Faith in God

Be strong and steadfast; have no fear or dread of them, for it is the Lord, your God, who marches with you; He will never fail you or forsake you.

Deuteronomy 31:6
Worship and Prayer

Mass Schedule

Monday, August 26, 2019
No Mass

Tuesday, August 27, 2019
6:00 PM | † Denise (DeeDee) Hoppes

Wednesday, August 28, 2019
9:30 AM | † Aurora Souders

Thursday, August 29, 2019
9:30 AM | For the priests in the Diocese of Grand Rapids

Friday, August 30, 2019
8:00 AM | † Albert Hodge

Saturday, August 31, 2019
1:00 PM | Wedding: Hodge/Schrauben
4:30 PM | † Richard Gross

Sunday, September 1, 2019
7:30 AM | † Helen Clark
9:30 AM | † Dennis Kneale
11:30 AM | For the People of St. Patrick Parish

Scripture Readings

Sunday Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Monday Weekday
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Monica
1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist
1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mk 6:17-29

Friday Weekday
1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97: 1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday Weekday
1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

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Bulletin deadlines

Bulletin deadline for Sunday bulletins are Monday's at 10:00 AM.
Congratulations!  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas & Mary Hengesbach  
on Your Wedding Day  
August 17, 2019  
“They are no longer two but one flesh.  
What God has joined together,  
let no man separate.”  
Matthew 19:6

Family Perspective  
By Bud Ozar  
The phrase in today’s gospel, “I don’t know where you come from,” is often used by parents about children and children about parents. Change is so rapid one generation has little in common with another. We depend on love, trust, and mutual respect to bridge this gap.

Stewardship Reflection  
“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.”  
(Luke 13:30)  
Our standards in society are different from God’s standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, “what have you done with the gifts I have given you?” How will you respond?

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.  
Thursday’s, 9:00 AM to noon.  
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.

Worship and Prayer  
Altar Appointment–  
Aug. 31 & Sept. 1, 2019  
LECTORS  
4:30 PM   Jeff Davlin  
7:30 AM   Beverly Sobolewski  
9:30 AM   Sharon Hoffman  
11:30 AM  Carolyn Heckman  
PRIEST  
Fr. Michael Alber  
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ALTERNATE SERVERS  
4:30 PM   Brayden Hinds | Grant Pline | Evelyn Rockey  
Rylee Sheurer  
7:30 AM   Erin May | Amanda May  
9:30 AM   Sophia Schrauben | Amy Shaw | Grace Thelen  
Cade Vallier  
11:30 AM  Devon FoxElster | Arianna FoxElster | Isaac Foxelster  
Shane Cook  
HOSPITALITY MINISTERS  
4:30 PM   Joe Timmer | Pauline Wireman  
7:30 AM   Gary & Kris Bond  
9:30 AM   Judy Braley | Harry Klein  
11:30 AM  Elaine Guidi | Linda Rutherford  

Fall Mass Schedule  
Monday’s—No Mass  
Tuesday’s—6:00 PM  
Wednesday’s—9:30 AM Mass (High School Mass)  
Thursday’s—9:30 AM Mass (Elem. School Mass)  
Friday’s—8:00 AM  

Prayers of the Faithful  
That through our good stewardship, we may build up God’s kingdom here on earth and earn a place at God’s eternal banquet.

Congratulatons!
Baptisms

Congratulations to the following
who were baptized August 4, 2019 at
St. Patrick Church by Rev. Michael J. Alber

Weston Lee Krieger
Son of Brian & Kristin Krieger

Children’s Faith Formation

Summer Challenges
Bring in a bulletin from another Parish you visit over the summer. Pin the bulletin up on the Faith Formation bulletin board in the back of church. Be sure to put your name on it.

Make a Rosary with the kits that are available in the back of church. When returning the Rosary, put your name on the label and pin it to the bulletin board in the back of church.

Prizes will be given out for each bulletin or rosary you turn in.

Registration Begins

A registration form will be sent to all returning families. A registration form is also available on the Children’s Faith Formation webpage and in the back of the church for new families. Contact Lori Thelen at lorithelen@portlandstpats.com or 517-647-6505 ext. 419 with any questions.

Save The Dates

Monday, August 26, 2019: Catechist In-Service. Grades K-4 meet 6:00-7:30 PM. Grades 5-8 meet 7:30-9:00 PM in room 115. We are always looking for individuals who would like to share their faith stories with others. Please consider joining the team of Catechists.

Tuesday, September 10, 2019: Faith Formation Open House. Plan on attending Mass at 6:00 PM with Open House to follow.

Monday, September 16, 2019: First night of classes at 6:30 PM-8:00 PM in the school classrooms.

Sports Raffle Tickets

The St. Patrick Athletic Association has tickets still available for purchase. Proceeds support the athletic programs. For information or to purchase a ticket contact Shayla Schneider at 517-204-4280.

Wedding Anniversary 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 6.
Women deserve support and care, not abortion. At any time, each of us can support women in difficult or unexpected pregnancies by donating to our local pregnancy center or learning about foster care and adoption. You can also sign on the petition at the entrances of the church to ban the dismemberment abortion procedure, also known as Dilation and Evacuation. The procedure—which dismembers a living child in the womb—does nothing to help Michigan women.

This petition will be available to sign in church from August 24 through September 8. You must be 18 years of age and a registered voter to sign.

The language on the Petition reads: An initiative petition to amend section 90h of the Michigan Penal Code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.90h, to define “dismemberment abortion;” to prohibit a person from performing a dismemberment abortion unless necessary to save a pregnant woman whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, illness or injury; to authorize the legislature to intervene in a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of this proposal; to allow the spouse of a woman or parent of a minor who obtained a dismemberment abortion to sue for damages; and to prescribe criminal penalties for an individual who knowingly performs an abortion in violation of the proposed initiated law. For more information, go to www.micatholic.org/MichiganValuesLife.

To register or more information contact: Wanda Zenk 616-755-6077 or Wanda@psic-ionia.org. Register on line at: www.PSICionia.org/Aim4Life.
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If you wish to be contacted by someone from your local Council 2168, simply enter that number when prompted and your information will be forwarded.

K of C Westphalia 1st Annual Grillin’ & Chillin’ BBQ Contest

When: Saturday, October 5, 2019
Where: Westphalia K of C Bowling Alley Parking Lot
Sign Up deadline: September 1, 2019
Registration Fee: Free before September 1, 2019/After September 1, 2019 - $35.00

Join us for a day of good old fashion BBQ as the area’s best pit masters put their talent up against that of their neighbors. Bragging rights are on the line! Don’t delay! Sign-up deadline is mandatory. Adult beverages will be available for purchase.


Church Pictorials

If you did not pick up your pictorial from the parish office there is still time! I also have a very Limited number of past pictorials that you can get on a first come - first serve basis: 1985/1990/1997/2001/2006.
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.
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