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**October 27, 2024
 Thirtieth 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.

 **DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS**
 Office of the Bishop

October 27, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

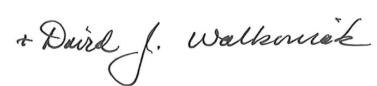
Our Holy Father has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year - a time of special grace for the Church. Hope is a central message of this Jubilee with the motto 'Pilgrims of Hope'. In a letter promoting the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis stated, "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

Our diocese will celebrate this special occasion with multiple events. If we are called to look to the future with far-sighted vision, however, we need to assess more intentionally the needs of our local church and the resources available to carry out our mission to proclaim the Gospel.

For this reason, the Diocese of Grand Rapids is embarking on a diocesan-wide pastoral planning process entitled "Rooted in Christ." In his Letter to the Colossians, St. Paul writes, "So as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him, rooted in him and built upon him and established in the faith as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (Col 2:6-7). As St. Paul challenged the early Church, we too, must be rooted in Christ to bear fruit for the Kingdom.

We have engaged the Meitler Group, which has worked on similar campaigns in dioceses across the country, to assist us in this planning process. They will collect data, visit all of our parishes, facilitate meetings with clergy and parish representatives, and guide us in formulating strategies to strengthen our local Church according to the priorities indicated by the information gathered. This process is expected to take several months and will conclude by next summer with a pastoral plan to guide us forward.

As we enter this process on the cusp of this Jubilee Year let us place our trust in the Lord to be guided by the Holy Spirit as pilgrims of hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
 Bishop of Grand Rapids

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-6/Heb 5:1-6/Mk10:46-52

Saturday, October 26

4:00 p.m. Living & deceased of Patrick & Carol Lewis families

Sunday, October 27

8:00 a.m. Ann & Frank Piselli (Bill & Elena Keller)
 11:30 a.m. Bertha Meier
 1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

Monday, October 28—

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16

11:00 a.m. Confessions
 12:10 p.m. Phillip Collier (Hemenway family)

Tuesday, October 29—

Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-5/Lk 13:18-21
 No Communion Service

Wednesday, October 30—

Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-14/Lk 13:22-30

12:10 p.m. Vernon Brown
 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (BC)

Thursday, October 31—

Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13-31-35
 8:00 a.m. Aloyse & Theresa Dietrich

Friday, November 1—All Saints Day—Holy Day of Obligation

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

8:00 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish
 12:10 p.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish
 5:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass

Saturday, November 2—All Souls' Day

Eph Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11/Jn 6:37-40

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
 3:00 p.m. Confessions

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Saturday, November 2

4:00 p.m. Intention of Tom & Julie Bennett (40th Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, November 3

8:00 a.m. Ann & Frank Piselli (Bill & Elena Keller)
 11:30 a.m. Bertha Meier
 1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass
 3:00 p.m. Confirmation (Cathedral of St. Andrew)

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF OCT. 27

GENERAL CLEANING:

Pat Duffy, Gwen O'Mara, Janis Neustifter

VACUUMING:

Ray Korytkowski, Lon MacLachan

Sunday, October 27—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. OCIA (PO)
 10:15-11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Classes K-9
 2-8 p.m. Discovering Christ Retreat (St. Edward Family Center, Lake Odessa)

Monday, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

Wednesday, October 30

6:30-8 p.m. TOPS (VR)
 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)

Thursday, October 31

1:00 p.m. SSPP Trunk or Treat
 3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, November 1—All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, November 2—All Souls' Day

9:30 a.m. Marriage Prep. Session (PO)

Sunday, November 3—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

"Jesus Son of David, have mercy on me!"
 Mark 10:47

OUR PARISH OFFERING - October 19 & 20, 2024

Regular Offertory Collection	\$8,044.97
Electronic Giving	1,310.00
Total	\$9,354.97
-5% Tithe	-467.75
Net Total	\$8,887.22

Budgeted Weekly: \$9,807.69
Deficit for the Week: \$452.72

School Support Fund: \$70.00
 Cemetery: \$50.00
 Mission Sunday: \$2,940.97
 Campaign for Human Development: \$5.00

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.

From Zion United Methodist Soup Kitchen:

One of Zion United Methodist Church's food ministries is our Thursday night soup kitchen. Different churches take a week of the month to help cook, serve, and clean up. Currently, the meal is being offered at First United Methodist Church until our kitchen is ready.

On the third Thursday of each month, a group of two churches and one bank rotate to help at the soup kitchen. Each of the 3 groups have been volunteering 4 times a year. One of the churches has had to drop out of the rotation. We are looking for another church or other organization who would like to fill this vacancy.

I plan the meal and buy the food, but the volunteers provide dessert. We generally serve 25-38 people. Each church or organization would need to provide 2-4 helpers. Some groups have teams that take turns. I arrive at First Methodist at 4pm, we serve food at 6pm, and are done with clean-up by 7pm.

If you would like more information feel free to call me.
 Deb Hall, Director 989-400-2121

If you would be interested in being part of a team serving the soup kitchen four times per year, please contact the parish office.



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.

November 2 & 3 —Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lector: Bill Trueblood
 Altar Servers: Kaylynn & Kenna Wizorek
 EMs: Garry & Mary Lou Mulick, Mary Perrien
 Greeters: Volunteers

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

8:00 a.m. Lector: Steve O'Mara
 Altar Servers: Paul & Sam Meyer
 EMs: Kevin Heinlein, Cheryl & John Hildebrandt
 Greeters: Judy Hamblin

Please pray for:

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

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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Knights' Corner

This Monday is the feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles. Although they were part of Jesus' inner circle, we don't know much about them. Legend says they traveled to Persia and were both martyred there in the early decades of the Church. Think of the incredible things they witnessed that are lost to history! May we, in our own quiet way, live as faithfully as they did.

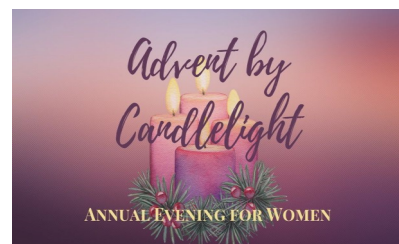
Friday is All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses that day are at 8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. As St. Bernard of Clairvaux tells us, "Calling to mind the saints arouses in us above all else a longing to enjoy their company." See you in church!

Mount Olivet Cemetery

On December 1st our cemetery will be closing for the winter. If you have any items on graves that you would like to protect from winter winds and weather, please retrieve them soon.

**Mass for God's Children
Monday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.
Cathedral of St. Andrew**

The diocesan Respect Life Office invites anyone who has experienced the loss of a child before Baptism to this special Mass. This includes parents, grandparents, siblings, relatives, and friends. A memorial rose with a naming card will be provided for families who have lost a child(ren). If you would like to reserve a memorial rose or have questions, please contact Paloma Olvera at 616-288-0908 or polvera@qrdiocese.org.



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MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 6:00 p.m., Apostles Hall, with guest speaker **Christine McCarty, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at the Diocese of Grand Rapids**

Ladies of Our Parish: Would you host a table?

Please prayerfully consider hosting a table of guests for this spectacular evening! We'd love to have 10-12 host tables, and we need your help! For information and guidelines for table hosting, and/or to reserve your table, contact Toni at the parish office. Individual reservations are available. You can make your reservation by contacting Toni at the parish office.

Panther Prayer Corner

Please pray for our students as they work towards a goal of everlasting life in heaven. As we prepare to celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day, please keep all of those who have lost someone close to them in your prayers as well.

End hunger one bag at a time

Food drive on Friday, November 1, 2024
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ionia fairgrounds
in front of the grandstand

Edward Jones offices in Ionia are partnering together to support the urgent need to restock the Zion Food Pantry. Please join us for a food drive. (Canned goods and non-perishable foods only, please.)

2024 Harvest Raffle Report

Thanks to all who bought or sold raffle tickets! We awarded \$2,800 in prizes, leaving us with a profit to the parish of \$11,510.00

Congratulations to our prize winners:

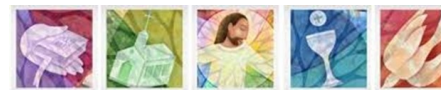
- Early Bird Prize – \$250 – Kevin & Nancy Miller
- \$1,000 prize – Don Funkey
- \$750 prize – Ann Rector
- \$500 prize – Philip Perrien
- \$100 prize – Miffer Griffin
- \$100 prize – Colleen Pierce
- \$100 prize – Jason Peckins



Happy Anniversary, Deacon Zenon!

On November 10, 1974, Zenon Cardenas was among the first group of men ordained to the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Grand Rapids. On that day, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cardenas, Sr. held an open house at their home to celebrate this event. Now, 50 years later, we will mark his ordination anniversary with a reception in Apostles Hall following the 11:30 Mass on November 10. The Mass will be bi-lingual and there will be no 1:00 p.m. Mass that day.

Please come and bring your well wishes to our beloved deacon who has served this parish and community so long and so well! We cannot even begin to count the number of baptisms, weddings, and funerals that he has celebrated here, much less all the behind the scenes service he has provided to us. If you cannot attend the reception, please drop him a card of appreciation. **Thank you, Deacon Zenon!**



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!

- 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. Please arrive by 2 p.m.
 - Nov. 10 Classes for all grades
 - Nov. 10 1st Reconciliation Parent & Student Meeting 10:15 a.m. in classroom
 - Nov. 17 Classes for all grades
- Beginning November 10, we will be offering a "Beyond Confirmation" class during regular class time. See the Confirmation teacher, Kylie Booth, for details!

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. Our next session is on Saturday, November 2, from 9:30—10:30 a.m. in the parish office living room.

Health Support Group

Are you or a family member struggling with a 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



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. Please contact Barb Montgomery at lkydog67@yahoo.com or Vanessa Booth at 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.

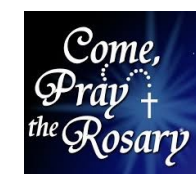
We are very grateful to the Velasco family and El Mariachi Restaurant for their generosity and willingness to host this event. Bring your family, friends, and appetite, and help spread the word. Let's fill the restaurant on October 29 as we help those in our community who most need our help!



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.