Worship and Prayer

Scripture Readings

Sunday  Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Monday  Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
Jon 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday  Weekday
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday  Saints Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest
Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday  Weekday
Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday  Saint John XXIII, Pope
Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday  Weekday
Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday  Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Mass Schedule

Monday, October 7, 2019
No Mass

Tuesday, October 8, 2019
6:00 PM | † Bernice Schneider

Wednesday, October 9, 2019
9:30 AM | † David Spitzley

Thursday, October 10, 2019
7:30 AM | For the Priests in the Diocese of Grand Rapids

Friday, October 11, 2019
No Mass

Saturday, October 12, 2019
4:30 PM | † Bill Peake

Sunday, October 13, 2019
7:30 AM | † Stanley & † Iva Pung
9:30 AM | For the People of St. Patrick Parish
11:30 AM | † Marvin Schafer & deceased children

Are You Using Your Gifts?

Are you are looking for ways to serve your parish? Consider greeting your fellow parishioners at weekend Masses as a greeter or as a lector. Contact the parish office if interested.

Sponsor of the week:

Youth Group Is Coming!

Youth Group will start October 20, 2019. Parents are invited to Meet ‘n Greet with Andrea Gleason following each Mass on October 5 & 6th in the back of Church. Visit the parish website for more information or contact Andrea at 517-647-6505 x 414. I look forward to meeting you!

Bulletin deadlines

Bulletin deadline for Sunday bulletins are Monday's at 10:00 AM.
Family Perspective

By Bud Ozar

Faith is one of those things we just can't get enough of! In today’s gospel, the apostles asked Jesus to “Increase our faith.” It is faith in ourselves, our spouse, our children and our parents which equips us to overlook annoyances helps us to forgive and urges us to ask forgiveness. “Lord, increase our faith!”

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is a wonderful gift we have, now with increased access in our Adoration chapel across Church St. Adoration hours are:

- Monday’s, noon to 7:00 PM.
- Wednesday’s, noon to 11:00 PM.
- First Friday’s of the Month, 10:00 AM to midnight.

When the tabernacle is open we are required to have at least two people present with Jesus. We also need a couple more parishioners willing to sub for regular adorers, when they occasionally have schedule conflicts.

If you would like more information; call or text Mike Cook at 517-242-1352. If you haven’t experienced spending some quiet time in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, stop in and be blessed.

Stewardship Reflection

“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.”

(2 Timothy 1:7)

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

Prayers of the Faithful

That our actions and words reflect our love for God every day.

Mass to honor health care workers

Sunday, Oct. 20 at 10 a.m.
Cathedral of Saint Andrew
301 Sheldon Blvd SE, Grand Rapids, MI

Join Bishop Walkowiak as we honor all those who work in health care – from nurses and physicians to lab techs and environmental service workers. Health care workers and caregivers from all faiths are welcome and all are encouraged to wear their working uniform. A reception will follow Mass.

The White Mass – named for the white coats of physicians - is traditionally celebrated on the Feast of Saint Luke, the patron saint of physicians.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat

October 25-27, 2019
Rachel’s Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggles with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. More information online: rachelsvineyard.org
Children’s Faith Formation

Save the Dates:
October 7th, 14th, 21st—Classes
Sunday, October 13th, 20th—Sessions 1 & 2 for Second Grade Sacramental Prep; Classes (6:30-8:00 PM-school room 209)
October 28th—NO Classes (Catechist In-Service)

October Themes:
The Rosary—the students are to bring in a Rosary for a prize every Monday in October.
Self-Control—(be a temperate person, with passion firmly ruled by reason and grace). The Catechist work this into their weekly lessons. Please work with your students at home.

Mark your calendars!
The Euchre parties will be on Wednesdays, October 16, 30 | November 13, 27 | December 11, 18 all dates begin at 1:00 PM at the Knights Hall.

Bingo will be on October 6, 20 | November 3, 17 all dates begin at 2:00 PM.

The Knights will be hosting a garage sale at the Knights Hall. Set up will be on October 22nd. Sale will be Wednesday, October 23, 8:00 AM-5:30 PM and Thursday, October 24, 8:00 AM-Noon.

Blood Drive
Please consider giving the “Gift of Life” by donating blood on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 from 11:30 AM-5:15 PM at the Knights Hall, 690 Maynard Rd, Portland, MI. It is best to call for an appointment at 1-800-733-2767 or walk-ins are welcome.

If you are interested in becoming a Knights of Columbus member, contact Rex Waltersdorf at 517-420-8932, Jake Lowe at 517-648-3003 or Francis “John” Vallier.

Prayer Shawl & Widower/Widow
For those interested there is a gathering of Widow’s/Widowers/ and those suffering a lost that meet the second Tuesday’s of the month at the Wagon Wheel at 11:00 AM. Also the Prayer Shawl group meets the second Tuesday’s of the month at Mary Rutherford’s-116 Blossom Dr at 1:00 PM.

Student Safety
As a reminder for those who attend weekday Mass, please do not park between the grey signs, this area is used for student drop off.
St. Patrick School Celebrates Annual Fall Festival

The autumnal equinox recently arrived which is a sure sign that St. Pat’s Annual Fall Festival is just around the corner. This year’s event will be held on Sunday, October 13, once again sponsored by the St. Patrick Athletic Association, and staffed by our Shamrock athletes, their parents and the coaches. The festival is an important fundraiser which generates over 20% of the athletic budget.

The Fall Festival will provide food, fun, and festivities for the entire family. The vendors will open at 9:00 a.m. The first-floor hallway and classrooms will be packed with handmade goods. It’s a great time to start some early Christmas shopping. There is always such a variety that it is difficult to choose what to buy.

The annual PTO Kidfest’s activities, games, face painting, and raffles will keep the kids occupied while you shop. They will open at 10 a.m. on the second floor of the school.

Dinner will be served in St. Patrick’s Cafeteria from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. It will include roast beef, ham, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, hot vegetables, salad, homemade bread, homemade desserts and a beverage of your choice. Take-out meals are also available in the Parish Hall, located on the south end of the school, adjacent to the Grand River Avenue entrance.

To make room for dinner you’ll want to run in the 5K or half-marathon, which will begin at 8 a.m. If you find the thought of running to be bad for your health, there will be a Euchre Tournament in the Parish Hall beginning at 12:30. This is also a good place to sit and wait while your spouse shops!

Please make sure to purchase your Fall Festival raffle tickets from any school family or you can stop in and purchase them at the big event.

The Fall Festival will offer plenty of fun for everyone in the family. Stop in for shopping or fine cuisine. It is a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends or sit down to a family meal. You won’t regret stopping in for a great event. We hope to see you there on Sunday, October 13!

For complete information about St. Patrick Fall Festival, visit the festival website: www.freewebs.com/stpatsfallfestival

Thank You!

Thank you to all who answered Bishop Walkowiak’s request to help those effected by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahama’s. Together we raised $4,363.35 that will be sent directly to assist the relief efforts that will continue well into the future. Again, thank you for assisting your brothers and sisters in need.

Wedding Anniv. Mass

Together with your families, the Diocese of Grand Rapids honors the faithful witness to your vocation of marriage and wishes to celebrate with you.

Bishop Walkowiak is inviting all couples celebrating milestone anniversaries to join him on Sunday, Oct. 13 at the 10 AM Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew (301 Sheldon Ave. SE, Grand Rapids).

Please invite your family and friends, a simple reception will immediately follow. RSVP to the parish office at 517-647-6505 by October 7.

BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

Our recent blood drive sponsored by the St. Patrick Catholic School National Honor Society collected 40 units of blood (our goal was 41) which is awesome! Thank you to all who came out and donated and especially to our fantastic NHS members who represent our school so professionally in this important service project. Be sure to save the date as our next blood drive here at the Parish Hall is November 26th.

End Of Life Decisions

Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D., Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center, will address “END OF LIFE DECISION MAKING: Physician Assisted Suicide, Euthanasia, Pain Management and Hospice” from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on Tuesday October 8 at St Thomas Aquinas Church, 955 Alton Road, East Lansing. From 7:00 to 9:00 pm that day, he will address BEGINNING OF LIFE ISSUES: In Vitro Fertilization and Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Human Embryos.” Father Tad earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, MA. For more info, contact Maureen Dillon, momdillon@hotmail.com
ST. PATRICK PRESENTS

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF

HIGH SCHOOL: 10/20 @ 6PM-8PM
JUNIOR-HIGH: 10/27 @ 6PM-8PM

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE YOUTH ROOM
SEE YOU THERE!

FOR MORE DETAILS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
PORTLANDSTPATS.COM
PLANTS AND GROUNDS UPDATE

The lighting upgrade project for Grand River Avenue side of the school and the parking lot between the church and school was able to be completed at minimal cost to the church/school. Lighting fixtures were provided at factory cost by Eaton/Cooper Lighting through Crites Tidey & Associates of Grand Rapids. Labor was provided at no cost from Centennial Electric and NECA/IBEW Local 665 of Lansing as a community outreach project. A total of six lights were replaced with new LED lights which reduced our electrical usage by 66% while increasing light output for better safety and security of our students and parishioners. This project was the 2nd phase of LED exterior lighting upgrades around our buildings with West St as the first phase. This phase included the Grand River Avenue elevation of the school, the driveway between the church and school and the parking lot between the church and school. Additional areas will be accomplished as funds and resources allow. THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED!
FOCUS ON LIFE 2019 ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

FOCUS ON LIFE
Thursday, October 17, 2019
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner & program at 6:30 p.m.

VENUE
Pathway Church
4960 Portland Rd.
Saranac, MI 48881

MAILING ADDRESS
Portland Right to Life
P.O. Box 473
Portland, MI 48875

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Join Us
FOCUS ON LIFE
2019 ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

Roger Stanwick
special guest speaker

Roger Stanwick is a post abortive man who deeply regrets his involvement nearly 40 years ago. He believes abortion is also a man’s issue because they too suffer the loss, guilt, regret and sorrow that follows. After 25 years of denial, Roger now speaks at churches and prolife events. Roger was the past President of Cross Roads Ministries, a board member of New Life Pregnancy Center and President of Gaylord Right to Life. Through his testimony, he hopes to be an example to those who have been involved in an abortion by helping to find the forgiveness and peace they are seeking. Come hear his journey as he hopes to change the hearts and minds of those who are undecided or who support abortion.

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St. Patrick, Portland, Michigan
October 5/6, 2019

Dear friends in Christ,

This year’s theme for Respect Life month is, “Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life.” In our first reading for this weekend, Habakkuk cries out, “‘Violence’ but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord.” How true this lament still is in our world today! Every day we hear of ideas or witness actions that attack the sanctity of life and the dignity of the human person, whether it be new laws which diminish the unborn, gun violence in our schools and neighborhoods, or hateful rhetoric and discord. These are all attacks on the dignity and value of every person that God has created.

From the time we were first formed in our mother’s womb until the time we take our final breath, each “season” of our lives is God’s gift. As evidenced by the four seasons here in Michigan, each season is not the same. Each one brings challenges and trials, but each season also brings us new opportunities to increase our faith and believe in Christ Our Hope. Hope is willing to trust. Hope always confidently looks forward!

The Church teaches us that “the one who has hope lives differently” (Spe salvi 2). Christian hope can lift us in times of discouragement and guide us in reaffirming our commitment to protect all human life. Hope reassures us that Lord is present with us every step of the way!

I thank those parishes, schools, and institutions throughout our diocese who participate in the Respect Life program during this month and who make respect life efforts a priority throughout the year. Building a culture of life is an indispensable part of our calling as Christians.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids
Fall Festival 2019
October 13, 2019!

Please come and join us for the 2019 Fall Festival on Sunday, October 13 at the school. Buffet style dinner includes roast beef and ham, mashed potatoes, dressing, salad, homemade breads and deserts…. And much more!

♦ Dinner will be served from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM and take out meals will be in the Parish Hall during those same hours.

♦ Raffle tickets can be turned in at the Raffle Booth in the lobby outside the school office on Sunday from 1:00 AM until 2:45 PM. The raffle will be held in the Parish Hall at 3:00 PM. Reminder to not put your tickets in the collection basket the weekend of October 13th & 14th, they will not be entered into the drawing.

♦ The Arts & Crafts Show will run from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the first floor halls and classrooms as well as the gym.

♦ There’s a Euchre Tournament in the Parish Hall at 12:30 PM.

♦ Kidsfest activities will take place in the second floor hallways from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

♦ 5K/Half Marathon on the River Trail.

♦ For complete information visit the website: www.portlandstpats.com—click on Fall Festival. See you there!

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Ministries

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday: Noon - 7:00 PM | Wednesday: Noon -11:00 PM | First Friday's: 10:00 AM- Midnight

Ministry to Sick/Homebound........................................Parish Office
(517) 647-6505

(Please notify the parish office of parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound or in need of pastoral care.)

Parish Prayer List..............................................Sue Fox
(517) 420-2155
Online Giving

St. Patrick Church is trying to keep up as technology continues to change. We offer an online giving process that we hope will streamline the contribution process and develop a habit of giving regularly as outlined in the Faithful Giving Program. One way of giving is through your traditional envelope giving, another is through scheduling a donation through Connect Now Giving. The link can be found on the St. Patrick Church website. Another way is through text messaging: From a cell phone, text a donation to 1-517-641-2226. You will answer a few questions and then your donation will be processed. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the parish office.
Join us for our Friday night golf special. $30 includes two 9-hole rounds with cart and beverage specials.

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