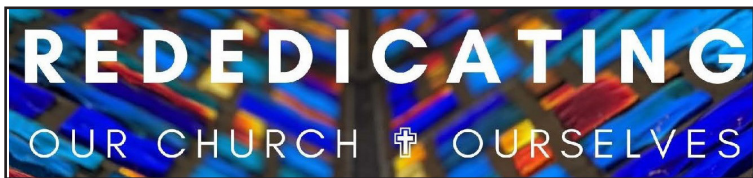


The background of the poster is a vibrant, abstract watercolor-style illustration. At the top, a faint, glowing silhouette of Jesus Christ with arms outstretched is centered against a bright yellow and white background. Below this, the title 'Ascension OF THE LORD' is written in a large, elegant script. The word 'Ascension' is in a dark purple color, while 'OF THE LORD' is in a dark brown color. The background transitions into a landscape of rolling hills in shades of green, blue, and purple. In the foreground, there are stylized, colorful flowers in shades of purple, pink, and blue. The overall mood is spiritual and celebratory.

# *Ascension* OF THE LORD

St. Peter Parish, Douglas  
Parroquia San Felipe de Jesús, Fennville

A Catholic Community of Love, Faith and Hope  
May 21, 2023



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## We remember in prayer...

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 20

5:00pm † John Sexton, Sr.  
by The Family

### Sunday, May 21

8:00am † Denise Carver  
by Bob & Jan Firmiss  
10:30am † Lorraine Rieke  
by Sharon Amaya

### Monday, May 22

8:30am The Lewandowski Family  
by Joe & Rose Ramirez

### Tuesday, May 23

8:30am The People of St. Peter Parish

### Thursday, May 25

8:30am † Francis & † Mary Kaiser  
by Judy Dethmers

### Friday, May 26

8:30am † Tom Henneberry  
by The Knights of Columbus

### Saturday, May 27

5:00pm † Frank & † Eileen Violante  
by Steenwyk Family

### Next Sunday, May 28

8:00am The Baarman Family  
by Dave & Erica Baarman  
10:30am † Emily Krupa & † Beverly Kutzler  
by Jim & Diane Krupa

## Readings for the week of May 21, 2023

### Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

### Monday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

### Friday: St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

### Saturday: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

### Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### SUNDAY, 5/21

8:00am...Mass (Baptism during Mass)  
 9:10am-10:20am...Family Faith Formation  
 10:30am...Mass  
 11:45am-1:00pm...Choir Rehearsal

### MONDAY, 5/22

8:30am...Mass  
 6:30pm...Taizé Prayer

### TUESDAY, 5/23

8:30am...Mass  
 9:30-11:30am...Open Vessels

### WEDNESDAY, 5/24

NO MASS

### THURSDAY, 5/25

8:30am...Mass

### FRIDAY, 5/26

8:30am...Mass  
 9:00am-Noon...Eucharistic Exposition

### SATURDAY, 5/27

8:00am-10:00am...Catholic Men's Fellowship  
 3:30pm-4:30pm...Reconciliation  
 5:00pm...Mass

### NEXT SUNDAY, 5/28

8:00am...Mass  
 10:30am...Mass  
 11:45am-1:00pm...Choir Rehearsal  
 12:30pm-1:30pm...Carmel Devotions followed by meeting in school building

### St. Peter Church's website has been updated!

Click **MINISTRIES** tab to read brief descriptions for the 42 different ministries offered in the parish.

There should be a ministry that will touch your heart and fit in with your personal interests, talents, knowledge, time restraints, location and age. If you have a ministry in mind that isn't listed, please let us know.

When we combine the unique and individual talents God has bestowed upon us, we can truly bring His light to the world as we strive to become a Catholic community of Love, Faith and Hope.

For more information regarding a specific ministry, contact the parish office administrator, Ceci Garcia at 269-857-7951 ext 0.



Mr. Andrew Schmidt  
 May 20, 2023  
 Ordination to the  
 Transitional Diaconate

Deacon Jack Pfeiffer  
 May 27, 2023  
 Ordination to the  
 Priesthood

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**PARISH HAPPENINGS** email?

Scan the QR code for  
 St. Peter website  
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**Taizé Prayer**  
**Monday, May 22 at 6:30pm**

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 Parish Office Hours:  
 M-F 8:30am-2:00pm  
 269-857-7951  
[facebook@stpeterdouglas](https://facebook.com/stpeterdouglas)  
 Both Sunday Masses are  
 live streamed on our  
 facebook page.

### Mass Schedule

**Sunday:** 8:00am &  
 10:30am  
**Monday, Tuesday,**  
**Thursday, Friday:**  
 8:30am  
**Wednesday:** No Mass  
**Saturday:** 5:00pm  
 Sacrament of  
 Reconciliation  
 3:30-4:30 or  
 by appointment

### San Felipe de Jesús

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 Parish Office  
 269-561-5029  
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### Masses in our Collaborative

#### San Felipe, Fennville

**Sunday:** 12:30pm  
**Thursday:** 6:30pm

#### St. Basil, South Haven

**Saturday:** 5:00pm  
 7:00pm (en Español)  
**Sunday:** 9:00am & 11:00am  
**Monday:** No Mass



RICK HARDY

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

# Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity

The Easter Season concludes with today's celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, followed by Pentecost next Sunday, Trinity Sunday after that, and then, on June 11, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. And on that Solemnity, with the permission of our bishop, St. Peter's will resume the distribution of the Eucharist in the form of both bread and wine.

The sharing of the cup of the Blood of Christ was suspended, you'll recall, when Covid arrived on the scene. Now, indications are that this practice may resume safely, and that its benefits make a compelling case for going forward.

But why did we start receiving from the Cup in the first place? It's about *Incarnation*. We know that, in the consecrated host, the entire Christ is present: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. This is true in even a small fragment of the host, or a single drop of consecrated wine.

We also know that God's power is infinitely beyond all our understanding. For example, God could —and does — impart grace, love, and mercy without any physical action or contact at all. God could have saved us from our sins by just blinking, or thinking of it; it would have been accomplished instantly.

But God's wisdom took a different path: Incarnation. God created us as physical beings with senses, thoughts, emotions, hopes, dreams, and fears. And so God chose, and chooses, to engage with us on these human terms, which are, after all, His divine work.

So God sent us His Word, the Word by which all things including ourselves are created, to become flesh and dwell among us. This Word, as we know, is made flesh ("incarnate") in the person of Jesus, who is truly and fully human and truly and fully divine.

And when the time came for Jesus to fulfill His mission in this world, He followed suit. Instead of simply assuring us of His thoughts and prayers, He gave us something tangible and human, yet profoundly divine: His own Body and Blood as food and drink to sustain us throughout our life of seeking to know and do the will of our Creator.

By the time of the Second Vatican Council, the Eucharist had become well-established as the true and complete Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ, and the doctrine affirmed at the Council of Trent was well known: in either form and in even the smallest fragment, the complete Christ is truly present. What had also become well-established by the time of the Second Vatican Council was also from Trent: the


need to be free of mortal sin before receiving Holy Communion. (This is still true.) But by the 1950s, a great many Catholics didn't receive Holy Communion most of the time. This had something to do with the extended fast required before receiving Communion, and something to do with a possibly excessive sense of guilt on the part of many Catholics.

All of this is to say that one of the Second Vatican Council's goals was to increase participation in the Eucharist and in the other sacraments and to make them clearer and more compelling in sign and meaning.

One of these steps was to reduce the required Eucharistic fast to one hour before the reception of Holy Communion. Another is to recognize the wisdom of Jesus in offering his Body AND Blood as food AND drink for our benefit and salvation.

Thus, the Council provides for the distribution of both Bread and Wine, consecrated and transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, even though either one would be sufficient. This is the lavish extravagance of God's love and mercy: always giving more, always out-doing us in generosity, kindness, and mercy.


Next time: The practical aspects of receiving from the cup.





## CEREAL DRIVE

### May 1 - 31



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- Donate with **QR code** 





Four children of our parish celebrated their First Communion last weekend. May the love of Jesus shine in their hearts now and forever!



Thank you to the families who pledged to support the **Bishop's Annual Appeal** during the first weekend. If you have not yet completed your pledge, we need you!

Dollars Pledged	\$14,123
% of Goal	18.8%
No. of Pledges	41
No. of New Pledges	8
Goal	\$75,000



The May Crowning and presentation of flowers took place during all Masses Mother's Day weekend.

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Mailing address for  
St. Peter Church

**St Peter Catholic Church**  
**PO Box 248**  
**Douglas, Michigan 49406**

The Post office is enforcing this with stickers on each envelope not properly marked or addressed. Please make note and use above address.  
Thank you!



Thanks to Dave Touchette for his gift of the Ciborium to match the Chalice he provided last year. With the images of the 12 Apostles on a red background, these two vessels offer a beautiful way to present the Body and Blood of Christ in the celebration of the Eucharist. (The Ciborium is the vessel that holds the consecrated hosts, both when serving Holy Communion and inside the Tabernacle. A Ciborium can be a stemmed piece, similar to a chalice but generally wider, or a flatter bowl shape.)





Quince niños de nuestra parroquia celebraron su Primera Comunión el pasado fin de semana. ¡Que el amor de Jesús brille en sus corazones ahora y siempre!



Coronación de la Virgen Maria y la entrega de flores se llevó a cabo durante la Misa de la Primeras Comuniones.



Felicidades a **David Osorio** y **Don Maximino Rodriguez** que celebraron sus cumpleaños la semana pasada.

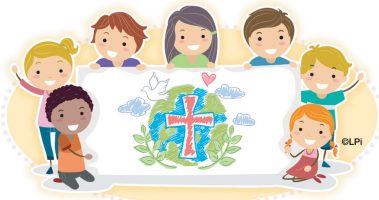


Niños de primer año de Primera Comunión y sus padres hicieron rosarios con Nohemí y Jorge el pasado Lunes.

### MISA DE CLAUSURA DE CATEQUESIS DE PRIMERA COMÚNION

**Lunes, 22 de Mayo  
6:30pm**

Invitamos a la comunidad y a todos los niños de primer año de preparación para la Primera Comunión. Daremos gracias a Dios por este año donde hemos conocido el camino de Jesús y hemos ido paso a paso formando la comunidad seguidores de Jesús. Todos serán bienvenidos.



Esta semana, haremos la colecta de **Catholic Relief Services** para ayudar a seis agencias católicas a brindar ayuda y apoyo a los pobres y marginados de todo el mundo. Por favor, sea generoso. Obtenga más información sobre la colecta en [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

El Servicio de Denuncias de Abuso de Obispos Católicos se ha establecido para recibir denuncias de abuso sexual y mala conducta de los obispos y transmitir esos informes a las autoridades eclesiásticas correspondientes para su investigación. Para hacer un informe, visite [ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://ReportBishopAbuse.org) o teléfono (800) 276-1562.

# Esta semana en nuestra parroquia...

## Domingo, 21 de Mayo

11:00am...Catequesis del 2º año de Confirmación  
11:45am...Novena al Espirito Santo y Rosario  
12:30pm...Misa (Bendición durante la Misa para los Graduandos) (Reunión para Lectores despues de Misa)

## Lunes, 22 de Mayo

6:00pm...Novena al Espirito Santo y Rosario  
6:30pm...Misa de Clausura de la Catequesis

## Martes, 23 de Mayo

6:30pm...Novena al Espirito Santo y Rosario

## Miercoles, 24 de Mayo

6:30pm...Novena al Espirito Santo y Rosario

## Jueves, 25 de Mayo

6:00pm...Novena al Espirito Santo y Rosario  
6:30pm...Misa

## Viernes, 26 de Mayo

6:30pm - 9:00pm...Vigilia de Oracion

## Sabado, 27 de Mayo

6:30pm...Rosario

## Domingo, 28 de Mayo

11:00am...Catequesis del 2º año de Confirmación  
11:45am...Rosario  
12:30pm...Misa

### INFORME DE OFERTORIO PARROQUIAL

#### Sabado, 13 de Mayo

Misa de la Primera Comunión: \$552.00

#### Domingo, 14 de Mayo

Colecta: \$1,170.00

Venta de Cocina para JMJ: \$641.61

### CITAS LITÚRGICAS

#### Domingo, 28 de Mayo

##### Lectores...

Guillermina Urioso  
Joe Marble  
Teresa Morales

##### Monaguillos...

Julian, RJ, Aliyeh

### NOVENA AL ESPÍRITU SANTO

Todos los dias a las 6:30pm,  
excepto el Lunes y Jueves  
a las 6:00pm,  
terminando  
el Viernes 26  
con Vigilia de Oracion,  
6:30pm - 9:00pm.



### Las lecturas de la semana del 21 de Mayo

#### Domingo: La Ascensión del Señor

Hch 1, 1-11/Sal 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9 (6)/Ef 1, 17-23/Mt 28, 16-20

#### Lunes: Santa Rita de Casia, religiosa

Hch 19, 1-8/Sal 67, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Jn 16, 29-33

#### Martes:

Hch 20, 17-27/Sal 67, 10-11. 20-21/Jn 17, 1-11

#### Miércoles:

Hch 20, 28-38/Sal 67, 29-30. 33-35. 35-36/Jn 17, 11-19

#### Jueves: San Beda el Venerable, presbítero y doctor de la Iglesia; San Gregorio VII, Papa;

Hch 22, 30; 23, 6-11/Sal 15, 1-2 y 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11/Jn 17, 20-26

#### Viernes: San Felipe Neri, presbítero

Hch 25, 13-21/Sal 102, 1-2. 11-12. 19-20/Jn 21, 15-19

#### Sábado: San Agustín de Canterbury, obispo

Vigilia: Gn 11, 1-9 o Ex 19, 3-8. 16-20 o Ez 37, 1-14 o Jl 3, 1-5/Sal 103, 1-2. 24. 35. 27-28. 29. 30 (ver 30)/Rom 8, 22-27/Jn 7, 37-39

#### Domingo siguiente: Domingo de Pentecostés

Día: Hch 2, 1-11/Sal 103, 1. 24. 29-30. 31. 34 (ver 30)/1 Co 12, 3b-7. 12-13/Jn 20, 19-23



### CLASES DE BAUTISMO

#### Jueves, 1 y 8 de Junio

despues de Misa  
6:30pm

### FABIO FEST

9 y 11 de Junio  
en la Iglesia de St. Peter

#### Viernes, 9 de Junio,

7pm-9pm

Bebidas para adultos,  
otros refrescos y música.  
(SÓLO PARA ADULTOS)

#### Domingo, 11 de Junio

después de la Misa de 10:30am  
Picnic para toda la familia.

