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CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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All Saints Day **November 1, 2026**

A Clustered Parish with St. Edward, Lake Odessa



See God and Long for Him

This great solemnity calls us to turn our gaze toward heaven and to fix our eyes upon a breathtaking truth: The joy of every holy man and woman we lovingly remember this All Saints' Day is not found in what they accomplished — but on Whom they have set their eyes to behold. They made one bold, courageous choice: to seek the face of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, and to let every other love flow from that singular, all-consuming gaze. Their hearts were not divided. Their desires were not scattered. The saints fervently sought God, striving to live out their faith authentically.

They did not live for themselves. Their hunger was not for comfort, approval, or the fleeting satisfaction of their own desires. Instead, they chose — unapologetically and wholeheartedly — to pour out their lives entirely for the Lord. And having truly seen Him, they found that no one else could compare. They set their lives at the very source of Life — the living water that is Christ Himself (cf. John 4:14; 7:38).

This is the invitation extended to every soul on this All Saints' Day — not merely to admire the saints from a distance, We too are called to lift our eyes, to seek the Lord in prayer, in the Eucharist, and in the people around us, and to let His face draw us ever deeper into love.

Contemplar a Dios y Anhelarlo

Esta gran solemnidad nos invita a volver la mirada al cielo y a fijarla en una verdad que nos deja sin aliento: la alegría de cada persona santa que recordamos con cariño en este Día de Todos los Santos no está en lo que logró, sino en Aquel a quien contempla. Tomó una decisión audaz y valiente: buscar el rostro de Dios, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, y dejar que todo otro amor brotara de esa mirada única y absorbente. Su corazón no estaba dividido ni sus deseos dispersos. Los santos buscaron a Dios con fervor y se esforzaron por vivir su fe con autenticidad.

No vivieron para sí. No ansiaban la comodidad, la aprobación ni la satisfacción pasajera de sus propios deseos. En cambio, eligieron —sin reservas y de todo corazón— entregar por completo su vida al Señor. Y, después de verlo de verdad, descubrieron que nadie podía compararse con Él. Pusieron su vida en la fuente misma de la Vida: el agua viva que es Cristo (cf. Juan 4, 14; 7, 38).

Esta es la invitación que se extiende a cada persona en este Día de Todos los Santos: no solo admirar de lejos a los santos. También nosotros estamos llamados a levantar la mirada, a buscar al Señor en la oración, en la Eucaristía y en quienes nos rodean, y a dejar que su rostro nos atraiga cada vez más profundamente hacia el amor.

Mass Schedule

Sat.	4 p.m.
Sun.	10:15 a.m., 12 p.m. SP
Wed.	12:10 p.m., 7 p.m. SP
Thu.	8:00 a.m.

Parish Office Hours

Mon. - Fri.	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sat. - Sun.	Closed

Reconciliation Schedule

Wednesday	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Saturday	3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Adoration Hours

Wednesdays	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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Our Parish Staff

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October 31 & November 1, All Saints Day

4:00 p.m.
Lector: Phill Wizorek
Altar Servers: Charlotte & Lillian Mabe
EMS: Mary Perrien, Birttany Rockafellow, Sue Wizorek
Greeters: Volunteers

10:15 a.m.
Lector: Madeline Desrochers
Altar Servers: Alexis/Hans/Kendra Heinlein
EMS: Shannon Andrews, Kevin Heinlein, Ronda Kapp
Greeters: Judy Hamblin

November 7 & 8, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m.
Lector: Cecilia Luke
Altar Servers: Logan Haskin, Jaclyn Rewa
EMS: Barb Mulnix, Mary Perrien, Brittany Rockafellow
Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

10:15 a.m.
Lector: Paul Meyer
Altar Servers: Hans Heinlein, Jace Perry
EMS: Veronica Meyer, Sam Meyer, Dave O'Mara
Greeters: Deb Porter

Liturgies this Week

All Saints Day

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12

Saturday, October 31
4:00 p.m. Joe Overbeck (Phill & Sue Wizorek)

Sunday, November 1
10:15 a.m. Barb & Gerry Gibson (Cindy & Jason Mayle)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español

Monday, November 2 – All Souls' Day
Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11/Jn 6:37-40
8:00 a.m. All Souls' Day Mass followed by Blessing of Graves

Tuesday, November 3 – St. Martin de Porres, Religious
Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26-32/Lk 14:15-24
No Mass

Wednesday, November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33
No Confessions
11:30 a.m. Rosary for Prison Ministry
12:10 p.m. Sherry North (Bill & Sue Ann Crowley)
6:00 p.m. Adoration
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, November 5 - Weekday
Phil 3:3-8/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 15:1-10
8:00 a.m. Carol Cope (Kurt & Laurie Tjalsma)
9-10 a.m. Adoration, Confessions, Rosary

Friday, November 6 - Weekday
Phil 3:17 – 4:1/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 16:1-8
No Mass

Saturday, November 7 – Weekday
Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 8-9/Lk 16:9-15
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
3:00 p.m. Confessions

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, November 7
4:00 p.m. Freund and Stoj families (Margaret Stoj)

Sunday, November 8
10:15 a.m. Lois Walker (Ron Kaminski)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español
2:00 p.m. Baptisms of Avery Lamoreaux & Clayton Ferris

Our Parish Prayer List



Feleciana Alcaria, 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, Brian Faust, 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, John Klein, Kathy Kranz, Larry Lafler, Jack & Sue LaPeer, Nathan Lower, Traccie Lower, Pat MacLachlan, Mona Martinez, Ericka McGillis, Susan Meyers, Karen Miller, Jim & Barb Mulnix, Nichole Munsell, Ken North, Terri Nurenberg, Mary O'Connor, Bob Parker, Mike Peckins, Jace Peterson, Mary Perrien, 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

Events This Week

Sunday, November 1

2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time ends. Turn clocks back 1 hour.
9-10 a.m. Faith Formation classes for K-HS
8th Grade Confirmation Parent Mtg.
5-6:30 p.m. "Know More, Grow More in the Holy Spirit" (AH)

Monday, November 2 – All Souls' Day

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

Tuesday, November 3

1-2 p.m. OCIA (PO)
5:30-6:30 p.m. OCIA (PO)
6-7 p.m. Hisp. 1st Communion Class (VR)
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Mtg. (VR)

Wednesday, November 4

5-6 p.m. Hispanic Confirmation Class (VR)

Thursday, November 5

9-10 a.m. Adoration, Confessions, Rosary (CH)
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, November 6

7-9 p.m. School Euchre Tournament Fundraiser (AH)

Saturday, November 7

9:30 a.m. Health Support Group (Bittersweet Bakery)

Sunday, November 8

9-10 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-HS
9:00 a.m. 1st Reconciliation Parent/Student Mtg.
5-6:30 p.m. "Know More, Grow More In the Holy Spirit" (AH)

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

A Family Perspective
by Bud Ozar

Jesus is saying to you what he said to Zacchaeus, "I must stay at your house today." It doesn't matter if Jesus "intended to pass through Jericho to another town." In families we sometimes stop at the wrong places. It is wisdom to "pass through" annoying family situations so we can enjoy the goodness of each other.

God's Housekeepers
November 1

General Cleaning
Jane Hemenway
Laurie Tjalsma

Vacuuming
John & Kathy Curtin

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Our Parish Offering
Week of October 25, 2026

Regular Offertory	$5,879.36
ACH Giving	$1,800.00
QR Code Giving	$390.44
Total Offertory	$8,069.80
Budgeted Weekly	$10,192.31
Deficit for the Week	**$2,122.51**
Budgeted Year to Date	$173,269.27
Actual Year to Date	$161,363.83
Deficit Year to Date	**$11,905.44**



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intimacy behind closed doors

Marriage Retreat

Mass
8 a.m.
Saturday
Nov. 7th



St Edward Catholic Church inside the Family Center

Friday, November 6th from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 7th from 9am-1:00 p.m.

Complete this online registration.

Questions? Please call the Parish Office at 616-374-7253.













St. Edward the Confessor

531 Jordan Lake St.
Lake Odessa, MI 48849
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Remembering Our Loved Ones - St. Edward

As we celebrate Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and observe All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, we invite you to place photographs of your departed loved ones before the altar in their memory. Please take your photographs home by the end of November.

KofC Pancake Breakfast - St. Edward

Enjoy a delicious breakfast while supporting a great cause! A freewill offering will be taken, with a goal of raising $10 per plate. Proceeds will support the Knights of Columbus' community service efforts. Bring a friend and spread the word.

When: Sunday, November 29th, 2026
Where: St. Edward's Family Center,
531 Jordan Lake St.
Lake Odessa, MI 48849

SS Peter & Paul Catholic School

317 Baldie St.
Ionia, MI 48846
616-527-3561

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all of our parents, students and teachers who were able to step up and make the Chili Dawg Challenge happen this year! Not only did we fill all of the volunteer spots, but with many thanks to Alana Moser and Sue Kessler for helping with the chili, we won **BEST JUDGED DOG!**

Speaking of food, our annual food drive to help IM Kids 3rd Meal has begun! We will post daily score updates on Remind as we go! Remember all "votes" must be on the table by Noon on Friday, November 6th to count! IM Kids 3rd Meal provides bagged meals for students in Ionia and Montcalm counties with food insecurities. Every year we time our food drive around the Michigan vs. Michigan State football game to bring a little friendly competition to a good cause. Please set your donation of fruit cups (Michigan) or granola bars (Michigan State) on the designated tables in the main hallway.

Upcoming Dates:

November 10	No Panther Playhouse
November 17	No Panther Playhouse
November 23	Full Day of School P/T Conferences 3-8 p.m.
November 24	Half Day of School
November 25-27	No School - Thanksgiving Break

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	6 p.m.
Sunday	8 a.m.
Tuesday	12:10 p.m.
Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m.
First Saturdays	8 a.m.

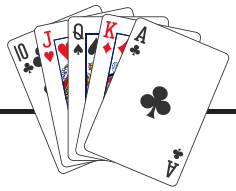
Reconciliation Schedule

Thursdays	6-7 p.m.
1st Fridays	after 9 a.m. Mass or by appointment

Adoration Hours

Thursdays	6-7 p.m. with Mass starting at 7:00 p.m.
1st Fridays	9:30-10:30 a.m.

The Mission of SS. Peter & Paul School is to provide a high quality Catholic education in a Catholic Christian environment. Through the Word, example, and service, students are taught a sense of responsibility for others and are encouraged to be actively involved in their faith and local communities. Our goal is to form future leaders, productive citizens, and active faith-filled Christian men and women.



Bowers & Blessings Euchre Tournament Fundraiser

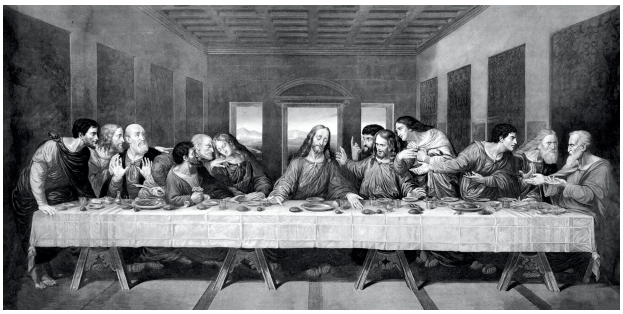
Join us on Friday, November 6, from 7–9 p.m. in the Saints Peter & Paul School Cafeteria! Entry is $20 per person with early sign-up or $25 at the door (cash only). Compete for prizes, including Grand Champion Team and Best Team Name! Popcorn will be provided, and BYOB adult beverages are welcome. Childcare is available for $10 per child for potty-trained children ages 12 and under. Scan the QR code to sign up!

SSPP Events & Announcements

Help Us Design Parish T-Shirts!
We're looking for YOUR ideas to help design our next parish T-shirts! Let's get creative, show our parish pride, and put our faith into action—one T-shirt at a time! Whether you're an artist, a doodler, a creative thinker, or someone with a great idea, we'd love to see what you come up with! Your design could include our parish name, a favorite Scripture verse, a meaningful Catholic symbol, or anything that celebrates our faith and community.

We're especially excited about creating fun shirts we can wear while serving others throughout our community! Whether we're volunteering at an event, helping a neighbor, or putting our faith into action, these shirts will help us show who we are and what we're all about—living our faith through love and service!

Start sketching, dream up some ideas, and share your designs with us. We can't wait to see what you create! Please submit your ideas via email to Karen Meyers at karenjmeyers1972@gmail.com



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) is one of the most profound acts of lay participation in the life of the Church. To serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, individuals must be practicing Catholics, distinguished in their Christian life, faith, and morals; be at least 18 years old; and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Diocesan training is scheduled for November 14 at our parish. If you are interested in becoming an EMHC, please contact the office for more information.

RSVP for Eucharistic Minister Training

This event is for new volunteers and anyone who has not been certified by the Diocese of GR since 2023. The training is mandatory for all Eucharistic Ministers, including ministers who take the Eucharist to the homebound. To register, please visit the Worship section of the Diocese of Grand Rapids website and sign up for one of the quarterly training sessions at the Church nearest you. Our clustered parish will be offering **Eucharistic Minister** training at **SS Peter & Paul Church** on **November 14th** at **10 a.m.** Please call Vanessa Booth ext. 14 with any questions.

Loving Hands of Christ: A Grief Support Series
Have you experienced the loss of someone you love? Grief can touch our hearts in many ways, and every loss is different. Whether your loss is recent or happened long ago, you don't have to walk through the journey alone. Loving Hands of Christ will offer a safe, caring, and compassionate place for anyone who has suffered a loss. Together, we can share our stories, listen to one another, find comfort, and remind each other that even in the midst of grief, there is hope.

Our next session will be held on October 31st. Each session is held in the parish office living room beginning at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Vanessa Booth in the parish office at 616-527-3610.

Health Support Group Sessions
Any who have been touched by Cancer or other illnesses are invited to join our Health Support Group discussion on November 7th at 9:30 a.m. at Bittersweet Bakery.

Millions of Monicas at SS Peter & Paul Church
4th Sundays of the Month at 3 p.m.
Women are invited to gather for one hour of guided prayer, which will always include a Rosary. Our intention is for our children in need of God's mercy and a return to the practice of their Catholic faith. This is not a support group, but rather an opportunity to pray for our children together. For more information, please contact the SSPP parish office at 616-527-3610.

Mount-Olivet Cemetery
The cemetery will soon be closing for the winter. If you have any items such as flowers, urns, statues, or lights that you would like to save, please remove them in the coming weeks. Thank you!

Advent with Fr. Mike Schmitz
Starting November 30, join us in the Veritas Room on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Please contact Theresa Scholtens 616-648-2959 with any questions.

Lessons and Carols 2027
Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 29th. There will be a Lessons and Carols service at the First Presbyterian Church in Ionia. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to serve as singers, instrumentalists, or cookie donors. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Tiffany at tferguson@ssppcatholic.com. Please RSVP to volunteer by Sunday, November 1st by 1:00 p.m. via email. Rehearsal and service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Ionia - 125 E Main St. Ionia, MI.

Full Rehearsal	Saturday, November 21st, at 10:30 a.m.
Service	Sunday, November 29th, at 3 p.m.
	Participants please arrive by 2:15 p.m.

A Prayer for Our Loved Ones Who Have Passed
Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May the Souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.

SSPP Events & Announcements

Adopt A Family

As we look ahead to the upcoming Christmas season, we are looking to build a team of volunteers to spearhead the program. We hope to bring together individuals who are passionate about serving others and helping make Christmas a little brighter for children and families in our community.

If you have a heart for helping others, enjoy organizing and planning, or simply want to share your gifts in service to our neighbors, we would love to hear from you! Together, we can continue the wonderful tradition of spreading Christmas joy and making a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Please contact the parish office for more details.

Thank you to our past volunteers for the love you have shared, and to those who may be called to join us as we create a team of volunteers. May we continue to be the hands and feet of Christ to those around us!

Theology Over Lunch

Join us after the 12:10 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, November 11 th in the Veritas Room for our next Theology Over Lunch with Fr. Eugene!

Take a break, share a meal, and nourish your faith as we gather for an engaging conversation about our Catholic faith. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn, ask questions, and grow together in faith and fellowship. A lunch sign up sheet is in the back of church. Sign up today to bring your favorite dish to pass.

Everyone is welcome! We hope you'll join us for this special time of food, faith, and fellowship with Fr. Eugene.

Advent by Candlelight

Ladies, plan on joining us for our annual Women's Advent by Candlelight Dinner, Led by Franciscan Sisters as we celebrate this Franciscan jubilee year. Tuesday, December 1st, holy hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6:15 p.m. Please contact Brittany for more information at brittanyrockafellow@gmail.com or 616-902-1936.

Ladies Social Group

Ladies of all ages, join us on Monday, November 9th at 3:15 p.m. in the Veritas Room. Please bring a snack to share. Euchre is the requested activity for the day. Cost is $5.00 to play. Please RSVP to Jean Barker 616-340-0678 or Kip Geldhof at 517-983-8241. Your RSVP is necessary to make sure that we have enough tables.

Yes, we are playing Euchre again! We talked about it at the last gathering and offered different options but Euchre was the majority vote. Hope you to see you there!

Faith Formation

It is not too late to register for Faith Formation! 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 9:00-10:00am 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.

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 at Cathedral of St. Andrews, 7 p.m.
15 Faith Formation Class K-High School
22 Faith Formation Class K-High School

Register for Faith Formation Here

Pre-Confirmation Meeting - Sunday, November 1st

Attention all 8th-graders in Faith Formation or SS Peter & Paul School students! Parents and students are invited to join us on Sunday, November 1, for our Pre-Confirmation Meeting as we begin preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This meeting is an important opportunity for students and parents to learn more about the Confirmation journey, review expectations, and discuss the next steps in preparing to receive this beautiful sacrament.

We look forward to walking alongside our students and families as they continue to grow in faith and strengthen their relationship with Christ. We encourage all 8th-grade students and their parents to attend! Meeting will be held in Room 104 at 9:00 a.m.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

If you are interested in joining with others to pray for our parish priest every week, consider joining the Seven Sisters Apostolate. Contact Lauren Mulford for more info. Men or women welcome.

Knights' Corner

Brother Knights and fellow parishioners,

It's that time when next year's monthly raffle tickets will soon be available. Only 300 are sold and there are four winners every month, so you can't get much better odds than that! Tickets are $20 each and this raises $3,000 for our council to give away to worthy causes.

Just a reminder that our next meeting is this Tuesday, November 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Veritas Room. We always pray the rosary at 7:00, so come early and join us!

Ron Speckin,
Grand Knight