



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



AUGUST 30, 2026



Whoever
wishes to
come after Me
must deny
himself, take
up his cross
and follow Me.

Mt 16:24b

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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From
Fr. Glen's
DESK

This is the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are finishing summertime and all the activity of the regular year is almost upon us again. Being busy is one of the most insidious ways that life pulls us away from God in our daily lives. In our gospel reading Jesus wants an unwavering commitment to Him from His disciples, that means us. His ways for us are the truth and lead to life on high. Nothing else brings life.

Peter does not understand the plan of God that Jesus states when He mentions that He will be condemned and crucified but then rise again. Jesus is harsh in His rebuke of Peter and says that He is thinking as human beings do and not as God does. Peter lacks understanding of what Jesus is saying yet is willing to confront what Jesus has said will happen to Him. He doesn't want that to happen to Jesus. He also isn't asking Jesus to explain what He meant either.

We do not always understand God's will in our lives in the moment. Sometimes it is only years later that something makes sense which was baffling in the moment. We trust in the Lord Jesus to always have what is best for us in mind. That kind of trust is the fruit of a growing faith.

- *This fall the archbishop is going to be calling us all to a renewed commitment to Sunday as the Lord's Day, not just another day of the week. This call to examine how we live the Lord's Day will be an important part of developing our relationship with Jesus Christ. A relationship with God is not built solely on time spent in private prayer. It also grows through our actions regarding God and what He asks us to do. It should be exciting as we move as a Catholic community to a deeper understanding of the Lord's Day and how to live it in a more spiritually fulfilling way.*
- *The construction projects at our two parishes are moving along, though at different stages. Ss. Peter and Paul's accessibility project is moving rapidly towards completion. At St. Thomas the preparation of the sight for the new church has finally begun its initial stage as the grading of the land for the parking lot and the new church has begun in earnest. May St. Joseph, patron of workers, and our respective parish patron saints, watch over these two important projects which enable our two parishes to meet the needs of the future.*



SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH ELEVATOR WALKATHON

Sponsored by Catholic United Financial

Date: Saturday, Sept 19, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM Check-in | 10:00 AM Start

Route: Church Parking Lot — Walk up to Parish Cemetery

Register teams or individual walkers by Friday, September 18th.

See this weekend's bulletin insert for complete details.



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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OPEN POSITION

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SUPPORTING PARISH & COMMUNITY

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE *(July 2026-June 2027 contributions)* Contributions toward our renovation project are not included.

Week Ending August 23, 2026

Donation Type	W/E Collection	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Prior YTD Actual
Envelopes	\$4,332.00	\$44,829.43	\$49,200.00	\$ (4,370.57)	\$46,146.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,609.13	\$16,206.56	\$15,400.00	\$806.56	\$14,310.34
Loose Plate	\$286.00	\$1,949.00	\$2,380.00	\$ (431.00)	\$2,468.25
TOTALS	\$6,227.13	\$62,984.99	\$66,980.00	\$ (3,995.01)	\$62,924.59



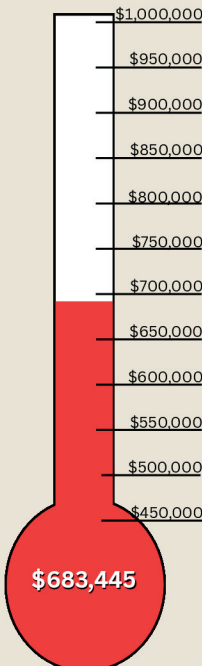
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"ACCESS FOR ALL" | CHALLENGE



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(incl. Parishioner
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commitments &
other forms of
support.)



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"ACCESS FOR ALL" | UPDATE

The cast banding went up this week on the new addition. We are trying to match the Church as close as possible. The bathrooms walls and floors have been tiled and the drop ceilings have been installed. Look for the red brick to be starting soon. They have also been doing interior HVAC and Plumbing work.

Another way to help support the Elevator Project is through the Catholic United Financial Matching Grant "Walk with the Saints" walk -a- thon. It will be held at our Parish on Saturday, September 19th. Registration is at 9:00 am, and the walk starts at 10:00. CUF will match up to \$1,000. Look for more information in the Bulletin.

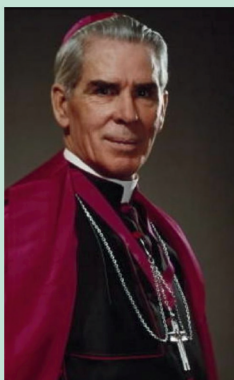
Thank You CUF for this opportunity, and donation to our Parish Elevator Project!

Gary

BROADER PARISHIONER GIFTS*

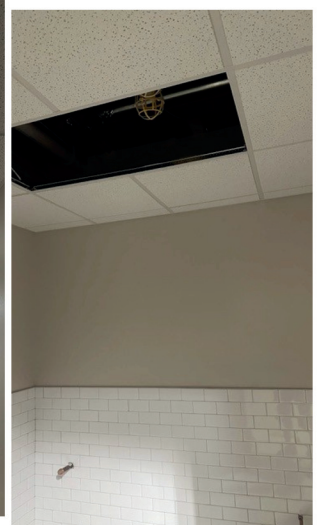
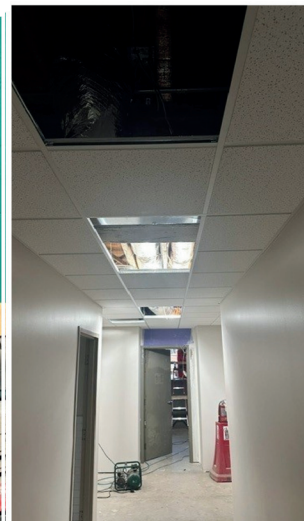
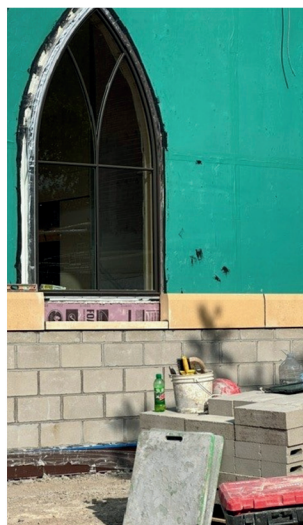
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\$ 20,000	1	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000
\$ 10,000	2	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000	\$ (5,000)
\$ 7,500	6	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000
\$ 5,000	10	\$ 50,000	\$ 35,700	\$ 14,300
\$ 2,500	10	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,069	\$ 6,931
\$ 1,000	20	\$ 20,000	\$ 27,241	\$ (7,241)
\$ 500	50	\$ 25,000	\$ 7,483	\$ 17,517
<500	1	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,487	\$ (487)
Patronal Feast Proceeds			\$ 17,766	\$ (17,766)
Total	100	\$ 207,000	\$ 133,745	\$ 73,255

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

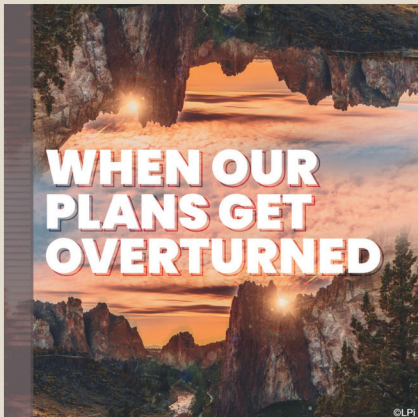


Never measure
your generosity
by what you
give, but rather
by what you
have left.

~Ven. Fulton J. Sheen



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan."

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until He contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a suffering Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He re-directs him. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

— Father John Muir

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TO CARRY THE CROSS

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Carry the cross? Absolutely. I'm happy to! Hand it over. Here's the thing: I just might...set it down for a second, from time to time. That's okay, right?

How else am I supposed to have both hands free to gesture in anger? I can't do that if I'm carrying the cross. Well, fine, then let me just shift its weight, so I can catch my breath and say what I think about this person who's got it all wrong — I'll just lean it against the wall here. No? Okay, fine, I won't put it down! I'll keep holding it. That's better, actually. Then I can use it as a weapon.

What? Am I doing this "Christian" thing wrong?

"Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it," Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. "But whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

This is not an affirmation of the paradox that if you no longer care about something, you can finally have it once and for all. It's not a judgment about the worthlessness of life in this fallen world or the futility of trying to preserve that life.

It's merely a statement about priorities.

When Peter says, "God forbid!" at the thought of suffering, God is not his priority. His own safety is.

When I say, "God forbid!" at anything that comes from the mouth of God, it's a reminder to look at my hands — because they've probably put down the cross.

How merciful is our Lord — He never takes my cross from me, even when I walk far away from it. He always lets me pick it back up. In His dear and sweet goodness, He even helps me lift its weight. And He gestures, in case I've forgotten: "This way. Follow me."

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"So when God pulls down the curtain on the drama of the world's redemption, He will not ask what part we played, but only how well we played the role assigned to us."

~ Ven. Fulton J. Sheen



The Venerable Fulton Sheen will be beatified on
Thursday, September 24, 2026,
at the Dome of America's Center in St. Louis, MO.

NEWS & EVENTS

Volunteers Needed!

**LORETTO FUN FEST
2026**

Sat., Sept. 12th

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help set up and/or work at our booth, and supervise the games and inflatables at the Fun Fest. Set up begins at 2 PM, and the festival hours are from 3-7 PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Center. 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 or sign up in the lobby.

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THANK YOU

First Saturday Devotion



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

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"Children are a heritage from the Lord."
Psalm 127:3

INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

**First Fridays @
St. Thomas the Apostle**
9:00 AM beginning in lower level of church

**Afternoon Confessions
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3:30-4pm @ St. Thomas
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- Live concert featuring John Elefante - former lead singer of Kansas, and Kevin Chalfant - renowned vocalist with The Storm and Journey
- Social Hour 5:30-6:15 PM
- Dinner & Program 6:30-9:00 PM
- Formal attire encouraged, seating begins at 6:15 PM



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- FAITH & THEOLOGY
- COMMUNITY, DINNER, & FRIENDSHIP
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GROW IN FAITH, PRAY FOR
SOULS. BECOME A SAINT.

UPCOMING DATES

10/18	2/14
11/15	3/21
12/13	4/18
1/24	5/9

QUESTIONS?

Contact TJ Slamkowski
Youth Minister and Safe Environment Coordinator
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PRAY. STUDY. SACRIFICE. SERVE. DEAD TO THE WORLD, ALIVE IN CHRIST.

THIS WEEK

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat, Sept. 5 - 4PM

Priest.....Fr. Steve Ulrick
 Sacristan.....Glen Schneider
 Rosary.....Bill & Vicki Magevas
 Ushers.....Randy & Joyce Hatcher
 Lector.....Diane Oberg
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Sun, Sept. 6 - 9AM

Priest.....Fr. Bakatu
 Deacon.....Tom Utecht
 Sacristan.....Paul & Joan Gibson
 Rosary.....Meg Clemens
 Ushers.....Randy Arens, John Grenzer
 Lector.....Ted Colling
 Comm Assist.....Deacon Tom
 Cup Minister.....Gwen Maurer
 Hospitality.....Rick & Ruth Lehn

Mass Intentions

September 1-6, 2026

Tues.....+Marcella Lucy Branch
 Wed.....Tom & Judy Arens - *Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary!*
 Thur.....+Randall Robeck
 Sat.....4:00pm...+Lisa Scherer
 Sun.....9:00am...+Chuck Ghostley

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2026

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALENDAR

AUGUST

SPP = Ss. Peter & Paul
 ST = St. Thomas
 DH = Dining Hall

MON, Aug 31

Women's "Table of Wisdom" Group | 10am SPP DH

SEPTEMBER

TUE, Sept 1

VIA Set-Up | Parish Center

THU, Sept 3

Pastoral Council mtg | 6:30pm, SPP Conference Rm

FRI, Sept 4

Family Intercessory Prayer | 9am @ ST Church

SAT, Sept 5

1st Saturday Devotions | 7:30-9am @ ST Church

MON, Sept 7

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

TUE, Sept 8

VIA Classes begin | 8am-4pm in Parish Center

SAT, Sept 12

Loretto Fun Fest | 3pm @ Loretto Park

SUN, Sept 13

Holy Apostles COR Team | 5-6:30pm, SPP Youth Rm

MON, Sept 14

Holy Apostles Youth Group | 6:30-8pm, SPP Youth Rm

TUE, Sept 15

Women's "Table of Wisdom" Group | 10am SPP DH

FRI, Sept 18

VIA Classes | 8am-4pm in Parish Center

SAT, Sept 19

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

SUN, Sept 20

Happy Birthday, Fr. Jenson!

FRI, Sept 25

CUF Walk-A-Thon | 9am-12 noon

Men's Cancer Support Group | 9am, ST Old Rectory

Private Rental | SPP Dining Hall/Kitchen

VM Young Adult Game Night | SPP Library

JOIN US WEEKLY:

WED: YOUNG ADULT STUDY | 6:30-8:30PM
 (SPP Conference Room)

THU: MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP | 9:00AM
 (SPP Dining Hall)

SUN: COFFEE & ROLLS AFTER 9AM MASS
 (SPP Dining Hall)

JOIN THE CHURCH CHOIR



COME JOIN OUR ADULT CHOIR!

We practice on Monday evenings, and sing for Mass on the 2nd Sunday and 4th Saturday of each month, and any 5th Sunday, from October through June. Practices will begin in mid September, and our first Choir Mass will be on Sunday, October 11th.
 For more information, or to join, contact Greg at 763-412-0641.



Readings for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
 Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday:

1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101,
 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,
 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/
 Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
 Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/
 Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/
 Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/
 Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

OUR LADY OF LORETTO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9601

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The Knights meet the 3rd Thursday of every month in the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Center KC Room.



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@saintsppta.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!

- Willie Anderson (10/7)
- Red Ziesmer (10/27)
- Special Intention (11/12)
- Luke Dugan (10/21)
- Rosie Arens (11/6)
- Norm Winter (11/26)

PRAY FOR THOSE DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

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

Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intention for
September 2026

- That Our Lord will have mercy on our world and provide the weather that various areas need;
- 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.*

It is not particularly difficult to find thousands who will spend two or three hours a day in exercising, but if you ask them to bend their knees to God in five minutes of prayer, they protest that it is too long.

~ Ven. Fulton J. Sheen



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of John "Jack" Aeshliman, father of Cindy Patnode of St. Thomas. A funeral Mass was held for him this past Thursday.

We express our deepest sympathy to Cindy and her family and friends and pray that the love of God will provide them with comfort. May Jack rest in the eternal peace of Christ; and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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 Co-Division Leader.....	Judy.....	763-331-5703
Morning Co-Division Leader.....	Peggy.....	612-616-7143
Afternoon Division Leader.....	Lill.....	612-600-2050
Evening Division Leader.....	Connie.....	763-228-8330



Adoration Open Hours

NIGHT HOURS:

Sunday.....2:00 AM | 3:00 AM | 5 AM-*Prayer Partner*
Friday.....1:00 AM
Saturday.....1:00 AM | 3:00 AM

MORNING HOURS:

Saturday.....11:00 AM

AFTERNOON HOURS:

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

For information on this ministry or to inquire about an hour, please scroll down to the link under Contact Information or call the Parish Office at 763-479-0535.

Location of Our Lady of Loretto Chapel

Ss. Peter & Paul Campus + 145 Railway St. E. + Loretto, MN