

A large, dramatic painting serves as the background for the entire page. It depicts Jesus Christ walking on the water towards his apostles in a small boat. The apostles are shown in various states of alarm and awe, with one reaching out to touch him. The background features a vast, stormy sea with dark, turbulent waves and a sky filled with dramatic, colorful clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall atmosphere is one of divine intervention and miracle.

A parish clustered with St. Edward, Lake Odessa

SS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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January 25, 2026

25 de Enero de 2026

Mass Schedule

Horario de Misas

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday 10:15 am, 12 pm Spanish

Wednesday 12:10 pm, 7 pm Spanish

Thursday 8 am

Reconciliation Schedule

Calendario de Reconciliación

Wednesday 11 am-12pm (noon)

Saturday 3 pm to 3:45 pm

Parish Office

Oficina Parroquial

Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Contact Us

Contacta con Nosotros

parishoffice@sspcatholic.com

616-527-3610

Prayer Chain for Immediate

Need please call

616-522-0279 or 616-527-0438.

Third Sunday in ordinary time

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the Earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place.

Psalm 96: 1,6

A Letter from Father Eugene

Catholic Education Enhances Faith Through Learning

From January 25-31 of this week, we will be celebrating Catholic School Week—a time to come together as a community and embrace the unique blessings of Catholic education. We are grateful for the privilege of nurturing our children, not only in academic excellence but also in faith and compassion.

Through Catholic education, our children discover the profound values of the Catholic faith, experiencing love, hope, and joy in every lesson and interaction. They are encouraged to see the world through the eyes of Christ while learning to participate in the heart of our faith: the joy of prayer, the boundless grace of God found in learning and fellowship, and the sacred encounter with God in the celebration of the Holy Mass.

As a parish, providing Catholic education for our children is a heartfelt mission—one rooted in compassion and care. Whether through Sunday faith formations, daycare programs, or elementary schools, we are united in our commitment to nurture each child in an environment of kindness, support, and love for God. Bishop David Walkowiak noted that “Catholic schools are the single most effective means the Church has created for evangelization.” Our role as a parish community then is to ensure every child feels cherished and supported on their journey of growth—mind, heart, and spirit.

I invite you to consider Catholic Education for your children. Please contact our school for more information.



A Message from the Diocese

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we approach Catholic Schools Week, January 25 – January 31, we have much to celebrate and much for which to be grateful. The Catholic schools in our diocese, from our elementary schools to post-secondary institutions such as Aquinas College and Harmel Academy of the Trades, are working hand-in-hand with the Church to fulfill our primary mission: evangelization.

Our Catholic schools are foundational for the Church of tomorrow. By providing a transformative education that nurtures the whole person—body, mind, and soul—we are actively ensuring the vitality and spiritual health of the Catholic Church in West Michigan.

Catholic schools bring young people into a daily encounter with our Lord, preparing them to seek and fulfill God’s plan for their lives. Through prayer, adoration, and the celebration of the sacraments, students have multiple opportunities to listen for God’s voice and discern how He is working in their life. This personal relationship with Jesus Christ is the key to living out our baptismal call to love God and neighbor and to become ambassadors for Christ.

You, the generous and dedicated members of our parishes, are integral in this endeavor. Thank you for the ways you support this educational ministry through your prayer, financial support, and faithful advocacy. Please pray for and spread the word about Catholic schools within your community during this upcoming week and throughout the year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you. Parents lead the way.

Liturgies This Week

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23 - 9:3/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

Saturday, January 24

4:00 p.m. Carol Cope
(Jack & Carole Hausselman)

Sunday, January 25

10:15 a.m. Carol Gallagher (Dane & Linda Droste)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, January 26

Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops

2 Tim 1:1-8/Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10/Mk 3:22-30
No Mass

Tuesday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici, Virgin

2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7-10/Mk 3:31-35
No Mass

Wednesday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-30/Mk 4:1-20
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. Bertha Meier
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, January 29 - Weekday

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-5, 11-14/Mk 4:21-25
8:00 a.m. Intention of Juan Mendez

Friday, January 30 - Weekday

2 Sm 11:1-10, 13-17/Ps 51:3-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
No Mass

Saturday, January 31 - St. John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
3:00 p.m. Confessions

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12

Saturday, January 31

4:00 p.m. Mary Ellen Thome (Mildred Brown)

Sunday, February 1

10:15 a.m. Catherine Verdun
12:00 p.m. Misa en español

Parish Prayer List

We continue to pray for all those who need healing. **If you would like to add or remove a name from this list, please call the parish office at 616-527-3610.** Be sure to have the consent of the person or a family member. Names will remain on the prayer list for three months. Requests may be renewed.

Please Pray for:

Janice Schell, Anita Hozeski Scott, Angie Cedillo, Arlene Stanton, Bob Parker, Carolee Bennett, Chad Wickerink, Cherie Flinn, Cindy Hardy, Connie Waterman, Denise Ward, Diana Kujala, Dorr Bissell, Ed Blyth, Ericka Baer, Finny Hunt, Georgia Sibert, Glen Alvord, Jack & Sue LaPeer, Jace Peterson, Jerry & Maribeth Fritz, Jessica Fritz, Jim & Barb Mulnix, Jim Zook, Jo Wirtz, Joe Drysdale, Judy Dick, Karen Miller, Kathy Kranz, Katie Maynard, Ken and Sherry North, Kirsten Mork, Landon Battle, Larry Lafler, Lesley Williams, Lisa Pringle, Mark Dawson, Mary O'Connor, Mary Perrien, Mike Gallagher, Mike Peckins, Mike Priest, Mona Martinez, Nathan Lower, Nichole Munsell, Pamela Coggan, Pat MacLachlan, Randy Tripp, Russinda Rohde, Sharon Baer, Shirley Weber, Sue & Joe Kleiss, Sue Speckin, Terri Butler, Terri Nurenberg, Theresa Hess, Tom & Norma White, Tom Lower, Tony Burns, Tracie Lower, Travis Eveleth, Yolanda (Lewis) Hardison

Our Parish Offering

Week of January 18, 2026

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| Regular Offertory | \$9,823.00 |
| Electronic Giving | \$1,785.00 |
| Total Offertory | \$11,608.00 |

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| Budgeted Weekly | \$10,096.15 |
| Surplus for the Week | \$1,151.85 |

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| Budgeted Year to Date | \$292,788.35 |
| Actual Year to Date | \$307,663.73 |
| Surplus Year to Date | \$14,875.38 |

SS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Parish Staff

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Parish Office Email: parishoffice@ssppcatholic.com

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Fr. Eugene Batungbacal

Permanent Deacon: Zenon Cardenas

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| Secretary | Cecilia Luke | ext. 10 |
| Office Manager | Adam Rewa | ext. 11 |
| Bulletin Editor | Tiffany Ferguson | ext. 39 |
| 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 |

Parish Finance Council: Chris Christensen, Tom O' Connor, Kip Geldhof, Dave O'Mara, Denise Peabody, Vanessa Booth
Parish Pastoral Council: Deb Campbell, Shannon Andrews

January 24 & 25, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. **Lector:** Phill Wizorek
Altar Servers: Charlotte & Lillian Mabe
EMs: Monica Mabe, Mary Lou Mulick, Sue Wizorek
Greeters: Volunteers

10:15 a.m. **Lector:** Dan Lower
Altar Servers: Hans & Kendra Heinlein
EMs: Julie Bennett, Kevin Keinlein, Sam Meyer
Greeters: Theresa Scholtens

Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. **Lector:** Cecilia Luke
Altar Servers:
Reagan Crooks & Jaclyn Rewa
EMs: Mary Lou Mulick, Barb Mulnix, Mary Perrien
Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

10:15 a.m. **Lector:** Sam Meyer
Altar Servers:
Alexis/Kendra/Hans Heinlein
EMs: Shannon Anderson, Julie Bennett, Veronica Meyer
Greeters: Judy Hamblin

God's Housekeepers - January 25th

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| General Cleaning | Chris & Pilya Christensen, Joe Thelen |
| Vacuuming | Chris & Pilya Christensen, Joe Thelen |

Events This Week

Sunday, January 25

Catholic Schools Week (January 25-31)

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| 8:30 a.m. | OCIA (PO) |
| 9:00 a.m. | Faith Formation classes |
| 5-7 p.m. | Following Christ (AH) |

Monday, January 26

Tuesday, January 27

1-2 p.m. OCIA Inquiry Session (PO)
5:30-6:30 p.m. OCIA Inquiry Session (PO)

Wednesday, January 28

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (VR)

Thursday, January 29

9:00 a.m. Daytime Faith Sharing(PO)
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, January 30

Saturday, January 31

9:30 a.m. Health Support Group
(Biggby Coffee)

Sunday, February 1

8:30 a.m. OCIA (PO)
9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes
5-7 p.m. Following Christ (AH)

(CH) Church/(VR) Veritas Room /
(PO) Parish Office / (CR) Cornerstone Room

Are you interested in the Catholic faith?

Curious about the Catholic Church or considering becoming Catholic? Join us for a no-pressure inquiry session which are held Tuesdays in the Parish Office Living Room at two convenient times: 1:00–2:00 PM or 5:30–6:30 PM.

Ladies Social Group

We will be taking a winter break from activities until April. Expect to resume after Easter.

Parish Contribution Statements

If you would like a copy of your 2025 parish contributions statement, please call the parish office at 616-527-3610. We will mail it to you, or you may pick it up from the parish office. Thank you for your continuing support.

Una Carta del Padre Eugene

Educación católica fortalece la fe a través del aprendizaje.

Del 25 al 31 de enero de esta semana, celebraremos la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas, un momento para reunirnos como comunidad y apreciar las bendiciones únicas de la educación católica. Estamos agradecidos por el privilegio de educar a nuestros hijos, no solo en la excelencia académica, sino también en la fe y la compasión.

A través de la educación católica, nuestros hijos descubren los profundos valores de la fe católica, experimentando el amor, la esperanza y la alegría en cada lección e interacción. Se les anima a ver el mundo a través de los ojos de Cristo mientras aprenden a participar en el corazón de nuestra fe: la alegría de la oración, la gracia ilimitada de Dios que se encuentra en el aprendizaje y la comunión, y el encuentro sagrado con Dios en la celebración de la Santa Misa.

Como parroquia, proporcionar educación católica a nuestros hijos es una misión sincera, arraigada en la compasión y el cuidado. Ya sea a través de la formación dominical en la fe, los programas de guardería o las escuelas primarias, estamos unidos en nuestro compromiso de educar a cada niño en un entorno de amabilidad, apoyo y amor a Dios. El obispo David Walkowiak señaló que «las escuelas católicas son el medio más eficaz que la Iglesia ha creado para la evangelización». Nuestro papel como comunidad parroquial es, por tanto, garantizar que cada niño se sienta querido y apoyado en su camino de crecimiento: mente, corazón y espíritu.

Les invito a considerar la educación católica para sus hijos. Pónganse en contacto con nuestra escuela para obtener más información.



Un Mensaje de la Diócesis

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Al acercarnos a la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas, del 25 al 31 de Enero, tenemos mucho que celebrar y mucho por lo que estar agradecidos. Las escuelas católicas de nuestra diócesis, desde las escuelas primarias hasta las instituciones de educación superior como Aquinas College y Harmel Academy of the Trades, trabajan de la mano con la Iglesia para cumplir nuestra misión principal: la evangelización.

Nuestras escuelas católicas son fundamentales para la Iglesia del mañana. Al brindar una educación transformadora que nutre a la persona en su totalidad – cuerpo, mente y espíritu –, garantizamos activamente la vitalidad y la salud espiritual de la Iglesia Católica en el oeste de Michigan.

Las escuelas católicas brindan a los jóvenes un encuentro diario con nuestro Señor, preparándolos para buscar y cumplir el plan de Dios para sus vidas.

A través de la oración, la adoración y la celebración de los sacramentos, los estudiantes tienen múltiples oportunidades para escuchar la voz de Dios y discernir cómo Él actúa en sus vidas. Esta relación personal con Jesucristo es clave para vivir nuestra vocación bautismal de amar a Dios y al prójimo, y para convertirnos en embajadores de Cristo.

Ustedes, miembros generosos y comprometidos de nuestras parroquias, son parte fundamental de esta labor. Gracias por el apoyo que brindan a este ministerio educativo a través de sus oraciones, su apoyo financiero y su fiel compromiso.

"wonder is the desire of knowledge"

St. Thomas Aquinas

"el asombro es el deseo del conocimiento"

Les pedimos que oren por las escuelas católicas y que difundan información sobre ellas en su comunidad durante la próxima semana y a lo largo del año.

Sinceramente
tuyo en cristo,
Reverendísimo
David J. Walkowiak
Obispo de
Grand Rapids

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Our School Staff

School Phone: 616-527-3561
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Principal

Administrative Assistant

Administrative Assistant/Librarian

Preschool Teacher

D. Kindergarten Teacher

Kindergarten/1st Grade Teacher

2nd Grade Teacher

3rd/4th Grade Teacher

5th/6th Grade Homeroom

7/8th Grade Homeroom

P.E. Teacher

Art & Spanish Teacher/ School Counselor

Technology Teacher

Board of Education: Allen Wizorek (Chair)

Samantha Crawford (Vice-Chair)

Cara Brownell (Secretary)

Kara Dipzinski, Nik Discher, Dianne Grummet,

Kevin Heinlein, Sharon Vanett, Rachel Wilson

Coloring Corner

My feast day is soon.

We celebrate it on

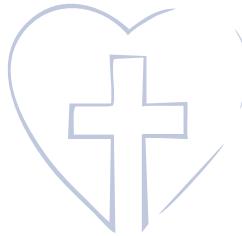
Wednesday, January 28th.

I am the patron Saint of

Catholic Schools.

I was born in Italy and had
eight other siblings.

I dedicated my life to blending
philosophy and theology.



Upcoming Dates

Jan. 25-31

Catholic Schools Week

Feb. 13

Classroom Valentine's

Day Parties

No School - Mid

Winter Break

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

Each year, we end the month of January with a **HUGE** celebration of Catholic Schools Week! We will have days filled with exciting celebrations of all the great things about Catholic Schools! We have a great week planned for our students!

