

SS. PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

September 6, 2026

6 de Septiembre 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pictured is World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal with Pope Francis traveling through the crowd in the popemobile.

A Letter from Father Eugene Una carta del Padre Eugene

Young People on Fire for God

When I attended WYD in Lisbon, Portugal, I was inspired by the late Pope Francis, who passionately called on youth and young adults to answer the call of mission and dedicate themselves to serving God. He highlighted that the mission is a universal calling, reflected in every young person willing to open their heart to God's grace.

Here at our parish, I call upon our young people to step up, serve God and embody the spirit of mission and evangelization. I call upon our adult faithful also to serve our young people by their guidance and example. There are many opportunities to serve, encounter, and be formed in the Catholic faith. The following events are available:

SEEK 2027: Young Adult Catholic Conference in Columbus, Ohio, January 1-5, 2027

SHINE: Middle School Retreat in Grand Rapids, MI March 14, 2027

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE High School Students Summer 2027, Steubenville, Ohio

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE
For ages 14-17 years old in November 2027
Indianapolis, IN

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: For young adults, to be held in South Korea, taking place from July 30 to August 10, 2027. The Diocese of Grand Rapids will be sending a group.

In 1984, Pope Saint John Paul II initiated the first World Youth Day in Rome. More than 300,000 young people from various countries accepted His Holiness John Paul II's invitation to join the International Jubilee of Youth on Palm Sunday in St. Peter's Square.

If any of these interest you, please sign up using our QR code to receive more information. Parents with children ages 14-17 please fill out the consent form at the back of church and submit it to the parish office.



Sign up for email updates about these conferences.

Regístrese para recibir actualizaciones por correo electrónico sobre estas conferencias.

Jóvenes en Llamas por Dios

Cuando asistí a la JMJ en Lisboa, Portugal, me inspiró el difunto Papa Francisco, quien llamó apasionadamente a los jóvenes y adultos jóvenes a responder al llamado de la misión y dedicarse a servir a Dios. Él destacó que la misión es un llamado universal, reflejado en cada joven dispuesto a abrir su corazón a la gracia de Dios.

Aquí en nuestra parroquia, hago un llamado a nuestros jóvenes para que se unan, sirvan a Dios y encarnen el espíritu de misión y evangelización. También hago un llamado a nuestros fieles adultos para que guíen y den ejemplo a nuestros jóvenes.

Existen muchas oportunidades para servir, encontrarse y formarse en la fe católica. Los siguientes eventos están disponibles:

SEEK 2027: Conferencia Católica para Jóvenes Adultos en Columbus, Ohio, del 1 al 5 de enero de 2027

SHINE: Retiro para estudiantes de secundaria en Grand Rapids, MI, 14 de marzo de 2027

CONFERENCIA JUVENIL STEUBENVILLE: Para estudiantes de secundaria, verano de 2027, Steubenville, Ohio

CONFERENCIA NACIONAL JUVENIL CATÓLICA: Para edades de 14 a 17 años, en noviembre de 2027, Indianápolis, IN

JORNADA MUNDIAL DE LA JUVENTUD 2027: Para jóvenes adultos, que se realizará en Corea del Sur, del 30 de julio al 10 de agosto de 2027. La Diócesis de Grand Rapids enviará un grupo.

Si alguna de estas opciones te interesa, por favor inscríbete usando nuestro código QR para recibir más información. Los padres de jóvenes de 14 a 17 años, por favor completen el formulario de consentimiento que se encuentra en la parte posterior de la iglesia y entréguelo en la oficina parroquial.

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

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.



Pictured are students and leaders at the 2026 Shine Middle School Retreat in Grand Rapids, Mi.



Our Parish Prayer List

Please Pray for:

Feleciana Alcaria, 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, Connie Hamblin, 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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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

September 12 & 13, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m.** Lector: Phill Wizorek
Altar Servers: Jaclyn Rewa
EMs: Cecilia Luke, Mary Lou Mulick,
Sue Wizorek
Greeters: Julie Bennett
- 10:15 a.m.** Lector: Walt Downes
Altar Servers:
Evan Bailey, Jace Perry
EMs: Cheryl & John Hildebrandt,
Mary Perrien
Greeters: Theresa Scholtens

Liturgies This Week

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

Monday, September 7 – Weekday – Labor Day

1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

No Mass

Tuesday, September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

No Mass

Wednesday, September 9 – St. Peter Claver

1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/Lk 6:20-26

11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:10 p.m. Freund & Stoj families
(Margaret Stoj)
6:00 p.m. Adoration
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, September 10 – Weekday

1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

8:00 a.m. Midge Slater (Hemenway family)

Friday, September 11 – Weekday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27/Ps 84:3-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

No Mass

7:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, September 12 – The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
1:00 p.m. Wedding of
Monica Velasco & Matthew Eden
3:00 p.m. Confessions

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30 – 28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Saturday, September 12

4:00 p.m. Gary & Marlene Chartrand
(Brad & Mary Chartrand)

Sunday, September 13

10:15 a.m. Bernard & Bertha Ardis (Ardis family)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español



Events This Week

Sunday, September 6

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day

No School
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

1-2 p.m. OCIA (PO)
5:30-6:30 p.m. OCIA (PO)

Wednesday, September 9

After 12:10 Mass Theology over Lunch

Thursday, September 10

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

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

9:30 a.m. Health Support Group (PO)

Sunday, September 13

(VR) Veritas Room / (PO) Parish Office

God's Housekeepers - September 6

General Cleaning

Julie Bennett
Bridgett Flanigan

Vacuuming

Julie Bennett
Bridgett Flanigan

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he / she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. change comes from within.

Our Parish Offering

Week of August 30, 2026

Regular Offertory	\$7,231.47
ACH Giving	\$4,670.00
QR Code Giving	<u>\$270.44</u>
Total Offertory	\$12,171.91

Budgeted Weekly	\$10,192.31
Surplus for the Week	\$1,979.60

Budgeted Year to Date	\$91,730.79
Actual Year to Date	\$85,989.16
Deficit Year to Date	\$5,741.63

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.

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fly for the Knights: Fall Color Tour

For a second year in a row, soar over Ionia county with a skilled pilot and enjoy the brilliant fall colors as the birds see them - all while supporting a great cause. All proceeds above operating costs support the Knights of Columbus - Father Fierle Council #944.

What to Expect:

A thrilling ride in a small aircraft.
Breathtaking views of Michigan's fall foliage
Delicious fall treats
A safe and family-friendly experience

Location: Ionia County Airport
468 E Sprague Road; Ionia, MI 48846

Date & Time: Saturday, October 3, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Rain Date: Saturday, October 10, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35 per guest (2 person minimum) 15 minute airplane ride around Ionia County. This includes your scenic airplane ride, cider, doughnuts, and viewing of other aircrafts.

Notice: Scheduling and signing the waiver will be done on our Website or Facebook page electronically this year.

Payments will be collected the day of the rides. Cash, Check, Venmo, or Apple Pay are the only accepted payments this year. Please make all payments payable to Clear2Aviate LLC. Follow us on Facebook @Clear2Aviate or visit our website clear2aviate.com for up-to-date weather information beginning on Thursday, October 1, 2026 after 2 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Brad at 517-743-1390.

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Loving Hands of Christ

The **Grief Support 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.

Ladies Social Group

It's time for SSPP Ladies Social. We had such GREAT FUN last time that we've decided to play Bunco again. Join us on Monday, September 14 from 3:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m in the Veritas room. If you're unfamiliar with Bunco, it's an easy to learn dice game. We hope you can join us. Water will be provided. Bring a dish to pass and \$5 to play. Please RSVP to Jean Barker 616-340-0678 or Kip Geldhof at 517-983-8241. It's helpful in planning how many card tables we need. See you there.

Faith Formation is Back!

We're excited to kick off another year of Faith Formation! 🎉

Faith Formation begins September 20th and is open to students in Grades K–High School. Come grow in faith, build friendships, and discover more about God together!

Pre-register today and get ready for a wonderful year of learning, growing, and living out our faith! Classes are held in our school from 9:00-10:00am. Registration forms are on the table in the back of church or online.

We will be adding a 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 Vanessa Booth at 616-527-3610 or vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

September

20 Faith Formation Class K-8th Grade

20 **Fall Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Session 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

27 Faith Formation Class K-High School

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

27 **Confirmation Mass Cathedral of St. Andrew November 10 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Pre-Register for
Faith Formation Here



Winner Winner Chicken Dinner!

SSPP Annual Harvest Raffle

Have you received your Harvest Raffle tickets? We ask that you do your very best to sell your tickets (or buy them yourself and increase your odds of winning!). All funds raised go to the operating expenses of the parish, and this fundraiser is a vital part of our annual budget.



Just like last last year, we will be having a parish potluck on the day of the raffle, beginning after the 12:00 Mass, at approximately 1:00 p.m. The Knights of Columbus have volunteered to provide chicken for the main dish, but all salads, side dishes, rolls, and desserts will be welcome additions.

The raffle drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m. First prize is \$1,000, second prize is \$750, third prize is \$500, and three winners will receive a prize of \$100. One "Early Bird" winner will be drawn from the pool of all those who return all their tickets stubs, with the money, to the parish by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 12. If you sell more than one batch of tickets, you will be entered for each batch of 20 that you sell.

Thank you for your continuous support. We look forward to seeing you at the potluck and drawing on October 18th. Maybe this will be your year to win!

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.

Knights' Corner

In every parish, there are men whose hands preach the Gospel long before their voices ever need to. They show up early, stay late, and work in the quiet corners where no spotlight ever reaches. They fix what's broken, build what's needed, and give of themselves without ever asking to be seen. These men are the Knights of Columbus. Because of their service, our parish is not just a building – it is a home. A place where families grow in faith, where children learn hope, where the lonely find comfort, and where Christ becomes visible through simple acts of love. As Knights, we carry a legacy – and a mission: To strengthen the Church. To support one another as brothers. To serve Christ through faithful, humble work. In a world that celebrates noise, God still works His greatest miracles through men who choose to be faithful in the quiet – and no one embodies that more than a Knight of Columbus.

Congratulations to our September raffle winners – Bill Bos, Lillian Overbeck, Steve Dick, and Sherry Cusack.

Respectfully,
Ron Speckin, Grand Knight





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