,395.00
-5% Tithe	-369.75
Net Total	\$7,025.25
Budgeted Weekly: \$10,096.15	
Deficit for the Week: \$2,701.15	
Budgeted YTD: \$90,865.35	
Surplus YTD: \$4,401.54	

School Support: \$15.00
Gaza Collection: \$1,728.50

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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prayer for the Care of God's Creation (from USCCB)

God of all creation,
How splendid and majestic is the world you created!
It reveals your glory; it teaches us about you.

When you made us in your image, you gave us this command: care for the world and for all the creatures in it, for this is our common home.

Yet your holy creation cries out, for our home is “burdened and laid waste,” scorched and scarred.

Come among us that we might remember our interdependence. Let us see the face of your Son in those who suffer from the destruction of our common home.

Help us to be stewards who honor you in the world you have made for the good of all creation and for future generations.

May your justice reign forever!

Amen.

August 30 & 31, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	September 6 & 7, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Lector: Sue Wizorek Altar Servers: Levi & Logan Haskin EMs: Monica Mabe, Mary Lou Mulick, Mary Perrien Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen	4:00 p.m. Lector: Monica Mabe Altar Servers: Charlotte & Lillian Mabe EMs: Julie Bennett, Mary Lou Mulick, Mary Perrien Greeters: Volunteers
10:00 a.m. Lector: Walt Downes Altar Servers: Alexis/Hans/Kendra Heinlein EMs: Shannon Andrews, Cheryl & John Hildebrandt Greeters: Julie Bennett, Theresa Scholtens	10:00 a.m.. Lector: Madeline Desrochers Altar Servers: Shyla & Stephen Johnson EMs: Shannon Andrews, Cheryl & John Hildebrandt Greeters: Judy Hamblin, Theresa Scholtens

Please pray for:

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

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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Secretaries	Joann Johnson & Amie Heinlein	ext. 23

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SS. Peter & Paul Parish - Finance Council		
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

In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared Fr. McGivney "Venerable" in recognition of his heroic virtue and life of extraordinary virtue. In 2020, Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney's intercession. On October 31, 2020, Fr. McGivney was beatified in a ceremony in Hartford, Connecticut, officially earning him the title of "Blessed Michael McGivney". Another verified miracle will have to be confirmed by the Church after his beatification before he is declared a saint. He is considered a model of Christian solidarity and a testament to a holy life of service to the poor and his community, especially through the founding of the Knights of Columbus. We pray for the eventual sainthood of our beloved founder.

Our normal monthly meeting will be held this Tuesday, September 2nd, in the Veritas Room. Join us at 7:00 for the rosary and stay for the meeting at 7:30.

Vivat Jesus!
Ron Speckin, Grand Knight

Silent Auction Report

We deeply appreciate everyone who bid on the crosses that Dann Werner made from the old wooden kneelers in the church. We raised an amazing **\$1,600** which will go to the Friends of Jesus Fund to provide emergency assistance to those in need in our community. Thank you, Dann, for putting this project together, and thank you to everyone who made a bid!

Ladies' Social Group Event: BINGO

Ladies of the parish, you are invited to play BINGO on Wednesday, September 10, from 4-6 p.m. in the Veritas Room. Bring a white elephant prize.

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

Appeal for Donations

Our migrant farmers work hard so that the fields produce good crops and bountiful harvests. We would like to invite everyone to consider donating travel-size toiletries, such as shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, etc., as well as adult-size t-shirts or towels, for use by the farmers. If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the parish, and we will distribute them accordingly. Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.

Panther Prayer Corner

Please pray for the safety of all who will be traveling during this Labor Day weekend, and for all of our nation's workers.

Opportunities for Learning About Our Faith

Our parish offers some great opportunities for learning more about the Catholic faith:

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (for those entering the Catholic Church or completing initiation into the Catholic Church). Sessions are on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the parish office living room.

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 look forward to hearing from you!

Please contact Toni McKay at the parish office, or email tmckay@ssppcatholic.com, about any of these opportunities.

CROP Hunger Walk

What are you doing on Sunday October 5? Would you like a way to visit with friends, make new friends, enjoy the outdoors, get exercise AND help change the world? Come walk with us in the CROP Hunger Walk to raise funds to fight hunger in our community and around the world. We'll start and end at Zion Church on Washington St. We'll meet at 1:45 p.m., collect our money, and begin our walk shortly after 2:00 p.m. Contact Pat Rinker for more information and to get your Walker envelope, 517-898-5676. Make checks payable to CWS/CROP. Sign up with Pat Rinker for the walk after the Saturday or Sunday Masses on September 6 & 7.

Llamamiento para donaciones

Nuestros agricultores migrantes trabajan duro para que los campos produzcan buenas cosechas y abundantes cosechas. Nos gustaría invitar a todos a considerar la posibilidad de donar artículos de aseo personal de tamaño de viaje, como champú, jabón, cepillos de dientes, etc., así como camisetas o toallas de tamaño adulto para uso de los agricultores. Si puede donar alguno de estos artículos, por favor tráigalos a la parroquia y los distribuiremos como corresponda. Gracias por su generosidad. Que Dios los bendiga.

Faith Formation Program

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 via email 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.

Programa de Formación de la Fe

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.

Commemoration Service

80th Anniversary—End of World War II

All are invited to a Commemoration Service marking the 80th anniversary of the ending of World War II on Tuesday, September 2, at 6 p.m., at St. Andrew's Cathedral, 215 Sheldon Avenue SE. This hour-long ecumenical time of remembrance and gratitude will be led by Bishop David Walkowiak, Rabbi Albert Lewis, and Pastors Carl Kammeraad and Epke vander Berg. The service is part of a weeklong series of "Greatest Generation" events marking the end of WWII; all are listed at <https://geraldrfordfoundation.org/greatest-generation-celebration-2025>.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Together with your families, the Diocese of Grand Rapids honors the faithful witness to your vocation of marriage and wishes to celebrate with you. Bishop Walkowiak is inviting **all couples celebrating milestone anniversaries** to join him on **Sunday, October 5, at the 10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew** (301 Sheldon Blvd., Grand Rapids) for this annual celebration. A simple reception will immediately follow. Please RSVP by calling Lauren Vandervort at 616-246-0588.

Misa de Aniversario de Boda

Junto con sus familias, la Diócesis de Grand Rapids honra el testimonio fiel a su vocación del matrimonio y desea celebrar con ustedes. El Obispo Walkowiak está invitando a todas las parejas que celebran aniversarios importantes a unirse a él el domingo 5 de octubre, a las 10 a.m. en la Misa en la Catedral de San Andrés (301 Sheldon Blvd., Grand Rapids) para esta celebración anual. Una recepción simple seguirá inmediatamente. Por favor, confirme su asistencia llamando a Lauren Vandervort al 616-246-0588.