



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 16, 2026



“O WOMAN,
GREAT
IS YOUR
FAITH! ...”

MATTHEW 15:28

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.



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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 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The message of Jesus Christ is to be for all the peoples. This message is explicit in the first reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah and presumed in the gospel passage. The first reading ends with, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." In the gospel Jesus tests the pagan Canaanite women's faith in Him and when she persists, He heals her daughter even though they are pagans.

Why is this message relevant for ordinary Christians? Only a few are called to be missionaries in foreign lands. But everyone has a role in the lives of those around them, whether family, friends or co-workers. We are not excused from making our faith known to those around us. Sometimes evangelization has its roots in the routine day-to-day stuff of our lives with others. Our faith needs to become clear, and how much it motivates us.

Do your children know how much Jesus Christ matters to you. Would anyone else? The message of the gospel of Jesus Christ goes out not only inside churches and from missionaries overseas. It is to be seen in the way we live and speak about what matters to us. How deep is your faith in Jesus Christ? Is it or has it become love yet? When faith begins to be immersed in love for God, it will affect others. Mary has the deepest love for Jesus. Ask Her to help you to move ever closer to the heart of Her Son, Jesus. We have just celebrated the beautiful Feast of Her assumption into heaven. She will help.

This weekend is St. Thomas' festival. Please come and enjoy a wonderful time, good food, and support the catholic community locally!



**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Corcoran, MN

Cash Drawing

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

Festival Activities

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

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

Quilt Drawing

Nominations forms are available in the church pews and online.

NOMINATIONS

August is
"Nomination Month"
for PASTORAL COUNCIL...



Ss. Peter & Paul Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9am - 4pm

Parish Staff

Rev. Glen Jensen, Pastor
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Music Coordinator &
Ss. Peter & Paul Organist

Greg Elsen
Volunteer Choir Director

Trustees

Brad Jacobs, Lee Schlosser

Parish Council

Bill Maurer-Chair, Lark Ahlstrom,
Paul Gibson, Todd Johnson, Scott
Ritter, Tim Spaulding,
OPEN POSITION

Finance Council

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

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.

SUPPORTING PARISH & COMMUNITY

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE (July 2026-June 2027 contributions)

Contributions toward our renovation project are not included.

Week Ending August 9, 2026

Donation Type	W/E Collection	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Prior YTD Actual
Envelopes	\$6,545.00	\$35,113.13	\$37,600.00	\$ (2,486.87)	\$34,897.00
Electronic Giving	\$885.75	\$11,372.32	\$12,000.00	\$ (627.68)	\$9,894.08
Loose Plate	\$180.00	\$1,476.00	\$1,940.00	\$ (464.00)	\$2,035.25
TOTALS	\$7,610.75	\$47,961.45	\$51,540.00	\$ (3,578.55)	\$46,826.33

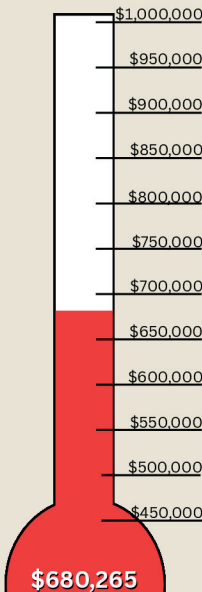


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"ACCESS FOR ALL" | CHALLENGE



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



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ACCESS FOR ALL
Challenge

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"ACCESS FOR ALL" | UPDATE



We are finishing taping and mudding in the elevator this week. They hope to have it all painted too.

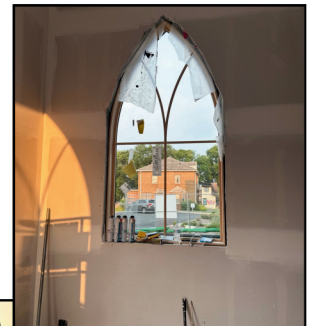
Fr.'s "Stairway to Heaven" received a new railing this week. Thank you to all that were involved in making that happen.

We also had our yearly Fire Extinguisher inspection. How many Fire Extinguishers do we have between ALL of our buildings you ask?

Answer is 33:

- 13-in the school
- 6 -in the Church/basement/new addition
- 2- in the Chapel
- 3- Rental house
- 3- Rectory
- 1-Maint shed
- 5- for Christkindlmarkt

Gary



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	\$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	\$15,069	\$9,931
\$1,000	20	\$20,000	\$27,241	\$ (7,241)
\$500	50	\$25,000	\$7,303	\$17,697
<500	1	\$2,000	\$2,487	\$ (487)
Patronal Feast Proceeds			\$17,766	\$ (17,766)
Total	100	\$207,000	\$130,565	\$76,435

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

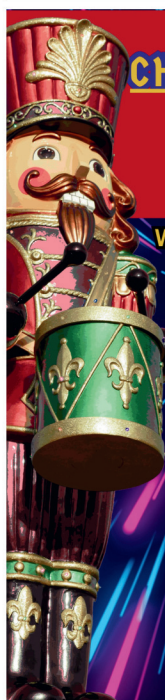
Volunteers Needed!

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.



NEWS & EVENTS



CHRISTKINDLMARKT

**Carpentry
HELP WANTED**

We are looking for someone to make **TWO NEW WALL PANELS** for the vendor booths. Specifications will be provided.



Thank you

Joyce Rathburn:
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jrathburn@saintsppta.org

**NOW ACCEPTING
CHRISTKINDLMARKT
DONATIONS**



Thanks to a very generous donation, we have a big supply of regular Coke and Sprite. We are asking for diet and other varieties of soda and water. With Labor Day approaching, look for bargains at grocery stores and gas stations.

Donations can be left on kitchen counter or Parish Center lobby.

THANK YOU

MEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

If you or someone you love is walking the difficult road of a cancer diagnosis, you are not alone. Men of the parish who have been diagnosed with cancer are invited to join our Men's Cancer Support Group— a confidential and supportive space for prayer, encouragement, hope and fellowship with others who understand the journey.

The group meets Saturday mornings from 9–10:00am at the St. Thomas Church old rectory house, following the 8:30am Mass. Come as you are and be strengthened by fellowship, faith, and the hope we share in Christ.

For more information, contact Cory at 612-840-4301. The upcoming dates are Aug. 8, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 7, Dec. 19.



Blessing of Sponsor Plaque

Church of SS Peter and Paul
August 2, 2026



*Thank you for a successful Ice Cream Sundae Bar!
It was good to see so many smiling faces that attended
Saturday, August 1st!*

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THIS WEEK

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat, Aug 22- 4PM

Priest.....Fr. Glen Jenson
Sacristan.....Glen Schneider
Rosary.....Gary Zitzloff
Ushers.....Brad Jacobs (sub req.)
Marie Jacobs
Lector.....Gary Zitzloff
EMHC.....Glen Schneider

Sun, Aug 23- 9AM

Priest.....Fr. Glen Jenson
Sacristan.....JoAnn Schlosser
Rosary.....Diane Oberg
Ushers.....Steve Beal
Lector.....Diane Oberg
EMHC.....Angela Jendro
Cup Minister.....Diane Oberg
Hospitality.....Duane & Karen Schlosser

Mass Intentions

August 18-23, 2026

Tues.....+Judy Lyzenga
Wed.....+Rick Gunderson
Thur.....+Deceased Members of
Harry and Lillian Arens Family
Sat.....4:00pm...+John Elsen, Jr. and
+Betsy Elsen
Sun.....9:00am...+Bernice Schlosser

AUGUST 22

The Queenship of Mary

This feast day recognizes Mary as the "Queen of Heaven and Earth" and celebrates her special role in salvation.

CALENDAR

AUGUST

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

SUN, Aug 16
MON, Aug 17
WED, Aug 19
SUN, Aug 23
WED, Aug 26
MON, Aug 31

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
THU, Sept 3
SAT, Sept 5
MON, Sep 7
TUE, Sep 8
SAT, Sep 12
SUN, Sep 13

TUE, Sep 15

VIA Set-Up | Parish Center
Pastoral Council mtg | 6:30pm, SPP Conference Rm
1st Saturday Devotions | 7:30-9am @ ST Church
Labor Day Mass | 9:00am @ St. Thomas
VIA Classes begin | 8am-4pm in Parish Center
Loretto Fun Fest | 3pm @ Loretto Park
Holy Apostles COR Team | 5-6:30pm, SPP Youth Rm
Holy Apostles Youth Group | 6:30-8pm, SPP Youth Rm
VIA Classes | 8am-4pm in Parish Center
OCIA Classes begin | 7:00pm (Location TBD)

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)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2026

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Thursday: St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Pius X, Pope
Saturday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday:
Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday:
Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:
Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,
35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:
Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:
Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/
Mt 22:1-14

Friday:
Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:
Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:
Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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@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!

- Mary Jorgenson (8/20)
- Luke Dugan (10/21)
- Rosie Arens (11/6)
- Willie Anderson (10/7)
- Red Ziesmer (10/27)
- Special Intention (11/12)

PRAY FOR THOSE DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

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

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

Dear God,
Be with Our Holy Father in his ministry. Bless, anoint, and protect him in his comings and goings. Inspire his words, direct his interactions, guide his prayer.

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
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.



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 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.

