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**October 13, 2024**  
**Twenty-Eighth 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  
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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.



October 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather in communion this World Mission Sunday, I extend to you a heartfelt invitation from Pope Francis, inspired by the Gospel: "Go and invite everyone to the banquet" (cf. Mt 22:9). This call to mission resonates deeply with our faith's core, urging us to share God's love with the world.

Over a century ago, our own Catholic community in the United States was nurtured through the generosity of the worldwide Church that contributed to what is today this second collection. Now, we are called to extend that same generosity to our brothers and sisters in over 1,150 mission territories across Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands, and the Middle East.

The collection on World Mission Sunday directly supports seminaries, future religious sisters, catechists, Catholic schools that provide essential education, and healthcare centers that provide essential care, embodying the love of Christ.

As members of the Catholic Church, which is universal by its very nature, we are invited to participate actively in this mission. Our contributions and prayers on World Mission Sunday support the Church's vital work of evangelization, inviting all to experience the joy and hope found in Christ.

I urge you, dear friends, to respond generously to this call. Let us unite in prayer for the success of the Church's missionary activities and for the missionaries who dedicate their lives to spreading the Gospel. Your generosity is a powerful witness to the love and compassion at the heart of our faith.

May this World Mission Sunday deepen our commitment to the Church's universal mission. Together, let us rejoice in the opportunity to share God's love with the world, inviting everyone to the banquet of the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*David J. Walkowiak*

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
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**The Week Ahead...**

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

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-17/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30

**Saturday, October 12**

4:00 p.m. Bruce Hoeksema (Denise Peabody)

**Sunday, October 13**

8:00 a.m. Joseph Meyers (Mike & Carol Gallagher)  
 11:30 a.m. Peter & Edith Brown  
 1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

**Monday, October 14—St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr**

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1-7/Lk 11:29-32  
 11:00 a.m. Confessions  
 12:10 p.m. Melvin Finkler

**Tuesday, October 15—St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor**

Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48/Lk 11:37-41  
 7:30 a.m. Communion Service

**Wednesday, October 16—St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin**

Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:42-46  
 12:10 p.m. Living & deceased members of Freund & Stoj families  
 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (BC)  
 7:15 p.m. Choir practice (CH)

**Thursday, October 17—St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr**

Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1-6/Lk 11:47-54  
 8:00 a.m. Sister Donna

**Friday, October 18—St. Luke, Evangelist**

2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9  
 7:30 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

**Saturday, October 19—St. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs**

Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-7/Lk 12:8-12  
 8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary  
 3:00 p.m. Confessions

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45

**Saturday, October 19**

4:00 p.m. Jack Wirtz (Jo Wirtz & family)

**Sunday, October 20**

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Stout (Hemenway family)  
 11:30 a.m. Ken & Kate Miller (Karen Miller & sons)  
 1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass  
 2:00 p.m. Baptism of Camilla Merced Alonso

**GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF OCT. 13**

**GENERAL CLEANING:**

Chris & Pilya Christensen, Joe Thelen

**VACUUMING:**

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**Sunday, October 13—Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. OCIA (PO)  
 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Rolls (AH)  
 10:15-11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-9  
 6-8 p.m. Discovering Christ (AH)

**Monday, October 14**

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

**Tuesday, October 15**

10:30 a.m.-noon Meitler Group mtg. with pastor (SSPP)  
 12:30 -1 p.m. Meitler Group mtg. with pastor (St. Ed)  
 5:45 p.m. Community Awareness Mtg. (AH)

**Wednesday, October 16**

6:30-8 p.m. TOPS (VR)  
 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)  
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meitler meets with Deanery reps. (AH)

**Thursday, October 17**

3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)  
 3:00 p.m. Deanery priests' meeting (PO)

**Friday, October 18**

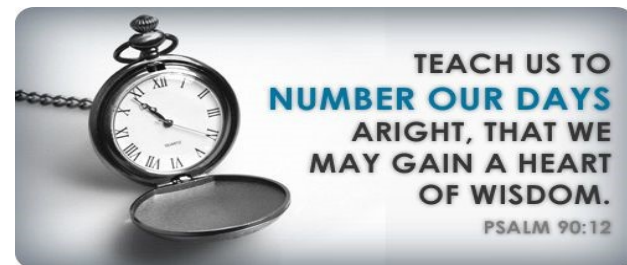
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**Saturday, October 19**

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

**Sunday, October 20—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. OCIA (PO)  
 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Rolls (AH)  
 10:15-11:15 a.m. Faith Formation classes K-9  
 3:00 p.m. Harvest Raffle Drawing (AH)  
 6-8 p.m. Discovering Christ (AH)



**OUR PARISH OFFERING - October 5 & 6, 2024**

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Regular Offertory Collection | \$9,607.02         |
| Electronic Giving            | 1,310.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$10,917.02</b> |
| -5% Tithe                    | -545.85            |
| <b>Net Total</b>             | <b>\$10,371.17</b> |

Budgeted Weekly: \$9,807.69  
**Surplus for the Week: \$1,109.33**

School Support Fund \$110.00

*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.*

*When praying the Rosary, you might wish to use these Pro-Life Intentions offered by the USCCB (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops).*

**The Luminous Mysteries**

**The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan**

That all baptized Christians will be open to the Holy Spirit and bear witness to the sanctity of life.

**The Wedding Feast at Cana**

For all husbands and wives, that they treasure the priceless gift of married love by generously accepting children through procreation and adoption.

**The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God**

That those who pray and work for greater respect for human life will be guided by the Beatitudes and reveal the face of Christ to others.

**The Transfiguration**

That our world will be transfigured by the witness of faithful Christians so that all may understand the priceless value of every human being.

**The Institution of the Eucharist**

That through our worthy reception of the Eucharist and frequent Eucharistic Adoration, Jesus will teach us to love sacrificially the least and neediest among us.

**October 19 & 20—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. Lector: Pat Rinker  
 Altar Servers: Jaclyn Rewa  
 EMs: Cecilia Luke, Mary Perrien, Sue Wizorek  
 Greeters: Mary Lou Mulick

11:30 a.m. Lector: Nancy Wilson  
 Altar Servers: Raelynn Christensen, Lillian Mabe  
 EMs: Monica Mabe, Barb Mulnix, Theresa Scholtens  
 Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

8:00 a.m. Lector: Jamie Meyer  
 Altar Servers: Claire/Gabe/Anna Cusack  
 EMs: Cheryl & John Hildebrandt, Laurie Tjalsma  
 Greeters: Julie Bennett

**Please pray for:**

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|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Mark Dawson         | Pat Brockman         | Mary O'Connor          |
| Pat Leik-Brown      | Pat McKinstry        | Kym Coryell            |
| Tony Burns          | Russinda Rohde       | Terri Nurenberg        |
| Lesley Williams     | Landon Battle        | Whitney Crooks         |
| Lois Walker         | Marsha Packer        | Vanessa Booth          |
| Tom Repik           | Jack & Sue LaPeer    | Travis Eveleth         |
| Gert Bennett        | Elizabeth Voet       | Charles Timm           |
| Steve Barber        | Tamera Pierce        | Larry Lafler           |
| Reagan Crooks       | 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       |                        |

*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.*

**SS. Peter & Paul Parish Staff (616) 527-3610**

|                   |                |              |
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| Permanent Deacon  | Zenon Cardenas | 616-527-8942 |
| Secretary         | Cecilia Luke   | ext. 10      |
| Office Manager    | Adam Rewa      | ext. 11      |
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| Music Director    | Whitney Crooks | 616-527-3610 |
| Faith Formation   | Vanessa Booth  | ext. 21      |
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| Principal   | Jenny Leik                    | ext. 18 |
| Secretaries | Joann Johnson & Amie Heinlein | ext. 23 |

**SS. Peter & Paul Parish - Pastoral Council**

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**SS. Peter & Paul Parish - Finance Council**

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**SS. Peter & Paul School - Board of Education**

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**Knights' Corner**

Our diocesan chaplain for the Knights of Columbus is Fr. Mark Bauer, the pastor of SS. Peter and Paul in Grand Rapids. He has asked the councils in each deanery to have a holy hour each month to pray for vocations. St. Patrick Parish, Parnell, will be hosting the first of these for our deanery on this Thursday, October 17th, at 7:00 p.m. All Knights and their family members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Also, don't forget that we will be collecting money at various locations this weekend for the annual MI Drive. Please be generous!

**Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Saturday, October 26, 10 a.m.  
St. John the Baptist Parish Hall  
342 S. Washington St., Hubbardston, MI 48845

Would you like to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in our parish? All Communion ministers, whether they serve Communion in church or bring the Communion to the sick or homebound, are required to be trained on diocesan norms. The next opportunity for this will be at St. John the Baptist Parish Hall in Hubbardston on Saturday, October 26, at 10 a.m. Training will be by Dr. Aaron Sanders, the diocesan Director of Liturgy. If you are interested in being trained, please go to [www.grdiocese.org/ministries/worship](http://www.grdiocese.org/ministries/worship). Scroll down to Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and click on "Register Here" for the session at St. John the Baptist. Then simply enter your first name, last name, phone number, email address, and whether you are new to this ministry or already scheduled. If you need help signing up or have questions, please call our parish office at 616-527-3610.

**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 calling Paloma Olvera at 616-288-0908.

**Annual Collection for World Mission Sunday —next weekend, October 19 & 20**

We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church's missions around the world. There are extra envelopes for this collection on the table in the back of church. If you write a check, please make it payable to SS. Peter & Paul Church and write "Mission Sunday" on the memo line.

**Panther Prayer Corner**

Please pray for the Preschool through 2nd grade students as they prepare for their first school field trip of the year. May their guardian angels watch over them as they travel to and from their destination.

**Ionia Area CROP Hunger Walk thank-you**

Thank you so much, people of God at SS. Peter & Paul Church and School, for being the people God calls us to be. You came through with such love and compassion. Monday's gospel was the great command from Jesus to love God and our neighbor as ourselves. The story of the good Samaritan followed, illustrating who is our neighbor. We are a parish of good Samaritans. Our school had blue jean Fridays with numerous kids raising money and walking to raise more money than we ever have before. We had walkers Sunday at First Christian Church and walkers at home with their parents. Our final from our parish and the whole walk is still being totaled, but we raised over \$3,000 from our church alone.

—Love in Jesus, Pat Rinker



**Our 2024 Harvest Raffle drawing for prizes totaling \$2,550 is on Sunday, October 20, at 3:00 p.m. in Apostles Hall.**



You can make your returns by mail, in the Sunday collection, or at the parish office, but please do so by noon on the 20<sup>th</sup> so we have time to process them for the drawing.

If you sell \$100 worth of tickets and we receive your returns in the parish office by Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m., your name will be entered in a special **Early Bird drawing for \$250.**



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**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!**

- Oct. 13 Classes for all grades
- Oct. 20 Classes for all grades
- Oct. 27 Classes for all grades
- Nov. 3 Classes for K-8
- Nov. 3 Confirmation 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Grand Rapids
- Nov. 10 1st Reconciliation Parent & Student Meeting 10:15 a.m.

For more information about Faith Formation, please contact Vanessa Booth at 616-527-3610, or email [vbooth@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com).

**Ministry of Consolation**

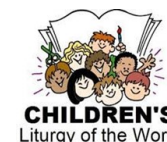
**Grief Support Series**

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 19.

**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. The next session will be held on Saturday, November 9, 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](mailto: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](mailto:lkydog67@yahoo.com) or Vanessa Booth at [vbooth@ssppcatholic.com](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com) for more information.

Ionia Ministerial Association  
Friends of Jesus Fund  
**Fundraiser at El Mariachi Restaurant**  
412 West Main St., Ionia

Come and have lunch or supper at El Mariachi on Tuesday, October 29, between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. 10% of all food and beverage revenue will go to support the Friends of Jesus Fund, which helps local people with emergency shelter, rent assistance, utilities, and other pressing needs.

The Ionia Ministerial Association started the Friends of Jesus Fund in November 2016 as a way for the churches to work together to answer calls for help. In a typical month, we receive around 65 calls and are able to help 20 or so families. The average amount of assistance is approximately \$120, and in the course of a year we distribute almost \$30,000!

We are very grateful to the Velasco family and El Mariachi Restaurant for their generosity and willingness to host this event. Bring your family, friends, and appetite, and help spread the word. Let's fill the restaurant on October 29 as we help those in our community who most need our help!



**Curious about the Catholic faith?**

OCIA, the ministry of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) holds 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 at 616-527-3610.