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May 24, 2026

24 de Mayo 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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with St.  
Edward,  
Lake Odessa

**Pentecost Sunday**

## A Letter from Father Eugene Una carta del Padre Eugene

### *Pentecost: The Call to Mission Life*

Pentecost, a key event in the Christian calendar, symbolizes the birth of the Church. It reminds us that the Holy Spirit brings renewal to our spirits and animates communities toward the call of becoming a missionary. The Holy Spirit is indeed the principal agent of the whole of the Church's mission. His action is preeminent in the mission ad gentes, that is, mission to the people of God.

*The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. This joint mission henceforth brings Christ's faithful to share in his communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit prepares men and goes out to them with his grace, in order to draw them to Christ. The Spirit manifests the risen Lord to them, recalls his word to them and opens their minds to the understanding of his Death and Resurrection. He makes present the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist, in order to reconcile them, to bring them into communion with God, that they may "bear much fruit." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 737).*

Christ invites us to venture into the world and share the Good News! By sending the Holy Spirit to us we are equipped and fortified to be part of an inspiring journey. "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth" (Jn 16:13). The Holy Spirit provides us the gifts we need in order to fulfill what Christ, our Lord has asked us to do: "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News."

### *Pentecostés: El llamado a la vida misionera*

Pentecostés, un acontecimiento clave en el calendario cristiano, simboliza el nacimiento de la Iglesia. Nos recuerda que el Espíritu Santo renueva nuestros espíritus y anima a las comunidades a asumir la vocación misionera. El Espíritu Santo es, en efecto, el principal agente de toda la misión de la Iglesia. Su acción es primordial en la misión ad gentes, es decir, la misión al pueblo de Dios.

*La misión de Cristo y del Espíritu Santo se consuma en la Iglesia, que es el Cuerpo de Cristo y el Templo del Espíritu Santo. Esta misión conjunta lleva a los fieles de Cristo a participar de su comunión con el Padre en el Espíritu Santo. El Espíritu prepara a los hombres y sale a ellos con su gracia para atraerlos a Cristo. El Espíritu les manifiesta al Señor resucitado, les recuerda su palabra y les abre la mente a la comprensión de su muerte y resurrección. Él hace presente el misterio de Cristo, de manera suprema en la Eucaristía, para reconciliarlos, para llevarlos a la comunión con Dios, para que den mucho fruto (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, 737).*

Cristo nos invita a salir al mundo y compartir la Buena Nueva. Al enviarnos el Espíritu Santo, somos capacitados y fortalecidos para participar en un camino inspirador. "Cuando venga el Espíritu de la verdad, él los guiará a toda la verdad" (Jn 16,13). El Espíritu Santo nos da los dones que necesitamos para cumplir lo que Cristo, nuestro Señor, nos pidió: "Vayan por todo el mundo y anuncien la Buena Nueva"

### *Jubilee Year of Saint Francis*

Pope Leo XIV has declared a special Jubilee Year on the occasion of the Eighth Centenary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. The Holy Year begins on Jan. 10, 2026, and concludes on Jan. 10, 2027. Catholics are called to more closely imitate the Poor Man of Assisi, becoming models of holiness and constant witnesses of peace during this celebration. To the right is a list of local events to mark the Holy Year.

### **Mass and an Educational Opportunity June 13**

**Second Saturdays through Jan. 2027 at 10:00 a.m.  
Chapel at the Franciscan Life Process Center  
11650 Downes St. NE, Lowell**

Bishop Walkowiak will preside at Mass. After Mass, the sisters will educate us on one of the charisms of Saint Francis.

## 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.



**Congratulations Catechumens and Candidates!**  
Photo taken on May 17th at the Rite of Entrance into the Catechumanate & Rite of Welcoming for Candidates.

## Please Pray for:

Ericka Baer, Sharon Baer, Landon Battle, Dorr Bissell, Ed Blyth, Joan Blyth, Tony Burns, Terri Butler, Angie Cedillo, Pamela Coggan, Mark Dawson, Judy Dick, Joe Drysdale, Travis Eveleth, Cherie Flinn, Jerry & Maribeth Fritz, Jessica Fritz, Sarah Gregg, Pam & Jeff Goss, Finnly Hunt, Ron Kaminski, Kathy Kranz, Sue & Joe Kleiss, Larry Lafler, Jack & Sue LaPeer, Nathan Lower, Traccie Lower, Pat MacLachlan, Mona Martinez, Susan Meyers, Karen Miller, Jim & Barb Mulnix, Nichole Munsell, Ken and Sherry North, Terri Nurenberg, Mary O'Connor, Bob Parker, Joe Peckins, Mike Peckins, Jace Peterson, Mary Perrien, Mike Priest, Lisa Pringle, Roxanne Rader, 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



## Remember and Honor

As we gather with family and friends this weekend, let us keep in our prayers our fallen heroes and their families. A heartfelt thank you to all military members for your bravery and sacrifice.

## Electronic Giving

No matter the amount, your donations help keep a roof over our heads and the lights shining today and tomorrow. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a donation. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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## Our Parish Offering

Week of May 17, 2026

Regular Offertory	\$5,647.66
ACH Giving	1,440.00
QR Code Giving	<u>670.44</u>
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$7,758.10</b>

Budgeted Weekly	\$10,096.15
<b>Deficit for the Week</b>	<b>\$2,338.05</b>

Budgeted Year to Date	\$464,422.90
Actual Year to Date	\$482,147.24
<b>Surplus Year to Date</b>	<b>\$17,724.34</b>

# SS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Our Parish Staff

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### May 23 & 24, Pentecost Sunday

- 4:00 p.m.** Lector: Phill Wizorek  
Altar Servers: Levi & Logan Haskin  
EMs: Julie Bennett, Mary Perrien,  
Sue Wizorek  
Greeters: Mary Lou Mulick
- 10:15 a.m.** Lector: Kevin Kenney  
Altar Servers: Reagan Crooks,  
Alexis Heinlein  
EMs: Shannon Andrews,  
Cheryl & John Hildebrandt  
Greeters: Theresa Scholtens

### May 30 & 31, The Most Holy Trinity

- 4:00 p.m.** Lector: Mary Lou Mulick  
Altar Servers:  
Charlotte & Lillian Mabe  
EMs: Julie Bennett, Phill & Sue  
Wizorek  
Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen
- 10:15 a.m.** Lector: Avelin McGuire  
Altar Servers: Alexis/Hans/Kendra  
Heinlein  
EMs: Sam Meyer, Theresa  
Scholtens, Laurie Tjalsma  
Greeters: Deb Porter

## Liturgies This Week

### Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13/  
Jn 20:19-23

#### **Saturday, May 23**

4:00 p.m. Katie Fox (Christine Bewell)

#### **Sunday, May 24**

10:15 a.m. Bill & Judy Nowak (Diana Verdun)

12:00 p.m. Misa en español

#### **Monday, May 25 – Mary, Mother of the Church**

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 87:1-3, 5-7/Jn 19:25-34

No Mass

#### **Tuesday, May 26 – St. Philip Neri, Priest**

1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1-4/Mk 10:28-31

No Mass

#### **Wednesday, May 27 – St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mk 10:32-45

11:00 a.m. Confessions

11:30 a.m. Rosary for Prison Ministry

12:10 p.m. Deceased members of the Homa family

6:00 p.m. Intention of our 8th Grade graduates

Note: No Adoration or Misa en español today, due to  
The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass at 6 p.m.

#### **Thursday, May 28 – Weekday**

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2-5/Mk 10:46-52

8:00 a.m. Living & deceased of Patrick & Carol  
Lewis family

#### **Friday, May 29 – St. Paul VI, Pope**

1 Pt 4:7-13/Ps 96:10-13/Mk 11:11-26

No Mass

#### **Saturday, May 30 – Weekday**

Jude 17:20-25/Ps 63:2-6/Mk 11:27-33

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary

11:00 a.m. Funeral of Mike & Carol Gallagher

3:00 p.m. Confessions

### The Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9/(Ps) Dn 3:52-55/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

#### **Saturday, May 30**

4:00 p.m. Phil O'Mara (Joe, Criss, &  
Emma Hickey)

#### **Sunday, May 31**

10:15 a.m. Intention of our High School graduates

12:00 p.m. Misa en español

## Events This Week

### Sunday, May 24

8:30 a.m. OCIA Mystagogy (PO)

### Monday, May 25

★★★★★  
MEMORIAL DAY

No School  
Parish Office Closed

### Tuesday, May 26

### Wednesday, May 27

Reception after 6 p.m. 8th Grade  
Graduation Mass (SC)  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (VR)

### Thursday, May 28

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

### Friday, May 29

Last day for Preschool,  
DK, and Grade 8

### Saturday, May 30

12:00 p.m. Funeral luncheon (AH)

### Sunday, May 31

Brunch after 10:15 High School  
Graduation Mass (AH)  
6-8 p.m. Youth Group Night (CR)

(CH) Church / (VR) Veritas Room / (PO) Parish  
Office / (CR) Cornerstone Room /  
(AH) Apostles Hall / (SC) School

### God's Housekeepers - May 24

**General Cleaning**  
Maria Cardenas  
Teresa Nuñez  
Carolina Velasco

**Vacuuming**  
Bruce Sibert  
Joe Peckins

### A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Like the disciples in today's gospel, there are times we shut the doors of our hearts to people or events. It's how we create emotional distance. Permanent distancing is lethal and prevents the PEACE Jesus offers you today.

# JOIN OUR SCHOOL BOARD

ARE YOU A PARENT, ALUMNI, LEADER WITHIN THE COMMUNITY  
OR A PARISHIONER LOOKING TO HELP THE SCHOOL?

CONSIDER JOINING THE SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE 2026/2027  
SCHOOL YEAR!

#### MEMBERS SHOULD -

- Have an interest and commitment to Catholic education.
- Availability to attend meetings (second Tuesday of each month)
- Ability to maintain high levels of integrity and confidentiality.
- Capacity to give witness to Catholic and moral values within the school community.
- Willingness to participate

#### CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION :

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## Pentecost Sunday

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Evening Doors Locked Stood Peace  
Hands Side Rejoice Breathe Spirit

## LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA: Rosario en Casa, Intenciones, Los Sacramentos

Cada semana, invitamos a la comunidad a organizar un rezo del Santo Rosario en su hogar. La familia que reza unida permanece unida y recibe la bendición de la intercesión de la Santísima Virgen María. Ella siempre atiende las necesidades de las personas, tal como lo hizo durante la boda en Caná. Ella informó a su Hijo, Jesús, sobre las necesidades de la pareja y luego dijo: «Hagan lo que Él les diga» (Juan 2:1-11).

Si estás interesado en organizar y dirigir el oración del Santo Rosario, por favor contacta a Teresa Núñez al 616-466-3314.

Por favor, recuerda que siempre puedes solicitar una intención de misa para ti o tus seres queridos. La misa en español se celebra todos los miércoles a las 7 PM y los domingos a las 12 del mediodía. Puedes llamar a la oficina o simplemente visitar la sacristía, ubicada en la parte trasera del altar, para informarme. Escribe su nombre en un papel junto con tu intención y el nombre de la persona que solicita la misa.

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Cualquier persona interesada en recibir los Sacramentos del Bautismo, la Primera Comunión, la Confirmación o el Matrimonio o la Convalidación Matrimonial, por favor llame a la oficina o contacte a Claudia Graciano al 616-540-9584.

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Recuerda que estamos aquí para apoyarte con cuidado pastoral y espiritual. No dudes en llamarnos en cualquier momento. Si necesitas hablar en español, la oficina con gusto te derivará conmigo. También eres bienvenido/a a venir a verme; me encantaría poder platicar contigo.

## Calling All Graduates

We are excited to invite all graduates to a **Special Mass in your honor** on **Sunday, May 31** at **10:15 AM**. It is not too late to join us as we celebrate your achievements, offer prayers for your future, and recognize this important milestone in your life. Graduates of all levels are encouraged to attend and wear their caps and gowns if possible. Family and friends are welcome to share in this celebration!

A light brunch will be offered after Mass in Apostles Hall. Please RSVP at the parish office and send Vanessa Booth your graduation photo by May 25th to [vbooth@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com) if you would like your photo in the bulletin. We look forward to celebrating with you!

## Event Planning Ministry – Help Bring Our Parish Community to Life

Do you enjoy organizing, decorating, or bringing people together for meaningful and fun experiences? We would like to create an Event Planning Ministry and are looking for creative and enthusiastic volunteers. Our first event is a Graduation Brunch on May 31st after the 10:15am Mass! Please contact Vanessa Booth in the parish office for more details or to sign up to help decorate or bring food. **Come help us create joyful moments that bring our parish family together!**

## Loving Hands of Christ

A new Grief Support Group series will begin at 9:30am in the Parish Office on Saturday, June 6th. 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. 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](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com).



*Blessed Mother Mary*  
**PRAY FOR US**

## Come and Pray the Rosary

Please join us as we pray the Rosary together beginning 30 minutes before the start of the 4 p.m. and 10:15 a.m. weekend Masses in May. If you'd like to volunteer to lead one of the Rosaries please call the parish office or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

## SSPP Youth Group

The next Youth Group meeting will be on Sunday, May 31st from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room. Join us!

## Healing Mass

Wednesday, June 10

### The Prayer of Faith

“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord”

– James 1: 14.

On Wednesday, June 10 we will be offering the Anointing of the Sick during the 12:10 pm Mass in the church. We will invite those facing illness, surgery and the elderly to come forward to receive the sacrament of anointing. We are looking for volunteers to make soup or bread, which will be served, after the Mass in Apostles Hall. A sign-up sheet can be found on the table at the back of church.

-Loving Hands of Christ Ministry

## News from the Diocese

### Three to be ordained to the priesthood in June!

With great joy, the diocese announces that Deacons Charles Leidel, Logan McGahan, and Hunter Ostapowicz will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 20th at 10 a.m. You are welcome to attend the ordination Mass in person at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew or watch the livestream on the diocesan website, GRdiocese.org, or YouTube. Please pray for our newest priests as they begin their ministry!

### May 24 TV Mass on Antenna TV

Due to the Indy 500 airing on Sunday, May 24, the broadcast of Sunday Mass on FOX 17 will move to Antenna TV for one weekend only.

### Summer Lovin' Is Here

Rekindle your romance and your faith at a Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! Apply today at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).

June 15-17 Center for Ministry - Saginaw Twp  
July 24-26 Augustine Center - Petoskey  
August 7-9 St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center Detroit  
October 2-4 Augustine Center - Petoskey

For more info, contact Amy & Joe at 517-667- 0433 or visit [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).

## 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](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com).

TBA Confirmation Retreat

September

20 Faith Formation Classes Resume

## 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 on Wednesdays in the Parish Office please **contact Vanessa in the parish office for day and evening details.**

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.

OCIA sessions for Catechumens and Candidates that were just welcomed into the church through the Rite of Entrance, and the Rite of Welcoming continue to meet on Tuesdays in the Parish Office Living Room at two convenient times: **1:00–2:00 PM or 5:30–6:30 PM. Please note that all OCIA sessions for Tuesday May 26th have been cancelled.**

## Pregnancy Services of Ionia County - Baby Bottle Fundraiser Sunday, May 10th (Mother's Day) to June 21st (Father's Day)

Your support for Pregnancy Services (PSIC) of Ionia County directly supports local families and the operational services of PSIC.

### Support PSIC with Three Easy Steps

1. Take home an empty baby bottle available in the back of church.
2. Fill with dollar bills, checks or change.
3. Please return the baby bottles with change to the Parish by June 21st, Father's Day.

## Knights' Corner



Brother Knights and fellow parishioners, As a service organization, the Knights of Columbus owes its many achievements to the tireless efforts of those in local councils like our Father Fierle #944, and this is where the greatest impact is most often felt. Whether it's through supporting local athletic programs, sponsoring special events, or planning and hosting religious activities, Knights serve as valuable role models for other Catholic men and as mentors for our children. "You will know them by their deeds". Becoming a Knight is easier than ever and can be accomplished by going online and e-registering at [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus).

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Speckin, Grand Knight



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Meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
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