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**November 3, 2024**  
**Thirty-First 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](mailto: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.

## Indulgences

During the month of November, our Church invites us to pray more insistently and to offer our sufferings for the souls in purgatory. Pope John Paul II encouraged us to "feel bound by charity to offer those brothers and sisters who have experienced the fragility proper to human existence the help of our vigilant prayer. May whatever residue of human weakness still remaining in them to delay their happy encounter with God be definitively wiped out."

To enter into eternal life, it is necessary that we are purified of all sin. Does anybody remember in our younger days coming in from working outside and just plopping down at the dinner table? I do! Right away Mom would order us to go and get washed up first. So it is with purgatory. It is getting washed up before entering into the heavenly banquet with God. Some Christians argue against purgatory. But it is in the Scriptures and it makes sense. And even if we were forgiven just before dying, we may still have some evil thoughts rooted in our souls at death. Or, if we have not been to confession, we may still have some venial sins on our souls. Or we may have a lack of love in dealing with our Lord which will defer our union with Him. How many times have we done a good deed reluctantly because of anger or even just "I don't want to do it now" getting in the way? All this needs to be purified. Purgatory, part of the infinite love of God for us, gives this to us after our death.

The infinite value of the Mass makes it a very important prayer to offer to God. Remember reading about Mass intentions in the bulletin? It is an offering made by the parish asking for the Mass to be offered for a particular person. Other prayers, like the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, other prayers, our work, the sufferings in this life as well as the indulgences we merit for others are all helpful in getting purified for heaven.

Indulgences are either plenary or partial. For a plenary indulgence, the wiping away of all sins, we are to 1) have the intention of gaining the plenary indulgence; 2) receive the Sacrament of Penance several days before or after the action of the indulgence; 3) receive Holy Communion within several days (it's best if on the same day); 4) pray 6 Our Father, 6 Hail Mary, and 6 Glory Be for the intention of our Pope; 5) perform the act of indulgence; and 6) be free from all attachment to venial sin. This last item can be difficult. If we still have an attachment to venial sin, even while we struggle to get rid of it, then we receive a partial indulgence. How much of a partial indulgence we leave up to God, our loving Father.

Indulged actions are simple. Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for an hour, praying the Way of the Cross in church, a visit to a church on the Feast Day of All Souls (November 2) along with the prayer of the Our Father and the Creed for the poor souls in purgatory are just a few examples. There are many others. As we pray for the deceased, lets especially remember or parents and other family members who have gone before us into eternal life.

May God bless you!  
 Fr. Tom

*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

**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. Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life  
 11:30 a.m. Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life  
 1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass  
 3:00 p.m. Confirmation (Cathedral of St. Andrew)

**Monday, November 4—St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

*Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1-3/Lk 14:12-14*

11:00 a.m. Confessions  
 12:10 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Freund & Stoj Families

**Tuesday, November 5—Weekday**

*Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26-32/Lk 14:15-24*  
 No Communion Service

**Wednesday, November 6—Weekday**

*Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33*  
 12:10 p.m. Ray Dietrich  
 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (BC)

**Thursday, November 7—Weekday**

*Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 15:1-10*  
 8:00 a.m. Daniel Brown

**Friday, November 8—Weekday**

*Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122: 1-5/Lk 16:1-8*  
 7:30 a.m. Dennis Finkler

**Saturday, November 9—Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

*Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17*  
*Jn 2:13-22*

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary  
 1:00 p.m. Baptism of Levi Alan Darnell  
 3:00 p.m. Confessions

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7-10/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44*

**Saturday, November 9**

4:00 p.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

**Sunday, November 10**

8:00 a.m. Jerry Blundy (Joan Blundy & Family)  
 11:30 a.m. Bilingual Mass  
 Intention of Dcn. Zenon Cardenas (50th Anniversary of Ordination)  
 1:00 p.m. No Mass

**Sunday, November 3—Thirty-First 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)

**Monday, November 4**

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

**Tuesday, November 5**

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

**Wednesday, November 6**

5:30-7 p.m. TOPS (VR)  
 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)

**Thursday, November 7**

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

**Friday, November 8**

**Saturday, November 9**

10:00 a.m. Health Support Group (Biggby)

**Sunday, November 10—Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. OCIA (PO)  
 10:15-11:15 a.m. Faith Formation classes K-9  
 12:30 p.m. Reception for Deacon Zenon (AH)  
 6-8 p.m. Discovering Christ (AH)

*"You shall love the LORD your God with all your HEART and with all your SOUL and with all your MIGHT."*

DEUTERONOMY 6:5

**OUR PARISH OFFERING - October 26 & 27, 2024**

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Regular Offertory Collection | \$4,716.90        |
| Electronic Giving            | 4,500.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$9,216.90</b> |
| -5% Tithe                    | -460.85           |
| Net Total                    | \$8,756.05        |

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

Mission Sunday: \$95.00

*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 9 & 10 —Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

8:00 a.m. Lector: Walt Downes  
 Altar Servers: Claire, Gabe & Anna Cusack  
 EMs: Kevin Heinlein, Veronica Meyer & Laurie Tjalsma  
 Greeter: Dave O'Mara

11:30 a.m. Lector: Kevin Kenney  
 Altar Servers: Evan & Jacquelynn Bailey  
 EMs: Shannon Andrews, Monica Mabe & Theresa Scholtens  
 Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

**Please pray for:**

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*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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**GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF NOV. 3**

**GENERAL CLEANING:**

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**Knights' Corner**

This Tuesday is not only Election Day, it is our monthly business meeting. There will be plenty of time to watch the returns come in later, so please join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Veritas Room for the Rosary and stay for the meeting at 7:30.

We have begun selling our K of C raffle tickets after the weekend Masses. \$20 gets you 48 chances to win. Only 300 tickets are sold and 4 winners are drawn each month!

**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@grdiocese.org](mailto:polvera@grdiocese.org).



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**Ladies of Our Parish: Would you host a table?**

Please 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.

**Panther Prayer Corner**

Please pray for the upcoming election. May the will of God be done. May all voters understand the issues and concerns that your country faces and may we respond as faithful citizens.

**Book of the Names of the Dead**

Our "Book of the Names of the Dead" will again be placed on a stand at the back of church during the month of November. You may write the names of recently deceased loved ones in the book before or after Mass. We will keep them all in our prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



**Let's Go to the Movies!**

The SSPP Youth Group will be meeting at the Ionia Theatre on Sunday, November 10th to watch "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". The movie starts at 4:00 pm. The cost of the movie will be covered, but bring money if you want popcorn or snacks. See you there! *Soli Deo gloria*

**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. Jorge 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!**

- 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](mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com).

**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](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. Please 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.

**Thank You for Your Support!**

We truly appreciate all those who enjoyed lunch or supper at El Mariachi on Tuesday, October 29 to support the Friends of Jesus Fund. 10% of all food and beverage revenue went to support this fund, which helps local people with emergency shelter, rent assistance, utilities, and other pressing needs.

We are also grateful to the Velasco family and El Mariachi Restaurant for their generosity and willingness to host this event. The total amount raised was \$240. If you weren't able to attend but would like to make a donation, checks may be made out to the Ionia Ministerial Association and sent to the parish office. Thank you again!

**Mass Books**

We are so blessed to have generous and thoughtful parishioners like Diana & Mike Verdun who recently made a donation towards the purchase of Mass Books for the pews. Thank you, Verdun family for coming forward and requesting the purchase of worship aids for children and new parishioners; these books are kid friendly but also helpful for people of all ages. We encourage you to check your pew for one of these books and thank Diana and Mike the next time you see them!



**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!

**Chop Suey Supper**

St. John Lutheran Church, 617 N. Jefferson Street, Ionia, is hosting their annual German style Chop Suey Supper on Wednesday, November 6, 4:00-7:00 p.m.