

SS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

August 30, 2026

30 de Agosto de 2026

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Mass Schedule Horario de Misas

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.

Reconciliation Schedule Calendario de Reconciliación

Wednesday 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. (noon)
Saturday 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Contact the Parish Office

email: parishoffice@ssppcatholic.com
phone: 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.

A parish
clustered
with St.
Edward,
Lake Odessa

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Letter from Father Eugene Una carta del Padre Eugene

On Evangelization

In an interview on Evangelization, Bishop David Walkowiak said: "The role of a diocese is to advance the kingdom of God, which is basically inviting others to come to know the great love God has for them...God reveals his teachings to us through parables in ways that we would not otherwise understand. We can reflect on these stories for an entire lifetime. Yet, each time we hear the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, the Sower and the Seed, etc., we learn more about who God is and what God's love is like."

Each of us has been called to share the Good News with others. Remember, going out doesn't always mean traveling far – it can start right at home, with those who are closest to us. Faith in Jesus is not just a personal journey; it's something we're gently invited to share with those around us. As Catholics, we carry the beautiful responsibility of spreading the Gospel to everyone we encounter, showing love and kindness along the way.

St. Teresa of Ávila captured this truth beautifully: "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours." The world aches to feel Jesus's loving embrace through us. Whether it's preparing a meal, comforting a grieving family, caring for a child, or praying with a spouse, these are the hands that carry out His mission. This is evangelization—an inspiring, living testament from the inside out.

Sobre la evangelización

En una entrevista sobre evangelización, el obispo David Walkowiak dijo: "El papel de una diócesis es avanzar el reino de Dios, que básicamente consiste en invitar a otros a conocer el gran amor que Dios tiene por ellos... Dios nos revela sus enseñanzas a través de parábolas de maneras que de otra forma no entenderíamos. Podemos reflexionar sobre estas historias toda una vida. Sin embargo, cada vez que escuchamos al Buen Samaritano, al Hijo Pródigo, al Sembrador y la Semilla, etc., aprendemos más sobre quién es Dios y cómo es el amor de Dios."

Cada uno de nosotros ha sido llamado a compartir la Buena Nueva con los demás. Recuerda, salir no siempre significa viajar lejos – puede comenzar justo en casa, con quienes están más cerca de nosotros. La fe en Jesús no es solo un camino personal; es algo que se nos invita a compartir con quienes nos rodean. Como católicos, llevamos la hermosa responsabilidad de difundir el Evangelio a todos los que encontramos, mostrando amor y amabilidad en el camino.

Santa Teresa de Ávila expresó esta verdad de manera hermosa: "Cristo no tiene cuerpo ahora sino el tuyo. No hay manos, ni pies en la tierra sino los tuyos." El mundo anhela sentir el abrazo amoroso de Jesús a través de nosotros. Ya sea preparando una comida, consolando a una familia en duelo, cuidando a un niño o rezando con un cónyuge, esas son las manos que llevan a cabo su misión. Esto es evangelización: un testimonio vivo e inspirador desde el interior hacia afuera.



Read More About
Bishop Walkowiak's
Response to Evangelization
through Communication

Lea Más Sobre la Respuesta
del Obispo Walkowiak a la
Evangelización a Través de la
Comunicación

Christ carrying the cross, at right the two thieves on the road to Calvary, two crosses in the background, after Guido Reni

by John Keyse
Sherwin
1778





**Whoever wishes
to come after
me must deny
himself, take up
his cross, and
follow me.**

Mt 16:21-27

Our Parish Prayer List

Please Pray for:

Feleciana Alcario, Ericka Baer, Sharon Baer, Dawn Baldwin, Landon Battle, Dorr Bissell, 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, Melissa Harper, Finnly Hunt, Ron Kaminski, Joe & Sue Kleiss, Kathy Kranz, Larry Lafler, Jack & Sue LaPeer, Nathan Lower, Tracie Lower, Pat MacLachlan, Mona Martinez, David & Judy Maynard, Susan Meyers, Karen Miller, 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, Roxanne Rader, Tom Reinhardt, Michelle Richard-Mix, Russinda Rohde, Janice Schell, Anita Hozeski Scott, Georgia Sibert, Sue Speckin, Arlene Stanton, Randy Tripp, Connie Waterman, Denise Ward, Shirley Weber, Jerry & Cindy White, Tom White, Chad Wickerink, Jo Wirtz

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August 29 & 30, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lector: Cecilia Luke
Altar Servers: Charlotte & Lillian Mabe
EMs: Julie Bennett, Mary Lou Mulick,
Barb Mulnix
Greeters: Volunteers

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

September 5 & 6, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lector: Mary Lou Mulick
Altar Servers: Charlotte & Lillian Mabe
EMs: Julie Bennett, Ronda Kapp,
Mary Perrien
Greeters: Volunteers

10:15 a.m. Lector: Pete Fox
Altar Servers:
Alexis/ Hans/Kendra Heinlein
EMs: Shannon Andrews, Kevin Heinlein,
Laurie Tjalsma
Greeters: Judy Hamblin

Liturgies This Week

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Saturday, August 29

4:00 p.m. Steve Walter & Family
(Mike & Joan Boog)

Sunday, August 30

10:15 a.m. Pat Brady (Tom & Eldora Lee)

12:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, August 31 – Weekday

1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97-102/Lk 4:16-30

No Mass

Tuesday, September 1 – Weekday

1 Cor 2:10-16/Ps 145:8-14/Lk 4:31-37

No Mass

Wednesday, September 2 – Weekday

1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

11:00 a.m. Confessions

12:10 p.m. Special Intention of Joan Blundy

6:00 p.m. Adoration

No Misa en español

Thursday, September 3 – St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 5:1-11

8:00 a.m. Patrick & Carol Lewis families

Friday, September 4 – Weekday

1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

No Mass

Saturday, September 5

– St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin

1 Cor 4:6-15/Ps 145:17-21/Lk 6:1-5

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary

3:00 p.m. Confessions

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Saturday, September 5

4:00 p.m. John Scholtens
(Edward & Tamara Albert)

Sunday, September 6

10:15 a.m. Bob Terpstra (Christine Terpstra)

12:00 p.m. Misa en español

2:00 p.m. Baptism of Charlie Everett Staup



Events This Week

Sunday, August 30

Monday, August 31

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

Tuesday, September 1

1-2 p.m. OCIA (PO)

5:30-6:30 p.m. OCIA (PO)

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Mtg (VR)

Wednesday, September 2

Thursday, September 3

9:00 a.m. Daytime Faith Sharing (PO)

3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, September 4

No School - Labor Day Weekend

6-8 p.m. Hispanic Adult Classes for
First Communion & Confirmation (VR)

Saturday, September 5

Sunday, September 6

(VR) Veritas Room / (PO) Parish Office

God's Housekeepers - August 30

General Cleaning

Marisha Hileman

Gwen O'Mara

Janis Neustifter

Vacuuming

Bruce Sibert

Joe Peckins

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel, Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually get in the way. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."

Our Parish Offering

Week of August 23, 2026

Regular Offertory	\$5,565.00
ACH Giving	\$1,440.00
QR Code Giving	<u>\$370.44</u>
Total Offertory	\$7,375.44

Budgeted Weekly	\$10,192.31
Deficit for the Week	\$2,816.87

Budgeted Year to Date	\$81,538.48
Actual Year to Date	\$73,817.25
Deficit Year to Date	\$7,721.23

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





22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Y	L	E	L	I	G	K	R	S	W
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Suffer Raised God Human Deny
Follow Save Lose Find Glory

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Reflecting on Sunday, August 23

We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the installation of Fr. Eugene by our Bishop such a joyful and memorable occasion. It was a blessing to gather as a parish family and celebrate together in such a beautiful bilingual Mass.

A special thank you to our food sponsors, El Mariachi and Olivera's, for generously providing delicious food for our luncheon. We are also so grateful to everyone who brought a dish to pass or a dessert. Your generosity and willingness to share helped make the celebration truly special. We had not one, but two beautiful birthday cakes donated to help us celebrate Fr. Eugene's birthday!

We extend our deepest appreciation to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped make the bilingual Mass so beautiful—our greeters, altar servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, music ministry volunteers, and ushers. Your time, talents, and joyful service helped create a warm and welcoming celebration for everyone.

A very special thank you to our Knights of Columbus for all they did to ensure everything ran smoothly, both at the Mass and the luncheon. From setup to cleanup and all the many details in between, your dedication and willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

Most of all, thank you to our entire parish family. Celebrations like this remind us what a blessing it is to belong to a community that comes together with generous hearts, joyful spirits, and a willingness to serve one another.

THANK YOU SO MUCH

I sincerely thank everyone who made my installation as pastor and my birthday celebration truly memorable, filled with love and joy. Your constant support, warm wishes, and thoughtful gestures are deeply appreciated. Please remember me in your prayers for ongoing guidance and strength, and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers too. From the bottom of my heart, I am grateful for your kindness and encouragement. May God bless you all abundantly!

~Father Eugene



CROP Hunger Walk

What are you doing on Sunday, October 4? Would you like a way to visit with friends, make new friends, enjoy the outdoors, get exercise AND help change the world? Come walk with us in the CROP Hunger Walk to raise funds to fight hunger in our community and around the world. We'll start and end at Zion Church on Washington St. We'll meet at 1:45 p.m., collect our money, and begin our walk shortly after 2:00 p.m. Contact Pat Rinker for more information and to get your Walker envelope, 517-898-5676. Checks payable to CWS/CROP. Sign up with Pat Rinker for the walk after the Saturday evening or Sunday morning mass on August 29 or 30.

Thank You El Mariachi

Thank you, El Mariachi's and all who ate at their restaurant on August 18. We are so grateful to Moises and Tony Velasco and the people of El Mariachi's for their generosity and willingness to host this event. We raised \$225.00 to answer the call to feed the hungry in the local and global community. CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States. 25% of the funds raised by CROP Walk are given to local food agencies. Zion Food Pantry, Commission on Aging, IM Kids3rd Meal, and Saranac Area Food Bank all benefit from the Ionia Area CROP Walk.

This Weekend, August 29 & 30, Pat Rinker will be signing up walkers for the CROP Walk after the Saturday evening 4 p.m. Mass and Sunday morning, 10:15 a.m. mass. Please consider walking as a family with us Saturday, October 4.

Love in Jesus,
Pat Rinker

Health Support Group Sessions

Any who have been touched by Cancer or other illnesses are invited to join our **Health Support Group** discussion on September 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Office.

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. 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. Contact Vanessa Booth for more details.

Church On Fire In the Spirit

Bart Schuchts will be the guest speaker for this three-day parish retreat for the cluster parishes of St. Edward, Lake Odessa, and SS Peter & Paul, Ionia. See the flyer in the back of church for more details.

Save the Date: September 27, 28, 29

At SS Peter & Paul Parish & School

6:30 p.m – 8:00 p.m.

Faith Formation Religious Education

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

September

20 Faith Formation Class K-8th Grade

20 Fall Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Session

4:30-6:00pm (Veritas Room)

27 Faith Formation Class K-High School

27 Parish Retreat 6:30-8:00pm (Church)

Catholic Services Appeal 2026

Strengthened in Christ, Responding with Joy

Another three pledges have come in, bringing us to \$53,087 towards our assessment of \$81,314. We are grateful for every pledge, and we're making progress, but we still have \$28,227 to go. If you haven't responded yet, please make your pledge today! Pledges can be made online at grdiocese.org. Thank you for doing your part to help us reach our goal!

Knights' Corner

Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus and has guided the organization since its founding in 1882 by Blessed Michael McGivney. Knights put their faith into action by serving those in need, helping the poor and vulnerable, and responding to needs in their parish and community. This council has participated in programs that support Food for Families, support for mothers and babies, assistance to people with disabilities, and many other opportunities where their time and resources are needed to make a difference. In short, charity is not simply something the Knights support, it is the way Knights live their Catholic faith. "Where there's a need, there's a Knight."

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Speckin, Grand Knight

