


# SS PETER & PAUL
## CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

434 High St. Ionia MI 48846
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saintspeterandpaulionia.org

**October 25th, 2026**

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

## Welcome to SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**SS Peter & Paul**

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| Sat. | 4 p.m. |
| Sun. | 10:15 a.m. |
| | 12 p.m. (spanish) |
| Wed. | 12:10 p.m. |
| | 7 p.m. (spanish) |
| Thu. | 8 a.m. |

**Saint Edward the Confessor**

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| Sat. | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sun. | 8:00 a.m. |
| Tues. | 12:10 p.m. |
| Thu. | 7:00 p.m. |
| Fri. | 9 a.m. |
| First Sat. | 8 a.m. |

**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.

### 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. It is a gift—but it is also a weighty responsibility that must be embraced with deep reverence, formation, and holiness of life. Like all Christians, an Extraordinary Minister is called to grow in holiness.

A meaningful part of this journey is actively participating in the sacraments—especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation—and making time for prayer. Learning about and appreciating the Church's beliefs and teachings, particularly through Scripture and Church teaching, can also help prepare an Extraordinary Minister for this ministry. Just as the hands are prepared to serve, the soul should be prepared to receive and serve with reverence.

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 training at SS Peter & Paul Church on **November 14th at 10 a.m.**

### Ministros extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión

Servir como ministro extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión (MESC) es uno de los actos más profundos de participación de los laicos en la vida de la Iglesia. Es un don, pero también una responsabilidad de gran peso que debe asumirse con profunda reverencia, formación y santidad de vida.

Como todos los cristianos, quien ejerce el ministerio extraordinario está llamado a crecer en santidad. Una parte importante de este camino consiste en participar activamente en los sacramentos —en especial, la Eucaristía y la Reconciliación— y dedicar tiempo a la oración. Conocer y valorar las creencias y enseñanzas de la Iglesia, particularmente por medio de las Escrituras y de la enseñanza de la Iglesia, también puede ayudar a preparar a quien ejerce este ministerio. Así como se preparan las manos para servir, también debe prepararse el alma para recibir y servir con reverencia.

Para servir como ministro extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión, es necesario ser católico practicante y distinguirse por la vida, la fe y la conducta moral cristianas; tener al menos 18 años, y haber recibido los sacramentos del Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Eucaristía. Si le interesa ejercer este ministerio, comuníquese con la oficina para obtener más información.



**Save the Date.....**

**Eucharistic Minister Training**
**SS Peter & Paul Church**
**November 14th at 10:00 a.m.**

# 2026 Harvest Dinner & Raffle Report

**Thank you** to all who bought or sold raffle tickets! We awarded $2,800 inprizes, leaving us with a profit to the parish of $12,995.

Congratulations to our prize winners:
Early Bird Prize--$250--Phil & Katie Maynard
$1,000 prize–Kevin O'Connor
$750 prize–Perry Gregory
$500 prize–Neil Bauer
$100 prize–Julie Ackerson
$100 prize–Maria Yañez
$100 prize–Barbara Mulnix

We appreciate all those who brought delicious food to the potluck; the **Knights of Columbus** who purchased, baked, and served the chicken; **Veronica Meyer** and **Maddie Desrochers** who provided the decorations; and **Pat Reinhardt** who helped keep things organized!







## Next Month At Our Neighboring Churches: Veterans Day Ceremony

**Saints Anthony & Mary Catholic Churches**

Silent Auction | 50/50 Raffle

Parishioners of SSPP are welcome to attend a Veterans Day Ceremony with the clustered parishes of Saint Anthony (Saranac) and Saint Mary (Lowell). They will be having a Veterans Day Fundraiser Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 8 from 6-8 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Lowell. Tickets are on sale now for the third annual Knights of Columbus Council 7719 Veterans Day Dinner. Tickets must be purchased in advanced – there will be no sales at the door. Tickets can be purchased at St. Mary after weekend Masses in September & October, through email at MD7719@mikoc.org, by phone at 616-389-0362 or online by scanning the QR Code. Ticket prices for adults $30; Veteran/ Senior/child $25. Dinner will be a steak dinner with broccoli, baked potato, salad and dessert. Net proceeds will directly support Catholic and disabled veterans through donations to the Archdiocese for the Military Services and West Michigan Veterans Coalition.

# SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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*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! We appreciate your willingness to volunteer! Events like the Chili Dawg Challenge can not continue without the support of you! As a reminder, **Children and adults are invited to wear their costumes to Mass on Halloween Day, October 31.**

October
26 IM Kids 3rd Meal Drive Begins
27 No Panther Playhouse
30 Trunk or Treat - Best Decorated Car Wins A Gift Card

November
4 6th Gr. Vocations Awareness Field Trip
6 Conference Times Sent Home
Report Cards Sent Home
23 Full Day of School P/T Conferences 3-8 p.m.
24 Half Day of School
25-27 No School - Thanksgiving Break

## 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, 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




Our annual food drive to help IM Kids 3rd Meal begins on Monday! 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. All donations must be on the tables by Noon on Friday, November 6th. Each package counts as one vote, regardless of individual item count within the package.

## 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

# SS. Peter & Paul
## Catholic Church



## Our Parish Staff

**Parish Office:** 616-527-3610
**Parish Office Email:** parishoffice@ssppcatholic.com
**Website:** saintspeterandpaulionia.org

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| **Pastor:** | Fr. Eugene Batungbacal | ext. 12 |
| **Permanent Deacon:** | Zenon Cardenas | |
| **Secretary** | Cecilia Luke | ext. 10 |
| **Office Manager** | Adam Rewa | ext. 11 |
| **Mission & Discipleship** | Vanessa Booth | ext. 14 |
| **Bulletin Editor** | Tiffany Ferguson | ext. 39 |
| **Music Director** | | |
| **Hisp. Faith Formation** | Claudia Graciano | 616-540-9584 |
| **Maintenance** | Matt Lang | 616-527-3610 |
| **Cemetery Sexton** | Aaren Perry | 616-527-3610 |

**Parish Finance Council:** Chris Christensen, Tom O'Connor, Kip Geldhof, Dave O'Mara, Denise Peabody

### October 24 & 25, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**4:00 p.m.**
Lector: Sue Wizorek
Altar Servers:
Adah Drown, Lillian Mabe
EMs: Julie Bennett, Mary Perrien, Phill Wizorek
Greeters: Mary Lou Mulick

**10:15 a.m.**
Lector: Jamie Meyer
Altar Servers:
Gavin McGuire, Jace Perry
EMs: Kevin Heinlein, Theresa Scholtens, Laurie Tjalsma
Greeters: Deb Porter

### October 31 & November 1, All Saints Day

**4:00 p.m.**
Lector: Phill Wizorek
Altar Servers:
Charlotte & Lillian Mabe
EMs: Mary Perien, Brittany 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

## Liturgies This Week

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
*Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5-10/Mt 22:34-40*
***Saturday, October 24***
4:00 p.m. Roel Alcaria Jr. (Tiffany Ferguson)
***Sunday, October 25***
10:15 a.m. Frank & Ann Piselli (Bill & Elena Keller)
12:00 p.m. Misa en español

***Monday, October 26 - Weekday***
*Eph 4:32 – 5:8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 13:10-17*
No Mass

***Tuesday, October 27 - Weekday***
*Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-5/Lk 13:18-21*
No Mass

***Wednesday, October 28 – SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles***
*Eph 2:19-22Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16*
11:00 a.m. Confession
11:30 a.m. Rosary for Prison Ministry
12:10 p.m. Tom George (Diane Thelen)
6:00 p.m. Adoration
7:00 p.m. Misa en español

***Thursday, October 29 - Weekday***
*Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35*
8:00 a.m. Monica Richer (Tom & Carol O'Connor)

***Friday, October 30 - Weekday***
*Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 14:1-6*
No Mass

***Saturday, October 31***
*Phil 1:18-26/Ps 42:2-3, 5/Lk 14:1, 7-11*
8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
3:00 p.m. Confessions

**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

## Our Parish Offering
Week of October 18, 2026

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| Regular Offertory | $5,518.00 |
| ACH Giving | $1,440.00 |
| QR Code Giving | $470.44 |
| **Total Offertory** | **$7,428.44** |
| Budgeted Weekly | $10,192.31 |
| **Deficit for the Week** | **$2,763.87** |
| Budgeted Year to Date | $163, 076.96 |
| Actual Year to Date | $153, 294.03 |
| **Deficit Year to Date** | **$9,782.93** |

## Events This Week

**Sunday, October 25**
9-10 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-HS
3-4 p.m. Millions of Monicas (CH)
5-6:30 p.m. "Know More, Grow More In the Holy Spirit" (AH)

**Monday, October 26**
6:30 p.m. Bible Timeline (VR)

**Tuesday, October 27**
1-2 p.m. OCIA (PO)
5:30-6:30 p.m. OCIA (PO)
6-7 p.m. Hisp. 1st Communion Class (VR)

**Wednesday, October 28**
5-6 p.m. Hispanic Confirmation Class (VR)

**Thursday, October 29**
9:00 a.m. Daytime Faith Sharing (PO)
1:00 p.m. Walking with Moms in Need Meeting (PO)
3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

**Friday, October 30**
Trunk-or-Treat (parking lot)

**Saturday, October 31**
9:30 a.m. Grief Support Group (PO)

**Sunday, November 1**
2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time ends. (Turn clocks back 1 hour)
9-10 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-HS
8th Grade Confirmation Parent Mtg.
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 25

***General Cleaning***
Kip Geldhof
Colleen Pierce
Ann Buck
Paula Geldhof

***Vacuuming***
Shannon Andrews
Debra Sochor



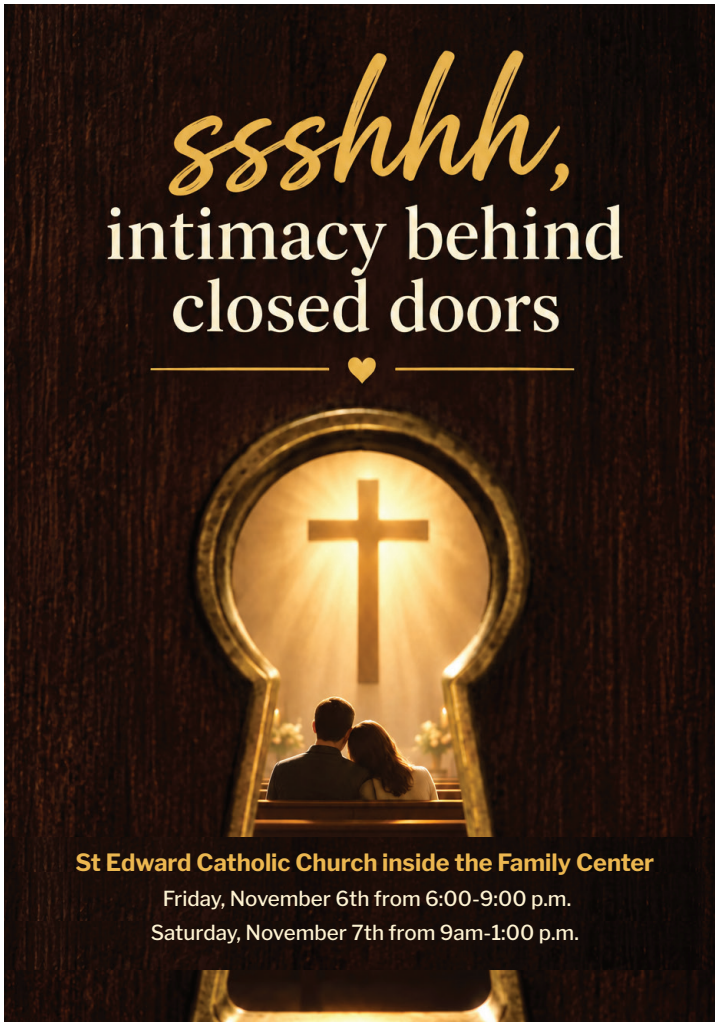
## A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "who humbles himself will be exalted." It is not the occasional big events, but the daily humble routine of family life which creates bonds and relationships which last a lifetime.



## SEEK 2027

Youth Conference
January 1-5th, 2027

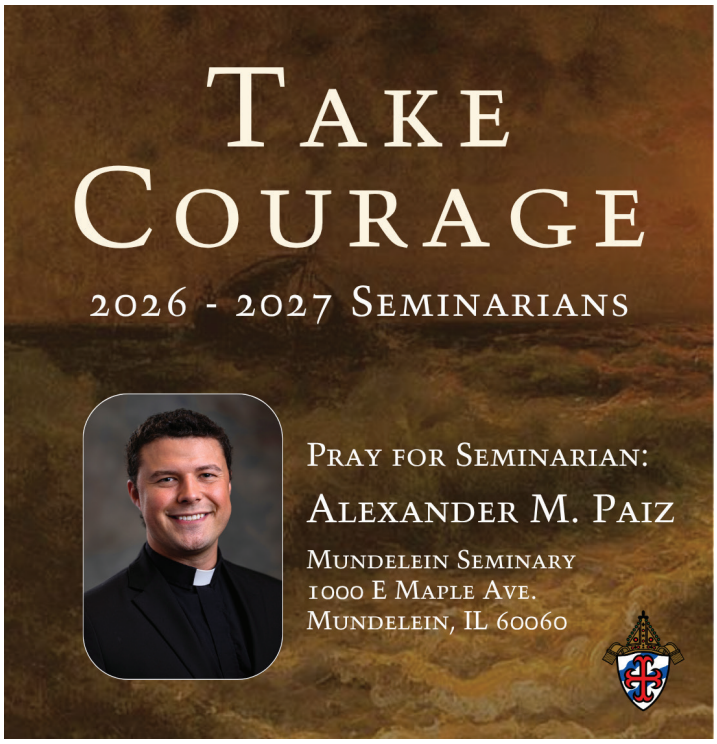



## A Couples Retreat On Praying Together

Join the St. Edward parishioners for a Marriage Retreat. We will begin on Friday with dinner at 6 p.m followed by a presentation between 7-9 p.m. On Saturday, we will begin the day with an optional Mass at 8 a.m. followed by a light breakfast from 8:45-9:15 a.m. Presentations from 9:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Lunch served at 1 p.m. Bring yourself and an open heart. Please call Chris or Darla Vinton at 616-374-7253 with any questions.

**Location:** St. Edward's Family Center
**Date & Time:**
Friday, November 6th from 6-9 p.m.
Saturday, November 7th from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Please RSVP with this Google Form.




## Pray for Our Seminarians

O Lord Jesus Christ,
great High Priest,
lead our seminarians in Your unerring footsteps
so that they may become priests
who are models of purity, possesors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice. Teach them generosity
and detachment from worldly good; but above all,
teach them to know You and to love You,
the One and Only Eternal Priest.

## 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



## Adopt A Family

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Monica Mabe and Theresa Scholtens and all the wonderful volunteers who have given their time, energy, and love to make our Adopt-a-Family Christmas Program such a blessing to families in our community. Your generosity and hard work have helped bring joy, hope, and the spirit of Christmas to those who needed it most. We are truly grateful for all you have done!

As we look ahead to the upcoming Christmas season, we are looking to begin building 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!




## 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 lectors, singers, instrumentalists, or cookie donors. We are in extra need of a piano player. 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

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| 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. |

## 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**

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.
15 Faith Formation Class K-High School

Pre-Register for Faith Formation Here

## 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.

**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.

## 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.

## Advent with Fr. Mike Schmitz - Joy to the World

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.

## 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!

## 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.

## Health Support Group Sessions

Any who have been touched by Cancer or other illnesses are invited to join our **Health Support Group** discussion on October 24th at 9:30 a.m. at Bittersweet Bakery.

## Knights' Corner

As we come to the end of October and look forward to All Saints Day and All Souls Day, I can't help but think of some of our brother Knights from years ago. Men like Gerard Perry, Joe Dunn, and Roman Stoj were stalwart helpers on almost all projects that our Council took on, and we pray that they are enjoying the joys of eternal life in Heaven. We who are still on our earthly journey would do well to emulate them! Interested in joining the Knights? We would love to have you!

Vivat Jesus!
Ron Speckin, Grand Knight