



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ♦ April 14, 2024



*"Everything written about me in the law of Moses and
in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." ~ Lk 24:44*

Weekend Mass Schedule

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" Weekday Mass Schedule

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, & Sat

8:30am @ St. Thomas

"Temporary" Confession Schedule

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri

7:45-8:15am @ St. Thomas

Tue, Wed, Fri

3:30-4pm @ St. Thomas

Wednesdays

6:15-7pm @ St. Thomas (w/Adoration)

Saturdays

7:30-8:15am @ St. Thomas

3-3:45pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul (in Library)

Sacrament Guidelines

Baptisms:

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

Marriages:

Make arrangements with the pastor 6-8 months in advance. Must be a registered parishioner at least six months prior to beginning marriage prep. Cohabiting couples will normally be required to separate before scheduling a wedding.

Welcome Visitors!

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*From
Fr. Jenson's
Desk*



This is the 3rd Sunday of the Easter Season. In our readings this Sunday, it is abundantly clear that Jesus' death on the cross brought forgiveness of sins. It is also clear that our repentance and conversion from sin is the response to this atoning act of Jesus. During this Easter Season, we are focused on life in the spirit, the spirit of God poured out on us through Jesus. It is in

this spirit of the living and loving God, that we are empowered to repent and convert from sin. Repentance is sorrow for sin, and conversion is to change our acting from sinful to loving ways. During this season of joy and grace, we focus on how we are living our lives and how much more transformation is in store for us to be saints!

- *First Communion for our second grade students is coming up at the next two Saturday evening Masses at our two parishes. Next Saturday, April 20th, it will be at St. Thomas at the 5:30PM Mass; and on the 27th, at Ss. Peter and Paul at the 4:00PM Mass. Confirmation for our 8th graders will be on Monday, May 20th, at 7:00PM at the Cathedral. Please keep our young students in your prayers that, as they encounter Jesus for the first time in these sacraments, that it will be life-changing for them!*
- *Be sure to remember that Mass and confessions during the week are all at St. Thomas. Masses, on the weekend in Loretto, will be in the school gym, and the Saturday evening confessions will be adjacent to the gym marked for ease of locating it. Members of our two parishes make use of both churches depending on their schedules and, when doing so, be sure to check the bulletin for details of these changes.*

Volunteer Teams Needed for Mass Set-Up & Tear Down

While weekend Masses will be temporarily relocated to the gymnasium beginning this Saturday and Sunday, the Liturgical Environment will need teams of individuals to set up/take down the gym altar/stage and décor for approximately 8 weeks. Many parishioners may remember when we used the gym for Mass in past years and how well the space adapted to our needs.

If you are interested in signing up for a team, please call Joyce Rathburn at (763) 420-4643. For more information, please go to: www.sspap.org.



Work has begun in church on the restoration of the sanctuary, and we will continue to put pictures in upcoming bulletins to show you how it is progressing.

SAFETY ALERT!

Please remember to lock your car when you come into church. There have been several car thefts in the Buffalo area lately.

Coffee & Rolls

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



Mission Statement

Our mission is to form and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ in union with the Roman Catholic Church.

Ss. PETER & PAUL OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9am - 4pm

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Rachel Polson-Chair, Dan Doboszanski, Randy Elsen, Bernadette Grenzer, Brad Jacobs,

NEWS & EVENTS

Early Bulletin Deadline

All articles for the Ss. Peter & Paul April 28 bulletin need to be submitted by this Tuesday, April 16. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus "Dick Weller Memorial" Raffle

You may notice the Knights of Columbus out in full force over the next few weeks wearing their blue vests outside of church, and you may wonder what's going on? Well, it's the annual Dick Weller memorial raffle!



You can support your church/ community/youth activities and charitable works of your local KC Council #9601 by purchasing a ticket for a chance to win cash prizes! For more information please call Pete at 763-479-3987.



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Dick Weller Drawing at 12:15 PM




County Road 19 Road Closure

From Medina Police Department:

Some of you may have seen the signs regarding CR19 road construction beginning on April 15th. This start date is for work that will begin closer to Maple Plain.



In mid-May through early June, CP Railway crews will replace the train crossing in Loretto, between Railway Avenue and Elsen Street. This section of the road will be closed to all traffic.

In early June through early August, crews will close County Road 19 in Loretto between Lorenz Street and Elsen Street. This section of the road will be closed to all traffic, but local residents and businesses will have access.

You can watch for more detailed information on the county's dedicated page for this project: <https://www.hennepin.us/residents/transportation/county-road-19-improvements>

Thank You!



Catholic United Financial would like to thank everyone who participated in our Food Drive Bingo. We had 26 bingo's and 9 coveralls. The winner of the \$50.00 in our drawing was Dennis Kerber. Dennis has generously donated his winnings to RiverWorks Food Shelf. There were 719 pounds of items brought in for the food shelf. With the \$81.00 donated by Catholic United Financial, RiverWorks received \$591.00

We also want to thank Brian and Michelle Koch who gathered the food and took it over to RiverWorks. We are grateful for our parish community that is always willing to help those in need.

Fr. Jenson's \$1,500 Challenge

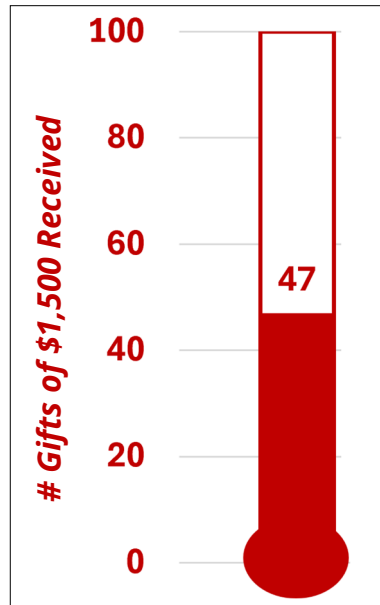


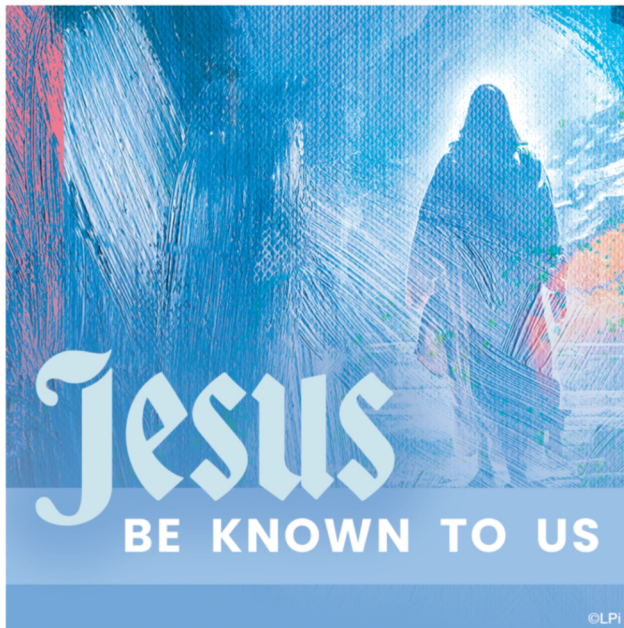
Fr. Jenson's challenge continues - for 100 families to match his donation of \$1,500 toward the restoration of our sanctuary as the first step in renovating our church.

If you would like to take part in this endeavor, please indicate your donation is for the challenge. If you would like to make payments, please indicate on each payment that it is to go toward the challenge. Donations can also be made by scanning the QR code to the right or going to our website.



The office will track the donations, and we will keep you updated with the thermometer to the right.





Gospel Meditation

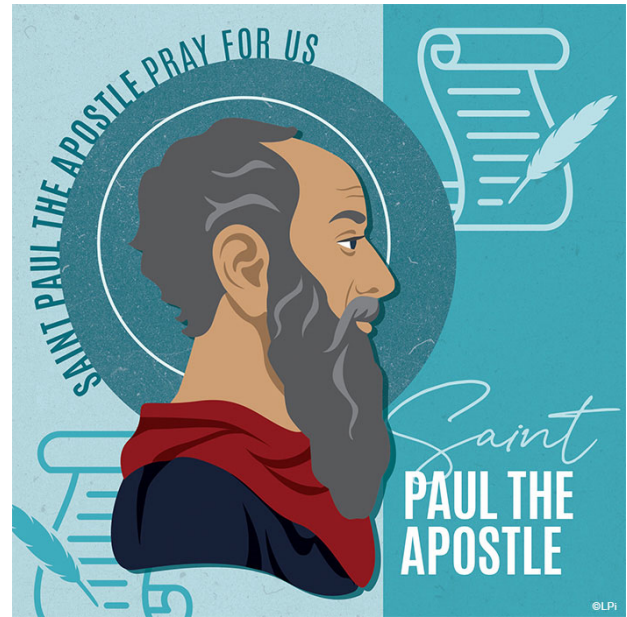
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, “If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!” As a lifelong late-arriver, it’s something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the “it counts” is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous “Road to Emmaus” story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus’ presence in the “breaking of the bread.”

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that’s precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

— Father John Muir



St. Paul the Apostle (c.4-c.64) was named Saul of Tarsus before his conversion. He was born to a devout Jewish family who followed strict Pharisaic traditions for generations. He spoke Greek and was formally educated in Jewish culture, scripture, and traditions. As an adult he worked as a tentmaker as well as an enforcer for the Jewish leadership in their efforts against new Christian converts. He is known to have taken an active part in the stoning of St. Stephen, the first martyr, and considered himself to be a shining example of Judaism.

Saul’s conversion to Christianity took place while he was traveling to Damascus to persecute Christians there. According to Scripture, “a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’” (Acts 9:3-4). Stricken blind by the vision, Saul continued to Damascus where he was healed and immediately began meeting with other disciples in the area and preaching that Jesus is Lord. He changed his name to the Roman version of Saul, Paul, after his conversion because it was more common among the Gentiles.

For years he traveled all over the region starting churches and preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles. Paul’s letters to the communities he served make up thirteen of the books of the New Testament today. His writings encourage new believers to learn about Jesus through Scripture and prayer, partaking in the Eucharist, and serving those in need. He was eventually beheaded as part of systematic executions of Christian leaders in Rome. St. Paul is known as the Apostle to the Gentiles, and the most prolific Christian missionary of all time. St. Paul, pray for us!

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Twist Ending

Any reader of psychological thrillers will come across the “dead main character trope” fairly often. This is the famous Sixth Sense twist ending (I would say “spoiler alert,” but the movie is older than most of the people who work in Youth Ministry at your archdiocese, so you’ve probably seen it by now) where the reader finds that the main character has been dead for all or most of the story.

I’m always a little disappointed when this happens. It delivers shock value, sure, but it also undermines everything that happens in the story. You’ve come on a journey with this character, only to find out that nothing you saw transpire was real in the way you thought it was. You feel a little stupid, because the whole time you only had part of the truth.

I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don’t like to have the rug pulled out. It’s why he is so up-front about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how this creates in them an understanding, a belief.

The humanity of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial. It’s what bridges the divide between the sons of Eve and the God she defied. Our reconciliation with God cannot happen unless human flesh pays the price that will balance the scales. Human flesh: skin that can tear and bleed, bones that can break, a mouth that can thirst, a stomach that can ache with hunger.

The passion and death of Jesus Christ is not a thriller with a twist ending: *he was a ghost the whole time!* The twist, if anything, is this: he was human the whole time.

“Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” — Luke 24:39

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I’ve heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

Answer:

As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God’s image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess “I believe in the resurrection of the body.” As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



≡ THIS WEEK ≡

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

April 20, 4:00 PM

Priest..... Fr. Mark Juettner
 Sacristan Michael Roban
 Rosary Jenny Elsen
 Ushers Brad & Marie Jacobs
 Lector Rachel Polson
 EMHC Marlis Doboszanski

April 21, 9:00 AM

Priest Fr. Jenson
 Sacristan JoAnn Schlosser
 Rosary Diane Oberg
 Ushers Paul Elsen, Todd Johnson,
 Ruth Lehn
 Lector Mary Elsen
 EMHC Diane Oberg
 Hospitality..... Knights of Columbus—Glen
 Schneider

OBSERVANCES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2024

Sunday 3rd Sunday of Easter
Monday Tax Day
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter;
 World Day of Prayer for
 Vocations

"Why did the Easter egg hide?"



"Because it was a little chicken!"

FUN FACT! Easter eggs have been a fun part of Easter celebrations for centuries. Eggs are often seen as a symbol of new life. Some people fast from eggs during Lent, so eggs are a special Easter treat!

MASS INTENTIONS

April 16-21, 2024

Tues..... †Jason Hofstede
 Wed..... †Ron Arens
 Thur..... †Rosa Merz
 Fri †Lauren David Colwell
 Sat, 8:30am..... Living & Deceased
 Members of Herman &
 Alice Kashmarek family
 Sat, 4:00pm Mark Ghostley & family
 Sat, 5:30pm..... First Communicants
 Sun, 7:30am Parish Cluster
 9:00am †Darwin Kulzer
 10:30am..... Grace Catherine Dugan

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

April 15-21, 2024

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office closed on Mondays
 9-10:30am Bible Study @ St. Thomas
 6:30pm Choir Practice (Gym)

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

8am-4:30pm VIA (Parish Center)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

5:30-6pm Parish Cluster Dinner-held @ ST
 Menu: Mac & Cheese/Hot Dogs
 6:15-7:30pm Faith Formation @ St. Thomas

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

8:30am-1pm VIA (Parish Center)
 7-9:00pm Young Adult Group Study (Conf Rm)
 7:00pm Knights of Columbus mtg (KC Rm)

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

6:30-11pm KC Card Party (KC Rm)

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

10:00am Coffee & Rolls (SPP Dining Hall)
 6-8:00pm Holy Apostles Youth Group @
 Ss. Peter & Paul



Readings for the week of April 14, 2024

Sunday:
 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/
 1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday:
 Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/
 Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday:
 Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and
 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday:
 Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/
 Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:
 Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/
 Jn 6:44-51

Friday:
 Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:
 Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
 Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday:
 Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28,
 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Volunteer Team #056



Our CUF 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.

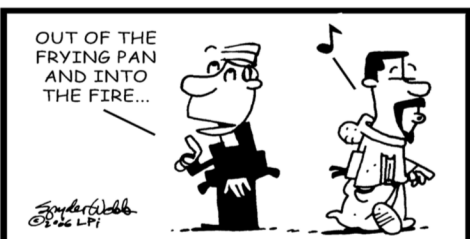
Join Catholic United Financial by contacting Team Director, Joyce H. at 763-498-7187, or Administrative Coordinator, Joanne at 763-360-2639.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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

Thank you.

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER



PRAYER

Ss. Peter & Paul Prayer Chain Ministry

The Prayer Chain Ministry is made up of parishioners dedicated to praying for others. To place someone on a Prayer Chain, please contact Lynn Scholtes at 763-477-6359/lynnscholtes@gmail.com. Thank you.

We 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!

Willie Anderson	Baby Julia McGuire
Rosie Arens	Oliver Moyer
Sue Evensen	Ellie Rux
Diane Growchowski	

We Pray for Those in the Military

Eric Alger—Army; Bryan Beal—Army National Guard w/34th Red Bulls; Patrick Eikmeier—Army National Guard; 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.

Please Pray for Our Seminarians, & Men Discerning the Diaconate

(Fruits of Our ADORATION PRAYER MINISTRY)

- Dcn. Jonathon Hank, OMV
- Cory Plotts....Diaconate Formation
- Todd Ziesmer....Diaconate Formation



Prayer in Times of Darkness

Dear Jesus,

When I feel troubled, alone, frightened, be with me. Be a flicker of flame in this darkness. Help me to know you in the stark seasons as I do in times of elation. You are the light I seek.

Amen.

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“Prayer is helplessness casting itself on Power, infirmity leaning on Strength, misery reaching to Mercy, and a prisoner clamoring for Relief.”

~ Venerable
Fulton J.
Sheen



Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intention for
April 2024

For the participants of the Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry and their families; and for our Minnesota leaders; that they will follow God's will as they make decisions on matters of life.

Each member is assigned a mystery of the Rosary to pray each day. New members are always welcome. To join, contact Sherry in the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office or Joanne Schumacher at jmschu@live.com.

Why Adore?... Simply put, if we believe He is there, really present, then adoration is the proper response.

~ Bishop Joseph Strickland



Adoration Open Hours

NIGHT TIME HOURS:

Sunday 2 AM, 5 AM
Wednesday 2 AM
Thursday **2 AM* (starting 4/3)**
Saturday 1 AM, **3 AM***

MORNING HOURS:

Saturday **9 AM***

AFTERNOON HOURS:

Friday **4 PM***
Saturday **5 PM***

EVENING HOURS:

Friday **9 PM*, 10 PM***
Saturday 8 PM

*** Hours opened up since January 1, 2024**

*** 2nd person is needed for these hours.**

*** Adorer would like different hour.**

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



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.

Our Lady of Loretto Adoration Chapel Core Team

Head Coordinator	Joanne	763.360.2639
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Afternoon Division Leaders:.....	Lill	612.600.2050
Evening Division Leader:	Connie	763.228.8330