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June 7, 2026

7 de Junio 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

Contact Us

Contacta con Nosotros

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Prayer Chain for
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The one who
feeds on me
will have life
because of me.

John 6:57

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alimenta de mi
tendra vida
por mi.

Juan 6:57

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clustered with
St. Edward,
Lake Odessa

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A Letter from Father Eugene Una carta del Padre Eugene

Corpus Christi 2026

Sharing a meal as a family at home naturally brings us closer, creating bonds that are truly special. When we invite friends over, or they do the same for us, it opens up a wonderful chance for connection and warmth that few other activities can match. In the Eucharist, God offers us this same wonderful opportunity, blessed with the beautiful gift that the closeness, intimacy, union, and all these blessings are given by God Himself, flowing with His unique abundance.

If we want the Eucharist to nourish us spiritually, deepen our intimacy, and foster love – as Jesus intended – we must approach the Holy Eucharist with reverence and awe. Jesus' request at the Last Supper, that we do this in memory of him, is among the most powerful of his statements in the entire New Testament. What he meant by this is what he himself did – to bless and thank God for his life, death, and resurrection. This is meant to last forever.



The Eucharist ushers us into a radical mindset and a whole new way of life. It is entering a new time and space where we are transformed into the body of Christ—ready to be broken as a sacrifice for others and for the world. It is a powerful celebration that can transform us if we allow it to rend our hearts.

Corpus Christi 2026

Cuando compartimos una comida en familia en casa, nos acerca más que cualquier otra cosa. Cuando ofrecemos hospitalidad a amigos con una comida –o ellos la ofrecen por nosotros– tenemos la oportunidad de acercamiento que ninguna otra actividad ofrece. En la Eucaristía, Dios brinda la misma oportunidad, con el regalo adicional de que la cercanía, la intimidad, la unión y otras bendiciones son otorgadas por Dios y vienen con su abundancia única.

Si queremos que la Eucaristía nos alimente espiritualmente, profundice nuestra intimidad y fomente el amor –como Jesús quiso–, debemos acercarnos a ella con reverencia y asombro. La petición de Jesús en la Última Cena, de que hagamos esto en memoria de él, está entre las declaraciones más poderosas de todo el Nuevo Testamento. Lo que él quiso decir con esto es lo que él mismo hizo: bendecir y agradecer a Dios por su vida, muerte y resurrección. Esto está destinado a durar para siempre.

La Eucaristía nos introduce en una mentalidad radical y en una forma de vida completamente nueva. Es entrar en un tiempo y un espacio donde somos transformados en el cuerpo de Cristo – listos para ser quebrantados como un sacrificio por los demás y por el mundo. Es una celebración poderosa que puede transformarnos si le permitimos desgarrar nuestros corazones.

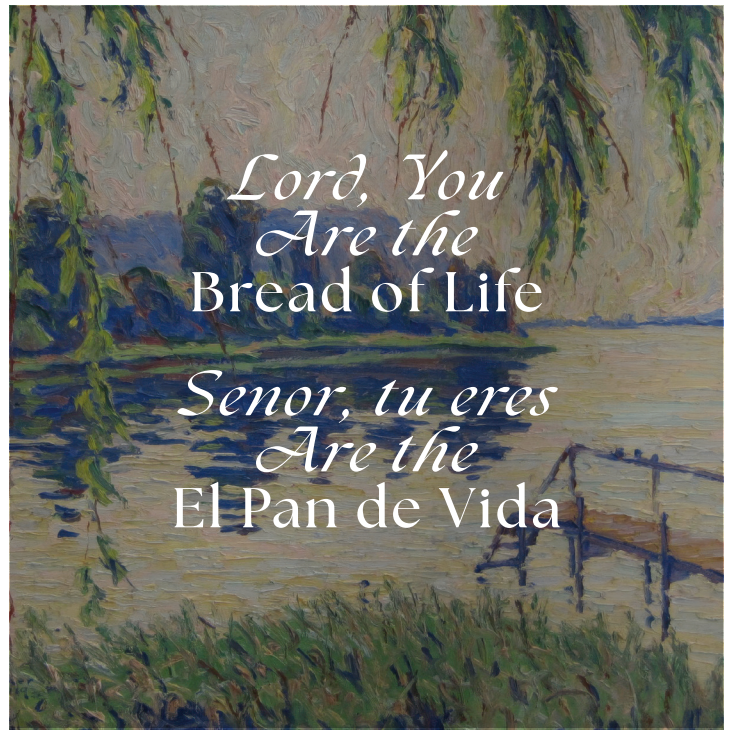
Parish Prayer List

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, Landon Battle, Dorr Bissell, Ed Blyth, Joan Blyth, Tony Burns, Terri Butler, Angie Cedillo, Pamela Coggan, Mark Dawson, Judy Dick, Joe Drysdale, Travis Eveleth, Greg & Terry Fattal, Sr. Shaun Marie Fattal, 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, Tracie 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



La Comunidad Hispana: Los Sacramentos

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.

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.

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Our Parish Offering

Week of May 31, 2026

Regular Offertory	\$5,065.00
ACH Giving	4,310.00
QR Code Giving	<u>220.44</u>
Total Offertory	\$9,595.44

Budgeted Weekly	\$10,096.15
Deficit for the Week	\$500.71

Budgeted Year to Date	\$484,615.20
Actual Year to Date	\$501,302.60
Surplus Year to Date	\$16,687.40

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Denise Peabody, Vanessa Booth

June 6 & 7, Corpus Christi

- 4:00 p.m.** Lector: Cecilia Luke
Altar Servers:
Kaylynn, Kenna, Kinleigh Wizorek
EMs: Vanessa Booth, Mary Perrien,
Sue Wizorek
Greeters: Volunteers
- 10:15 a.m.** Lector: Dan Lower
Altar Servers: Reagan Crooks,
Kendra Heinlein
EMs: Shannon Andrews, Kevin
Heinlein, Veronica Meyer
Greeters: Judy Hamblin

June 13 & 14, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m.** Lector: Sue Wizorek
Altar Servers:
Charlotte & Lillian Mabe
EMs: Julie Bennett, Vanessa Booth,
Phill Wizorek
Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen
- 10:15 a.m.** Lector: Veronica Meyer
Altar Servers:
Alexis & Hans Heinlein
EMs: Cheryl & John Hildebrandt,
Sam Meyer
Greeters: Dave O'Mara

Liturgies This Week

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Dt 8:2-3, 14-16/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Saturday, June 6

4:00 p.m. Bertha Meier

Sunday, June 7

10:15 a.m. John Scholtens (Kevin & Sharon VanEtt)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, June 8 – Weekday (Week 10 in Ordinary Time)

1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1-8/Mt 5:1-12
No Mass

Tuesday, June 9 – St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor

1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-5, 7-8/Mt 5:13-16
No Mass

Wednesday, June 10 – Weekday

1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1-2, 4-5, 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19
11:00 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. Rosary for Prison Ministry
12:10 p.m. Intention of all our ill or homebound
(Mass with Anointing of the Sick)
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, June 11 – St. Barnabas, Apostle

Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1-6/Mt 5:20-26
8:00 a.m. Vernon Brown

Friday, June 12 – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
No Mass

Saturday, June 13 – The Immaculate Heart of Mary; St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor

1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-10/Mt 5:33-37
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
3:00 p.m. Confessions

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 19:2-6/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36 – 10:8

Saturday, June 13

4:00 p.m. Joe & Sandy Meyers
(Dane & Linda Droste)

Sunday, June 14

10:15 a.m. Bill & Judy Nowak (Diana Verdun)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español
2:00 p.m. Baptism of Aria Lynn Brown

Events This Week

Sunday, June 7

9-10 a.m. Catechist Appreciation Brunch (PO)

Monday, June 8

6:30-8 p.m. Bible Timeline (VR)

Tuesday, June 9

1-2 p.m. OCIA Session (PO)
 5:00 p.m. Finance Council Mtg. (VR)
 5:30-6:30 OCIA Session (PO)

Wednesday, June 10

1:00 p.m. Luncheon after Anointing Mass (AH)
 4-6 p.m. Euchre - Ladies Social Group (VR)
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (VR)

Thursday, June 11

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

Friday, June 12

Saturday, June 13

9 a.m.-noon Spiritual Retreat for OCIA
 9:30 a.m. Health Support Group (PO)

Sunday, June 14

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



Easy Registration Here

God's Housekeepers - June 7

General Cleaning
 Marisha Hileman
 Gwen O'Mara
 Janis Neustifter

Vacuuming
 John Curtin
 Kathy Curtin

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

One gets the impression there was always a lot of sharing, discussion and learning during the many meals Jesus and the disciples ate together. How does this compare to the meals in your home? Today's gospel challenges us to make our meals more than physical functions and more a time for sharing.

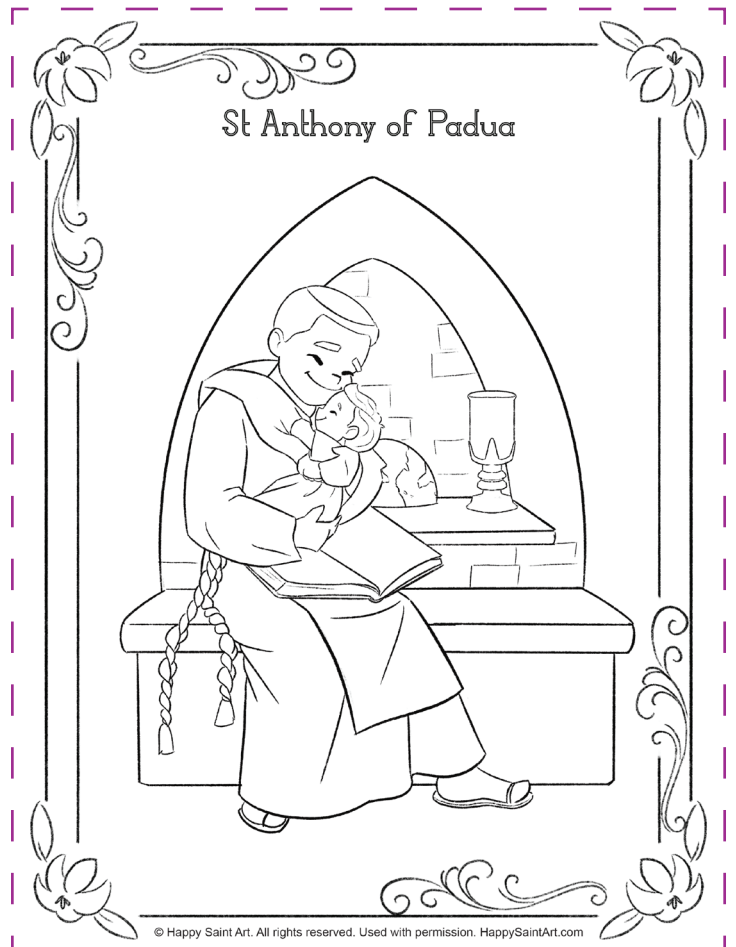


Let's Play Euchre

Let's play Euchre! \$1 of each admission will be donated to the baby bottle collection for the Pregnancy Services of Ionia County Fundraiser. Other donations are appreciated. Bring a snack to share. Water will be provided. Reserve a spot or Walk-In ready to play. See you June 10 in the Saints Peter & Paul School Veritas Room. Call Jean Barker at 616-340-0678 or Kip Geldhof at 517-983-8241 to make a reservation.

Coloring Corner

Cut along the dotted line.



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Excellence In Education & Play Fun Day 2026

As we wrap up another wonderful school year, we give thanks for the many blessings, and accomplishments shared by our students, families, and staff. This year has been filled with opportunities to grow in knowledge, character, and love of Christ. We are proud of all that our students have achieved and grateful for the support of our school community. **Time for a break.**



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Pictured Below: Father Eugene sitting in a Dunk Tank. Hit the target, and a water balloon drops. What a great sport!



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Walking with Mom's In Need

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parish and neighborhood. Walking with Moms in Need is an opportunity for Catholic parishes and communities to “walk in the shoes” of local pregnant and parenting women in need, accompanying them in friendship and helping to connect moms with local resources. If you feel called to be part of a new ministry at our parish called Walking with Moms in Need which will reach out to moms in our community, please reach out to Vanessa Booth in the parish office to learn more.

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 invite those facing illness, surgery and the elderly to come forward to receive the sacrament of anointing. A light lunch will be served in Apostles Hall after the Mass.

-Loving Hands of Christ Ministry

Loving Hands of Christ

A new Grief Support Group series has begun. 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. Check the bulletin for future details!

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. Please watch the bulletin for details on a fall Confirmation Candidate Retreat!

Join us for a True North Adventure! Pre-K through 5th Grade

Come to our Vacation Bible School adventure: Trusting God in a Wild World. Sign up now for VBS on August 3, 4 & 5 from 4:00pm-6:00pm. (Parish School) We will have Bible Adventures, Games, Snacks, Crafts and Music. It will be fun for all ages! Adults and older youth volunteers are needed! Help us make this a wonderful experience! Parish Contact: Vanessa Booth 527-3610



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: **1:00–2:00 PM or 5:30–6:30 PM.**

Knights' Corner

Brother Knights and fellow parishioners,



I came upon a couple of sayings the other day that sort of stuck in my mind and I thought I would pass them on to you. The first is, “They say that love is blind, but marriage restores the vision,” and the second one is, “If you want to make God laugh you should tell him your plans.” The first one I understand, I’m Catholic and understand that marriage is not a human invention but has its origins from the heart of God the Father. The second one took a little thought! God may not let us in on what’s next in life, He just reminds us that He is there through it all: the good, the bad and the ugly! The blessing we have is that we have our faith and it’s tied to the Sacraments and Scripture. Catholic and Proud!

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Speckin, Grand Knight




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