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April 12, 2026

12 de Abril 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-12 pm (noon)
Saturday 3 pm to 3:45 pm

Parish Office

Oficina Parroquial

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

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Contacta con Nosotros

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**Prayer Chain for
Immediate Need please call
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“And fear nothing, dear soul,
whoever you are; the greater the
sinner, the greater his right to
Your mercy, O Lord.”

Maria Faustina Kowalska

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

A Letter from Father Eugene Una carta del Padre Eugene

Divine Mercy Sunday

God is love and merciful. This is the simple yet powerful message of the Divine Mercy. His love endures forever and His mercy is unlimited. Jesus spoke to Sister Faustina and revealed to her the immensity of His mercy and how He desires to pour out this mercy to all. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy” (Diary of St. Faustina, 300-301).

St. John Paul II made this an official feast day in the Church in 2000 when he canonized St. Faustina. Jesus Christ has requested for His mercy to be known to all. Saint Faustina recorded in her diary:

“I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy. I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy...I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners”(Diary of St. Faustina, 49, 699).

Prayer of Divine Mercy:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty yourself out upon us.

Repeat three times:

(Diary, 84)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in you!

To learn how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, please check this link:



Domingo de la Divina Misericordia

Dios es amor y misericordioso. Este es el sencillo pero poderoso mensaje de la Divina Misericordia. Su amor perdura para siempre y su misericordia es ilimitada. Jesús habló con la hermana Faustina y le reveló la inmensidad de su misericordia y cómo desea derramarla sobre todos. “Todas las obras de mis manos están coronadas de misericordia” (Diario de Santa Faustina, 300-301).

San Juan Pablo II la convirtió en fiesta oficial de la Iglesia en el año 2000, cuando canonizó a Santa Faustina. Jesucristo pidió que su misericordia fuera conocida por todos. Santa Faustina escribió en su diario: «Deseo que haya una Fiesta de la Misericordia. Quiero que esta imagen, que pintarás con un pincel, sea bendecida solemnemente el primer domingo después de Pascua». Ese domingo se celebra la Fiesta de la Misericordia... Deseo que la Fiesta de la Misericordia sea refugio y amparo para todas las almas, y especialmente para los pobres pecadores” (Diario de Santa Faustina, 49, 699).

Oración de la Divina Misericordia:

Expiraste, Jesús, pero la fuente de vida brotó para las almas y el mar de misericordia se abrió para el mundo entero. Oh fuente de vida, insondable Misericordia Divina, abarca al mundo entero y derrámate sobre nosotros

Repetir tres veces:

(Diario, 84)

¡Oh Sangre y Agua que brotaste del Corazón de Jesús, como una Fuente de Misericordia para nosotros, En Ti confío

Para aprender a rezar la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia, consulta este enlace:



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:

Ericka Baer, Sharon Baer, Martha Bailey Brooks, Landon Battle, Dorr Bissell, Ed Blyth, Tony Burns, Terri Butler, Chris Castano, Angie Cedillo, Pamela Coggan, Mark Dawson, Judy Dick, Joe Drysdale, Travis Eveleth, Cherie Flinn, Jerry & Maribeth Fritz, Jessica Fritz, Sarah Gregg, Finnly Hunt, Kathy Kranz, Sue & Joe Kleiss, Larry Lafler, Jack & Sue LaPeer, Tom Lower, Nathan Lower, Tracie Lower, Pat MacLachlan, Mona Martinez, Karen Miller, Kirsten Mork, Jim & Barb Mulnix, Nichole Munsell, Ken and Sherry North, Terri Nurenberg, Mary O'Connor, Bob Parker, Mike Peckins, Jace Peterson, Mary Perrien, Mike Priest, Lisa Pringle, Russinda Rohde, Janice Schell, Anita Hozeski Scott, Georgia Sibert, Sue Speckin, Arlene Stanton, Randy Tripp, Connie Waterman, Denise Ward, Shirley Weber, Tom & Norma White, Chad Wickerink, Lesley Williams, Jo Wirtz, Jim Zook



Saint Faustina, the Patron Saint of Mercy

St. Faustina reminds us to trust in the mercy of Jesus and to live life mercifully towards others.

Help Us Find A Missing Plant

Specifically, we are looking for a **Peace Plant**. It first appeared last December during John Scholten's funeral. The plant was in the church until Lent began, then placed in the sacristy. If you are the one who took the plant home to care for it, please bring it back to the Church so it can be reunited with Mrs. Theresa Scholtens. She would greatly appreciate it.

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Our Parish Offering

Week of April 5, 2026

Regular Offertory	\$8,830.93
Electronic Giving	<u>1,440.00</u>
Total Offertory	\$10,270.93

Budgeted Weekly	\$10,096.15
Surplus for the Week	\$174.78

Budgeted Year to Date	\$403,846.00
Actual Year to Date	\$425,405.32
Surplus Year to Date	\$21,559.32

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Our Parish Staff

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April 11 & 12, Second Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Lector: Phill Wizorek
Altar Servers: Levi & Logan Haskin
EMs: Julie Bennett, Cecilia Luke,
Sue Wizorek
Greeter: Mary Lou Mulick

10:15 a.m. Lector: Shannon Andrews
Altar Servers: Stephen Johnson,
Gavin McGuire
EMs: Barb Mulnix, Theresa
Scholtens, Laurie Tjalsma
Greeters: Deb Porter

April 18 & 19, Third Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Lector: Mary Lou Mulick
Altar Servers: Adah Drown,
Reagan Crooks
EMs: Julie Bennett,
Cecilia Luke, Barb Mulnix
Greeters: Volunteers

10:15 a.m. Lector: Sam Meyer
Altar Servers: Alexis Heinlein,
Gavin McGuire
EMs: Shannon Andrews,
Kevin Heinlein,
Theresa Scholtens
Greeters: Volunteers

Liturgies This Week

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn
20:19-31

Saturday, April 11

4:00 p.m. Barbara Howe (Christine Bewell)

Sunday, April 12

10:15 a.m. Dilly Kay Perpich (Philip Thelen)

12:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, April 13 – St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8

No Mass

Tuesday, April 14 – Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7-15

No Mass

Wednesday, April 15 – Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21

11:00 a.m. Confessions

11:30 a.m. Rosary for Prison Ministry

12:10 p.m. Katie Fox (Max & Joanne Pinkney)

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, April 16 – Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36

8:00 a.m. Intention of Jessica Fritz
(Jerry & Maribeth Fritz)

Friday, April 17 – Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/Jn 6:1-15

No Mass

Saturday, April 18 – Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary

3:00 p.m. Confessions

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk
24:13-35

Saturday, April 18

4:00 p.m. Philip Fox (Carol Fox)

Sunday, April 19

10:15 a.m. Don Gardner (Patrick & Carol
Lewis)

12:00 p.m. Misa en español

Events This Week

Sunday, April 12

9-10 a.m. Faith Formation Classes
5-7 p.m. Sharing Christ (AH)

Monday, April 13

Tuesday, April 14

No Panther Playhouse
1-2 p.m. OCIA Session (PO)
5:30-6:30 OCIA Session (PO)
6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 15

5:00 p.m. Hispanic 1st Communion Prep. (AH)
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (VR)

Thursday, April 16

9:00 a.m. Daytime Faith Sharing (PO)
1-3 p.m. East Leaders Deanery Mtg. (VR)
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, April 17

No Panther Playhouse

Saturday, April 18

Hispanic Catechetical Graduation (GR)
9-11 a.m. "Vocation of the Catechist" Training (VR)

Sunday, April 19

9-10 a.m. Faith Formation classes
5-7 p.m. Sharing Christ (AH)
6-8 p.m. Youth Group Night (CR)

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

God's Housekeepers - April 12

General Cleaning

Maria Cardenas
Teresa Nuñez
Carolina Velasco

Vacuuming

Bruce Sibert
Joe Peckins

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

"Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven" means the grudges we carry only make us miserable. The Kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace promised in today's gospel through mercy and forgiveness demonstrated by their parents.



News from the School

Enrollment for the 2026/2027 school year is open!

Upcoming Dates

April 24 1st Communion Retreat
May 2 SSPP Auction

Interested in Learning More About the Catholic Faith?

Are you curious about the Catholic Church or considering becoming Catholic? Our parish offers OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Inquiry Sessions—a welcoming, no-pressure opportunity to ask questions, listen, and explore the faith at your own pace.

Inquiry sessions are held Tuesdays in the Parish Office Living Room at two convenient times: 1:00–2:00 PM or 5:30–6:30 PM. These sessions are open to anyone who is exploring the Catholic faith, returning to the Church, or simply seeking a deeper understanding.

There is no commitment required—just come as you are. For more information, please contact the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you!



SUNDAYKIDZ

2nd Sunday of Easter

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Doors Peace Hands Side Breathe
Forgive Marks Seen Blessed Signs

Meet Our Newest Fully Initiated Members of SSPP and St. Edward's Catholic Church

Through the Sacraments, you have been strengthened and filled with grace. May these sacred gifts continue to guide you, strengthen you, and draw you ever closer to Christ. We are so glad you're here.



Congratulations to **Matthew VanCamp** and **William Wilson** who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 4th. Also, congratulations to **Tyler** and **Gracie Simon** who were confirmed and received their First Eucharist. We were blessed to share this sacrament with our brothers and sisters from St. Edward's. The Saints Peter and Paul Parish would like to thank everyone for their role in this

celebration. Thank you to our altar servers, cleaners, decorators, and flower arrangers. Special thank you to the Meyer Family and Bos Greenhouse for donating many lovely Easter flowers. Thank you all for donating your time, energy, and talents to our parish. We appreciate you.



Thank you to El Mariachi Mexican Grill for helping us raise money for the CRS Rice Bowls.

10% of food and drink expenditures on Tuesday, March 24th, were donated to the CRS Rice bowls. These funds will help support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services to feed the hungry throughout the world. We are very grateful to the Velasco family for their generosity and willingness to host this event! Thank you to all who came and ate at El Mariachi's that day. If you wish to donate, it's not too late. Please write a check to SS Peter & Paul Church for the amount in your rice bowl, and drop it off at the parish office, 434 High Street, Ionia, by April 12th. Even if you do not have a rice bowl you can still donate.

Loving Hands of Christ

The group is open to anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one and is seeking support, encouragement, and healing in a faith-filled environment. All are welcome to attend; need not attend the prior sessions to come. Please keep this ministry and all who are grieving in your prayers. For more information please contact Vanessa Booth at the parish office or vbooth@ssppcatholic.com. Stay tuned to the bulletin for future dates.



SSPP Auction

If you are looking for another way to give back to the school, please consider attending our 30th annual school auction. This year's Tee-ing off to 30 Years golf-themed auction will be held on Saturday, May 2, at the Ionia Armory Community Center. We hope you can join us! Tickets are available in the school office, the parish office and at the door. Come reminisce with your former Panthers and support a great cause!

Youth Group

Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Thank you to everyone who participated in Stations of the Cross. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. Next Youth Group evening will be on **Sunday, April 19th from 6 p.m - 8 p.m.** in the Cornerstone Room. See you then!

Free Easter Reflection Booklets

Little white reflection booklets are available in the back of church.

Faith Formation Religious Education

All regular classes for Seedlings (4 & 5 Yr Old) through High School are held in our school from **9:00-10:00am**. For more information about Faith Formation please contact Vanessa Booth at 616-527-3610 or vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

April

- 12 Faith Formation Class
- 19 Faith Formation Class
- 24 1st Communion Retreat **7:40 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. SSPP School**
- 26 Faith Formation Class (End of Year Party)

Catechist Workshop Training

All adults currently volunteering as a Catechist or interested in learning more about the role of the Catechist are invited to join us for this insightful training. ***The Vocation of the Catechist Saturday, April 18 - 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Veritas Room.*** A light breakfast will be provided.

First Communion Retreat & Celebration

Please note that our First Communion Retreat will take place on **Friday, April 24, from 7:40am-2:30pm at SSPP School.** The First Communion Mass will be on **Sunday, May 3rd at 10:15am.** Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Please contact Mrs. Booth in the parish office if you have any questions.

To: Whitney Crooks, Perla Garza, & the Musicians

Thank you all for your time, talent, and dedication in arranging music for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday Masses. Your melodies help our prayers be heard. We should be very proud of our music ministry!

Trish Klein

Knights Corner

My Brother Knights and fellow parishioners,



He is Risen! We as Catholics celebrated the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ this past Easter Sunday, and now continue the solemnity through the Octave of Easter to Divine Mercy Sunday, "Eastertide" is the 50-day season lasting until Pentecost. "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!"

Our Knights of Columbus Council is already planning some new projects and the completion of others in the remaining days of this fraternal year. "You know them by their deeds!" Again, I would like to thank all those who helped make the fish dinners and pie sales another great year for the council and the parish.

Congratulations to April raffle winners Colleen Pierce, Margaret Stoj, Betty Montague, and Phill Wizorek.

Ron Speckin
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