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434 High Street, Ionia, MI 48846

August 31, 2025 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

WORK MAKES USE OF OUR GOD-GIVEN GIFTS AND TALENTS

HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND!

As the country recognizes the value and importance of our contribution through work, we must first and foremost begin to acknowledge the source of our capacity to work, namely GOD. In the Book of Genesis. God has created us in His image and likeness and has commissioned humanity to "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28). Saint John Paul II said that "man's life is built up every day from work, from work it derives its specific dignity" (Encyclical Letter, Laborem Exercens). The work of our hands has been blessed by the generosity of God through the gifts, talents and resources that He has provided for us. Let us then show our gratitude to Him by caring for the Church that He established and offer to Him with gratitude the fruits of our labor.

EL TRABAJO DESARROLLA LOS DONES Y TALENTOS QUE DIOS NOS HA DADO

¡FELIZ FESTIVIDAD DEL TRABAJO!

A medida que el país reconoce el valor y la importancia de la contribución del hombre a través del trabajo, debemos ante todo comenzar a reconocer la fuente de nuestra capacidad para trabajar, es decir, DIOS. En el Libro del Génesis. Dios nos ha creado a su imagen y semejanza y ha encomendado al hombre que «sea fecundo y se multiplique; llene la tierra y la someta» (Génesis 1:28). San Juan Pablo II dijo que «la vida del hombre se construye cada día a partir del trabajo, del trabajo deriva su dignidad específica» (Carta encíclica Laborem Exercens). El trabajo de nuestras manos ha sido bendecido por la generosidad de Dios a través de los dones, talentos y recursos que Él nos ha proporcionado. Mostremos entonces nuestra gratitud hacia Él cuidando de la Iglesia que Él estableció y ofreciéndole con gratitud los frutos de nuestro tra-

Father Eugene Batungbacal

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL



We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.

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

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Tuesday, September 2—Weekday

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

Wednesday, September 3—St. Gregory the Great, Pope &

Doctor of the Church

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/Lk 4:38-44

11:00 a.m. Confessions

12:10 p.m. Bertha Meier

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

7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, September 4—Weekday

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11

8:00 a.m. Marilyn Nash (Tom & Julie Bennett)

9 a.m.-noon First Thursday Confessions & Adoration

Friday, September 5—Weekday

Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 5:33-39

No Mass

6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, September 6—Weekday

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/Lk 6:1-5

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary

1:00 p.m. Wedding of Carter Meyers & Abigail Christensen

3:00 p.m. Confessions

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Saturday, September 6

4:00 p.m. Robert O'Connor (Paul & Jean Barker)

Sunday, September 7

10:00 a.m. Mike Nelson (Gary & Janice Ferguson)

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

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS-WEEK OF AUGUST 31

GENERAL CLEANING Kip Geldhof, Tom & Norma White

> VACUUMING: John & Kathy Curtin

AUGUST 31, 2025



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

CH = Church PO = Parish Office VR = Veritas Room

<u>Sunday, August 31</u>—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

7:00 p.m.

School Picture Day

Panther Playhouse begins

Knights of Columbus Mtg. (VR)

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

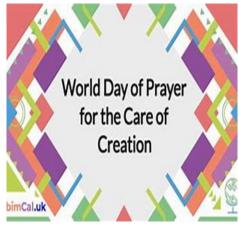
 Net Total
 \$7,025.25

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



In 2015, Pope Francis established September 1st as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging Catholics around the world to pray for our common home. 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

10:00 a.m. Lector: Walt Downes

Altar Servers: Alexis/Hans/Kendra Heinlein

EMs: Shannon Andrews,

Lois Walker

Cheryl & John Hildebrandt Greeters: Julie Bennett, Theresa Scholtens 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: Madeline Desrochers

Altar Servers: Shyla & Stephen Johnson

EMs: Shannon Andrews,

Cheryl & John Hildebrandt

Greeters: Judy Hamblin, Theresa Scholtens

Please pray for:

Jackie Franz Yolanda(Lewis)Hardison Kirsten Mork Sue & Joe Kleiss Kathy Kranz Theresa Hess Mike & Carol Gallagher Garry Mulick Mike Priest Lisa Pringle Lesley Williams Connie Waterman Dorr Bissell Jim Zook Martha Brooks Denise Ward Shirley Weber Judy Ďick Cindy Hardy Diana Kujala Mark Dawson Tony Burns

Ed Blvth Doug Zeeck Randy Tripp Mike Peckins Glen Alvord Heather Rensi Cherie Flinn Anita Hozeski Scott Karen Miller Russinda Rohde Landon Battle Marsha Packer Jack & Sue LaPeer Angie Cedillo Jo Wirtz Witney Fockler Becky Wagner Amanda Eveleth Martha Misak Jennifer Durden Beth Buffey

Jennifer Lewis Mary O'Connor Kym Coryell Terri Nurenberg Jessica Fritz Travis Eveleth Larry Lafler Arlene Stanton Pat MacLachlan Jim & Barb Mulnix Ken and Sherry North Nathan Lower Finnly Hunt Jerry & Maribeth Fritz Tom White Pamela Coggan Joe Drysdale Nichole Munsell Jace Peterson

Georgia Sibert

Michelle Richard-Mix

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

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 travelsize 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

<u>https://geraldrfordfoundation.org/greatest-generation-celebration-2025</u>.

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.

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.