


SS. PETER & PAUL
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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# Welcome to SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church

A parish clustered with St. Edward the Confessor, Lake Odessa, MI

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 11th, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

We celebrate **World Mission Sunday next weekend on October 18**. This important worldwide day of prayer and support allows us to participate directly in the Church's call to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (MT 28:19). Through your gift, you support the formation of future priests and religious, the education of children in the faith, care for the sick, and the life of parishes where the Gospel is being proclaimed for the first time.

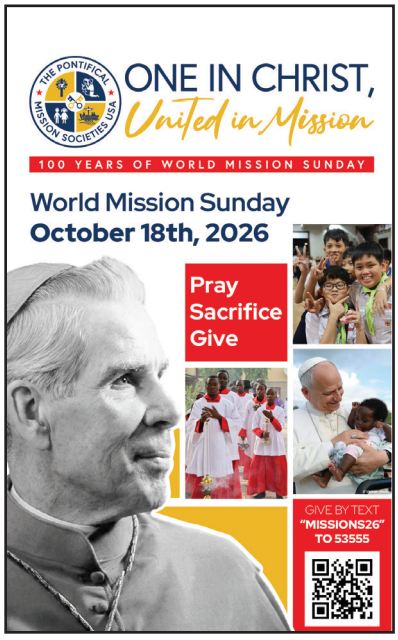
This year's observance holds particular significance as we mark its 100th anniversary. In its infancy, the Diocese of Grand Rapids was blessed with missionaries such as Slovenian born Bishop Frederic Baraga, the "snowshoe priest," and Father Andrew Viszoczky, a Hungarian missionary, who became the first pastor of what is now the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. Men and women like these two missionaries are still present in more than 1,100 mission territories around the world. Your gift supports their ministry.

It is additionally fitting that we celebrated the beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen a few weeks ago. During his tenure as National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies from 1950-1966, he did more to raise missionary awareness among American Catholics and provided more support for the Church in missionary areas than any figure in Church history.

Inspired by his witness, let us affirm that we are "One in Christ, united in mission." I encourage you to respond with a generous heart, knowing that your support makes a real difference in the lives of those who might otherwise never hear the Gospel. Blessed Fulton Sheen, pray for us.

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

pontificalmissions.org/wms-2026




Queridos amigos y amigas en Cristo,

El próximo fin de semana, **18 de octubre, celebramos el Domingo Mundial de las Misiones.** Esta importante jornada universal de oración y apoyo, nos permite participar directamente en el llamado de la Iglesia a "Id, pues, y haced discípulos a todas las naciones" (Mt 28, 19). Con su donación, usted apoya la formación de futuros sacerdotes y religiosos, la educación de los niños en la fe, la atención a los enfermos y la vida de las parroquias donde se proclama el Evangelio por primera vez.

La celebración del Domingo Mundial de Misiones de este año, cobra un significado especial al conmemorar su centenario. En sus inicios, la Diócesis de Grand Rapids fue bendecida con misioneros como el Obispo Frederic Baraga –nacido en Eslovenia y conocido como el "sacerdote de las raquetas de nieve," y el Padre Andrew Viszoczky, misionero húngaro que se convirtió en el primer párroco de lo que hoy es la Catedral de San Andrés. Hombres y mujeres como estos dos misioneros siguen presentes en más de 1.100 territorios de misión en todo el mundo. Su donación respalda la labor de ellos.

Resulta además muy oportuno que hayamos celebrado la beatificación del Arzobispo Fulton Sheen hace pocas semanas. Durante su gestión como Director Nacional de las Obras Misionales Pontificias (1950-1966), él hizo más que ninguna otra figura en la historia de la Iglesia para fomentar la conciencia misionera entre los católicos estadounidenses y brindar apoyo a la Iglesia en las zonas de misión.

Inspirados por su testimonio, afirmemos que somos "Uno en Cristo, unidos en la misión." Los animo a responder con un corazón generoso, sabiendo que su apoyo marca una diferencia real en la vida de aquellas personas que, de otro modo, tal vez nunca escucharían el Evangelio Beato Fulton Sheen, ruega por nosotros.

Reverendísimo David J. Walkowiak
Obispo de Grand Rapids

**Our Clustered Parish Mass Schedules.....**

**SS Peter & Paul**
Saturday: 4 p.m.
Sunday: 10:15 a.m. 12 p.m. (spanish)
Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
7 p.m. (spanish)
Thursday 8 a.m.

**Saint Edward**
Saturday 6:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday 12:10 p.m.
Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m.
First Saturdays 8 a.m.
* *This Week at St. Edward:*
Anointing of the Sick Mass
in the St. Edward Family Center
10/13 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)

**SS Peter & Paul.....**

**Reconciliation Schedule**
Wednesday 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Saturday 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

**Contact the Parish Office**
parishoffice@ssppcatholic.com
616-527-3610
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Prayer Chain for Immediate Need**
please call 616-522-0279
or 616-527-0438.

# About Saint Edward the Confessor

**Feast Day· October 13th**



Edward the Confessor, the last Anglo-Saxon king of England who ruled from 1042 to 1066, is known for his deep piety, commitment to building Westminster Abbey, and canonization as a saint in the Catholic and Anglican traditions, revered for his devotion to God and acts of charity.

Generally, confessors are titles given to a Saint who exemplified strong spiritual devotion and faith to God amidst the challenges and temptations. They died of natural causes as opposed to a martyr who is killed for their faith. Saint Edward bears the title of Confessor for his distinguished character of being a good, holy man who devotedly confessed and professed Jesus Christ, the King of Kings.

Born in 1003, Edward became King of England in 1042 after years of exile in Normandy, ruling until his death in 1066. Edward established laws to protect the poor and weak, maintained peace in his kingdom, and was renowned for his generosity and accessibility to his subjects.Among his notable achievements was the construction of the Westminster Abbey, one of England's most significant churches.

Edward's feast day is celebrated on October 13th in both the Anglican and Catholic churches, and he is considered a patron saint of difficult marriages.Though opinions on his effectiveness as a ruler vary, Edward's 24-year reign was marked by relative peace and prosperity for England. Edward earned the title "Confessor" for his faith-filled life and was later canonized as a saint in 1161.

To celebrate the feast day of Saint Edward the confessor there will be **special liturgical celebration at our sister parish, St. Edward the Confessor. The 6:30 p.m. Vigil for Saint Edward will be on Monday, October 12.**

read more about saint edward on thedailyoffice.com

Pictured is Bishop Walkowiak and the statue of St. Edward. Fun Fact: Bishop Walkowiak's chose Saint Edward the Confessor as his confirmation saint.





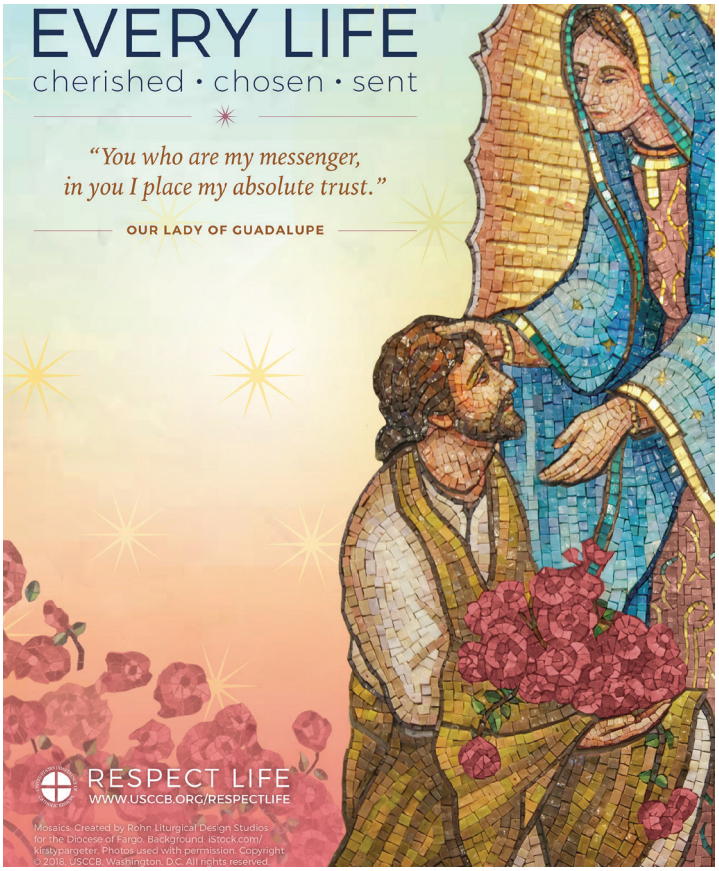
Please see the cover for daily mass times at Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church.

**Our Parish Prayer List, Please Pray for:**

Feleciana Alcaria, Ericka Baer, Sharon Baer, Dawn Baldwin, Keineth Barker, Landon Battle, Dorr Bissell, Jonathan Bunce, Tony Burns, Terri Butler, Angie Cedillo, Michelle Charon, Pamela Coggan, Kathy Coughlin, Mark Dawson, Judy Dick, Joe Drysdale, Pat Duffy, Travis Eveleth, Greg & Terry Fattal, Sr. Shaun Marie Fattal, Cherie Flinn, Jackie Franz, Jerry & Maribeth Fritz, Jessica Fritz, Jeff & Pam Goss, Sarah Gregg, Connie Hamblin, Melissa Harper, Finnly Hunt, Ron Kaminski, Edward Kaminski, Joe & Sue Kleiss, Kathy Kranz, Larry Lafler, Jack & Sue LaPeer, Nathan Lower, Traccie Lower, Pat MacLachlan, Mona Martinez, David & Judy Maynard, Susan Meyers, Karen Miller, Jim & Barb Mulnix, Nichole Munsell, Ken North, Terri Nurenberg, Mary O'Connor, Bob Parker, Mike Peckins, Jace Peterson, Mary Perrien, Mike Priest, Lisa Pringle, Roxanne Rader, Tom Reinhardt, Michelle Richard-Mix, Russinda Rohde, Janice Schell, Anita Hozeski Scott, Georgia Sibert, Sue Speckin, Arlene Stanton, Harriet Tarpey, Randy Tripp, Connie Waterman, Denise Ward, Shirley Weber, Jerry & Cindy White, Tom White, Chad Wickerink, Jo Wirtz

# A Prayer for Life

**Respect Life Sunday: October 4th**




Father and maker of all,
you adorn all creation
with splendor and beauty,
and fashion human lives
in your image and likeness.

Awaken in every heart
reverence for the work
of your hands,and renew
among your people a
readiness to nurture and
sustain your precious
gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God
forever and ever.
Amen.

Padre y hacedor de todo,
adornas la creación entera
con esplendor y belleza,
y moldeas las
vidas humanas
a tu imagen y semejanza.

Despierta en cada corazón
reverencia por la obra
de tus manos,
y renueva entre tu pueblo
la voluntad de
alimentar y sostener
tu precioso don de la vida.

Concédenos esto
mediante Jesucristo
Nuestro Señor, tu Hijo,
que vive y reina contigo
en la unidad del Espíritu
Santo, un solo Dios,
por los siglos de
los siglos.
Amén.




## Renewing A Culture of Life

In these three videos, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Lynn Grandon, Director of the Respect Life Office at the Archdiocese of Denver, to discuss the pro-life movement. In light of the leaked Supreme Court document, the first episode examines the potential ramifications of Roe v. Wade being overturned. In the second video, the conversation continues, covering why the Church is pro-life. Finally, in the third video, the conversation reaches a crescendo, talking through how our lives can give witness to the pro-life disposition of the Catholic Church.

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## Our Parish Staff

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### October 10 & 11, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**4:00 p.m.**
Lector: Pat Rinker
Altar Servers:
Charlotte Mabe & Jaclyn Rewa
EMs: Julie Bennett, Mary Lou Mulick, Mary Perrien
Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

**10:15 a.m.**
Lector: Shannon Andrews
Altar Servers:
Alexis/Hans/Kendra Heinlein
EMs: Kevin Heinlein, Sam Meyer, Theresa Scholtens
Greeters: Dave O'Mara

### October 17 & 18, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**4:00 p.m.**
Lector: Phill Wizorek
Altar Servers:
Charlotte Mabe & Lillian Mabe
EMs: Julie Bennett, Mary Lou Mulick, Sue Wizorek
Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

**10:15 a.m.**
Lector: Brent Nowak
Altar Servers:
Alexis/Hans/Kendra Heinlein
EMs: Shannon Andrews, Veronica Meyer, Laurie Tjalsma
Greeters: Theresa Scholtens

## Liturgies This Week

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
*Is 25:6-10/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14*

***Saturday, October 10***
4:00 p.m. Mike & Carol Gallagher (Charlie & Kathy Fox)

***Sunday, October 11***
10:15 a.m. Curt Simmons (Phill & Sue Wizorek)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español
3-4:30 p.m. Confessions for Confirmation Candidates

***Monday, October 12 - Weekday***
*Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 – 5:1/Ps 113:1-7/Lk 11:29-32*
11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Sherry North

***Tuesday, October 13 – (St. Edward the Confessor)***
*Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48/Lk 11:37-41*
No Mass

***Wednesday, October 14 – St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr***
*Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:42-46*
11:00 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. Rosary for Prison Ministry
12:10 p.m. Freund & Stoj Families (Margaret Stoj)
6:00 p.m. Adoration
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

***Thursday, October 15 – St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor***
*Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1-6/Lk 11:47-54*
8:00 a.m. Intention of Hommel Family

***Friday, October 16 – St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin***
*Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7*
No Mass

***Saturday, October 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr***
*Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-7/Lk 12:8-12*
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
10:00 a.m. Mass at Green Acres
3:00 p.m. Confessions

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
*Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/1 Thes 1:1-5/Mt 22:15-21*

***Saturday, October 17***
4:00 p.m. Steve Walter (Phill & Sue Wizorek)

***Sunday, October 18***
10:15 a.m. Luz Reyes (Ibeth Kenney)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español

**Young People on Fire for God**
Sign up for email updates about Youth Conferences or see the printed booklet in the back of the Church.

## Events This Week

**Sunday, October 11**
9-10 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (K-7)
3-4:30 p.m. Fall Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Session (CH)
5-6:30 p.m. "Know More, Grow More In the Holy Spirit" (AH)

**Monday, October 12 - Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples Day**
3-5:30 p.m. Ladies Social Group (VR)
4:00 p.m. Early Bird Raffle deadline (PO)
6:30 p.m. Bible Timeline (VR)

**Tuesday, October 13**
1-2 p.m. OCIA (PO)
5:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting (VR)
5:30-6:30 p.m. OCIA (PO)

**Wednesday, October 14**
1:00 p.m. Theology over Lunch (VR)
5-6 p.m. Hispanic Confirmation Class (VR)
6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting

**Thursday, October 15**
No School - MANS Conference
9:00 a.m. Daytime Faith Sharing (PO)
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

**Friday, October 16**
No School. MANS Conference

**Saturday, October 17**
9:30 a.m. Grief Support Group PO)

**Sunday, October 18**
9-10 a.m. Faith Formation Classes
1-3 p.m. Harvest Potluck Dinner (AH)
--Raffle Drawing at 2 p.m.
5-6:30 p.m. "Know More, Grow More In the Holy Spirit" (AH)

(VR) Veritas Room / (PO) Parish Office / (AH) Apostles Hall / (CH) Church

## God's Housekeepers October 11

***General Cleaning***
Marisha Hileman
Gwen O'Mara
Janis Neustifter

***Vacuuming***
Bruce Sibert
Joe Peckins



## A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Every family is visited by difficult times which can unite or divide. These hardships, which we would quickly reject, hold the potential to be the unifying "cornerstone" where we drop our pettiness and defenses and pull together, linked by a common bond and love for one another.

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*Dear Parishioners,*

As we start October, here is something to keep in mind when planning for Halloween at School.

**Children are invited to wear their costumes to Mass on Halloween Day, Saturday, October 31.** As you are preparing to shop for Halloween costumes, please note that this year we are asking for NO INFLATABLES. With the walking parade, stairs and trunk or treat event, inflatables can quickly become dangerous and cause accidents with injuries. Also keep in mind, no blood, gore or offensive costumes.

Opportunities to Support Our School:

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| October 22 | Chili Dawg Challenge Downtown |
| October 30 | Trunk or Treat |

## Our Parish Offering

**Week of October 4, 2026**

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| Regular Offertory | $11,035.98 |
| ACH Giving | $1,440.00 |
| QR Code Giving | $551.54 |
| **Total Offertory** | **$13,027.52** |
| Budgeted Weekly | $10,192.31 |
| **Surplus for the Week** | **$2,835.21** |
| Budgeted Year to Date | $142,692.34 |
| Actual Year to Date | $135,654.82 |
| **Deficit Year to Date** | **$7,037.52** |

## Support Our Mission

Together in Christ, we strive to actively seek and welcome all people in a community that expresses God's love. Help us foster faith & fellowship within our community.

Make A Paperless Donation

## Vatican Display of Eucharistic Miracles

We apologize for any inconvenience, but the Vatican Display of Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit has been **cancelled.** Instead, Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church will be holding Adoration after regularly scheduled Masses on Saturday the 10th and Sunday the 11th. Thank you all for your understanding.

**Adoration to follow this weekend's Mass schedule at St. Edward the Confessor:**

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| Saturday | 6:30 p.m. Vigil |
| Sunday | 8:00 a.m. |

## October is the month of the Holy Rosary

We will be praying the Rosary together before each of the 4:00 p.m. and 10:15 a.m. weekend Masses in October, beginning 30 minutes before Mass time. Thank you to all our volunteer Rosary leaders!

## Local moms and babies need our help!

October is Respect Life Month, so we will be collecting donations for Pregnancy Services of Ionia County (PSIC) throughout the month. There is a crib set up in the back of church where you may place donations. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting life.

The items most urgently needed are as follows:

- Girls' Fall Clothing -sizes 18 months-5T
- Boys' Fall Clothing - sizes 2T-5T
- Diapers - sizes 5 & 7
- Pull Ups - sizes 3T/4T, 4T/5T,5T/6T
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Shampoo and Soap
- Baby Food/Snacks/Pouches

## Euchre, Euchre, Euchre! - Ladies Social Group

This is an invitation for ladies of all ages. It's time for SSPP Ladies Social! Join us Monday, October 12th at 3:15 p.m. in the Veritas Room. Please bring a snack to share. Water will be provided. Entry is $5. Please let us know if you can attend so we have enough card tables! Please contact Jean Barker at 616-340-0678 or Kip Geldhof at 517-983-8241.

## Save the Date: SEEK Youth Conference 2027

Are you looking for an experience that can deepen your faith, challenge you to grow, and connect you with other young Catholics? SEEK is an opportunity to ask the big questions: What is God calling me to? What does He have planned for my life? How can I grow closer to Him? Consider attending the SEEK Conference January 1–5, 2027 in Columbus, Ohio! Please contact the Vanessa Booth or Fr. Eugene in the parish office for more information.

# SSPP ANNUAL HARVEST POTLUCK

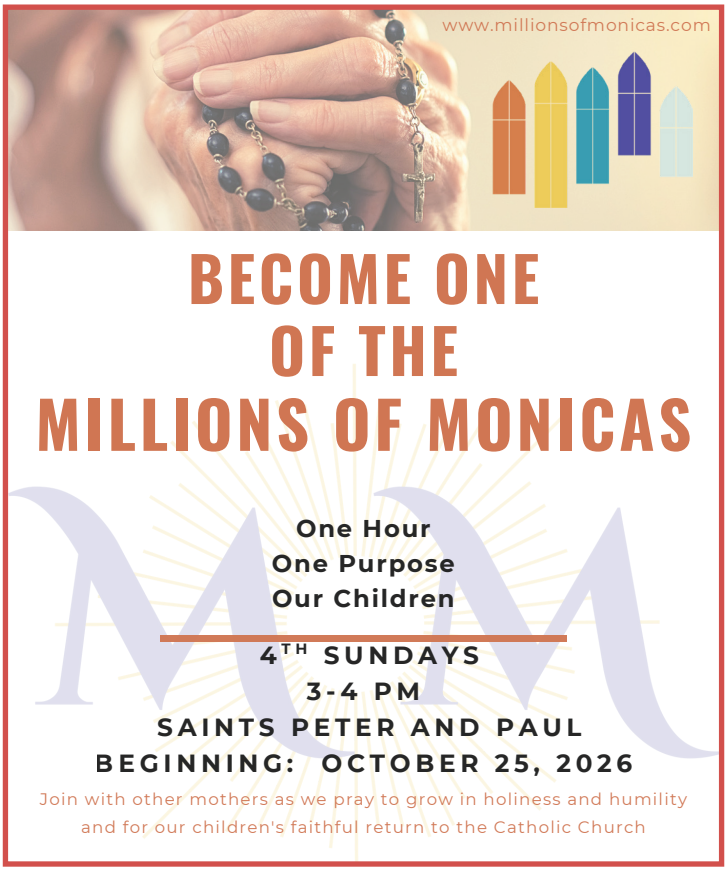
## Harvest Dinner & Raffle 2026

Our Harvest Dinner this year will be a parish potluck on the day of the raffle, beginning after the 12 p.m. Spanish Mass. The Knights of Columbus will provide the chicken and drinks, but all salads, side dishes, rolls, and desserts will be welcome additions! The raffle drawing will be held at 2 p.m. Be sure your returns are in the parish office by noon on the 18th so we can prepare them for the drawing!

**Where:** Apostles Hall
**When:** 1-3 p.m. Sunday, October 18

## Millions of Monicas

A new Millions of Monicas prayer group is beginning at Saints Peter & Paul. We will meet on the Fourth Sunday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the church. Our first gathering will be on Sunday, October 25th . Women are invited to gather for one hour of guided prayer, which always includes a Rosary. All women are welcome. Many who come are mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and confirmation sponsors, following the example of St. Monica in her perseverance in prayer. This is not a support group, and no sensitive information is shared.



## Faith Formation is Back!

We're excited to kick off another year of Faith Formation! It is not too late to register! All children in Grades K–High School are invited to join us on Sunday mornings for a wonderful year of learning, growing, and living out our faith! Classes are held in our school from **9:00-10:00 a.m.** Come grow in faith, build friendships, and discover more about God together! Registration forms are on the table in the back of church or online.

Join us for the parent/adult formation opportunity in Apostles Hall while the students are in class. This is open to anyone who would like to join us as we explore our faith using the FORMED app. For more information, please contact the parish office.

**October**
11 Faith Formation Class K-7th
11 Fall Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Session from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in Church
18 Faith Formation Class K-High School
25 Faith Formation Class K-High School

**November**
1 Faith Formation Class K-High School
1 Eighth Grade Parent & Student Meeting
8 Faith Formation Class K-High School
8 First Reconciliation Parent & Student Meeting
12 Confirmation, Cathedral of Saint Andrew at 7 p.m.

Pre-Register for Faith Formation Here

## Ionia Area CROP Walk - Thank You, People of SS Peter & Paul

Thank you, people of SS Peter & Paul, for your ongoing generosity. Your support, participation, and donation for this year's Ionia Area CROP Walk helped us raise about $16,000 so far, and put together 50 hygiene packs. These packs will be at the distribution center in Lansing for people recovering from disasters who may be displaced from their homes. We did fall short of last year's near record total. We had one group who did not make it, so I am hoping, as we close out this year's tabulations, that we can approach that level of giving. I have asked each of our groups to make one last appeal. If you can help please enter this link *events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/ioniami* onto our walk website and prayerfully do what you can. God bless you and thank you.

Ionia Area CROP Hunger Walk
Love in Jesus,
Pat Rinker

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Needed

We are currently in need of additional volunteers to help with this important ministry. Have you ever considered serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? Or have you served in this ministry in the past and would like to return? We are currently in need of additional volunteers to help with this important ministry.

The first step is to attend the diocesan training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, presented by Aaron Sanders, Director of Worship for the Diocese of Grand Rapids. This training will be at SSPP on November 14th at 10 a.m. in our church.

Did you miss our local parish training last week? Please contact the parish office to sign up for a make-up session of the training.

## Rosary Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Please join us at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays before Mass to pray the rosary for prison ministry.

## Loving Hands of Christ: A Grief Support Series

Our next meetings will be on October 17th at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Office living room. Questions? Please call Vanessa in the parish office.

## Knights' Corner

Brother Knights and fellow parishioners,

The Church has enumerated specific ways we can act in charity. She encourages all her members to practice spiritual and corporal (physical) works of mercy. The Spiritual Works of Mercy are: Admonish the Sinner, Instruct the Ignorant, Counsel the Doubtful, Bear Wrongs Patiently, Forgive Offenses Willingly, Comfort the Afflicted, Pray for the Living and the Dead. The Corporal Works of Mercy are: Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Clothe the Naked, Shelter the Homeless, Visit the Sick, Visit the Imprisoned, and Bury the Dead. There are many Catholic gentlemen in this parish, this council, and this community who humbly go about putting their faith and energy into good deeds. Their energy and enthusiasm for making life better for others never wavers when knowing someone will benefit from what they are doing.

Congratulations to our October Raffle Winners:
Sharon VanEtt, Joann Johnson, Aaron Rhines,
Jim and Barb Mulnix

Vivat Jesus!
Ron Speckin, Grand Knight