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September 29, 2024
 Twenty-Sixth Sunday
 in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Fr. Tom Brown
 616-527-3610, ext. 12
 616-755-1742 (evening)

School Principal: Mrs. Jenny Leik
 616-527-3561, ext. 18
 Email: jleik@ssppcatholic.com

Parish Office Hours
 Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule
 Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 8 & 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. (bilingual)

Weekday Mass Schedule
 English: Mon & Wed, Mass at 12:10 p.m.
 Tues, Communion Service at 7:30 a.m.
 Thurs, Mass at 8:00 a.m. (school year)
 Fri, Mass at 7:30 a.m.

Reconciliation Schedule
 English: Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m.
 Monday 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

For questions regarding Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, or any other sacrament, please call the parish office: 616-527-3610.

Prayer Chain
 If you have a prayer request for immediate need, please call 616-522-0279, or 616-527-0438.



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel,
 defend us in battle.

Be our safeguard against
 the wickedness and snares of the devil.
 May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
 and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
 by the power of God,
 cast into hell Satan
 and all the evil spirits
 who prowl through the world
 seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

We are one body in Christ!



The Week Ahead...

AH = Apostles Hall **CH** = Church
CR = Cornerstone Room **PO** = Parish Office
SC = School **VR** = Veritas Room
BC = Basement Chapel

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Saturday, September 28

4:00 p.m. Henry & Josephine (Ty) Beaulieu (Lillian Overbeck)

Sunday, September 29

8:00 a.m. Bill Miller (Karen Miller & sons)

11:30 a.m. Kim Giazzon (Mike & Diana Verdun)

(Confirmation Rite of Enrollment at 11:30 Mass)

1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

Monday, September 30—St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of Church

Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

11:00 a.m. Confessions

12:10 p.m. Frances Mulhall (Jasnic & Preston families)

Tuesday, October 1—St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-8/Lk 9:51-56

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, October 2—The Holy Guardian Angels

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10-15/Mt 18:1-5, 10

12:10 p.m. Margaret O'Malley (Mary O'Connor)

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (BC)

Thursday, October 3—Weekday

Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-9, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

8:00 a.m. Janet Meyers (Jerry & Yolanda Preston)

Friday, October 4—St. Francis of Assisi

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14/Lk 10:13-16

7:30 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

Saturday, October 5—St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin;

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary

9:30 a.m. Baptism of James Francis Desrochers

1:00 p.m. Wedding of Roy Valdez Jr. & Catherine Kaye Lower

3:00 p.m. Confessions

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-6/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

Saturday, October 5

4:00 p.m. Living & deceased of Freund & Stoj families

Sunday, October 6

8:00 a.m. Jerry Blundy (Joan Blundy & family)

11:30 a.m. Vern & Mary Pinnow (Christine Terpstra)

1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

Sunday, September 29—Twenty-Sixth Sunday

8:00 a.m. OCIA (PO)

9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)

10:15-11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-9

6-8 p.m. Youth Group Night (CR)

6-8 p.m. Discovering Christ (AH)

Monday, September 30

6:30 p.m. Monday Night Group (PO)

Tuesday, October 1

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

Wednesday, October 2

6:30-8 p.m. TOPS (VR)

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (AH)

Thursday, October 3

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

Friday, October 4

Saturday, October 5

9:30-10:30 a.m. Grief Support Session (PO)

Sunday, October 6—Twenty-Seventh Sunday

8:00 a.m. OCIA (PO)

9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)

10:15-11:15 a.m. Faith Formation classes K-8

1:45 p.m. Ionia Area CROP Hunger Walk

(Meet at First Christian Church)

4:30-6 p.m. Fall Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor

Session (VR)

6-8 p.m. Discovering Christ (AH)



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Regular Offertory Collection	\$6,562.44
Electronic Giving	1,310.00
Total	\$7,872.44
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Net Total	\$7,478.82

Budgeted Weekly: \$9,807.69
Deficit for the Week: \$1,935.25

Please note that the offertory collection is only part of the income needed to operate the parish. Other funds come from school tuition, fundraising, Mass stipends, educational trust fund interest, sale of votive candles, etc.



The feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux, the "Little Flower" is October 1. Here are a few quotes from her spiritual autobiography, *Story of a Soul*.

"Jesus points out to me the only way which leads to Love's furnace — that way is self-surrender — it is the confidence of the little child who sleeps without fear in its father's arms."

"You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them."

"A word, a kindly smile, will often suffice to gladden a wounded and sorrowful heart."

"For me, prayer is a burst from my heart, it is a simple glance thrown toward heaven, a cry of thanksgiving and love in times of trial as well as in times of joy."

"My strength lies in prayer and sacrifice; they are invincible weapons, and touch hearts more surely than words can do, as I have learned by experience."

"We must abandon the future into the hands of God."

"Jesus may hide himself, but we know He is there."

"No harm can come to me since, in whatever happens, I see only the tender hand of Jesus."

"I'm not relying on my own merits, as I have none, but I put my hope in Him who is goodness and holiness Himself."

St. Therese, pray for us!

October 5 & 6—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lector: Cecilia Luke
 Altar Servers: Autumn/Kendall/Kyle Cusack
 EMs: Garry & Mary Lou Mulick, Mary Perrien
 Greeters: Volunteers

11:30 a.m. Lector: Shannon Andrews
 Altar Servers: Shyla Johnson, Lillian Mabe
 EMs: Shannon Andrews, Monica Mabe, Theresa Scholtens
 Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

8:00 a.m. Lector: Denise Peabody
 Altar Servers: Paul & Sam Meyer
 EMs: Kevin Heinlein, Cheryl & John Hildebrandt
 Greeters: Judy Hamblin

Please pray for:

Tony Burns	Pat McKinstry	Kym Coryell
Lesley Williams	Russinda Rohde	Terri Nurenberg
Lois Walker	Landon Battle	Jessica Fritz
Tom Repik	Marsha Packer	Cole LeBarre
Gert Bennett	Jack & Sue LaPeer	Travis Eveleth
Steve Barber	Elizabeth Voet	Charles Timm
Reagan Crooks	Tamera Pierce	Larry Lafler
Amanda Baer	Angie Cedillo	Arlene Stanton
Ed Blyth	Jo Wirtz	Pat MacLachlan
Nancy Betz	Witney Fockler	Jim & Barb Mulnix
Jim & Sue Huver	Becky Wagner	Ken and Sherry North
Doug Zeeck	Amanda Eveleth	Nathan Lower
Randy Tripp	Martha Misak	Finnly Hunt
Mike Peckins	Jennifer Durden	Jerry & Maribeth Fritz
Glen Alvord	Beth Buffey	Tom White
Julie McClintock	Tom McClintock	Pamela Coggan
Heather Rensi	Chuck Tarpey	Joe Drysdale
Cherie Flinn	Renee Wagner	Nichole Munsell
Pamela Pontius	Michelle Richard-Mix	Jace Peterson
Anita Hozeski Scott	Sheila Jobbitt	Georgia Sibert
Karen Miller	Jennifer Lewis	
Pat Brockman	Mary O'Connor	

We continue to pray for all who need healing. If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the parish office. Be sure you have the consent of the person or a family member. Names will remain on the prayer list for three months. Requests may be renewed.

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GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF SEPT. 29

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Knights' Corner

This Friday, October 4th, is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. He is the chosen patron saint of Pope Francis, and is well known and well loved for his care for all creation. Perhaps more than anyone else, he embodied the spirit of discipleship and the willingness to emulate Jesus. May his witness inspire us to embrace poverty, humility, simplicity, and love in the service of Christ.

This Tuesday, October 1st, is our monthly business meeting. Please join us for the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30, in the Veritas Room.

Are you ready for Youth Group?

We will be starting the year off with a fun-filled Sunday evening on September 29th at 6 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room. Come and have fun learning about Christ in your life. Students from 8th through 12th grade are invited. See you there!! —Kevin Heinlein

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Walkowiak invites all couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries to join him on **Sunday, October 20, at the 10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew** (301 Sheldon Blvd., Grand Rapids) for this annual celebration. A simple reception will immediately follow. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code or calling Paloma Olvera at 616-288-0908.



Benefit for Ionia Community Awareness

Join us for a FREE event starring Caitlin Cusack on Sunday, September 29, at 2:00 p.m. at the Ionia Theatre. Her "You Carry Me" project is coming soon to a screen near you.

- 3 songs written by Caitlin in honor of her parents
- 3 music videos featuring Ionia, its vocal music program, and its football team
- will benefit a local organization that helps people affected by cancer and brings the community together every year for Purple Week
- will provide space for anyone wanting to grieve the loss of a loved one.
- A pre-screening of the music videos before official release to the public will be held at the Ionia Theatre on Sunday, September 29, at 2 p.m.

Michigan Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, October 12, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Lansing Center in Lansing Register at: www.michigancwc.org

Panther Prayer Corner

Please pray that our school students and staff continue to lead a life of integrity as they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Please take one or more cards from the tree found in the back of our church. Each card has the name of one of our school families. Pray for that family—that they may flourish throughout this school year.

Ionia Area CROP Hunger Walk

You can help make a difference in local AND global hunger by walking in our Ionia Area CROP Hunger Walk this year on October 6. Our parish already has a number of walkers participating, and we invite you to join them. To sign up to be a walker and get a donation envelope, please contact Pat Rinker at 517-898-5676. If you're unable to walk with us, consider sponsoring a walker. Make your check payable to CWS/CROP and mail or bring it to the parish office. For more information, visit: Ionia Area CROP Hunger Walk.

When Did We See You Hungry?

We recently received word that the Zion Food Pantry is running perilously low on funds. For many years our parish has helped support the pantry in the wonderful work they do in feeding the hungry in our community. If you can help, please make your check to "Zion Food Pantry" and mail it to 130 E. Washington Street, Ionia. You can also donate money at the SSPP parish office, and we will make sure that it gets to them.

Mass of Christ the Healer

The Diocese of Grand Rapids' annual Mass of Christ the Healer will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 27, at the 10 a.m. Mass** at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. All who work in health care, including physicians, nurses, dietary staff, administrative staff, maintenance staff, etc., are invited to join Bishop Walkowiak for this celebration in gratitude for their service. Please wear your white coat or uniform so we may recognize your service. A light reception in the Cathedral Parish Center will follow Mass. For those unable to attend in person, Mass will be televised on FOX 17, and livestreamed on the diocesan website, grdiocese.org.



Come rest awhile in the Lord's presence. Wednesdays 6-7 p.m. in the Basement Chapel



Faith Formation

Classes are on Sundays from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. for Kindergarten through High School. It is never too late to register. Join us today!

- Sept. 29 Classes for all grades
- Sept. 29 Confirmation Rite of Enrollment during 11:30 a.m. Mass
- Oct. 6 Classes for Grades K-8
- Oct. 6 Fall Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Session 4:30-6 p.m. in the school
- Oct. 13 Classes for all grades
- Oct. 20 Classes for all grades
- Oct. 27 Classes for all grades

For more information about Faith Formation, please contact Vanessa Booth at 616-527-3610, or email vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

Ministry of Consolation

Grief Support Series

Have you suffered the loss of a loved one or experienced a loss in your professional or personal life? We invite you to attend this support group series. Each session offers a topic of discussion, as well as time to reflect, listen, and share if one chooses. We are here to walk the journey with you. Sessions are on Saturdays from 9:30—10:30 a.m. every other week in the parish office living room. Our next session is on October 5.

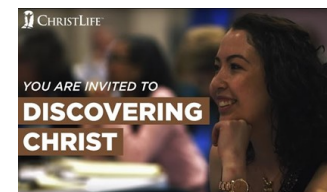
Health Support Group

Are you or a family member struggling with cancer or another serious health issue? Team members of the Ministry of Consolation invite you to join them for their monthly Health Support gatherings. Their next session will be held on Saturday, October 12, at 10 a.m. at Biggby Coffee in Ionia. All are welcome!

For more information about either of these Ministry of Consolation opportunities, please contact Vanessa Booth at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is being offered during the 4 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. weekend Masses. **Volunteers of all ages** are invited to consider helping the children of our parish hear the Word of God at their own level in a fun, interactive way. We invite new and existing volunteers to contact Barb Montgomery at lkydog67@yahoo.com or Vanessa Booth at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com for more information.



DISCOVERING CHRIST We've only just begun!

Our first Discovering Christ session, held last Sunday, was a wonderful time of fellowship, community, inspiration, renewal, and sharing our lives and faith journeys.

If you are attending Discovering Christ, we encourage you to share your experience with others and invite them to come along!

It's not too late to register!

Scan the QR code and complete the online registration form, or pick up a paper form in the church and bring it to the parish office.



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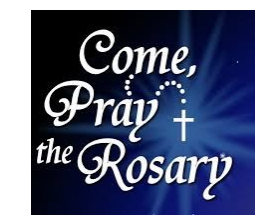
Discovering Christ Schedule:

Sunday Evenings, September 22—November 10 SS. Peter & Paul Parish, 434 High St., Ionia (SSPP School Cafeteria)

Retreat Day, Sunday, October 27, 2-8 p.m. St. Edward's Parish, 531 Jordan Lake St., Lake Odessa

Curious about the Catholic faith?

OCIA, the ministry of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) has begun its weekly sessions on **Sundays at 8:00 a.m.** We meet in the parish office living room, which can be entered through the stairway entrance off the parish office driveway. We invite you to come and see what Catholic Christians believe, what we do in striving to live our faith, and how we journey into becoming missionary disciples of Christ. If you've wondered about the Catholic faith, have questions, are feeling called to become Catholic, or are simply curious, we invite you to join us! No need to RSVP. Simply come and see what God has in store for all who turn toward him. We look forward to meeting you and sharing our Catholic faith with you!



October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

We invite you to join us as we pray the Rosary together, beginning 30 minutes before the start of the 4 p.m., 8 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. weekend Masses in October. **Volunteers are needed to lead the Rosary.** If you would like to volunteer, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the back of church or call the parish office (616-527-3610).