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

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"The greatest among you must be your servant."

MATTHEW 23:11

"Que el mayor de entre ustedes sea su servidor".

MATEO 23, 11

A Catholic Community of Love, Faith and Hope November 5, 2023

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 4

8:30am In reparation for sins committed

against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Deanna Pappas by Jim & Marianne Hoffman 5:00pm

Sunday, November 5

8:00am † John Blair by Susan Blair

10:30am † Lois Ann Ceriola by Celeste Teters

Monday, November 6

8:30am Stephen Marsh by Mary Leber

Tuesday, November 7

† Gerard Nauer by Peter & Marlene Keith 8:30am

Thursday, November 9

8:30am † Eric Biegansky by Celeste Teters

Friday, November 10

8:30am † Fr. Mark Beard by Joe & Nancy Maslanka

Saturday, November 11

5:00pm Ron & Carol Powers by Jim & Marianne Hoffman

Sunday, November 12

† Richard Miles by St. Peter Parish 8:00am 10:30am † Jackie Diaz by Kate Godwin



This Tuesday, November 7

following 10:30 am Mass



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, **November 12** 8:00 - Noon



Thursday, **November 16**

at Noon in the parish hall.

We remember in prayer...

Al & Mary Ellingsen Annette Simaz Bill & Toni Alwin Joann Otlewski Billy Pringle **Brian Sessions** Candi Schmuck Heather Botz Carol Powers Chad DeWitt Dcn. Tony Nethercott

Don Karaus Don Wobith Ann Marie Sevic Dorothy Lockwood Jeff Torrell Fr. Don Klingler Bertha Denemy Fr. Fabio Garzon, VF Fr. John Flynn, OSA Frances Byk Heidi Ann Hebrank Kathy Drummett Isa Rodriguez-**Kupres** Janet Fahey

Janet Schneider **leff Rissover** Jeffrey Wasilevich Jerry Nielson Jessica Neely Joe Schalte John Vermulen Karen Martin Laura Falk Libby Westrate Lorrie Gaunt

Lynne Adamczyk Lynn Dixon Madison McAllister Marian Hagenaur Mary Ann Skaja Michael DeRosa Mick Wenlock Paul Vermuelen Paula Glennie Patrick Dargis Randy Reimers Regina Johandes Rob Munski

Saul Suarez, Jr. Stephen Marsh Stephen & Marie Johandes **Steve Sessions** Steve VanHoof Terry Hemmeke Teil Lindgren Vicky Zeman

and all our parish family and friends who need continued prayers. The group will continue to pray for your request until they hear differently from you.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, 11/5

8:00am...Mass

9:10am-10:20am...Family Faith Formation/CGS 10:30am...Installation Mass for Fr. Evelio

MONDAY, 11/6

8:30am...Mass

TUESDAY, 11/7

8:30am...Mass - Tuesday Treats following

9:30-11:00am...Open Vessels

5:00-8:00pm...Eucharistic Exposition

WEDNESDAY, 11/8

7:00pm...Lecture Series with Dr. Thomas Gallagher, PhD

THURSDAY, 11/9

8:30am...Mass

FRIDAY, 11/10

8:30am...Mass

9:00am-Noon...Eucharistic Exposition

SATURDAY, 11/11

8:00am-10:00am...Cathollic Men's

Fellowship

3:30pm-4:30pm...Reconciliation

5:00pm...Mass

NEXT SUNDAY, 11/12

8:00- Noon...K of C Pancake Breakfast

8:00am...Mass

9:10am-10:20am...Family Faith Formation/CGS

10:30am...Mass-Baptism

Save on your taxes and help St. Peter!

The Catholic Foundation of Southwestern Michigan (CFSM) was established by the Diocese of Kalamazoo to provide parishes with long-term funding. St. Peter has its own fund at the CFSM

There are many ways you can support the St. Peter Parish Fund!

Gifts of Stock

Do you have stock that has appreciated and want to avoid capital gains? Donate your stock to the St. Peter Parish Fund and maximize your charitable deductions. If you have stock you can deduct the entire market value of the stock as a charitable deduction by donating the stock directly to CFSM (if you itemize deductions).

Charitable Rollovers from an IRA

If you have assets in an IRA, or, you don't deduct charitable gifts, you can benefit the most from an IRA rollover. Charitable IRA rollover distributions count toward required minimum distributions. If you are 70 1/2 or older your IRA may be used as a convenient, tax-free way to make gifts up to \$100,000, while satisfying required minimum distributions (RMD)!

Donor Advised Funds

With this technique, you can make a large contribution in one tax year to establish or add to a donor-advised fund. If the gift is large enough, you may be able to itemize deductions that year. In subsequent years, when your deductible expenses are not large enough to itemize, you can ask the donor-advised fund administrator to make a distribution to a favorite charity, thereby continuing your support to it. Donor-advised funds are relatively inexpensive to establish and maintain.

You can also donate with a credit card on-line at catholicfoundationswmi.org

For more information, contact Keith Tharp at ktharp@diokzoo.org or (269) 349-8714 ext. 1351



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Readings for the week of November 5

Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time

Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week, Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14 **Tuesday:** Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24 **Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: The 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/ln 2:13-22

Friday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church, Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8 **Saturday:** St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day, Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15 **Next Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b) /1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14

Saint Peter **Mass Schedule** San Felipe de Jesús Mass in our Collaborative 5586 117th Ave **Sunday:** 8:00am & 100 Saint Peter Drive San Felipe, Fennville Fennville, MI 49408 10:30am Douglas, MI 49406 **Sunday:** 12:30pm www.sanfelipe-fennville.org Monday, Tuesday, www.stpeter-douglas.org Thursday: 6:30pm Parish Office Thursday, Friday: Parish Office Hours: 269-561-5029 M-F 8:30am-2:00pm 8:30am St. Basil, South Haven Wednesday: No Mass facebook.com/ 269-857-7951 Saturday: 5:00pm facebook@stpeterdouglas Saturday: 5:00pm parroquia.s.dejesus 7:00pm (en Español) Sacrament of **Parish Coordinator** Both Sunday Masses are Sunday: 9:00am &11:00am Ioe Marble Reconciliation live streamed on our Monday: No Mass 269-501-9865 3:30-4:30 or facebook page. by appointment <u>joe.marble@stpeter-</u> douglas.org



Rick Hardy Pastoral Associate

Road Trip

I'm writing this from Anaheim, California, where I have come for the funeral of Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Orange, Tod Brown. Bishop Brown was my late wife Nancy's "boss" for a bit over eight years, from 2004 - 2012. She was the Director of Parish Faith Formation for this diocese, which includes 1.3 million Catholics in 57 parishes and a few pastoral centers. (Kalamazoo has 46 parishes and 13 missions; you can do enough math in your head to figure out that the parishes in Orange are enormous, compared to ours!)

Bishop Brown, himself experienced in Religious Education before he was a priest, had the highest respect and appreciation for Nancy's professionalism and skills, and she named her time in this diocese as her favorite position in her 40+years of ministry. Bishop Brown was beloved in the diocese and his passing was an occasion significant enough to warrant my expenditure of some air miles to join with those honoring him.

Being "on the road" puts me in a different frame of mind, somewhere between a vacation and a retreat. I get to see dear friends from the time we lived and worked here, and I also get plenty of time alone. And that's when it happens: thinking. All kinds of thoughts. So if I have to think about these things, I guess you do, too...

Sensus Fidelium: As described in last week's column, the examples of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul, into heaven, and the Immaculate Conception of Mary illustrate the *Sensus Fidelium* at work: everybody has believed in these concepts from the earliest days of the Church; with faith in the Holy Spirit's presence in the Church, we are confident that they are true.

But here's the thing... These were easy. We don't need to change behaviors, attitudes, or our treatment of others in order to believe these things. (I do believe them, in case you were wondering.) These two remarkable declarations do not require anything of us. Not every doctrinal development, reform, or renewal has been, or will be, that easy.

The Synod on Synodality: The first session of the Synod closed this week. A document is published and some initial commentaries have appeared. I'll write more about the Synod in coming weeks, since we will once again be asked by the Holy Father to consider and offer input on issues facing the Church today. And I think the experience will be much more interesting this time, since we now have an insight into the process that was used in Rome.

The Synod's first session did not make many conclusions, if any at all. Nor was it expected to. But its process seems to be getting rave reviews from everyone who participated. Details, as they say, to follow. But here are a couple of early insights.

In order to be included in the report, each paragraph had to receive approval by a 2/3 majority of all participants. For each paragraph, the report includes the vote tally. The highest negative vote was 277 to 69, on the second of two paragraphs regarding the possibility of ordaining women as deacons. The first (279-67) says that some members of the assembly thought this idea would be a break with Tradition, while others insisted it would "restore the practice of the early Church." (The New Testament does mention women deacons.)

And the second of these paragraphs says this: Others, still, discern it as an appropriate and necessary response to the signs of the times, faithful to the Tradition, and one that would find an echo in the hearts of many who seek new energy and vitality in the Church... [but some thought this would] marry the Church to the spirit of the age."

Why would statements on the topic of women deacons prove to gain the most negative votes? Here's a clue: The Church in Africa is growing in number and in influence. And in Africa, there are almost no deacons at all. Male deacons would be an innovation to most Catholics there. So women deacons, in that context, must seem like a very strange idea. And indeed, most of the negative votes came from African delegates.

From this glimpse of the most controversial topic, at least as indicated by the vote tally, it's possible to see the Synod working carefully to explore any and all topics that have relevance to the Church's place and role in the world with diligence and care, along with respect for each other and for the diversity of a global Church. More next time.



Lecture Series: "The Thinking Catholic" with Dr. Thomas Gallagher, PhD

This Wednesday, November 8 at 7pm in the school building.

New format: More relaxed pace, more interaction. Don't miss it!



Saturday, November 11 at 10:00am

St. Augustine Cathedral in Kalamazoo with Bishop Edward Lohse

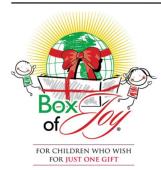
Alexander Cernugel - Noah Conklin - Jorge Espino Jr. -Claire Gemeinhardt - Isabela Rodriguez-Kupres -Julia Lowery - Brooks Massing - Erick Morales -Catherine Przybocki - Avery Smith

All are welcome to join the Candidates and their families on November 11 at the Cathedral.



Thank you for your continued partnership with *Corners of Your Field*. Between July 1 and September 30, our parish family donated \$1,700 worth of goods. Because of your support, \$85 worth of gift cards were sent back to the parish to give to those in need!

When donating items to Gateway Mission in Holland, please mention St. Peter Parish!



Return ALL filled Box of Joy by NEXT WEEKEND

over 60 packed boxes have already been returned!!!

Christian Neighbors needs stuffing mix!

It's November, and with it comes Christian Neighbors' distribution of Thanksgiving Meal Kits to area low-income families - a 43-year-old tradition in our community. In 2022, 90 volunteers organized, packed and distributed 340 meal kits that fed nearly 1000 area residents a complete Thanksgiving meal. This year, our church is being asked to collect Stuffing Mix to contribute to these meals. It is through the kindness and generosity from our community that Christian Neighbors is able to provide this special holiday meal to those in need. Collection Baskets are in the Gathering Space. Thanks for your generosity!



All Faith Formation classes are in session



Kids Club wrote a prayer to St. Francis of Assisi.



Tween Ministry learned about Abraham and Isaac in their walk through the Bible.

Diocese to honor couples celebrating 50th wedding anniversary

The Diocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass and celebration with Bishop Edward M. Lohse will be held Sunday, November 19, 2023, St. Augustine Cathedral, 2 p.m. If you or someone you know is celebrating 50 years of marriage anytime in 2023, we invite you to let your parish know, or complete the form on the diocesan website (www.diokzoo.org/50th-anniversary) or mail your information to receive a personal congratulatory certificate signed by Bishop Lohse. To receive a special certificate signed by Bishop Lohse, please submit the form to the right, or mail your name, wedding date, address and contact information to:

50th Wedding Anniversary Diocesan Celebration 215 N Westnedge Avenue Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Questions?

Please email Socorro Truchan, struchan@diokzoo.org or call 269-349-8714 ext 1112

Ahorra en tus impuestos y ¡Ayuda a San Felipe de Jesús!

La Fundación Católica del Suroeste de Michigan (CFSM) fue establecida por la Diócesis de Kalamazoo proporcionará a las parroquias financiación a largo plazo. San Felipe de Jesús tiene su fondo propio en el CFSM.

¡Hay muchas maneras en que puede apoyar al Fondo Parroquial San Felipe de Jesús!

Regalos de acciones

¿Tiene acciones que se han revalorizado y quiere evitar ganancias de capital? Done sus acciones a la Fondo Parroquial San Felipe de Jesús y maximiza tus deducciones caritativas. Si tienes stock puedes deducir el valor total de mercado de las acciones como una deducción caritativa donando las acciones directamente a CFSM (si detallas las deducciones). FUNDACIONES CATOLICASWMI.ORG

Reinversiones benéficas de una cuenta IRA

Si tiene activos en una IRA o no deduce donaciones caritativas, puede beneficiarse al máximo de unaTransferencia de IRA. Las distribuciones de reinversión de IRA benéfica cuentan para las distribuciones mínimas requeridas. Si usted tiene 70 años y medio o más, su IRA puede usarse como una forma conveniente y libre de impuestos de hacer donaciones de hasta \$100,000, ¡mientras se satisfacen las distribuciones mínimas requeridas (RMD)!

Fondos asesorados por donantes

Con esta técnica, puede hacer una gran contribución en un año fiscal para establecer o agregar a un

Fondo asesorado por donantes. Si la donación es lo suficientemente grande, es posible que pueda detallar las deducciones de ese año. En

años siguientes, cuando sus gastos deducibles no sean lo suficientemente grandes como para detallarlos, puede solicitar al

administrador de fondos recomendado por el donante para hacer una distribución a una organización benéfica favorita, continuando así su

apoyo a ello. Los fondos asesorados por donantes son relativamente baratos de establecer y mantener.

CA HOLIC FOUNDATION of Southwestern Michigan También puedes donar con tarjeta de crédito en línea en fundacionescatolicaswmi.org Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Keith Tharp en ktharp@diokzoo.org o (269) 349-8714 ext. 1351

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Sábado 11 de Noviembre a las 10:00am

Catedral de San Agustín en Kalamazoo con el obispo Edward Lohse

Adán Ruvira - Adrián Deciano Salinas Agustín De Lucas - Alex Salinas - Alexis Palacios Alondra Martínez Aguilar - Ángel Villalobos Dulce Yvette García - Efraín Peralta Salinas Giovanni González - Isaías Salamanca Salazar Iván García - Jesús López - José De Lucas José Fernández - José Ruvira - Juan Rosas Julissa De Lucas - Luis Ruvira - Luseidy Salamanca
Salazar - Mary Carmen Carranza - Melanie Soriano Nayla Sustaita - Noelia Salazar

Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a los Candidatos y sus familias el 11 de Noviembre en la Catedral.





Fotos de los bautismos del pasado Sábado en la parroquia San Basilio en South Haven. Dos niños de San Felipe fueron bautizados: **Damián Mateo Castillo** (mamá Rebeca, padrinos Alexis y Alejandra) y **Sebastián Gabriel Calderón** (mamá Alexa y padrino Alejandro).

Esta semana en nuestra parroquia...

Domingo, 5 de Noviembre

11:00am...Catequesis 12:30pm...Misa 5:00pm...Catequesis del 2º año para la confirmación

Martes, 7 de Noviembre

6:30pm... Catequesis

Jueves, 9 de Noviembre

5:45pm...Rosario 6:30pm...Misa - Reunión para los Consagrados a María después de la Misa

Domingo, 12 de Noviembre

11:00am...Catequesis 12:30pm...Misa 5:00pm...Catequesis del 2º año para la confirmación

INFORME DE OFERTORIO PARROQUIAL

Domingo, 29 de Octubre

Colecta del Domingo: \$1,062.00 Colecta para BAA: \$121.00 Venta en la Cocina: \$510.00



Domingo, 5 de Noviembre, Nereyda Benitez

Lecturas de la semana del 5 de Noviembre

Domingo: 31er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Fin del horario de verano; Semana Nacional de las Vocaciones

Mal 1, 14—2, 2. 8-10/Sal 130, 1. 2. 3/1 Tes 2, 7-9. 13/Mt 23, 1-12

Lunes:

Rom 11, 30-36/Sal 68, 30-31. 33-34. 36/Lc 14, 12-14

Martes: Día de las Elecciones

Rom 12, 5-16/Sal 130, 1. 2. 3/Lc 14, 15-24

Miércoles:

Rom 13, 8-10/Sal 111, 1-2. 4-5. 9/Lc 14, 25-33 **Jueves: Dedicación de la Basílica de Letrán** Ez 47, 1-2. 8-9. 12/Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/1 Co 3, 9-11. 16-17/Jn 2, 13-22

Viernes: San León Magno, Papa y doctor de

la Iglesia

Rom 15, 14-21/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Lc 16, 1-8 **Sábado: San Carlos Borromeo, obispo** San Martín de Tours, obispo; Día de los Veteranos (EEUU)

Domingo siguiente: 32º Domingo del Tiempo

Ordinario

Sab 6, 12-16/Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8 (2)/1 Tes 4, 13-18 o 4, 13-14/ Mt 25, 1-13



Reunión para los Consagrados a María

Después de la Misa Jueves, 9 de Noviembre

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 autoridadeseclesiásticascorrespondientes para su investigación. Para hacer un informe, visite **ReportBishopAbuse.org** o teléfono (800) 276-1562.