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CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time **November 8, 2026**

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.



Dear Friends in Christ,

This year, we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis created this annual observance as a reminder that Christian communities are called to "become an ever greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need" (World Day of the Poor 2017 message, 6). One way in which you can become this sign of charity for those most in need is through the national Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection next weekend, November 14/15. "The poor of our day are the forgotten and the marginalized: robbed not only of bread, but also of a voice and a face" (World Day of the Poor 2026 message, 3).

The CCHD is successful at lifting people out of poverty because it empowers local organizations to identify solutions that address the root causes of poverty and injustice. The forgotten and marginalized are seen and heard instead of offered a top-down solution.

In addition to making a national impact, 25% of the collection remains in our diocese to support local anti-poverty initiatives. Your generosity during last year's collection enabled $46,000 to stay in West Michigan to assist people living in poverty. Please prayerfully consider what you can give this year. If you would like more information about the collection, visit usccb.org/cchd. Thank you for joining us to work on the margins and break the cycle of poverty.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend
David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

Queridos amigos y amigas en Cristo,

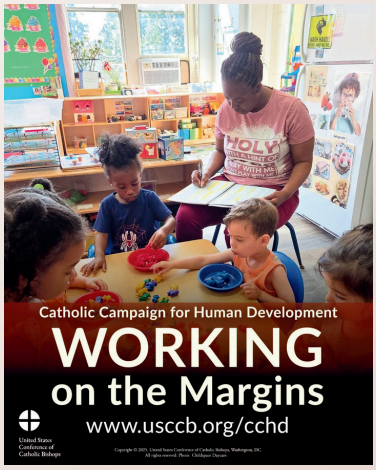
Este año celebramos el 10.º aniversario de la Jornada Mundial de los Pobres. El papa Francisco instituyó esta celebración anual como un recordatorio de que las comunidades cristianas están llamadas a "convertirse cada vez más en un signo de la caridad de Cristo hacia los más pequeños y necesitados" (Mensaje para la I Jornada Mundial de los Pobres, 2017, n. 6). Una manera de ser este signo de caridad hacia quienes más lo necesitan es participar en la colecta nacional de la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD), que se realizará el próximo fin de semana, 14 y 15 de noviembre.

"Los pobres de nuestro tiempo son los olvidados y marginados: no solo se les ha privado del pan, sino también de una voz y de un rostro" (Mensaje para la Jornada Mundial de los Pobres 2026, n. 3).



La CCHD logra sacar a las personas de la pobreza porque capacita a las organizaciones locales para que identifiquen soluciones que aborden las causas profundas de la pobreza y la injusticia. De este modo, los olvidados y marginados tienen la oportunidad de ser vistos y escuchados, en lugar de recibir simplemente soluciones impuestas desde arriba.

Además de contribuir a generar un impacto a nivel nacional, el 25 % de lo recaudado permanece en nuestra diócesis para apoyar iniciativas locales que buscan combatir la pobreza. Gracias a su generosidad durante la colecta del año pasado, $46,000 permanecieron en West Michigan para ayudar a personas que viven en situación de pobreza.



Les invitamos a considerar, en un espíritu de oración, cuánto pueden aportar este año. Si desean obtener más información sobre la colecta, pueden visitar usccb.org/cchd. Gracias por unirse a nosotros en el compromiso de acompañar a quienes viven en las periferias y trabajar juntos para romper el ciclo de la pobreza.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,
Reverendísimo David J. Walkowiak
Obispo de Grand Rapids

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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

November 14 & 15, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m.
Lector: Pat Rinker
Altar Servers: Adah Drown, Jaclyn Rewa
EMS: Barb Mulnix, Phill & Sue Wizorek
Greeters: Volunteers

10:15 a.m.
Lector: Sam Meyer
Altar Servers: Jacquelynn & Harper Bailey
EMS: Lauren Mulford, Dave O'Mara, Theresa Scholtens
Greeters: Volunteer

Liturgies this Week

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

Monday, November 9 – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17/ Jn 2:13-22
No Mass

Tuesday, November 10 – St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor
Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29/Lk 17:7-10
No Mass

Wednesday, November 11 – St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1-6/Lk 17:11-19
11:00 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. Rosary for Prison Ministry
12:10 p.m. Bertha Meier
6:00 p.m. Adoration
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

Thursday, November 12 – St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7-10/Lk 17:20-25
8:00 a.m. Phil O'Mara (Joe, Criss, & Emma Hickey)

Friday, November 13 – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18/Lk 17:26-37
No Mass

Saturday, November 14 - Weekday
3 Jn:5-8/Ps 112:1-6/Lk 18:1-8
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
3:00 p.m. Confessions

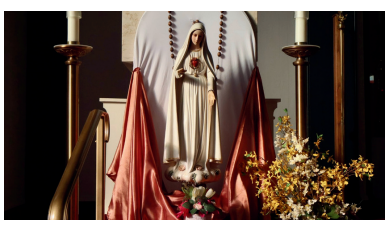
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30

Saturday, November 14
4:00 p.m. Sr. Teresita Tauyan (Tiffany Ferguson)

Sunday, November 15
10:15 a.m. Intention of Melissa Harper (Pat & Tom Reinhardt)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español

Our Parish Prayer List



Feleciana Alcaria, Sharon Baer, Dawn Baldwin, Keineth Barker, Christine Bewell, Landon Battle, Chr 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, Sr. Shaun Marie Fattal, Greg & Terry Fattal, Cherie Flinn, Jackie Franz, Jerry & Maribeth Fritz, Jessica Fritz, Jeff & Pam Goss, Sarah Gregg, Connie Hamblin, Melissa Harper, Finnly Hunt, Anita Hozeski Scott, Edward Kaminski, Ron Kaminski, John Klein, Joe & Sue Kleiss, 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, Georgia Sibert, Sue Speckin, Arlene Stanton, Harriet Tarpey, Randy Tripp, Denise Ward, Connie Waterman, Shirley Weber, Jerry & Cindy White, Tom White, Chad Wickerink, Jo Wirtz

Events This Week

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)

Monday, November 9

3:15 p.m. Ladies Social Group (VR)
6:30 p.m. Bible Timeline (VR)

Tuesday, November 10

1-2 p.m. OCIA (PO)
5:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting (VR)
5:30-6:30 p.m. OCIA (PO)
6-7 p.m. Hisp. 1st Communion Class (VR)

Wednesday, November 11 Veterans Day

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

Thursday, November 12

9:00 a.m. Daytime Faith Sharing (PO)
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)
7:00 p.m. Confirmation (Cathedral of St. Andrew)

Friday, November 13

Saturday, November 14

8 a.m.-2 p.m. Hispanic Diocesan Training (VR)
9:30 a.m. Grief Support Group (PO)
10:00 a.m. Diocesan EMHC Training (CH)

Sunday, November 15

9-10 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-HS
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

The bridesmaids in today's gospel were considered 'foolish' because they let their lamps go out. Don't be foolish. Pay attention to the small acts necessary to keep the flame alive in all your relationships.

God's Housekeepers
November 8

General Cleaning
Maria Cardenas
Teresa Nuñez
Carolina Velasco
Maria Ledesma

Vacuuming
Ray Korytkowski
Lon MacLachlan

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Our Parish Offering
Week of November 1, 2026

Regular Offertory	$7,418.96
ACH Giving	$4,310.00
QR Code Giving	$427.64
Total Offertory	$12,156.60
Budgeted Weekly	$10,192.31
Surplus for the Week	**$1,964.29**
Budgeted Year to Date	$183,461.58
Actual Year to Date	$173,520.43
Deficit Year to Date	**$9,941.15**



St. Edward the Confessor

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Coats for Kids by the Lakewood Lions Club
With the cold weather approaching we are collecting new or slightly used coats, boots, hats, gloves, and mittens for kids. Drop off these articles of clothing to any of these locations - Buddy's on the Beach, Carl's Supermarket, St. Edward Church, Lake Odessa Pharmacy, and many more. They will be accepting donations through January 8.

SSPP is a Clustered Parish with St. Edward in Lake Odessa

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

Adoration Hours

Thursdays	6-7 p.m.
1st Fridays	9:30-10:30 a.m.

SS Peter & Paul Catholic School

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Dear Parishioners,

We're excited to bring back Advent Family Night! All are welcome to join us as we pause from the busyness of the upcoming season and prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord as we celebrate this beautiful season of Advent together.

Don't have children at home? You are welcome, too! Join us as honored guests of our parish faith family. Advent is a time for all of us to grow in faith, build community, and prepare the way of the Lord.

Bring your family, invite a friend, and come make lasting memories as we journey toward Christmas together. We can't wait to celebrate with you on Wednesday, November 18th from 6:00-7:30pm in Apostles Hall. Please RSVP in the Parish Office to help us plan our meal and crafts.

(We are looking for volunteers to sign up to bring a dish to help us provide a meal - see the sign up sheet on the table in the back of church).

Upcoming Dates:

November 18	Advent Family Night 6-7:30 p.m.
November 25-27	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 10	Christmas Program (1 p.m. & 6 p.m.)
December 15,16	Santa's Secret Shop
December 17	Classroom Christmas Parties



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

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.

Advent with Fr. Mike Schmitz

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

Knights' Corner

We had a busy meeting this past Tuesday and approved donations to several worthy projects. From the recent Tootsie Roll Drive, we will be giving $500 each to Freedom Acres and the Michigan Special Olympics. We also are giving $50 to purchase socks for the homeless and will be buying supplies and cooking breakfast for the City of Ionia's annual Breakfast with Santa. These are just a few of the activities that our Council is involved with, but it gives you an idea of the type of organization that the Knights of Columbus is.

Congratulations to our November raffle winners – Denny Hybarger, Marcy Hamilton, Phil Desrochers, and Steve Dick. Tickets for next year's raffle are now available – don't miss out!

Ron Speckin,
Grand Knight

Celebrate the Season of Giving!

The holiday season is a beautiful time to share God's love and bring joy to others! As we prepare our hearts for the holidays, we invite everyone to join us in spreading kindness and hope throughout our community. There are several ways you can make a difference this season:

- **Adopt a Family:** Help make the holidays brighter for a local family in need. Choose a family from the Angel Tree at the entrance of the church. (If you choose a larger family, we encourage you to invite extended family members or another church family to adopt them with you) Delivery Day is December 19th between 10-11am.
- **Non-Perishable Food Drive:** We are collecting non-perishable food items to help our Adopt a Families have a wonderful Christmas dinner and maybe fill their pantry a little. (Boxed stuffing, canned goods etc.) Items can be brought to Mary's altar as they have been in the past. Items will be collected through December 13.
- **Toy Donations:** Choose a Toy Tag from the Angel Tree that lists a toy item that will be matched up with the Adopt a Family. Toys will be collected through December 13. Toys will be matched with the adopted families; all extra toys will be donated to Holiday Hearts for other families.

Every donation, big or small, is a beautiful way to live out our faith and serve one another with love. Together, we can remind our neighbors that they are not alone and that our parish family cares! Thank you for your generosity and for helping make this season brighter for those who need it most. Let's make this a season of giving, loving, and sharing God's blessings! Please contact Martha at 616-902-6682 for more information.

Walking with Moms in Need

Motherhood was never meant to be done alone! Our Walking with Moms in Need ministry group is working on creating a faith-filled space for gathering moms and little ones. Our goal is to offer a space where mothers can come together to build friendships, share the joys and challenges of motherhood, encourage one another, and grow closer to Christ. While the children play, moms can enjoy conversation, friendship, prayer, and meaningful support in a relaxed, judgment-free environment. Whether you are a new mom, raising toddlers, navigating school-age years, or simply looking for connection, there is a place for you here! Stay tuned as this ministry continues to grow and offer new opportunities.

Attention Bakers

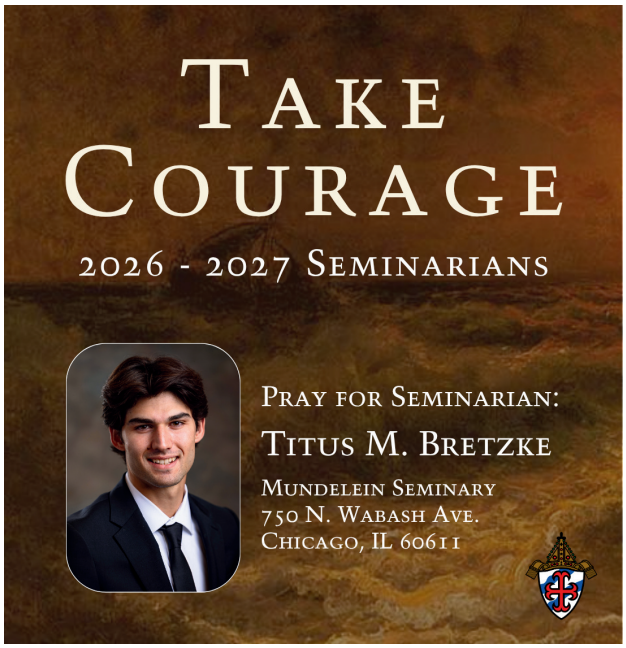
SSPP School is looking for volunteers to bake cookies and treats for the Mrs. Claus Bazaar. This is a school fundraiser. Items will need to be delivered to the school no later than Noon on Friday, Dec, 4th. Please contact the school at 616-527-3561 with any questions or concerns. If you'd like to volunteer please see the flyer in the back of Church.

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 final session will be held on November 21st. The session will be held in the parish office living room and will begin 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.



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
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
29 No faith Formation

Register for Faith Formation Here

First Reconciliation Parent & Student Meeting
An exciting step in your child's faith journey is coming up! Parents and second-grade students preparing for First Reconciliation are invited to attend our Parent & Student Meeting on Sunday, November 8, at 9:00 a.m. in room 110. We look forward to gathering together as we prepare our children to experience God's love, mercy, and forgiveness through this beautiful sacrament. Your participation is an important part of helping your child grow in faith! We look forward to seeing you there as we continue this special journey together!

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.

It's not too late to 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.

Theology Over Lunch
Although we very much enjoy the small group gatherings, due to schedule conflicts Theology over Lunch is paused until Lent.