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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ♦ NOVEMBER 8, 2026



"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, I DO NOT KNOW YOU."

~ MT 25:12

OUR PARISH MISSION

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

Weekend Masses

Saturday
4:00pm.....Ss. Peter & Paul
5:30pm.....St. Thomas

Sunday
7:30am.....St. Thomas
9:00am.....Ss. Peter & Paul
10:30am.....St. Thomas

Weekday Masses

Tuesdays.....8:00am @ Ss. Peter & Paul
Wed, Thur.....8:30am @ Ss. Peter & Paul
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.

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Confessions

Tuesdays.....7:15-7:45am @ Ss. Peter & Paul
3:30-4pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul
Wednesdays.....7:45-8:15am @ Ss. Peter & Paul
3:30-4pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul
6:15-7pm @ St. Thomas (w/Adoration)
Thursdays.....7:45-8:15am @ Ss. Peter & Paul
Fridays.....7:45-8:15am @ St. Thomas
3:30-4pm @ St. Thomas
Saturdays.....7:30-8:15am @ 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.

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Turkey Bingo!

Sunday, November 15, 2026



Bingo begins at 1:00 PM
in the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Center in Loretto
Located at 150 Railway Street East,

$10 buys a card for 20 games plus luncheon of turkey sandwiches and more.
Extra cards are 3 for $1.00 or 50 cents each,



Ages 4 years and under are free.
Family cap of $40.00 (parent and their children)
Prizes will consist of cash and gift cards.

Free boys' and girls' bike drawing for all kids 12 and under (must be present).

We will play 3 extra games (2 regular and 1 coverall) for $1 per card. Prizes will be for turkeys and $50 in cash for these games. There will also be Door Prizes and Drawings!

COME JOIN US FOR THIS FUN FAMILY EVENT!

This event is eligible for a matching grant from Catholic United Financial of up to $2,000.00. The matching grant will be given to the Schuler Seminary Fund and our Religious Education program.

Archbishop Hebda's Visit on November 1, 2026

Blessing of Our New Addition












Mass












Brunch for Our First Responders










From Fr. Glen's DESK

This is the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our gospel reading has the account of the wise and foolish virgins. The end of the Church's liturgical year is coming up in a few weeks. This parable uses the image of those designated to wait for the arrival of the Groom to indicate that we are to be ready for the Groom's return. The oil in the flasks each of them carried symbolizes both a loving faith relationship with the Lord and our kindly deeds or good works.

Among other things this parable calls us to pause and think about our own flask of oil, so to speak. How is my relationship with the Lord? Do I do for others and not just for myself and those close to me. The coming end of the Church's year reminds us that we all need to keep in mind that none of us can live here forever. The Bridegroom will come back again. Are we ready to meet Him with our lamp burning brightly being filled with lively faith and generous action for others?

It is so important to take some time to take stock of our faith and our life. To think about how we will explain our life when we meet our Lord Jesus when we leave this world. We have so many tools to help up grow in faith and love for Jesus in the church and daily prayers. Are we making use of as many of them as we need to be growing and not remaining stagnant? A good confession requires some time spent doing just this personal reflection. We have confessions ten times a week in our two cluster parishes. Spend some time thinking about life and how I'm living it. Then come to the mercy seat of Jesus in confession and be washed in the embrace of His healing love. Then move forward to fill up the flask of faith and charity!

Last Sunday was a day blessed by the Lord as Archbishop Hebda came and blessed our new accessibility annex. The rains that boded ill for an event beginning outside parted and moved off and the Lord shone brightly upon our morning. I was so proud of all we have accomplished as a community in building this. I pray that seeing this project will help us to take up the challenge of bringing Jesus Christ to this area.

I am incredibly grateful to the many parishioners who helped bring this great day about. The generosity of our parish provided the funds essential to carry out this great project. And on the day last Sunday so many stepped up to help with the service and the great brunch that followed. You were amazing!

Buildings symbolize the Church but are not the living Church. This new addition will enable those with mobility challenges to be able to worship here with us more easily, and for some, to be able to worship here at all. The restroom facilities downstairs will especially help families with young children. May the living church at this parish of Ss. Peter and Paul be inspired to take up the challenge of serving Jesus Christ and making Him known and loved in this area.



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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 bulletineditorSPP@saintsppta.org.

Thank you.

Ss. Peter & Paul Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9am - 4pm

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Rachel Polson-Chair, Dan Doboszenski, Bernadette Grenzer, Jovelyn Larson

SUPPORTING PARISH & COMMUNITY

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE *(July 2026-June 2027 contributions)*

Contributions toward our renovation project are not included.

Week Ending November 1, 2026

Donation Type	W/E Collection	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Prior YTD Actual
Envelopes	$9,428.42	$107,541.72	$115,800.00	$ (8,258.28)	$106,319.00
Electronic Giving	$2,911.63	$36,454.67	$35,800.00	$654.67	$33,389.95
Loose Plate	$508.00	$4,896.65	$5,020.00	$ (123.35)	$5,353.40
TOTALS	**$12,848.05**	**$148,893.04**	**$156,620.00**	**$ (7,726.96)**	**$145,062.35**

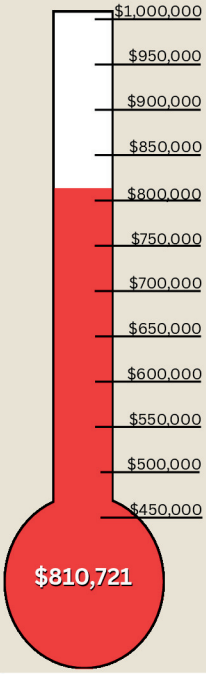
For online Sunday Offering Contributions,
scan above QR code or go to sspap.org/online-giving.

"ACCESS FOR ALL" | CHALLENGE



- Remaining Goal for broader parish - **$37,519**
- Total Access for All Challenge donations from all sources - **$810,721**
- Total needed to reach $1,000,000 goal - **$189,279**

TOTAL REC'D OVERALL
(incl. Parishioner Base, lead commitments & other forms of support.)



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A MAINTENANCE MINUTE "ACCESS FOR ALL" | UPDATE

There are four new parking spots next to the new elevator entrance. Three are just to the West of it, and one is at the end of the Handicap parking. These spots have new signs that will read:

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Please be considerate if you decide to park in these spots. We have many Parishioners that have a hard time with steps, and also have difficulties walking long distances. These 4 spots are not State approved Handicap spaces. They don't meet the 2% or less grade that is required for official Handicap spaces, but we wanted to keep our goal of "ACCESS FOR ALL" and this was the best solution to make it easier for those in need.

Thank You for your understanding as we make changes for the betterment of our Parishioners.

Gary

Planning Crew for Our New Addition
(posing with Archbishop Hebda)



L to R: Dean Voss, Tim McGuire, Fr. Jenson, Rachel Polson, Joe Ahlstrom, Doug Doboszenski, Brad Jacobs, Amanda Lopau (BCI Project Manager), Gary Zitzloff, Keith Louwagie (Project Initial Sales Representative)

KNIGHTS IN ACTION!



Loretto, Medina & Wayzata KC Councils Deliver 'Coats for Kids' to Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners October 22, 20256

Pictured left to right: Bill Swing, Glen Esposito, John Gooley, Dave Stumpf, John Rode, Jack Delaney, Greg Dvorsak, Mike Benusa, Kurt Swiecichowski, Jim Grube

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



WHY DO WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD?

The saints, our models of Christian living, are one with God in heaven. All the faithful departed are those who have died with hope and trust in a loving God who calls us to greater growth and development, even beyond death. This growth and development occurs in a state of being that we have traditionally called purgatory.

While the Western Church has emphasized the cleansing and purifying nature of purgatory, the Eastern Orthodox Church has emphasized the growth and development aspect of it. Today, belief in purgatory allows one who has died in Christ to continue growing and developing before meeting God face to face. God continually invites communion with these loved ones, but some feel the need to continue growing and developing before entering into full communion with God.

During November, we are vividly reminded of the rich reality known as the communion of saints. This belief stresses the strong affirmation that the church is always one in Christ. Death does not sever any of the bonds that unite us in Christ. That is why it is a fitting practice to pray for the dead and to ask them to pray for us. Just as we do that for each other when we are alive, so, too, do we continue that bond and concern for each other even beyond death.

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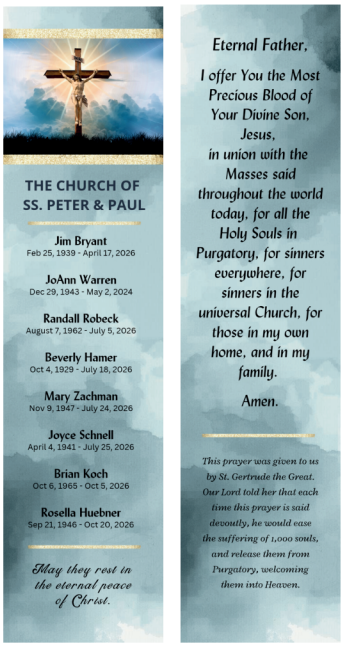
PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO DIED IN THE PAST YEAR

November is dedicated to those who have died. New bookmarks have been made listing those from our parish who died in the past year. Please take one home and put it in a place that will remind you to pray for them.

On the back side of the bookmark is a prayer given to us by St. Gertrude the Great. Our Lord told her that each time this prayer is said devoutly, He would ease the suffering of 1,000 souls, and release them from Purgatory, welcoming them into Heaven.

"As we enter heaven, we will see them, so many of them coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say a poor soul you prayed for in purgatory."

~ Blessed Fulton J. Sheen



CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

Why do Catholics care about saints?

Answer:

One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in "the communion of saints." The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.

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NEWS & EVENTS

Ss Peter & Paul Christkindlmarkt

BAKERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to prepare and bake about 10 dozen Lebkuchen cookies on Saturday, November 14 at 9 AM. Call or email Joyce Rathburn (763) 496-5142 / jrathburn@saintsppta.org

NUTCRACKER'S CACHE RAFFLE TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

Top prize: $2,500 * 2nd prize: $1,000 * 3rd prize: $500
Tickets are $50 each. Only 300 tickets will be sold. They can be purchased after weekend Masses from the Ushers, and in the Parish Office. Because this is a raffle, **Cash or Check only**, **please**.

SILENT AUCTION

Reminder: Silent Auction items can be dropped off at the Loretto Parish Office during office hours (Tues. thru Fri., 9am-4pm), in the chapel kitchen after hours, or in the Parish Center kitchen during weekend Mass hours.

COUNTRY STORE

Homemade items are needed! Baked goods, etc., can be brought to the Parish Center Dining Hall on Friday, November 27th or on Saturday morning, November 28th.

PLEASE SIGN UP!

The festival is less than three weeks away and we need many more people to sign up on the volunteer board in the Parish Center. Please sign up for one of the 3-hour shifts as soon as possible to save us time on making phone calls. If you have questions on what a position entails, contact Joyce in the Parish Office.



WE'RE HIRING!

Ss. Peter & Paul seeks a warm, creative, and organized Communication and Engagement Coordinator to share the life of our faith community with clarity and care.

This 30-hour per week position plays an important role in keeping parishioners informed, connected, and encouraged to participate in parish life. They will oversee parish communications across print and digital platforms, including the weekly bulletin, website, flyers, brochures, posters, and parish coorespondence to different groups within the community.

This person will work closely with the pastor, parish staff, and ministry leaders to ensure timely, accurate, and welcoming communication that reflects our Catholic parish's mission and spirit.

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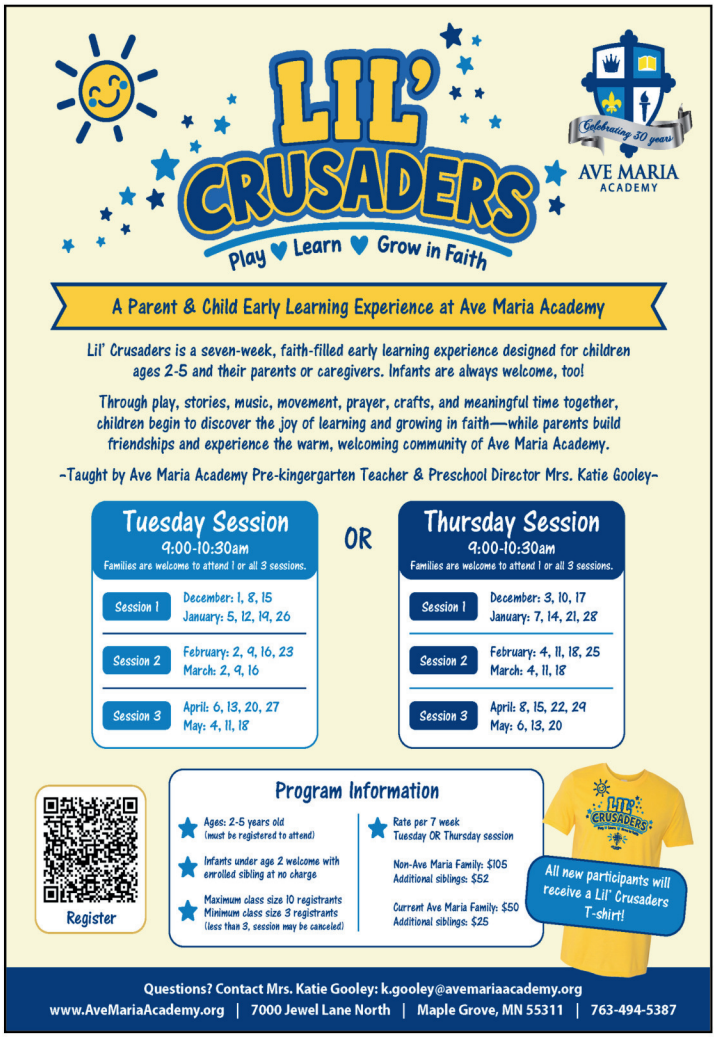

THIS WEEK

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat, Nov 14 - 4PM

Priest.....Fr. Jenson
Deacon.....Tom Utecht
Sacristan.....Michael Roban
Rosary.....Heather Tepley
Ushers.....Randy & Joyce Hatcher
Lector.....Gary Zitzloff
Comm Assist.....Deacon Tom

Sun, Nov 15 - 9AM

Priest.....Fr. Jenson
Deacon.....Tom Utecht
Sacristan.....Mary Schneider
Rosary.....Diane Oberg
Ushers.....John Grenzer, Randy Arens
Lector.....Terese Weber
Comm Assist.....Deacon Tom
Cup Minister.....Diane Oberg
Hospitality.....Knights of Columbus - Brad Jacobs

Mass Intentions

November 10-15, 2026

Tues.....+Mary Zachman

Wed.....+Chad Bricko

Thur.....+Deacon Gary J. Houle

Sat.....4:00pm...+Rick Gunderson

Sun.....9:00am...+Jim Bryant

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tuesday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
Thursday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

JOIN US WEEKLY:

MON: CHOIR PRACTICE | 6:30-8:00PM (SPP Church Choir Loft)

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)

CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER

Sun, Nov 8	**Holy Apostles COR Team** | 5-6:30 pm
Mon, Nov 9	**SPP Women's Social Group** | 10am, SPP Dining Hall
Tue, Nov 10	**OCIA** | 6:30pm, ST Parish Center
Wed, Nov 11	**Parish Cluster Dinner** | 5:30-6pm, ST Dining Hall **Faith Formation** | 6:15-7:30pm, ST Parish Center
Sat, Nov 14	**Young Adult Swing Dance** | 7 pm, Dining Hall
Sun, Nov 15	**CUF Turkey Bingo** | 1-4pm, Gym **Dead Theologians Society** | 5-8pm, Ss. Peter & Paul
Tue, Nov 17	**Christkindlmarkt set-up begins** | time TBD
Wed, Nov 18-25	**Christkindlmarkt set-up** | times TBD
Wed, Nov 18	**Parish Cluster Dinner** | 5:30-6pm, ST Dining Hall **Faith Formation** | 6:15-7:30pm, ST Parish Center
Sun, Nov 22	**St. Thomas Turkey Bingo** | 11am, ST Dining Hall **Holy Apostles Youth Group** | 6:30-8pm, SPP
Tue, Nov 24	**Young Adult Men's Small Group** | 6pm, SPP Conf. Rm.
Thu, Nov 26	**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



COME JOIN THE CHOIR!

We practice on Monday evenings from 6:30-8pm, and sing for Mass on the 2nd Sunday and 4th Saturday of each month, and any 5th Sunday, from Octoer through June.

For more information, or to join, contact Greg at 763-412-0641.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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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!

- Special Intention (11/12)
- Norm Winter (11/26)
- Luke Dugan (1/28)
- John Grenzer (1/28)
- Mary Jorgenson (1/28)

PRAY FOR THOSE DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

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

Prayer for Those in Purgatory



Dear God,

In Your mercy and through the passion of Your Son, erase from the souls in purgatory their sins and failings. Bring the souls in purgatory to Your peace and grant them eternal rest.

Amen.

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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

Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intention for
November 2026

- *For mercy upon our departed loved ones, that the full redemption of Jesus may lead them into the eternal joys of heaven;*
- *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.



"The object of Eucharistic adoration is the divine person of our Lord Jesus Christ present in the most Blessed Sacrament. He is living there. He wants us to speak to Him, and He will speak to us. Anybody may speak to our Lord. Is He not there for everybody? Does He not tell us, "Come you all to Me"?"

~ St. Peter J. Eymard



Adoration Open Hours

NIGHT HOURS:

Sunday	2:00 AM | 3:00 AM
Monday	2:00 AM | 3:00 AM
Friday	1:00 AM
Saturday	1:00 AM | 3:00 AM

MORNING HOURS:

Saturday	11:00 AM

AFTERNOON HOURS:

Sunday	3:00 PM

EVENING HOURS:

Thursday	10:00 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.