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October 12, 2025 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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School Principal: Mrs. Jenny Leik
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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.



DIocese of GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

October 11/12, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

We celebrate **World Mission Sunday** next weekend on **October 18/19**. This observance is a powerful reminder of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations by supporting the missionary work of the Church through The Pontifical Mission Societies. The Pontifical Mission Societies are the Pope's official means of assisting Catholic communities in the world's poorest and most remote regions. Pope Leo XIV's priestly ministry as a missionary in the remote regions of Peru deepens the meaning of this year's celebration, inviting us all to renew our commitment to the Church's mission in the world.

We must remember that the Catholic Church in the United States was itself once a mission territory. Just over a century ago, the faith here was still taking root, supported by the generosity of Catholics from Europe and beyond, who provided financial assistance, sent priests and religious, and built the parishes and schools that formed the foundation of the Church in this country. Without that missionary support, many of the dioceses we know today would have struggled to grow.

Now, it is our turn to extend that same generosity to others. We are called to support the 1,124 mission territories where the Church is still growing and often facing persecution or poverty. Our contributions provide essential resources for the Church's mission: the formation of seminarians and religious sisters; the training of lay catechists, who bring the faith to communities that may not have regular access to a priest; education for children in Catholic schools; medical care in Church-run hospitals and clinics; and the construction and maintenance of churches, creating spaces where the faithful can gather, worship, and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Your support of this collection affirms that we are one Church, one family in Christ, united in bringing hope and love to all people. I encourage you to respond with a generous heart, knowing that your support makes a real difference in the lives of those who might otherwise never hear the Gospel. Let us go forth as Missionaries of Hope, bringing God's love and mercy to all people.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

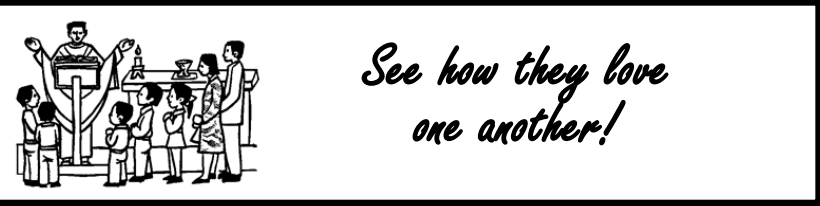
Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids


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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

OCTOBER 12, 2025

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





AH = Apostles Hall

CR = Cornerstone Room

SC = School

BC = Basement Chapel

CH = Church

PO = Parish Office

VR = Veritas Room

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
Saturday, October 11
4:00 p.m. Intention of Juan Mendez-Bernabe & family

Sunday, October 12
10:00 a.m. Bruce Hoeksema (Gary & Janice Ferguson)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español *(for the people of the parish)*

Monday, October 13—Weekday
Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 11:29-32
No Mass

Tuesday, October 14—St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr
Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 11:37-41
No Mass

Wednesday, October 15—St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor
Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. Cathleen Kornacki (regular Mass, then burial)
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, October 16—St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-6/Lk 11:47-54
8:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Thome (Mildred Brown)

Friday, October 17—St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7
No Mass

Saturday, October 18—St. Luke, Evangelist
2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
3:00 p.m. Confessions

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
Saturday, October 18
4:00 p.m. Jim & Sue Huver (Paul & Jean Barker)

Sunday, October 19
10:00 a.m. Jerry Blundy (Joan Blundy)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español *(for the people of the parish)*

GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF OCT. 12

GENERAL CLEANING:
Kip Geldhof, Colleen Pierce, Ann Buck, Paula Geldhof

VACUUMING:
Ray Korytkowski, Lon MacLachlan

Sunday, October 12—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30-9:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)
9:00-9:55 a.m. Faith Formation classes PreK-8
4:30-6 p.m. Fall Confirmation Candidate/
Sponsor Session (VR)
5-7 p.m. Discovering Christ (AH)
6-8 p.m. Youth Group Night (CR)

Monday, October 13
6:00 p.m. Family School Council Meeting
6:30 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study (VR)

Tuesday, October 14
10:30 a.m. Ministerial Association Mtg. (PO)
5:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting (VR)

Wednesday, October 15
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (VR)

Thursday, October 16
1-3 p.m. School Picture Retakes
East Deanery Lay Leaders’
Meeting & Luncheon (PO)
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, October 17

Saturday, October 18
8 a.m.-12 p.m. Catechetical Training (VR)

Sunday, October 19—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
No Discovering Christ session
8:30-9:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)
9-9:55 a.m. Faith Formation classes PreK-Gr.8
1:00 p.m. Harvest Potluck Dinner (AH)
2:00 p.m. Harvest Raffle Drawing (AH)

OUR PARISH OFFERING: October 4 & 5, 2025

Regular Offertory Collection	\$8,598.75
Electronic Giving	1,395.00
Total	\$9,993.75
-5% Tithe	-499.69
Net Total	\$9,494.06

Budgeted Weekly: \$10,096.15
Deficit for the Week: \$102.40

Budgeted YTD: \$151,442.25
Surplus YTD: \$3,831.90

School Support Fund: \$25.00
Food Baskets: \$25.00

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.

Octubre 11/12, 2025

Queridos amigos y amigas en Cristo,

El próximo fin de semana, 18 y 19 de octubre, celebramos el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones. Esta celebración es un poderoso recordatorio de nuestra responsabilidad compartida de proclamar el Evangelio a todas las naciones, apoyando la labor misionera de la Iglesia a través de las Obras Misionales Pontificias. Las Obras Misionales Pontificias son el medio oficial del Papa para ayudar a las comunidades católicas en las regiones más pobres y remotas del mundo. El ministerio sacerdotal del papa León XIV, quien sirvió como misionero en las zonas apartadas del Perú, da un significado más profundo a la celebración de este año, invitándonos a todos a renovar nuestro compromiso con la misión de la Iglesia en el mundo.

Debemos recordar que la Iglesia católica en los Estados Unidos fue, en su momento, un territorio de misión. Hace poco más de un siglo, la fe apenas comenzaba a echar raíces aquí, sostenida por la generosidad de los católicos de Europa y de otros lugares, quienes proporcionaron ayuda financiera, enviaron sacerdotes y religiosos, y edificaron las parroquias y escuelas que sentaron las bases de la Iglesia en este país. Sin ese apoyo misionero, muchas de las diócesis que hoy conocemos habrían tenido dificultades para crecer.

October 11 & 12, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Lector: Sue Wizorek
Altar Servers: Charlotte & Lillian Mabe
EMs: Julie Bennett, Cecilia Luke, Mary Perrien, Phill Wizorek,
Greeters: Volunteers

10:00 a.m. Lector: Kevin Kenney
Altar Servers: Alexis/Hans/Kendra Heinlein
EMs: Shannon Andrews, Barb Mulnix, Theresa Scholtens, Laurie Tjalsma
Greeters: Dave O’Mara

Please pray for:

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

Ahora nos toca a nosotros extender esa misma generosidad a los demás. Estamos llamados a apoyar a los 1,124 territorios de misión donde la Iglesia aún está creciendo y, con frecuencia, enfrenta persecución o pobreza. Nuestras contribuciones proporcionan recursos esenciales para la misión de la Iglesia: la formación de seminaristas y religiosos; la formación de catequistas laicos, que llevan la fe a comunidades que pueden no tener acceso regular a un sacerdote; la educación de niños y niñas en escuelas católicas; la atención médica en hospitales y clínicas administrados por la Iglesia; y la construcción y el mantenimiento de templos, creando espacios donde los fieles pueden reunirse, rendir culto y crecer en su relación con Jesús.

Su apoyo a esta colecta confirma que somos una sola Iglesia, una sola familia en Cristo, unidos en llevar esperanza y amor a todos los pueblos. Les animo a responder con generosidad, sabiendo que su apoyo marca una diferencia real en las vidas de aquellos que, de otro modo, quizá nunca escucharían el Evangelio. Sigamos adelante como misioneros de la Esperanza, llevando el amor y la misericordia de Dios a todas las personas.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

Reverendísimo David J. Walkowiak
Obispo de Grand Rapids

October 18 & 19, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Lector: Pat Rinker
Altar Servers: Reagan Crooks, Jaclyn Rewa
EMs: Julie Bennett, Monica Mabe, Mary Lou Mulick, Mary Perrien
Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

10:00 a.m. Lector: Veronica Meyer
Altar Servers: Evan & Jacquelynn Bailey
EMs: Kevin Heinlein, Barb Mulnix, Cheryl & John Hildebrandt
Greeters: Deb Porter

<u>SS. Peter & Paul Parish Staff</u>		(616) 527-3610
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Cara Brownell (Secretary), Kara Dipzinski, Nik Discher, Diane Grummet, Kevin Heinlein, Sharon VanEtt, Rachel Wilson



Knights' Corner

On this Columbus Day weekend, we will be collecting money at various locations for the annual MI (Tootsie Roll) Drive. If you see a Knight in a yellow vest, please stop and say hello! All funds we collect will go to help children with special needs through Freedom Acres, Ionia Public Schools, and the Michigan Special Olympics.

Thank you to everyone who came and prayed the rosary with us on Tuesday evening in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary. It was a beautiful experience.

Congratulations to our October raffle winners: Lon MacLachlan, Margaret Stoj, Joann Johnson, and Denny Hybarger.

Vivat Jesus!
Ron Speckin Grand Knight

A child-size ring was found in the church parking lot this past weekend. Two other rings were found within the past few months. Call the parish office at 616-527-3610 if you think one of the rings might be yours



Youth Group Night

Our Youth Group will meet on Sunday, October 12, from 6-8 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room. Bring your ideas for a new T-shirt design!

Soli Deo gloria! —Kevin Heinlein

Lakewood Lions Vision Screening

The Lakewood Lions will be conducting Kidsight Vision Screening for our pre-school kids on October 14 & 15 in the St. Edward's Family Center Library. Parish families & friends are welcome to participate – no reservation required. Hours will be 9 -11 a.m. both days, and 6-7 pm on October 14. We do vision screening for both kids and adults. If you have any questions, contact Bill Sutton at 616-745-1151.

Lions de Lakewood realizarán la Evaluación de la Vista Kidsight para nuestros niños en edad preescolar los días 14 y 15 de octubre en la Biblioteca del Centro Familiar St. Edward. Las familias y amigos de la parroquia son bienvenidos a participar, no se requiere reservación. El horario será de 9 a 11 a.m. ambos días y de 6 a 7 p.m. el 14 de octubre. Realizamos evaluaciones de la vista tanto para niños como para adultos. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Bill Sutton al 616-745-1151.

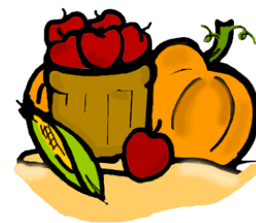
Panther Prayer Corner

Please pray for the poor and marginalized in our community. May our students see their needs and be attentive and generous in their response.

We invite you to visit www.tinysaints.com and select Saints Peter and Paul School through October 31st when making a purchase. Thank you for supporting our school!

October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

We invite you to join us as we pray the Rosary together, beginning 30 minutes before the start of the 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. weekend Masses in October. If you would like to lead the rosary before one of those Masses, please call Madeline Desrochers at 616-902-3915, or add your name to the sign-up form in the back of church.



Harvest Dinner & Raffle Sunday, October 19 1:00 p.m. in Apostles Hall

Our Harvest Dinner this year will be a parish potluck on the day of the raffle, beginning after the 12 p.m. Spanish Mass.

The Knights of Columbus will provide the meat and drinks, but all salads, side dishes, rolls, and desserts will be welcome additions!

The raffle drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m. Be sure your returns are in the parish office by noon on the 19th so we can prepare them for the drawing!

Cena de Cosecha y Rifa Domingo, 19 de octubre, 1:00 p.m. en el Salón de los Apóstoles

Nuestra Cena de Cosecha de este año será un potluck parroquial el día de la rifa, comenzando después de la Misa en español de las 12 p.m.

Los Caballeros de Colón proporcionarán la carne y las bebidas, pero ¡todas las ensaladas, guarniciones, panecillos y postres serán bienvenidos!

El sorteo de la rifa se llevará a cabo a las 2:00 p.m. Asegúrese de que sus devoluciones estén en la oficina parroquial antes del mediodía del día 19 para que podamos prepararlas para el sorteo.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Everyone needs "A Round Tuit." The lepers in today's gospel probably meant to thank Jesus. Excited about being cured they didn't get 'around-to-it.' We get caught up in our own interests and fail to appreciate what we have or to say what is in our hearts. This week get yourself "A Round Tuit."

Faith Formation Program

Registration is available in the school on Sunday mornings for Seedlings (4 & 5 year olds) through High School. All regular classes are held in our school from **9:00—9:55 a.m.** For more information about Faith Formation, please contact Vanessa Booth at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com or 616-527-3610.

Here is a roster of our catechists, what grades they teach, and their room numbers:

PreK (Seedlings) in Room 10: Jennifer Thomas
Kdg. & 1st Grade in Room 109: Haley Barker
2nd Grade in Room 110: Amy Pung
3rd & 4th Grades in Room 102: Rana Johnson
5th & 6th Grades in Room 107: Diane Grummet
7th Grade in Room 104: Chris Brown
8th Grade in Room 100: Kylie Booth
9th Grade Confirmation in Veritas Room: V. Booth

October

- 12. Faith Formation Classes
- 12. Fall Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Session 4:30—6 p.m. in the Veritas Room
- 19. Faith Formation Classes
- 26. Faith Formation Classes
- 26. Confirmation Mass at 3 p.m. at Cathedral

Mass of Christ the Healer – October 26

The Diocese of Grand Rapids' annual Mass of Christ the Healer will be celebrated on October 26 at the 10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. All who work in health care, including physicians, nurses, dietary staff, administrative staff, maintenance staff, etc., are invited to join Bishop Walkowiak for this celebration of grace and in gratitude for their service. Please wear your white coat or uniform so we may recognize your service. Coffee and donuts will follow Mass. For those unable to attend in person, Mass will be televised on FOX 17, and livestreamed on the diocesan website, grdiocese.org, and YouTube (@GRDiocese).

Mass for God's Children Wednesday, November 3, 7 p.m. Cathedral of Saint Andrew

The Diocese of Grand Rapids invites anyone who has experienced the loss of a child before Baptism to this special Mass, including parents, grandparents, siblings, relatives and friends. A memorial rose with a naming card will be provided for families who have lost a child(ren). If you would like to reserve a memorial rose, please contact Lauren Vandervort at 616-288-0588 or lvandervort@grdiocese.org.

Feast of Saint Carlo Acutis—October 12

St. Carlo Acutis was 15 years old when he died of leukemia in a hospital in Monza, Italy, in 2006. Carlo is remembered as a normal, joyful teenager who strived to be the best version of himself, living the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Carlo was generous to the poor of his community, many of whom came to pay their respects at his funeral. Carlo's passion for the Eucharist ultimately led to his mother's conversion. Two quotes epitomize the holiness of Carlo in his young life: "Each person reflects the light of God" and "Sadness is looking at oneself; happiness is looking at God. Conversion is nothing but a movement of the eyes." —*St. Carlo Acutis*

Jubilee Pilgrimage for Young Adults and College Students Sunday, November 2, 3:00 p.m. Cathedral of St. Andrew

This pilgrimage, which will take place on All Souls Day, offers a special opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence. Join with young adults and college/university students from across the diocese to celebrate our faith in Christ Jesus together. *Please note: Although local pilgrimages like this one seek to draw together certain groups of pilgrims under a theme, ALL are welcome!*

Michigan March for Life Thursday, November 6

The State Capitol, 100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing
11:00 a.m. – Rally on the Capitol lawn
12:00 noon – March to the State Supreme Court

Will you join us? We need your presence in Lansing on Thursday, November 6, to make sure our elected officials know that the defense of life matters to Michiganders!

Transportation options: The diocese will be sponsoring two buses for this year's Michigan March for Life in Lansing. One bus will pick up and drop off at St. Isidore Catholic Church in Grand Rapids, and the other pick up and drop off will be at St. Francis de Sales, Norton Shores. The cost is \$23 per person. To reserve your spot, please contact Lauren Vandervort at lvandervort@GRdiocese.org or 616-246-0588. *Please note that unaccompanied minors are not allowed to ride the diocesan-sponsored bus. To find other publicly available bus transportation, visit marchforlife.org/mi-bus-2/*



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