



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



AUGUST 2, 2026



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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” 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.



“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

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 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our readings have a theme of divine plenty. Isaiah in the first reading says that the thirsty should come and drink water and the poor come and receive grain and eat. Jesus in the gospel sees the huge crowd of thousands who have spent the day listening to Him and receiving healings. By evening when the disciples tell Him to dismiss the crowd so they can find food in the surrounding area, Jesus multiplies the five loaves and two fish and feeds them all.

During summer we seek to refresh ourselves. Vacations and weekend cabin trips occupy many of us, but physical refreshment lasts for such a very short time. Our dear Lord calls us in these readings so seek refreshment in Him!

Our dear Jesus cares about us very much and wants to provide what the very core of our being most needs. When you see the beauty outside, whether on vacation, at the cabin, or just out the window, realize something. The one who created that beauty, and we to be able to appreciate it so much, can bring so much more to us in our core.

Connect the dots, when you see something beautiful and are moved by it, lift up your heart and mind to the Lord and praise and thank Him for it. If you do that in the moment, it has a magnifying effect inside of you. Try doing this during the lushness of summer. Prayer will be enhanced and the ability to feel the love of the Lord will grow!

- *In two weeks, St. Thomas will have its annual Turkey Dinner Festival. Please come and enjoy this monumental event, the great food, fun for kids, and good Catholic community. Come and rejoice! And may the Lord grant us good weather for it!*
- *You can see the work progressing rapidly now on our accessibility project. If things continue at this rate, the contractor estimates that it may finish ahead of schedule! With that in mind, if you would like to help support this project which positions our parish for the future, please consider making a gift to help reduce the drawing down on parish savings to cover the total cost that is above what is donated. There is more yet to be done when this is finished and it would be good, therefore, to minimize the effect of this project on the parishes' resources. Thank you.*

MISSION PRIEST NEXT WEEKEND!

Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception (CFIC) Mission Appeal



The Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception (CFIC), founded by Blessed Luigi Maria Monti in Italy, is dedicated to the care, education, and holistic development of poor, orphaned, and vulnerable children. Guided by its founding charism, CFIC has established a Children's Mission within the CFIC Indian Province to carry this ministry forward effectively.

The CFIC Indian Province currently operates three residential children's centers in Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka, providing accommodation, education, healthcare, nutrition, and other essential support to poor and needy children. These centers aim to nurture children in a safe, caring environment, empowering them through education, values, and life skills so they become self-reliant and able to sustain themselves with dignity.

Through this mission, the CFIC Indian Province continues to transform the lives of many underprivileged children, offering them hope, opportunity, and a brighter future.

You all can play an important role in this mission - by praying for us and our ministry and by financially supporting or sponsoring a child for a year.

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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SUPPORTING PARISH & COMMUNITY

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE (July 2026-June 2027 contributions)

Contributions toward our renovation project are not included.

Week Ending July 26, 2026

Donation Type	W/E Collection	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Prior YTD Actual
Envelopes	\$5,270.00	\$20,948.13	\$26,000.00	\$ (5,051.87)	\$24,271.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,055.75	\$7,336.61	\$8,600.00	\$ (1,263.39)	\$957.13
Loose Plate	\$306.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,500.00	\$ (400.00)	\$1,462.25
TOTALS	\$6,631.75	\$28,284.74	\$34,600.00	\$ (6,315.26)	\$26,690.38



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	\$ 10,069	\$ 14,931
\$ 1,000	20	\$ 20,000	\$ 27,241	\$ (7,241)
\$ 500	50	\$ 25,000	\$ 6,714	\$ 18,286
<500	1	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,575	\$ 425
Patronal Feast Proceeds			\$ 17,766	\$ (17,766)
Total	100	\$ 207,000	\$ 109,064	\$ 97,936

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

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ACCESS FOR ALL
Challenge

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or go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/YNQ/campaign/C-14D63>



"ACCESS FOR ALL" | UPDATE

Our windows came in!!!! They will hopefully be installed by the time you read this. They are working on them as I write this. Insulation was also completed this last week.

We are also sealing off the old North steps to the basement, and will be filling it in. This will help to keep snow and rain from leaking into the basement. Thanks to The Catholic Concrete Worker, Joshua Kiecker, for doing this.

Thanks for all the donations. The project is on schedule. They will be painting the basement bathrooms this coming week, and tile shortly after that. We're getting closer to the end product, so if you can, any donations are helpful.

Gary



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NEWS & EVENTS

ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY

At Least One More Volunteer Needed!



Our parish is looking for one additional person to join our Altar Linen Ministry. This quiet, behind-the-scenes service helps our whole community worship with reverence and beauty.

The team rotates throughout the year, with each member serving three consecutive months. If you have a preference for what time of the year you'd like to serve, the team will be happy to accommodate.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - LAST CALL!

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!



Volunteers Needed!

The City of Loretto received such wonderful feed-back 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. There is a sign up sheet in the Parish Center lobby.

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.

Table of Wisdom

10 AM Monday, August 3rd

Women's Fellowship Group meeting

SS Peter & Paul Dining Hall

Pull up a seat at the table!

Light refreshments
will be served

Want to know more?

• **Margie Ritter** 218.341.0291 • **Joni Mudge** 515.559.4238



**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
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Festival & Turkey Dinner

Sunday, Aug 16 | 11:30am-4pm

Turkey Dinner

Served from 11:30am-3pm

Age 11+: \$16 | Seniors & Vets: \$13
Age 4-10: \$12 | Age 0-3: Free
Family Max: \$55

Cash Drawing

1st: \$3,000
2nd: \$1,000
3rd: \$500

Quilt Drawing

See picture

Festival Activities

Ninja Course
Interactive Kids' Area
Farmer's Market
Silent Auction
Cash Bingo
Craft Sale
Beer Tent
Music



NEWS & EVENTS

KC 4TH ANNUAL HAUNTED HOUSE

HELP WANTED The KC's will be hosting the Haunted House 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? Contact Scott Ritter at (218) 341-0179.



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.

Scheduling is simple and very flexible. We use a program called *Ministry Scheduler Pro*, which can be accessed on a phone or computer. In the app, each usher

can set their preferred Mass time (4pm, 9am, or either). If multiple family members serve, the app also allows you to choose whether you'd like to be scheduled at the same Mass or separately—especially helpful for families with young children.

“Their presence helps set a tone of hospitality and warmth for everyone who walks through our doors.”

Before each new schedule is created, ushers receive an email letting them know it's time to update their availability. They can then enter any weekends or dates they are unable to serve, or specifically volunteer for ascertain holy day/special Mass. If a conflict comes up after the schedule is published, **requesting a substitute is easy**—just tap the “request sub” button in the app, and an email will automatically go out to all ushers.

Once the schedule is finalized, it is made “live,” allowing ushers to view the full parish schedule or simply the dates they are assigned.

The ministry of Usher is an important one. For newcomers, ushers offer a first glimpse of who we are as a parish. For regular parishioners, that warm smile as the church doors open can be a small but meaningful moment of welcome as we enter to worship.

Please consider joining this important ministry and helping us continue to make our parish a place of hospitality and joy! Email Sherry (selsen@saintsppta.org) or TJ (tjislamkowski@saintsppta.org) or call the Parish Office at 763-479-0535.

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

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. **Our parish has designated August as “nomination month.”** 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.

Beginning next weekend and throughout 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.

56th ANNUAL CORN DAYS!

Saturday, August 8th: 11am-9pm
Church of St. George, 133 North Brown Road 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-affle.



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, August 8 - 4PM

Priest.....Fr. Jenson & Fr. George
Puramadathil Mathai,
CFIC - Missionary
Sacristan.....Glen Schneider
Rosary.....Heather Tepley
Ushers.....Gary & Jeanne Zitzloff
Lector.....Tim Spaulding
EMHC.....Cindy Spaulding

Sun, August 9 - 9AM

Priest.....Fr. Jenson & Fr. George
Puramadathil Mathai,
CFIC - Missionary
Sacristan.....Paul & Joan Gibson
Rosary.....Joan Gibson
Ushers.....Steve Beal, Paul Gibson
Lector.....Terese Weber
EMHC.....TJ McGuire
Cup Minister.....Teri Walti
Hospitality.....John & Bernie Grenzer

Mass Intentions

August 4-9, 2026

Tues.....+Dana Loria
Wed.....+Martha Wukawitz
Thur.....Wes Kuhnley & Michelle Jordan
family
Sat.....4:00pm...Mary Jorgenson
Sun.....9:00am...+Jim Bryant

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2026

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:
Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest
Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Saturday: St. Dominic, Priest
Next Sunday: 19th 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

AUGUST

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

SAT, Aug 1
SUN, Aug 2
MON, Aug 3
SAT, Aug 8
Aug 8 & 9
WED, Aug 12
FRI, Aug 14
SUN, Aug 16
MON, Aug 17
WED, Aug 19
SUN, Aug 23
WED, Aug 26
MON, Aug 31
Parish BBQ | Following 4 pm Mass
Private Rental | 12-5pm, Spp Parish Center
Women's "Table of Wisdom" Group | 10am SPP DH
VM Young Adult Swing Dance | 7-11pm SPP Gym
Mission Priest visits (see page 2)
Summer Youth Group | 6:30-8pm @ SPP
Vigil Mass for "The Assumption" | 6pm @ SPP
ST Parish Festival | (See page 4)
Women's "Table of Wisdom" Group | 10am SPP DH
Summer Youth Group | 6:30pm @ SPP
Holy Apostles COR Team | 5-7pm @ SPP
All R.E. Registrations due
Women's "Table of Wisdom" Group | 10am SPP DH

SEPTEMBER

TUE, Sept 1
MON, Sep 7
TUE, Sep 8
VIA Set-Up | Parish Center
Labor Day Mass | 9:00am @ St. Thomas
VIA Classes begin | 8am-4pm in Parish Center

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 August 2, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday:

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21,
29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday:

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab,
39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

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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!

- Dave & Sue Evensen (8/1)
- Norm Winter (8/8)
- Luke Dugan (10/21)
- Rosie Arens (8/6)
- Mary Jorgenson (8/20)
- Red Ziesmer (10/27)
- Special Intention (8/6)
- Willie Anderson (10/7)

PRAY FOR THOSE DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

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

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Zachman, whose funeral Mass was held here at Ss. Peter & Paul on Wednesday, July 29, 2026.

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

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.



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

~ Bishop Joseph Strickland

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.....11:00 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.

