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SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

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Phone: 616-527-3610
Website: www.saintspeterandpaulionia.org
Email: parishoffice@ssppcatholic.com

September 28, 2025
Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Canonical Administrator:
Fr. Eugene Batungbacal, C.Ss.R.
616-527-3610, ext. 12
Email: freugene@ssppcatholic.com

School Principal: Mrs. Jenny Leik
616-527-3561, ext. 18
Email: jleik@ssppcatholic.com

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.

The Office of Communications of the Diocese of Grand Rapids has asked all parishes to post the following statement regarding the religious order Trinitarians of Mary. The Trinitarians have had a local convent in our diocese for several years.

Trinitarians of Mary
As previously announced by the diocese in 2022, at the conclusion of a three-year visitation, the Apostolic See (specifically the then-Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life) by means of a Decree dated May 12, 2022, and approved in forma specifica by Pope Francis, suppressed the religious institute formerly known as the Trinitarians of Mary. With this suppression, the former members of the Trinitarians were automatically dispensed from their vows and are no longer permitted to present themselves as religious. There is no right of appeal, and the Trinitarians have ceased to exist as a religious institute recognized by the Catholic Church.

La Oficina de Comunicaciones de la Diócesis de Grand Rapids ha pedido a todas las parroquias que publiquen la siguiente declaración sobre la orden religiosa Trinitarios de María. Los Trinitarios han tenido un convento local en nuestra diócesis durante varios años.


Trinitarios de María
Como se anunció anteriormente por la diócesis en 2022, al concluir una visita de tres años, la Sede Apostólica (específicamente la entonces Congregación para los Institutos de Vida Consagrada y Sociedades de Vida Apostólica) mediante un Decreto fechado el 12 de mayo de 2022, y aprobado en forma específica por el Papa Francisco, suprimió el instituto religioso anteriormente conocido como los Trinitarios de María. Con esta supresión, los antiguos miembros de los Trinitarios fueron automáticamente dispensados de sus votos y ya no se les permite presentarse como religiosos. No hay derecho de apelación, y los Trinitarios han dejado de existir como un instituto religioso reconocido por la Iglesia Católica.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





AH = Apostles Hall

CR = Cornerstone Room

SC = School

BC = Basement Chapel

CH = Church

PO = Parish Office

VR = Veritas Room

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 6:1, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
Saturday, September 27
4:00 p.m. Tom Foy (Mary Foy)

Sunday, September 28
10:00 a.m. Vern & Mary Pinnow (Christine Terpstra)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español (*for the people of the parish*)

Monday, September 29—Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51
No Mass

Tuesday, September 30—St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of Church
Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1-7/Lk 9:51-56
No Mass

Wednesday, October 1—St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. Intention of Juan Mendez-Bernabe & family
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, October 2—The Holy Guardian Angels
Neh 8:1-12/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 18:1-5, 10
8:00 a.m. Earl Allen (Joan Allen)
9:00 a.m. 1st Thursday Confessions & Adoration (through noon)

Friday, October 3—Weekday
Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1-5, 8-9/Lk 10:13-16
No Mass

Saturday, October 4—St. Francis of Assisi
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Lk 10:17-24
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
1:00 p.m. Wedding of Caleb Burch & Melody Rewa
3:00 p.m. Confessions

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
Saturday, October 4
4:00 p.m. Jack Wirtz (Jo Wirtz & family)

Sunday, October 5
10:00 a.m. Leon & Lorena Kuhtz (Tom & Carol O'Connor)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español (*for the people of the parish*)

GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF SEPT. 28

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

VACUUMING:
Shannon Andrews, Debra Sochor

Sunday, September 28—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30-9:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)
9:00-9:55 a.m. Faith Formation classes PreK-12
6-8 p.m. Youth Group Night (CR)

Monday, September 29
6:30 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study (VR)

Tuesday, September 30

Wednesday, October 1
2:00 p.m. Parish Staff Meeting (PO)
5:30-6:30 p.m. TOPS (VR)
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (VR)

Thursday, October 2
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, October 3
No School—Diocesan Inservice

Saturday, October 4

Sunday, October 5—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30-9:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)
9-9:55 a.m. Faith Formation classes PreK-12
1:30 p.m. CROP Walk (begins at Zion)
5-7 p.m. Discovering Christ begins (AH)



OUR PARISH OFFERING: September 20 & 21, 2025

Regular Offertory Collection	\$6,514.78
Electronic Giving	1,395.00
Total	\$7,909.78
-5% Tithe	-395.49
Net Total	\$7,514.29

Budgeted Weekly: \$10,096.15
Deficit for the Week: \$2,186.37

Budgeted YTD: \$131,249.95
Surplus YTD: \$1,428.57

School Support: \$210.00

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.


WHAT IS DISCOVERING CHRIST?

Discovering Christ is a seven-week program helping individuals encounter Jesus Christ through shared meals, prayer, video teachings, and small group discussions, focusing on establishing or renewing a personal relationship with Christ and experiencing God's love.

DISCOVERING CHRIST SCHEDULE

Sundays, October 5-December 7, 2025, 5-7 p.m.
(No session on October 19 or November 30)
Retreat Day, Sunday, November 16, 2025
1:30-7:30 p.m. SS. Peter & Paul Parish,
434 High St., Ionia (SSPP School Cafeteria)

REGISTER TODAY! Sessions start on October 5!



Here’s how:

- Scan the QR code and complete the online registration form.
- Access the online registration form at the link provided on our parish website (www.saintspeterandpaulionia.org), MyParish App (SS. Peter & Pau), or Facebook page (Saints Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church), and complete the form
- Complete a paper registration form, available in the church, and submit it by depositing in the basket provided on the Discovering Christ info table, or drop it off/mail to the parish office (434 High St., Ionia, MI 488486). You can also email a scanned copy to tmckay@ssppcatholic.com

Sept. 27 & 28, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in OrdinaryTime
4:00 p.m. Lector: Mary Lou Mulick
Altar Servers: Adah Drown, Reagan Crooks
EMs: Mary Perrien, Phill & Sue Wizorek
Greeters: Julie Bennett

10:00 a.m. Lector: Jamie Meyer
Altar Servers: Claire/Gabe/Anna Cusack
EMs: Kevin Heinlein, Veronica Meyer,
Laurie Tjalsma
Greeters: Dave O'Mara, Theresa Scholtens

October 4 & 5, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. Lector: Bill Trueblood
Altar Servers: Charlotte & Lillian Mabe
EMs: Julie Bennett, Monica Mabe,
Phill & Sue Wizorek
Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

10:00 a.m.. Lector: Shannon Andrews
Altar Servers: Shyla & Stephen Johnson
EMs: Kevin Heinlein, Veronica Meyer,
Cheryl & John Hildebrandt
Greeters: Judy Hamblin

SS. Peter & Paul Parish Staff		(616) 527-3610
Permanent Deacon	Zenon Cardenas	616-527-8942
Secretary	Cecilia Luke	ext. 10
Office Manager	Adam Rewa	ext. 11
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Music Director	Whitney Crooks	616-527-3610
Faith Formation	Vanessa Booth	ext. 21
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SS. Peter and Paul School		(616) 527-3561
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Principal	Jenny Leik	ext. 18
Secretaries	Joann Johnson & Amie Heinlein	ext. 23

SS. Peter & Paul Parish - Pastoral Council
Shannon Andrews Deb Campbell

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
Allen Wizorek (Chair), Samantha Crawford (Vice-Chair)
Cara Brownell (Secretary), Kara Dipzinski, Nik Discher, Diane Grummet, Kevin Heinlein, Sharon VanEtt, Rachel Wilson



Knights' Corner

Hopefully the weather will cooperate for our fundraising effort “Come Fly with the Knights” at the Ionia Airport on September 27. If not, the rain date will be Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thank you, Brother Knight Brad Chartrand, for making this happen!

The Memorial Garden Project is progressing nicely. Several Knights have been putting in their full measure of time and talent on this project, and it shows. Great job!

On Tuesday, October 7, before our regular business meeting, we will be praying our rosary at 7 p.m. in the church for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Please come and pray with us. It is one of the most powerful tools we have!

Our Annual MI Drive (Tootsie Roll sale) will be on October 11 & 12. Please sign up on the sheets in the back of church, and indicate where and when you can work.

Finally, I have been using the State/Supreme email system to try and reach as many Knights as possible. Please respond or give me another way to keep you informed on council activities.

Vivat Jesus!
Ron Speckin, Grand Knight
616-755-2175

Our 2025 Harvest Raffle Drawing for prizes totaling \$2,550 is on Sunday, October 19, at 2:00 p.m. in Apostles Hall. You can make your returns by mail, in the Sunday collection, or at the parish office, but please have them in the parish office by noon on the 19th so we have time to process them for the drawing. If you sell \$100 worth of tickets and we receive your returns in the parish office by Monday, October 13, at 4 p.m., your name will be entered in a special **Early Bird drawing for \$250.**

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

Instead of a paid dinner, this year we will be having a parish potluck on the day of the raffle, beginning after the 12:00 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.

Come join us!

Panther Prayer Corner

Please pray for our teachers and staff. May God continue to grant them patience, wisdom, and creativity as they work to guide students in both faith and learning.

Ionia Area CROP Hunger Walk

You can help make a difference in local AND global hunger by walking in our CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 5. Our parish already has a number of walkers participating. Won't you join them? To sign up to be a Walker and receive your Donation Envelope, please contact Pat Rinker at 517-898-5676. If you're unable to walk with us this year, please consider sponsoring a Walker. Make checks payable to CWS/CROP.

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. **Volunteers are needed to lead the Rosary.** If you would like to volunteer, please call the parish office at 616-527-3610. Thank you!



Youth Group will meet on Sunday, September 28, at 6 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room. Students in Grades 8-12 are welcome!
—Kevin Heinlein

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.

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.

We are super excited to announce that we have new teachers AND many returning teachers:

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

September

28. Faith Formation Classes

October

5. Faith Formation Classes
12. Faith Formation Classes for PreK—8th grade
12. Fall Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Session
4:30—6 p.m.

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. Team members of the Ministry of Consolation will be offering Health Support gatherings on one Saturday of each month. Our next group will be on Saturday, September 27, at 9:30 a.m. at Biggby Coffee. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Vanessa at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

Local moms and babies need our help!

Beginning this weekend and going until Respect Life Sunday, October 5th, we will be collecting donations for Pregnancy Services of Ionia County (PSIC). The items most urgently needed are as follows:

- Diapers- sizes Newborn, 4, 5, & 6
- Baby wipes
- Formula (all types)
- Baby shampoo and soap
- Baby food/snacks/pouches
- Baby and kids' toothbrushes
- Fall outfits for boys & girls

You may place your donations in the baby crib in the back of church. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting life!

Daytime Faith & Scripture Sharing Sessions

We now meet on Thursdays at 9 a.m. in the Parish Office living room (No session on the first Thursday of each month, when Eucharistic Adoration is scheduled.) All are welcome!

Ladies Social Group Event:

Pumpkin Craft with Joyce Essich

Wednesday, October 8, 4-6 p.m., Veritas Room
Please bring:
—old t-shirts (plain, any color; no graphics or writing on the fabric to be cut; designs & patterns are fine)
—Poly-fil (fiberfil) or pillow stuffing (if you have it) to share
—your favorite PUMPKIN treat for all to sample
—a beverage of your choice (bottled water provided)
Come & enjoy an afternoon of conversation, crafting, and pumpkin confections. Questions: Call Kip Geldhof at 517-983-8241.

Michigan Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, October 11, 2025

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Lansing Center,
333 E Michigan Ave, Lansing

The conference focuses on the theme, “Living the Promise” (cf. Proverbs 3:5-6). The day will feature talks from wonderful Catholic speakers and diocesan priests, praise and worship music, and a time of Eucharistic Adoration. The day culminates with Mass celebrated by bishops from Michigan. The messages will center around God's unlimited faithfulness to our story and the incredible grace that comes from putting our trust in Him.

Register today—

mcwc.ticketspice.com/2025-mcwc

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel the rich man died and was condemned to “a place of torment” because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways. Evidently ignoring the poor was a family pattern. Is your family sensitive to the poor?



*Come rest awhile
in the Lord's presence.*

*Wednesdays 6-7 p.m.
in the Church*