



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ♦

JULY 26, 2026



*“The kingdom of heaven
is like a treasure buried in
a field, which a person
finds and hides again, and
out of joy goes and sells
all that he has and buys
that field.”*

-Mt 13:44

OUR PARISH MISSION

To form and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ in union with the Roman Catholic Church.

Weekend Masses *(All SPP weekend Masses in Church)*

Saturday

4:00pm.....Ss. Peter & Paul

5:30pm.....St. Thomas

Sunday

7:30am.....St. Thomas

9:00am.....Ss. Peter & Paul

10:30am.....St. Thomas

“Temporary” Confession Schedule

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri7:45–8:15am @ St. Thomas

Tue, Wed, Fri3:30–4pm @ St. Thomas

Wednesdays6:15–7pm @ St. Thomas *(w/Adoration)*

First Thursdays3:30–4pm @ St. Thomas

Saturdays7:30–8:15am @ St. Thomas

3–3:45pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul

“Temporary” Weekday Mass Schedule

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, & Sat.....8:30am @ St. Thomas

Welcome Visitors!

To join our parish, please go to our website, contact the Parish Office, or scan the QR code to the right to be taken to our online registration form.



Archdiocese Victim Assistance Hotline: (651) 291-4475

Sacrament Guidelines

Baptisms:

Make arrangements with the pastor. Copy of Birth Certificate must be submitted, at the latest, one week before the baptism.

Marriages:

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ANNOUNCEMENT

PASTORAL COUNCIL – AUGUST IS NOMINATION MONTH

The Pastoral Council plays a vital role in helping our community listen to the Holy Spirit, discern our parish's needs, and support the mission entrusted to us. As we look ahead to the coming year, our parish will enter Nomination Month this August. During this time, we will be prayerfully seeking 3-4 parishioners who feel called to serve on our Pastoral Council. This will be for a 3-year term where council members meet for one hour on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm, with a summer break in July and August.

During the month of August, nomination forms will be available in the church pews and online. If you—or someone you know—has a heart for our parish family, a spirit of collaboration, and a desire to help guide our community forward, we invite you to submit your name or the name of someone you know who you think would be a good candidate.



Join women from around the Archdiocese for the 4th annual Women's Day Retreat! Our speakers will talk about holy women from the Bible beginning with Our Blessed Mother, St. Anne, St. Elizabeth, Sts. Martha & Mary, Deborah, Esther, Ruth & Naomi. Learn how we can derive strength from these Holy Women, especially our Blessed Mother, and say YES to God's will for our lives!

COST: \$50 per person / \$25 Religious
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 Mother Mary Leather tote bags!



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 Grand prize will include 2 books
 on women of the Bible & a tumbler.
 (2nd entry for those who donate to SWOW!)

THE RETREAT DAY WILL INCLUDE

- Coffee & light breakfast
- Four wonderful Catholic Speakers
- Mass, Adoration & Rosary
- Catered lunch by Crisp & Green
(salad choices on registration page)
- Social Hour, Door Prizes & Treats
- Shopping at various Catholic Vendors

Retreatants will receive a leather journal, pen & bookmarks

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COFFEE & ROLLS

All are invited to the Parish Center Dining Hall for coffee, juice and rolls following the 9 AM Mass.



BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Bulletin articles are due by 9:00 AM on Mondays, unless indicated else-where in the bulletin. All articles must be completely written before submitting.

Please email to both selsen@saintsppta.org and jrathburn@saintsppta.org.

Thank you.

Ss. Peter & Paul Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
 9am - 4pm

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Brad Jacobs, Lee Schlosser

Parish Council

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OPEN POSITION

Finance Council

Rachel Polson-Chair,
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 Jovelyn Larson

SUPPORTING PARISH & COMMUNITY

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE (July 2026-June 2027 contributions)

Contributions toward our renovation project are not included.

Week Ending July 19, 2026

Donation Type	W/E Collection	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Prior YTD Actual
Envelopes	\$5,870.13	\$15,678.13	\$19,500.00	\$ (3,821.87)	\$19,352.00
Electronic Giving	\$3,877.11	\$6,280.86	\$6,450.00	\$ (169.14)	\$2,169.13
Loose Plate	\$303.00	\$794.00	\$1,125.00	\$ (331.00)	\$1,009.25
TOTALS	\$10,050.24	\$21,958.99	\$25,950.00	\$ (3,991.01)	\$22,530.38



For online Sunday Offering Contributions,
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"ACCESS FOR ALL" | CHALLENGE



Broader Parishioner Gifts*

Gift Level	# of Donors	Total Donations per Gift Level	Actual	Needed
\$ 20,000	1	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000
\$ 10,000	2	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
\$ 7,500	6	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000
\$ 5,000	10	\$ 50,000	\$ 35,700	\$ 14,300
\$ 2,500	10	\$ 25,000	\$ 7,569	\$ 17,431
\$ 1,000	20	\$ 20,000	\$ 26,241	\$ (6,241)
\$ 500	50	\$ 25,000	\$ 6,484	\$ 18,516
<500	1	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,400	\$ 600
Patronal Feast Proceeds			\$ 17,766	\$ (17,766)
Total	100	\$ 207,000	\$ 105,159	\$ 101,841

*This amount represents gifts from the broader parishioner base and is distinct from lead commitents and other forms of support already secured.

We are in need of Ushers!

Our ushers play a vital role in welcoming people into our church. They greet parishioners and visitors as they arrive, assist with seating when the church begins to fill up, and they take up the offertory collection. Their presence helps set a tone of hospitality and warmth for everyone who walks through our doors.

Our next deadline for the Sep/Oct/Nov schedule is **Friday, Aug. 7**. If you can volunteer for this next schedule, please let the office know by then. Thank you!

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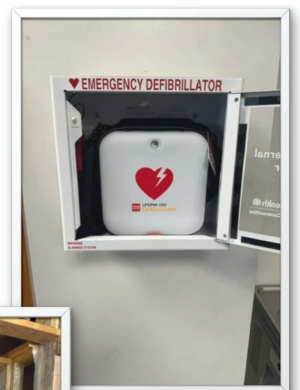
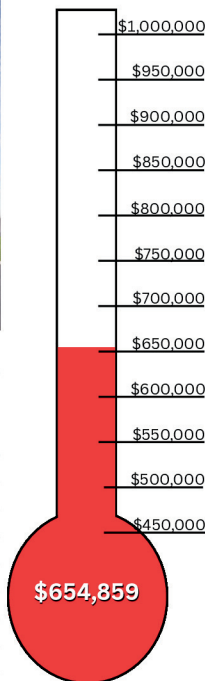


"ACCESS FOR ALL" | UPDATE

Our new addition is now enclosed. They are running the new electrical into it this week for the 2 pendant lights, recessed lights, outlets and switches, A/C and heat and speakers. The bathrooms have been sheet rocked and insulated. Everything is progressing on schedule at this point. Thank You for all of the donations that help make this happen.

Another addition we received this week was a new AED for the Parish Center. The old one was outdated, and we couldn't get any more supplies for it. Hopefully we never need to use this!

Gary



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.
— Father John Muir

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CHOOSING HEAVEN- By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

My children often ask me questions about Heaven. What does Heaven look like? Is there nighttime in Heaven? Do you get hungry in Heaven? Are there oceans in Heaven? Will we feel bored in Heaven?

My answer is almost always the same: "I can't tell you for sure." I guess I didn't realize how little we actually know about Heaven until I had kids who were obsessed with hearing the details.

But accepting human ignorance is liberating in a way, because it allows me to see clearly — and cling wholeheartedly to — the three things I do know for sure: Heaven is where God is, and Hell is where He isn't, and it's completely my decision where I want to be.

The choice, you see, is everything.

We need to pay attention to how Jesus describes the kingdom of Heaven in his parables. It is, he tells us, a treasure — but a treasure buried in a field owned by someone else. It is a beautiful pearl — and a very expensive pearl. It is a bountiful yield — one which must be carefully, even painstakingly sifted through.

It's so easy to imagine the delight of the man who finds the treasure, who encounters the pearl, who hauls the bursting net aboard, just as it is easy to call ourselves followers of Christ, to hang a Rosary from our windshield and go to Mass.

It's less easy, and a great deal more uncomfortable, to contemplate what comes next: the sacrifice, the commitment, the perseverance through uncertainty.

Heaven is an incredible stroke of luck — one that requires a good deal of follow-through. We can never earn it, but we must choose it. Again and again and again, we must choose it.

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GENEROSITY, EXPLAINED!

In the early Church, we read in the Acts of the Apostles, "all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need." (Acts 2:44-45)

This doesn't mean we are obligated to sell our homes and cars, move in with our fellow parishioners and split the water bill. But it certainly does describe the spirit with which we must live as Christians — and it is a generous spirit, a spirit of self-denial, a spirit that prioritizes the welfare of our brothers and sisters as it does our own.

Generosity is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, cultivated in our hearts by a closeness to the sacraments and a persistence in prayer: "The one who provides seed for sowing and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness." (2 Corinthians 9:10)

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NEWS & EVENTS

ACTION NEEDED

Liturgical ministers, please enter your unavailable dates for September, October, and November into your MSP app or let the parish office know of your unavailable dates before Friday, August 7th. Thank you!



ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY –

At Least One More Volunteer Needed!



Our parish is still looking for one additional person to join our Altar Linen Ministry (this only involves the small linens).

The team rotates throughout the year, with each member serving three consecutive months. Currently, October through December is open.

If another time of year works better for you one of our veteran volunteers is happy to trade months with you. The Linen Ministers support each other, so if anything comes up during your time, they would help to fill in for you.

During your three-month rotation, your tasks would include:

- Picking up the altar linens after attending your usual weekend Mass (Saturday or Sunday)
- Washing and ironing the linens at home
- Returning them the following weekend and putting them away
- Repeating the cycle throughout your assigned months

One of our current linen ministers will gladly show you how to care for and iron the linens, so no prior experience is needed—just a willing heart and attention to detail.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this important ministry of care for the sacred things of our parish. Contact the Parish Office at 763-479-0535.

Thank you for your generosity and love for our community.

KC 4TH ANNUAL HAUNTED MAZE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The KC's will be hosting the Haunted Maze October 15th-17th. We are looking for actors and behind-the-scenes help to make it a spooktacular success in 2026! Everyone is invited to consider joining in for great fun and Community Spirit. Questions? Scott Ritter: (218) 341-0179



Volunteers Needed!

The City of Loretto received such wonderful feedback about our volunteers at Fun Fest last year that we have been invited again to supervise the Carnival Games and inflatables, in addition to hosting a booth for the Church of SS Peter and Paul



at this year's Loretto Fun Fest on Saturday, September 12.

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help set up and/or work at our booth, and supervise the games and inflatables. Set up begins at 2 PM, and the festival hours are from 3-7 PM.

Whether you can spare an hour or a full afternoon, your time will make a difference. Please contact Joyce at jrathburn@saintsppta.org or (763) 496-5142 for more details.

56th Annual Corn Days

Saturday, August 8th: 11am-9pm

Church of St. George, 133 No. Brown Rd, Long Lake

Fun for the whole family at Corn Days! Long Lake Chamber of Commerce Parade at 11am! Enjoy live music all day, including Mike Bustin and Tommy Reycraft, Welcome Drive, Stampede, and Saturday night's headliner Jeff Dayton and the Cool Crew! Beer tent, wine pull, a petting zoo, children's inflatables/games, Gear West 5K and 1 mile kids' fun run, merchandise vendors, online silent auction including fabulous trips, and Super-raffle. Corn Days features a Knights of Columbus Pancake and Sausage breakfast, an authentic Mexican dinner, and a variety of food vendors: brats, hot dogs, nachos, ribs, pulled pork, smoothies, iced coffee, ice cream, snowcones, mini-donuts, and sweet roasted corn, as well as Mexican corn.

4pm Catholic Mass. Purchase your raffle ticket for your chance at 8 prizes ranging from \$250 all the way up to \$7,000! Admission to Corn Days is free! For more information and a full schedule, go to www.corndays.com!

THIS WEEK

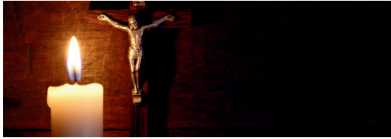
LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat, Aug 1- 4PM

Priest.....Fr. Glen Jenson
Sacristan.....Mary Schneider
Rosary.....Gary Zitzloff
Ushers.....Butch Peitz &
Lee Schlosser
Lector.....Rachel Polson

Sun, Aug 2 - 9AM

Priest.....Fr. Mark Jeuttner
Sacristan.....JoAnn Schlosser
Rosary.....Marlis Doboszewski
Ushers.....Todd Johnson &
Ruth Lehn
Lector.....Christian Young
Cup Minister.....Meg Clemens
Hospitality.....Rick & Ruth Lehn



Mass Intentions

July 28-Aug 2, 2026

Tues.....+Fr. George Grafsky
Wed.....+James Hackenmueller
Thur.....+Don & Lorelie Yager
Sat.....4:00pm...Parish Cluster
Sun.....9:00am...Carly Jordan Family

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2026

Sunday: 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Ignatius Loyola, Priest

Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguri,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



JOIN A SMALL GROUP
and learn more about...

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Foster personal relationships, build community, and grow as a joyful missionary disciple of Christ. Learn more about the beauty of our Catholic Faith.

You do not need to be a church member to join a small group, so invite friends and family, or consider leading your own small group. Scan the QR to the right to see all groups, as more may be added.



CALENDAR

SPP = Ss. Peter & Paul
ST = St. Thomas

JULY

WED, July 29

Summer Youth Group | 6:30-8pm @ SPP

FRI, July 31

R.E. "Early Bird" Registration closes

VM Young Adult Game Night | 7pm in SPP Dining H.

AUGUST

SAT, Aug 1

Parish BBQ | Following 4 pm Mass

SUN, Aug 2

Private Rental | 12-5pm, Spp Parish Center

SAT, Aug 8

VM Young Adult Swing Dance | 7-11pm SPP Gym

WED, Aug 12

Summer Youth Group | 6:30-8pm @ SPP

WED, Aug 19

Summer Youth Group | 6:30pm @ SPP

WED, Aug 26

All R.E. Registrations due

SEPTEMBER

MON, Sep 7

Labor Day Mass | 9:00am @ St. Thomas

TUE, Sep 15

OCIA Classes begin | 7:00pm (Location TBD)

WED, Sep 16

R.E. begins

JOIN US WEEKLY:

Wednesdays: **Young Adult Study** | 6:30-8:30pm
(SPP Conference Room)

Thursdays: **Men's Social Group** | 9:00am
(SPP Dining Hall)

Sundays: **Coffee & Rolls after 9:00am Mass**
(SPP Dining Hall)



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 26, 2026

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL

Ss. Peter and Paul Parish
Volunteer Team #056

Our Catholic United Financial Parish Volunteer Team promotes our faith and strengthens our community through various activities. We are committed to the social, service, and religious needs of our parish community.

Join Catholic United Financial by contacting Team Director, Joyce H. at 763-498-7187, or Administrative Coordinator, Joanne at 763-479-2928.



PRAYER

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

The Prayer Chain Ministry comprises parishioners dedicated to praying for others. To place someone on a Prayer Chain, please contact Lynn Scholtes at 612-801-1588 / lynnscholtes@gmail.com.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Eric Alger—Army; Patrick Eikmeier—Army National Guard; Nick Elsen—Air Force; Dalton Pouliot—Army National Guard; Nickolas Sieg—Army; Peter Weber—Air Force.

If you would like a member of our U.S. Military listed or removed, please contact Sherry at the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office—763-479-0535 or selsen@saintspta.org.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Because of our need to respect the privacy of individuals/families, we must have a member of the family call us to have a name included here. Unless we hear from the family, we will take a name off after 3 months. Thank you!

- Dave & Sue Evensen (8/1)
- Norm Winter (8/8)
- Willie Anderson (10/7)
- Rosie Arens (8/6)
- Mary Jorgenson (8/20)
- Luke Dugan (10/21)
- Special Intention (8/6)
- Mary Zachman (10/1)

PRAY FOR THOSE DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

- Cory Plotts.....Diaconate Formation
- Todd Ziesmer.....Diaconate Formation

Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intention for
August 2026

- That our recently graduated seniors will find peace and joy in the path that God has laid before them;
- For the intentions written in the Prayer Intention Book in the Adoration Chapel; and
- For the intentions of the participants of the Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry.

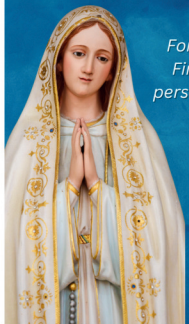
New members are always welcome.
For information or to join, visit our website or contact Joanne at jmschu@live.com.



"If souls but understood the Treasure they possess in the Divine Eucharist...the Churches would overflow with adorers consumed with love for the Divine prisoner no less by night than by day."

~Blessed Diana Blanger

First Saturday Devotion



Our Lady's promise:

For those who fulfill five consecutive First Saturdays, Our Lady promises personal salvation. (December 10, 1925)

Confessions..... 7:30-8:15 AM
Rosary..... 7:50 AM
Mass..... 8:30 AM

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
20000 Co. Rd. 10, Corcoran



Thank you

A Heartfelt Message From Maria Ramming...

Thank you, thank you! Your prayers, cards, and gifts have meant so much to me during my stroke recovery. Home therapy is going well, and I very much look forward to seeing you again as soon as I am able.

Area Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Area Perpetual Adoration is in Our Lady of Loretto Chapel, which is located in the old Convent building on the Ss. Peter & Paul Church grounds. To sign up for an hour, please contact Sherry in the Parish Office (763-479-0535) or one of the members of our Adoration Core Team listed below.

ADORATION CHAPEL CORE TEAM

Head Coordinator	Joanne	763.360.2639
Assistant Coordinator	Diane.....	612.730.9386
Night Division Leader:.....	Brenda.....	763.656.7910
Morning Division Leader:.....	Judy	763.331.5703
Afternoon Division Leaders:.....	Lill.....	612.600.2050
Evening Division Leader:	Connie.....	763.228.8330



Adoration Open Hours

NIGHT HOURS:

Sunday2:00 AM | 3:00 AM | 5:00 AM
Friday.....1:00 AM
Saturday.....1:00 AM | 3:00 AM

MORNING HOURS:

Saturday.....10:00 AM

AFTERNOON HOURS:

Sunday.....3:00 PM
Saturday.....1:00 PM

EVENING HOURS:

Saturday8:00 PM

For questions, or to inquire about taking an hour, go to the website by scanning this QR code, or call the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office Administrator at 763-479-0535.

