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November 9, 2025

The Dedication  
of the Lateran Basilica

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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

November 9, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

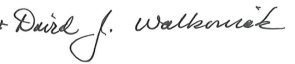
Pope Leo XIV issued his first apostolic exhortation, *Dilexi te* (On Love for the Poor), in early October. He writes in the exhortation, “We need to be increasingly committed to resolving the structural causes of poverty” (94). One way in which you can help break down the structural causes of poverty is through the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) during the **weekend of Nov. 15/16**. Your support for this collection enables organizations to reach and empower people in ways best suited to the communities where they live and work. The CCHD has been successful at reaching people on the margins for more than 50 years because of its support for community-based solutions rather than top-down programs that do not account for local needs.

In addition to making a national impact, 25 percent of the collection remains in our diocese to support local anti-poverty initiatives. Projects that receive funding must adhere to the teachings of the Catholic Church and are approved by me. Your generosity during last year’s collection allowed \$50,000 to stay in West Michigan to assist people living in poverty.

“Almsgiving at least offers us a chance to halt before the poor, to look into their eyes, to touch them and to share something of ourselves with them. In any event, almsgiving, however modest, brings a touch of *pietas* into a society otherwise marked by the frenetic pursuit of personal gain (*Dilexi te*, 116).

Please prayerfully consider how you can give this year. If you would like more information about the collection, visit [uscgb.org/cchd](http://uscgb.org/cchd). Thank you for joining us to work on the margins and break the cycle of poverty.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
Bishop of Grand Rapids

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Queridos amigos y amigas en Cristo,

El Papa León XIV publicó su primera exhortación apostólica, *Dilexi te* (Sobre el Amor hacia los Pobres), a comienzos de octubre. En dicha exhortación escribe: “Debemos comprometernos cada vez más para resolver las causas estructurales de la pobreza” (n. 94).

Una forma en la que usted puede ayudar a acabar con las causas estructurales de la pobreza es participando en la colecta nacional para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD) durante el fin de semana del 15 y 16 de noviembre. Su apoyo a esta colecta permite a las organizaciones llegar a las personas y empoderarlas de la manera más adecuada para las comunidades en las que viven y trabajan. La CCHD lleva más de 50 años llegando con éxito a las personas marginadas gracias a su compromiso con soluciones basadas en la comunidad, en lugar de programas impuestos desde arriba que no toman en cuenta las necesidades locales.

Además de tener un impacto a nivel nacional, el 25 por ciento de la colecta permanece en nuestra diócesis para apoyar iniciativas locales contra la pobreza. Los proyectos que reciben fondos deben adherirse a las enseñanzas de la Iglesia Católica y cuentan con mi aprobación. Gracias a su generosidad durante la colecta del año pasado, se destinaron \$50,000 para ayudar a las personas que viven en situación de pobreza en West Michigan.

“La limosna, invita al menos a detenerse y a mirar al pobre a la cara, a tocarle y compartir con él algo de lo suyo. De cualquier manera, la limosna, por pequeña que sea, infunde *pietas* en una vida social en la que todos se preocupan de su propio interés personal” (*Dilexi te*, 116).

Por favor, considere en su oración sobre cómo puede contribuir este año. Si desea obtener más información sobre esta colecta, visite [uscgb.org/cchd](http://uscgb.org/cchd). Gracias por unirse a nosotros para trabajar en las periferias y romper el ciclo de la pobreza.

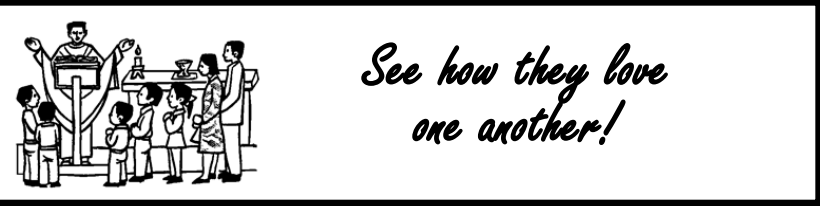
Sinceramente suyo en Cristo

Reverendísimo David J. Walkowiak  
Obispo de Grand Rapids

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA





AH = Apostles Hall

CR = Cornerstone Room

SC = School

BC = Basement Chapel

CH = Church

PO = Parish Office

VR = Veritas Room

**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
*Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22*  
**Saturday, November 8**  
4:00 p.m. Ben & Jane Dipzinski (Kari Dipzinski)  
**Sunday, November 9**  
10:00 a.m. Intention of the Hufnagel family (Mary M. O’Keeffe)  
12:00 p.m. Misa en español *(for the people of the parish)*

**Monday, November 10—St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor**  
*Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1-10/Lk 17:1-6*  
No Mass

**Tuesday, November 11—St. Martin of Tours, Bishop**  
*Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10*  
No Mass

**Wednesday, November 12—St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr**  
*Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19*  
11:00 a.m. Confessions  
12:10 p.m. Living & deceased of Freund & Stoj families  
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour  
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

**Thursday, November 13—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**  
*Wis 7:22—8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25*  
8:00 a.m. Katie Fox (Dave & Gwen O’Mara)

**Friday, November 14—Weekday**  
*Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 17:26-37*  
No Mass

**Saturday, November 15—St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor**  
*Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8*  
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary  
3:00 p.m. Confessions

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*Mal 3:19-20/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19*  
**Saturday, November 15**  
4:00 p.m. Vernon Brown

**Sunday, November 16**  
10:00 a.m. Catherine Verdun  
12:00 p.m. Misa en español *(for the people of the parish)*

**GOD’S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF NOV. 9**

**General Cleaning**  
Pat Duffy, Marisha Hileman  
Gwen O’Mara, Janis Neustifter

**Vacuuming**  
Ray Korytkowski, Lon MacLachlan

**Sunday, November 9**—Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)  
9:00 a.m. Faith Formation classes  
9:00 a.m. 2nd Gr. Parent/Student Mtg. (VR)  
5-7 p.m. Discovering Christ (AH)  
6:00 p.m. ICT Board Meeting (VR)

**Monday, November 10**  
6:30 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study (VR)

**Tuesday, November 11**—Veterans Day  
6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting

**Wednesday, November 12**  
4-6 p.m. Ladies’ Social Group:  
Euchre Party (VR)  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (VR)

**Thursday, November 13**  
9:00 a.m. Daytime Faith Sharing (PO)  
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

**Friday, November 14**

**Saturday, November 15**  
9-10 a.m. Ministry of Consolation  
Training (PO)  
10-11:30 a.m. Diocesan Training for new  
Eucharistic Ministers (CH)

**Sunday, November 16**—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)  
9:00 a.m. Faith Formation classes  
1:30-7:30 p.m. Discovering Christ Retreat (AH)

**OUR PARISH OFFERING: November 1 & 2, 2025**

|                                         |                    |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Regular Offertory Collection            | \$11,951.00        |
| Electronic Giving                       | 4,250.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>\$16,201.00</b> |
| -5% Tithe                               | -810.05            |
| <b>Net Total</b>                        | <b>\$15,390.95</b> |
|                                         |                    |
| Budgeted Weekly: \$10,096.15            |                    |
| <b>Surplus for the Week: \$6,104.85</b> |                    |
|                                         |                    |
| Budgeted YTD: \$191,826.85              |                    |
| <b>Surplus YTD: \$3,854.14</b>          |                    |
|                                         |                    |
| School Support Fund:                    | \$320.00           |
| Christmas Baskets                       | \$976.00           |
| Mission Sunday                          | \$100.00           |
| Campaign for Human Development          | \$100.00           |
| Retirement Fund for Religious           | \$100.00           |

*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.*

**Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
**Saturday, November 15, 2025**  
**10 to 11:30 a.m.**  
**Saints Peter & Paul Church, Ionia**

Are you a baptized and confirmed Catholic at least 18 years old, and in good standing with the Catholic Church? Would you like to become an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion – either one who serves Communion at Mass, or one who brings the Eucharist to the ill or homebound?

All ministers of Holy Communion are expected to be trained in diocesan norms for ministry, as well as local parish norms. (Many of us already received the diocesan training and do not need to repeat it.) **A representative from the Diocese will be offering training here at Saints Peter & Paul Church on Saturday, November 15, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

To register, go to [grdiocese.org/ministries/worship](http://grdiocese.org/ministries/worship). Scroll down to *Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*. Enter your name, phone, email, parish, and whether you are currently serving as an EMHC or are new to this ministry. If you have questions or would like help registering, please call the SS. Peter & Paul Parish office at 616-527-3610.

**November 8 & 9, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
4:00 p.m. Lector: Monica Mabe  
Altar Servers: Kaylynn/Kenna/Kinleigh  
Wizorek  
EMs: Mary Perrien, Phill & Sue Wizorek  
Greeters: Mary Lou Mulick  
  
10:00 a.m. Lector: Sam Meyer  
Altar Servers: Alexis Heinlein, Jace Perry  
EMs: Cheryl & John Hildebrandt,  
Laurie Tjalsma  
Greeters: Dave O’Mara

**November 15 & 16, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00 p.m. Lector: Mary Lou Mulick  
Altar Servers: Adah Drown, Jaclyn Rewa  
EMs: Julie Bennett, Monica Mabe,  
Mary Perrien  
Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen  
  
10:00 a.m. Lector: Madeline Desrochers  
Altar Servers: Evan & Jacquelynn Bailey  
EMs: Shannon Andrews, Kevin Heinlein,  
Theresa Scholtens  
Greeters: Deb Porter

***Please pray for:***

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

| <b><u>SS. Peter &amp; Paul Parish Staff</u></b> |                | <b>(616) 527-3610</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Permanent Deacon                                | Zenon Cardenas | 616-527-8942          |
| Secretary                                       | Cecilia Luke   | ext. 10               |
| Office Manager                                  | Adam Rewa      | ext. 11               |
| Music Director                                  | Whitney Crooks | 616-527-3610          |
| Faith Formation                                 | Vanessa Booth  | ext. 21               |
| Maintenance                                     | Matt Lang      | 616-527-3610          |
| Cemetery Sexton                                 | Aaren Perry    | 616-527-3610          |

| <b><u>SS. Peter and Paul School</u></b> |                                  | <b>(616) 527-3561</b> |
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| <b><u>www.ssppcatholic.com</u></b>      |                                  |                       |
| Principal                               | Jenny Leik                       | ext. 18               |
| Secretaries                             | Joann Johnson<br>& 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**

At our meeting this week we approved three donations from the funds raised by the Tootsie Roll sale. \$500 was given to Special Olympics, \$250 to Freedom Acres, and \$250 to the special education programs in Ionia schools. Thank you for your support of this annual project!

We will have a tote in the back of church to collect new and gently used winter coats and hoodies for distribution in our community. Children sized items are especially needed.

Tickets for next year's raffle are now on sale - get yours before they're gone! Only 300 are sold, and there are 4 winners each month. All proceeds go to local charities.

Congratulations to this month's raffle winners: Tim O'Connor, Ryan O'Mara, Jack Kujala, and Bill Bosworth.

**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.**



It is time to begin collecting non-perishable food items for local families in need. Please bring in your donations from now until Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, and place them near Mary's altar in the church.

We will soon be getting out information about families to "adopt" for Christmas. Please keep this program and all our families in your prayers.

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

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Es hora de comenzar a recolectar alimentos no perecederos para las familias locales necesitadas. Por favor, traiga sus donaciones desde ahora hasta el domingo 14 de diciembre y colóquelas cerca del altar de María en la iglesia. Pronto distribuiremos información sobre las familias a las que se puede "apadrinar" para Navidad. Por favor, mantenga este programa y a todas nuestras familias en sus oraciones. Si tiene alguna pregunta o desea ayudar de alguna manera, comuníquese con Theresa Scholtens al 616-648-2959.

**Panther Prayer Corner**

Please pray for our nation's veterans and for all who have sacrificed for peace. May our students work toward peace with each other, with their family members and friends, and with all those they meet.

**New Lector Workbooks**

Lectors: Our new Liturgical Year A begins on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29 & 30, 2025. There will be 2 lector workbooks available for you to borrow from the lector table in the sacristy for the week before you are scheduled to lector. If you would like your own copy, there are a few available for purchase (\$13.00) in the parish office.

**Book of the Names of the Dead**

Our "Book of the Names of the Dead" will remain on a stand at the back of church during the month of November. You may write the names of recently deceased loved ones in the book before or after Mass. We will keep them all in our prayers. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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**Libro de los Nombres de los Difuntos**

Nuestro "Libro de los Nombres de los Difuntos" se colocará nuevamente en un atril en la parte trasera de la iglesia durante el mes de noviembre. Puede escribir los nombres de sus seres queridos fallecidos recientemente en el libro antes o después de la Misa. Los tendremos a todos en nuestras oraciones. "Concédeles, Señor, el descanso eterno, y brille para ellos la luz perpetua. Que descansen en paz. Que sus almas y las almas de todos los fieles difuntos, por la misericordia de Dios, descansen en paz. Amén.

**Ladies Social Group  
Euchre Party**

Wednesday, November 12  
from 4-6 p.m.  
in the Veritas Room

\$5.00 to play. All proceeds will be paid out to the top 3 winners and lowest score.

The more the merrier! Not a card player? Come to visit and socialize. Bring your favorite card party snack to share and a beverage to enjoy. Water will be provided. Come and enjoy some laughs while playing cards or mingling with friends. Questions? Call Kip Geldhof (517-983-8241) or Jean Barker (616-340-0678).

**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](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com) or 616-527-3610.

**November**

- 9. Faith Formation Classes
- 9. 2nd Grade Parent/Student Meeting (9 a.m. in Veritas Room)

16. Faith Formation Classes

23. Faith Formation Classes

**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 Bigby Coffee. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Vanessa at [vbooth@ssppcatholic.com](mailto: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 begin on Saturday, November 15, 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](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com).

**Fall in Love All Over Again!**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience (WWME) is a time set aside for you and your spouse to connect more deeply and fan the spark of your love. Through presentations and time for private discussion, WWME offers tools to take your marriage to the next level. Apply today at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for more information. Upcoming Experiences:

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**All Souls Day Prayer** *(Catholic Relief Services 2025)*

Merciful Father,

We are called to remember those who have died, especially those who have passed in the past year, and to pray for their joyful reunion with you, their loving Creator.

As your Son taught us to call the stranger neighbor, we recognize that the fallen are many—names we may never know, voices we may never hear, in lands we may never visit—yet all are our brothers and sisters.

And so we pray:

For victims of war, caught in the crossfires of conflicts we could not resolve—for soldiers and civilians, adults and children—grant eternal rest, O Lord.

For migrants who died seeking refuge, hoping to find safety and opportunity for themselves and their families—grant eternal rest, O Lord.

For those who died of hunger, denied their share in the abundance you have placed before us—grant eternal rest, O Lord.

For those who died from illness, before receiving adequate care—grant eternal rest, O Lord.

For refugees seeking asylum from violence and persecution, who died in lands not their own—grant eternal rest, O Lord.

For victims of disasters and emergencies, who died amid chaos and confusion—grant eternal rest, O Lord.

Lord, as you command, we reach out to the fallen. We call on you on behalf of those we could not reach this year. You raised your Son from the dead so that all may share in his Resurrection.

In Jesus' name we pray:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

**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*



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