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March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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. en español

Weekday Mass Schedule
 English: Mon & Wed, Mass at 12:10 p.m.
 Tues, No Mass or Service
 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.



29/30 de marzo de 2025

Queridos hermanos en Cristo:

El Papa Francisco habla sobre la importancia de la peregrinación en su BULA DE CONVOCACIÓN DEL AÑO JUBILEO ORDINARIO, "[a través de la peregrinación] ... aprendemos a apreciar la riqueza de diferentes experiencias y culturas, y nos sentimos inspirados a elevar esa belleza, en oración, en acción de gracias por sus obras maravillosas" (Spes non confundit, 5).

Por favor, acompañenme en una peregrinación a la Catedral de San Andrés con la comunidad hispana el domingo 6 de abril, donde podrán encontrar "la riqueza de diferentes experiencias y culturas" localmente en este Año Jubilar. Este evento especial comienza en el Santuario de San Francisco Javier y la Iglesia Católica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Grand Rapids a la 1 p.m. Procesaremos a la Catedral de San Andrés y celebraremos la Misa juntos a las 3 p.m.

Aunque estas peregrinaciones locales buscan reunir a grupos específicos importantes para la vida de la Iglesia en el Oeste de Michigan, ¡todos son bienvenidos! Este evento es más que una simple peregrinación. Es una oportunidad para unirnos como una familia en Cristo, compartir la belleza de las tradiciones hispanas y experimentar la profunda alegría y esperanza que nos unen a todos. Que Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, patrona de las Américas, interceda por nosotros en nuestro camino como Peregrinos de Esperanza.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Pope Francis speaks of the importance of pilgrimage in his Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee Year: "[through pilgrimage] ... we learn to treasure the richness of different experiences and cultures, and are inspired to lift up that beauty, in prayer, to God, in thanksgiving for his wondrous works" (Spes non confundit, 5).

Please join me on a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Saint Andrew with the Hispanic community on Sunday, April 6, where you can encounter "the richness of different experiences and cultures" locally in this Jubilee Year. This special event begins at the Shrine of St. Francis Xavier & Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Grand Rapids at 1 p.m. We will process to the Cathedral of Saint Andrew and celebrate Mass together at 3 p.m.

While these local pilgrimages seek to draw specific groups important to the life of the Church in West Michigan together, all are welcome! This event is more than just a pilgrimage. It's a chance to come together as one family in Christ, to share in the beauty of Hispanic traditions, and to experience the deep joy and hope that unite us all. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, intercede for us in our journey as Pilgrims of Hope.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ David J. Walkowiak
 Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
 Bishop of Grand Rapids

Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel



The Week Ahead...

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Saturday, March 29

4:00 p.m. Pat Brockman (Jo Wirtz)

Sunday, March 30

8:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Thome (Mildred Brown)
 11:30 a.m. Catherine Verdun
 1:00 p.m. Misa en español
 3:30 p.m. Taizé Prayer Service

Monday, March 31—Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Jn 4:43-54
 11:00 a.m. Confessions
 12:10 p.m. Intention of David Dietrich

Tuesday, April 1—Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
 No Mass or Service

Wednesday, April 2—St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
 12:10 p.m. Ray Dietrich
 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (CH)

Thursday, April 3—Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
 8:00 a.m. Ronald Blundy (Marie White)

Friday, April 4—St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Wis 2:1, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 7:30 a.m. Sister Donna
 2:00 p.m. School Stations of the Cross
 6/7 p.m. Stations of the Cross in English/in Spanish

Saturday, April 5—St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9-12/Jn 7:40-53
 8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary
 1:00 p.m. Baptism of Justin Clare Shafer
 3:00 p.m. Confessions

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Saturday, April 5

4:00 p.m. Dan & Mary Cusack (Luke Cusack)

Sunday, April 6

8:00 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish
 11:30 a.m. Intention of President Trump (Gayle Gardner)
 1:00 p.m. Misa en español
 3-5 p.m. Confessions

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS—WEEK OF MARCH 30

GENERAL CLEANING:

Maria Cardenas, Teresa Nuñez, Carolina Velasco

VACUUMING:

Shannon Andrews, Debra Sochor

Sunday, March 30—Fourth Sunday of Lent

No Faith Formation classes
 Food & Fellowship (AH)
 OCIA (PO)
 OCIA Inquiry (PO)
 Hispanic 1st Communion prep. (VR)
 Sharing Christ (AH)

Monday, March 31

6:30 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study (PO)

Tuesday, April 1

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

Wednesday, April 2

1:00 p.m. Lenten Soup & Bread Luncheon (PO)
 6-7:30 p.m. TOPS (VR)
 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)

Thursday, April 3

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

Friday, April 4

Kindergarten Roundup (SC)
 No School for Kindergarten only

Saturday, April 5

9-11 a.m. Grief Support Group (PO)

Sunday, April 6—Fifth Sunday of Lent

No Faith Formation classes
 OCIA (PO)
 OCIA Inquiry (PO)
 Hispanic 1st Communion Prep. (VR)
 Sharing Christ (AH)



OUR PARISH OFFERING: March 22 & 23, 2025

Regular Offertory Collection	\$4,577.00
Electronic Giving	1,390.00
Total	\$5,967.00
-5% Tithe	-298.35
Net Total	\$5,668.65

Budgeted Weekly: \$9,807.69
Deficit for the Week: \$3,840.69

School Support Fund: \$150.00
 Catholic Relief Services: \$315.00
 Cemetery: \$30.00

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.

Lenten Opportunities

Sacrament of Reconciliation—Confession

Mondays, 11 a.m.-12 noon: March 31
 April 7 & 14

Thursday, April 3, 5-8 p.m.: **The Light Is On for You**
 (Fr. Tom is offering Confessions at St. Edward's in Lake Odessa. See gdiocese.org for other parishes offering Confessions today.)

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.: March 29
 April 5 & 12

Sundays, 3:00-5:00 p.m.: April 6

Stations of the Cross are celebrated on the Fridays of Lent (March 28; April 4 & 11)
 English at 6:00 p.m. Spanish at 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration is offered **in the church** from 6 to 7 p.m. on these Wednesdays of Lent:
 April 2 & 9

Lenten Soup & Bread Luncheons will be held in the parish office living room following the Wednesday 12:10 p.m. Masses on April 2 & 9.
 Call Toni McKay at 616-527-3610 if you can donate soup or bread.

The Knights of Columbus are offering their final Fish Dinner of the season in Apostles Hall on March 28, from 5-7 p.m.

April 5 & 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

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

8:00 a.m. Lector: Walt Downes
 Altar Servers: Paul & Sam Meyer
 EMs: Julie Bennett, Kevin Heinlein, Veronica Meyer
 Greeters: Judy Hamblin

Please pray for:

Patricia Anwar	Randy Tripp	Michelle Richard-Mix
Marilyn Nash	Mike Peckins	Jennifer Lewis
Patricia Klein	Glen Alvord	Mary O'Connor
Connie Waterman	Heather Rensi	Kym Coryell
Dorr Bissell	Cherie Flinn	Terri Nurenberg
Colson Skilling	Anita Hozeski Scott	Jessica Fritz
Jim Zook	Karen Miller	Travis Eveleth
Roy Shaw	Pat McKinstry	Charles Timm
Martha Brooks	Russinda Rohde	Larry Lafler
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Shirley Weber	Marsha Packer	Pat MacLachlan
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Gert Bennett	Martha Misak	Joe Drysdale
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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

Permanent Deacon	Zenon Cardenas	616-527-8942
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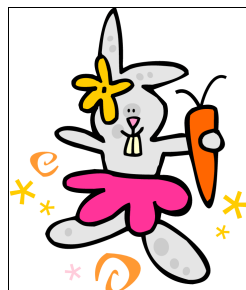
Cara Brownell	Nik Discher	Rachel Wilson
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Knights' Corner

Please join us this Tuesday, April 1st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Veritas Room for the Rosary, followed by our meeting at 7:30. We will be reporting on our Lenten fish dinners and our pie sale. It has been a busy month, and we deeply appreciate all those who have helped make it happen! And we still have one more event to come—the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th!

Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on the parish grounds on Saturday, **April 19th** at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to make a donation, we can use some more individually wrapped candies (small enough to fit inside an egg). Donations may be brought to the parish office. Thank you!



We will be preparing the baskets on Wednesday, April 16, at 9:00 a.m. in the parish office, and we can use many helping hands!

St. Mary Parish Lenten Mission

402 Amity St., Lowell, MI

“The Mystery of Friendship”

Part 1 – Sunday, March 30, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

“Why Christian Friendship?”

(Dinner included)

Part 2 – Wednesday, April 2, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

“How to form lasting Christian friendships”

(Dinner included)

Presenters: Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist

Please RSVP for food planning purposes

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Bibles for SS. Peter & Paul School Students

As our students have begun their Lenten journey, they are trying to focus on God's Word through daily scripture reading. The school staff would like to give children their very own Bibles to continue their growth in faith. The Bibles that we like to use are published by Saint Mary's Press and run about \$30. If you are interested in donating to this cause, please send your donation, labeled “Bibles”, to the school office. We appreciate your consideration and continued support.

Panther Prayer Corner

Please pray that we do not let this Lenten season pass by as just another season. May we surrender to God and be filled with his Spirit so that we may grow in faith, love, and obedience.

**Becoming Catholic:
An Invitation to Come & See**

No matter where you are in your journey of faith, there is a place for you here with us. Come see for yourself what we're all about. Inquiry sessions are on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in the parish office living room. Contact Toni McKay at the parish office for more information and to register.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Give your spouse the gift of time away together enriching your marriage and your faith at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience! Upcoming experiences will be held April 4-6 at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt; June 16-18 at Center for Ministry in Saginaw; and August 1-3 at Augustine Center in Petoskey. Apply today at wwme.org or contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for more information.

**“Discerning the Diaconate”
Information Session.**

Has the Vocations Prayer we pray after each Mass moved you to question if God is calling you to become a deacon? The Office of Diaconate Formation invites men with interest or questions about discernment and formation to a “Discerning the Diaconate” Information Session.

Monday, May 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Cathedral Square Center

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To RSVP or learn more, contact Deacon Jerry Roersma, director of Deacon Formation, at 616-288-0913 or jroersma@grdiocese.org

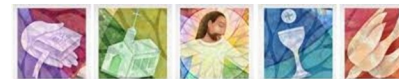
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Discernment Opportunities**

May 4, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

St. Luke University Parish

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Discernment is a time of obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding. If you are considering the priesthood, the Diocese of Grand Rapids invites you to meet with other young men in high school and college to gather and discern God's will for your life. Feel free to just show up, or email preynolds@grdiocese.org to let us know you are coming. Questions? Contact Fr. Rob Mulderink, Director of Priestly Vocations, frrob@lukespot.com.



Faith Formation

Classes are held on Sunday mornings in the school from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. for Kindergarten through high school. It's never too late to register. Join us today!

- March 30 No Faith Formation classes
- April 6 No Faith Formation classes
- April 13 Faith Formation Classes
- April 20 No Faith Formation Classes—Easter
- April 27 Faith Formation—Last Class!

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

Grief Support Group

Have you suffered the loss of a loved one or experienced a loss in your professional or personal life? We invite you to join our Grief Support Group series, which meets every other Saturday in the parish office living room from 9 to 11 a.m. Our next session is on April 5. Each of the sessions offers a topic of discussion, as well as time to reflect, listen, and share if one chooses. We want you to know that you are not alone and we are here to walk the journey with you. For more information, please contact Vanessa Booth at vbooth@ssppcatholic.com or 616-527-3610.

Health Support Group

Are you or a family member struggling with cancer or another serious health issue? No matter where you are in your health journey, we are here for you. Our support group is reaching out to invite anyone who is facing a serious health challenge. Team members of the Ministry of Consolation are offering Health Support gatherings, usually on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Biggby Coffee. Our next session is on April 19. For more information, please contact Vanessa Booth at 616-527-3610 or vbooth@ssppcatholic.com.

**Please join us for Taizé prayer on Sunday,
March 30, at 3:30 p.m. in the church.**

Taizé prayer is an ecumenical form of prayer that focuses on meditation, simple songs, scripture and silence. The church will be lit to provide a calming environment. Come be with us for a short time! See you on 3/30 at 3:30. —Whitney

End of Year Statements

Would you like a copy of your parish contribution statement for 2024? Please call the parish office (616-527-3610) and we will mail it to you.



Please continue to pray for our Catechumens and Candidates who celebrated the Rite of Election with Bishop Walkowiak on Sunday, March 16. Pictured from left to right are: Brittany Adams, Cara Brownell, Haley Barker, and Lauren Mulford. Lauren's children, Caleb, Micah, Holly, and

Zoe, and Cara's son, Bodey, were also present for this special time of prayer in their preparation for full initiation into the Catholic Faith. Not able to attend was Anthony Lalley.

Don't Miss Our
Lenten Fish Dinner
on the Last Friday of March

**March 28
5:00—7:00 p.m.**



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SSPP Auction – Tickets now available!

The Saints Peter and Paul Auction will be held on Saturday, May 10, at the Ionia Armory. The theme is *Casino Royale*. Tickets are \$30 per person and include dinner and drinks. Tickets can be purchased at the school and parish offices, Wilson Heating and Cooling, or from any auction committee member. We'd love to see you there!