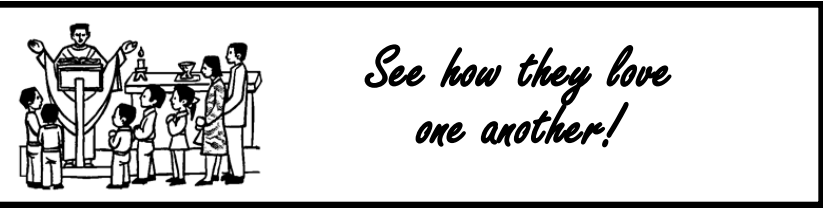


SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE





AH = Apostles Hall

CR = Cornerstone Room

SC = School

BC = Basement Chapel

CH = Church

PO = Parish Office

VR = Veritas Room

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Saturday, November 22
4:00 p.m. Ed Bredice (Denny & Sharon Bledsoe)
Sunday, November 23
10:00 a.m. Living & deceased of Patrick & Carol Lewis families
12:00 p.m. Misa en español *(for the people of the parish)*

Monday, November 24—St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/(Ps) Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4
No Mass

Tuesday, November 25—St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
Dn 2:31-45/(Ps) Dn 3:57-61Lk 21:5-11
No Mass

Wednesday, November 26—Weekday
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/(Ps) Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. Phil O'Mara (Teresa & Robert Krieger)
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, November 27—Thanksgiving Day
Sir 50:22-24/Ps 138:1-5/1 Cor 1:3-9/Lk 17:11-19
9:00 a.m. Mike Nelson (Chris & Whitney Crooks)

Friday, November 28—Weekday
Dn 7:2-14/(Ps) Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33
No Mass

Saturday, November 29—Weekday
Dn 7:15-17/(Ps) Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
3:00 p.m. Confessions

First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Saturday, November 29
4:00 p.m. Ron Wilson Sr. (Hemenway family)

Sunday, November 30
10:15 a.m. Robert O'Connor (Joan Nummer)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español *(for the people of the parish)*

GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF NOV. 23

General Cleaning
Kip Geldhof, Tom & Norma White

Vacuuming
Bruce Sibert, Joe Peckins

Sunday, November 23—Christ the King
8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)
9:00 a.m. Faith Formation classes
9:40 a.m. Children’s Choir Practice (loft)
5-7 p.m. Discovering Christ (AH)

Monday, November 24
Full day of school
3-8 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences
6:30 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study (VR)

Tuesday, November 25
11:00 a.m. School dismissal
Teacher training in p.m.

Wednesday, November 26
No School
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (VR)

Thursday, November 27—Thanksgiving Day
School & Parish Office closed

Friday, November 28
School & Parish Office closed

Saturday, November 29

Sunday, November 30—First Sunday of Advent
No OCIA, Faith Formation, or Discovering Christ
9:40 a.m. Children’s Choir Practice (loft)



OUR PARISH OFFERING: November 15 & 16, 2025

Regular Offertory Collection	\$5,176.25
Electronic Giving	3,155.00
Total	\$8,331.25
-5% Tithe	-416.56
Net Total	\$7,914.69
Budgeted Weekly: \$10,096.15	
Deficit for the Week: \$1,764.90	
Budgeted YTD: \$212,019.15	
Deficit YTD: \$537.91	
School Support Fund:	\$96.00
Christmas Baskets	\$420.00
Cemetery	\$100.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$2,439.00

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.

Special Liturgies at SS. Peter & Paul Church

Thanksgiving
Wed, Nov. 26 7 p.m. Mass (Spanish)
Thurs, Nov. 27 9 a.m. Mass

Advent Penance Services
Wed, Dec. 3 6-8 p.m.
Thurs, Dec. 4 9-11 a.m. for SSPP School

Immaculate Conception Holy Day
Mon, Dec. 8 12:10 p.m. Mass
7 p.m. Mass (bilingual)

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Fri, Dec. 12 6 a.m. Mañanitas (Spanish)
7 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

Christmas Holy Day
Wed, Dec. 24 4 p.m. Mass
10 p.m. Mass (bilingual)
Thurs, Dec. 25 10 a.m. Mass

Mary, Mother of God Holy Day
Wed, Dec. 31 5 p.m. Mass
Thurs, Jan. 1 10 a.m. Mass

Special Liturgies at St. Edward’s Church

Thanksgiving
Thurs, Nov. 27 9 a.m. Mass

Advent Penance Service
Thurs, Dec. 4 6-8 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Holy Day
Mon, Dec. 8 9 a.m. Mass & 6:30 p.m. Mass

Christmas Holy Day
Wed, Dec. 24 7:30 p.m. Mass
Thurs, Dec. 25 10 a.m. Mass

Mary, Mother of God Holy Day
Wed, Dec. 31 7 p.m. Mass
Thurs, Jan. 1 10 a.m. Mass

Other Seasonal Events (at SS. Peter & Paul)
Lessons and Carols Sun, Dec. 7, 2:30 p.m. in church
Advent by Candlelight Tues, Dec. 9, 5 p.m. Adoration & Evening Prayer in church, Dinner at 6 p.m. in school
Posadas Dec. 15-23, 7 p.m. in school
Epiphany Concert Sun, Jan. 4, 2:30 p.m. in church

November 22 & 23, Christ the King
4:00 p.m. Lector: Pat Rinker
Altar Servers: Levi & Logan Haskin
EMs: Julie Bennett, Phill & Sue Wizorek
Greeters: Mary Lou Mulick

10:00 a.m. Lector: Pete Fox
Altar Servers: Alexis/Hans/Kendra Heinlein
EMs: Cheryl & John Hildebrandt, Laurie Tjalsma
Greeters: Dave O'Mara

November 29 & 30, First Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m. Lector: Bill Trueblood
Altar Servers: Charlotte & Lillian Mabe
EMs: Monica Mabe, Mary Lou Mulick, Mary Perrien
Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

10:00 a.m. Lector: Dan Lower
Altar Servers: Alexis/Hans/Kendra Heinlein
EMs: Shannon Andrews, Kevin Heinlein, Theresa Scholtens
Greeters: Deb Porter

Please pray for:

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

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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Secretary	Cecilia Luke	ext. 10
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Music Director	Whitney Crooks	616-527-3610
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Maintenance	Matt Lang	616-527-3610
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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

This Monday, November 24th, marks the 121st anniversary of the founding of our council. I wonder how many thousands of hours of service and how much good work our council has done in the years since! The descendants of some of those first members are still in our parish to this day.

If you haven't purchased your raffle tickets yet, they are going fast! We will be selling them after the weekend liturgies.

Many blessings on your family and loved ones this Thanksgiving!

Ron Speckin, Grand Knight

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel reminds us that the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ's Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor, and love of one's enemies.

PLEASE Note: Starting the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, the Sunday morning Mass at SS. Peter & Paul will be changed from 10 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. This small change will give Fr. Eugene a bit more time to arrive comfortably and avoid any unexpected delays or tricky weather conditions. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to welcoming you just a little later for the Sunday morning Masses.



Have you noticed the Christmas tree in the back of church with the profiles of families to be "adopted" for Christmas? The profiles include information about the number of people in the family, the ages of the children, and a few suggestions for the items each of them desire or could use.

Thank you to those who have already picked a family to adopt. Please contact Monica Mabe at 527-526-3201 for more information about your family and about the Adopt-a-Family process. At this writing, we have 5 more families needing to be adopted.

The rest of our parishioners are asked to bring in non-perishable food items to fill the totes that the adopted families will receive. You may place your donated food items near Mary's altar until Sunday, December 14. Distribution of the food and gift items will be on Saturday, December 20, at 10 a.m.

If you have questions or would like to help in any way, please contact Theresa Scholtens at 616-648-2959.

Panther Prayer Corner

Please pray for all the staff and parents of our school as they prepare to meet for Parent-Teacher Conferences with week

Holiday Baking

Has God blessed you with a talent for baking? Would you consider baking some of your favorite holiday cookies or bread or candy for the SSPP School Annual Cookie sale? We would greatly appreciate any contributions to our efforts to raise money. The sale will begin at the school on Friday, December 5th, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. We will then transport the baked goods to the Mrs. Claus Bazaar on Saturday, December 6th, at the Ionia Middle School. Any remainders will be available at our Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 7th, in Apostles Hall.

Box Tops for Education

SSPP School needs your **grocery receipts**. General Mills Box Tops for Education program will award schools money for educational needs. Every time you purchase an item with the Box Tops for Education logo on it, our school can benefit from it. We are asking that you leave your **receipts** in the basket on the table in the back of church. They will be scanned and the rewards will be credited to SSPP. It's that easy. Please help us reach or exceed our goal this year.

¿Ha notado el árbol de Navidad en la parte trasera de la iglesia con los perfiles de las familias que se pueden "apadrinar" para Navidad? Los perfiles incluyen información sobre el número de personas en la familia, las edades de los niños y algunas sugerencias de los artículos que cada uno desea o podría necesitar.

Gracias a quienes ya han elegido una familia para apadrinar. Por favor, comuníquese con Monica Mabe al 527-526-3201 para obtener más información sobre su familia y sobre el proceso de Apadrinar a una Familia. Al momento de redactar esto, tenemos 5 familias más que necesitan ser apadrinadas.

Se solicita al resto de nuestros feligreses que traigan alimentos no perecederos para llenar las canastas que recibirán las familias apadrinadas. Puede colocar sus alimentos donados cerca del altar de María hasta el domingo 14 de diciembre. La distribución de los alimentos y regalos se realizará el sábado 20 de diciembre a las 10 a.m.

Si tiene preguntas o desea ayudar de alguna manera, por favor comuníquese con Theresa Scholtens al 616-648-2959.

Faith Formation Program

Registration remains open 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.

November

16th Faith Formation Classes
23rd Faith Formation Classes
30th Thanksgiving Break—no classes

December

7th Faith Formation Classes
14th Faith Formation Classes
21st Faith Formation Classes—Advent Party

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 Saturday mornings. Our next gathering will be on Saturday, December 6, at 9:30 a.m. at Biggby Coffee. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Vanessa at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

Ministry of Consolation

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 struggling with an illness. Training for new volunteers in this ministry will be on Saturday, November 29, from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Parish Office Living Room. To learn more about this ministry, please contact Vanessa Booth at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

Volunteers Needed!

We will soon be preparing our new volunteer schedules for 2026. Please call the parish office soon if any of the following pique your interest.

Church Cleaners & Vacuumers

A number of teams of volunteers clean the church and sacristy, and other teams vacuum the body of the church and the vestibule. Teams rotate and serve about once every 2 or 3 months.

Church Collection Counters

Teams of 4 people count the weekend collection each Monday morning at 9 a.m. They are scheduled on a rotating basis and serve about once a month.

Care of Altar Linens

Several women currently care for the altar cloths, purificators, hand towels, and servers' albs used in church. Are you an experienced laundress who would like to help?

Coming Soon . . . A New Tradition

**Lessons & Carols:
An Ecumenical Celebration
of the Advent & Christmas Seasons
Sunday, December 7, 2:30 p.m.
in SS. Peter & Paul Church**

Advent by Candlelight

Saints Peter & Paul Church
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
5 p.m.: Holy Hour in the church
6 p.m.: Dinner in Apostles Hall

Calling all ladies! Please join us for our annual Advent by Candlelight dinner. This year, we offer some new additions to our evening. To truly embrace the Advent spirit of quiet anticipation, we will begin with a Eucharistic Holy Hour of Adoration and Evening Prayer in church. Following that, we will move to Apostles Hall for a time of socializing, touring the tables, dinner catered by Olivera's, and a guest speaker.

The cost per woman will be \$20 this year. This will cover the cost of dinner and, more importantly, the rest will be donated to Pregnancy Services of Ionia County to support our local moms and babies during this season of giving.

If you would like to participate or host a table, please email Lauren Mulford by December 1st at lauren.mulford@gmail.com.



The Christmas wreaths and poinsettias that adorn our church during the Christmas season are offered to honor the birth of Christ and to glorify God. You are invited to honor your loved ones, living or deceased, by offering a **Christmas Flower Memorial**.

The names of those honored will be published in our parish bulletin during the Christmas season. Your donation will help to decorate the church not only at Christmas, but into the new year. The suggested donation is \$10 per name.

To make an honorary or memorial offering, please pick up a request form near the main entrances to church. You can submit your request and donation in an envelope in the collection basket, or return to the parish office by December 13