



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 11, 2026

THE ROSARY & THE
BATTLE OF LEPANTO (pg. 4)



“Come
to the
Feast.”

~ Mt 22:4bc

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.

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From
Fr. Glen's
DESK

This is the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are nearing the end of the liturgical year. In our gospel Jesus tells a parable of a king giving a wedding feast for his son and inviting many guests. But most gave excuses why they could not come. Then the king sent his servants out to call others as many as they could find to fill his banquet. One man attending is inappropriately dressed. He is cast out.

The original invited guests would seem to be the Jewish leaders and many of their people though invited refused to come. The sending out of his servants to bring in people from the main roads is the apostles and other Christian missionaries going out to everyone to invite them to the great kings' feast. All are invited. But the man not appropriately dressed represents those who though called and seeming to be willing are not willing to live a life worthy of the king's banquet.

The Lord casts His seed, His word, into the field of humankind through His church. The soil of the hearts which hear that word determines whether each person responds positively to God's word or not. This gospel calls us to look within and examine our hearts. It is the heart which is the soil the Lord speaks of. Is our heart ready to accept God's word, His call to follow Him. How is the soil of my heart? Am I willing to follow God's word even if it would take us somewhere we did not plan on going to? Look within.

Each of our two parishes has just had a ministry fair which displayed all the variety of ways one could step forward to help out the mission of the church, small ways and great. One can still reach out to become involved in the mission of each of our parishes. Follow Him!

We plan to move weekday masses back from St. Thomas to St. Peter and Paul on Tuesday, October 20th. At that time, the Tuesday Mass time will move back to 8:00 AM. Mark your calendars and/or make a reminder note on your phone so that you go to the right church at the right time for a weekday mass. The afternoon confessions on Tuesday and Wednesday will move back to St. Peter and Paul as well.

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Brian Koch**, husband to Michelle Koch of our parish. Funeral arrangements are pending at the time this bulletin went to print.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Harold "Red" Ziesmer**, father to our Parish Administrator, Todd Ziesmer.

We express our deepest sympathy to Michelle and Todd and their families and friends and pray that the love of God will provide them with comfort. May Brian and Red rest in the eternal peace of Christ, and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

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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 October 4, 2026

Donation Type	W/E Collection	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Prior YTD Actual
Envelopes	\$6,053.00	\$80,391.43	\$89,750.00	\$ (9,358.57)	\$83,903.00
Electronic Giving	\$3,117.13	\$28,422.43	\$27,725.00	\$697.43	\$26,049.30
Loose Plate	\$376.00	\$3,584.65	\$3,975.00	\$ (390.35)	\$4,297.40
TOTALS	\$9,546.13	\$112,398.51	\$121,450.00	\$ (9,051.49)	\$114,249.70



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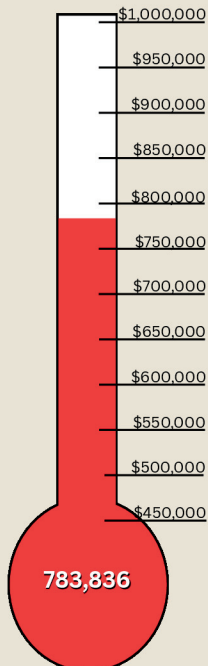


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Gift Level	# of Donors	Total Donations per Gift Level	Actual	Needed
\$ 20,000	1	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000
\$ 10,000	2	\$ 20,000	\$ 35,000	\$ (15,000)
\$ 7,500	6	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000
\$ 5,000	10	\$ 50,000	\$ 45,700	\$ 4,300
\$ 2,500	10	\$ 25,000	\$ 21,179	\$ 3,821
\$ 1,000	20	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,241	\$ (5,241)
\$ 500	50	\$ 25,000	\$ 10,702	\$ 14,298
<500	1	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,019	\$ (1,019)
Patronal Feast Proceeds			\$ 17,766	\$ (17,766)
CUF Walk-A-Thon			\$ 6,990	\$ (6,990)
Total	100	\$ 207,000	\$ 165,596	\$ 41,404

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

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



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WEEKDAY MASSES RETURNING TO SS. PETER & PAUL

Weekday Confessions and Masses will return on Tuesday, October 20th. We will return to our normal schedule:

- **Tuesdays:** 7:15-7:45am Confessions
8:00am Mass
3:30-4pm Confessions
- **Wednesdays:** 7:45-8:15am Confessions
8:30am Mass
3:30-4pm Confessions
- **Thursdays:** 7:45-8:15am Confessions
8:30am Mass

Archbishop Hebda will celebrate Mass and bless our new addition on Sunday, November 1st at our 9am Mass.

Following Mass, please join us for brunch in the dining hall from 10am to 12 noon. Contact Joyce at 763-496-5142 for any questions.

You are invited

COME JOIN THE 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.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY



THE BATTLE OF LEPANTO

The rosary is a powerful prayer.

In the late 16th century, Christianity in Europe was weak and splintered and the Catholic Church was frail from the Protestant Reformation.

The Ottoman Empire was strong and growing and were undefeated in naval battle. It had conquered the eastern half of the Roman Empire, including Constantinople. They were now aiming to conquer Rome and the rest of Europe.

Pope St. Pius V gathered together as many Catholic rulers of the Mediterranean as possible, and formed the "Holy League." Even though this new Holy League consisted of many nations, the Ottoman's had more boats and were well-practiced in fighting together.

The Holy League sailed to Lepanto, Greece, where they met the Ottoman Turks head-on. They knew if they lost the war, the Ottomans would easily conquer Rome and Europe. Knowing the desperate circumstances, the Pope knew he needed to get the people back at home to pray.

On the day of the battle, October 7, 1571, he organized a public procession in Rome to pray the Rosary.

The battle of Lepanto was one of the most famous and bloodiest battles in naval history. It lasted some five hours with the ships fighting in close proximity. Miraculously, against all odds, the Holy League defeated the Ottoman Turks. When the battle was over, the Turks had lost 20,000 men and 200 vessels. The Christian losses were less than 8,000 men and only a few vessels.

Knowing that their prayers were answered, the Pope created a new feast for that day, the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, now known as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Historians say that the battle of Lepanto truly was decisive in world history, as it stopped the advancement of the Ottomans into Europe, preserving the independence of the western half of Christendom.

POWERFUL BENEFITS OF THE ROSARY

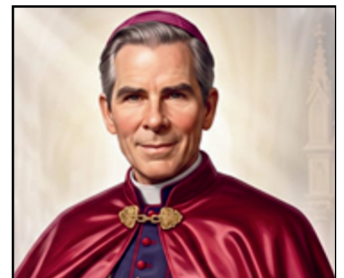
As Pope, Saint John Paul II invited Christians who had never prayed the Rosary to consider taking it up, and he invited those who had set it aside to rediscover it. In doing so, he reminded everyone that the Rosary possesses a number of powerful spiritual benefits:

- The Rosary is a Christ-centered prayer,
- The Rosary is a powerful way to contemplate the Face of Christ,
- The Rosary is a memorial by which Mary constantly sets before us the mysteries of her Son,
- The Rosary is an invaluable source of self-discovery and integration,
- The Rosary is a sublime encounter of Friendship,
- The Rosary unites us to the bond between Jesus and Mary,
- The Rosary is a supreme source of comfort and solace,
- The Rosary is a condensed version of the Gospels.

It is through the rosary and its mysteries that all of these points come into focus.

"The Rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known."

~ Blessed Fulton J. Sheen



HELP US LOCATE OUR HOMEBOUND

Remember to contact our office with names of our Ss. Peter & Paul homebound parishioners (people at home, IN assisted living, nursing homes, rehab, etc., who are not regularly able to attend Mass due to mobility or health issues).



Individuals will reach out to our homebound to especially remember them during the Christmas season. A small poinsettia with a card will be brought to their residence and a Mass will be scheduled in their honor.

If you know of anyone from Ss. Peter & Paul who fits the above description, please call Joyce or Sherry in our Parish Office at (763) 479-0535 or email them by Wednesday, November 5th.

NEWS & EVENTS



**LORETTO
HAUNTED HOUSE**

OCTOBER 22, 23, 24 | 6:00PM - 10:00PM

150 RAILWAY STREET E. - LORETTO

Come visit us at the Loretto Hillcrest Asylum!

Entrance is \$15, for ages 13 & up. Food will be available through concessions and a Food Truck. Come experience an unforgettable adventure filled with spooky scenes and creative surprises - a perfect way to celebrate the Halloween season!

CHRISTMAS IN APPALACHIA



Our collection for the Appalachian Christmas Mission is winding down. All gifts need to be in by next Sunday, October 18th. Items can be placed in designated boxes located in the Parish Center and the Chapel kitchen.



**Ss Peter & Paul
Christkindlmarkt**

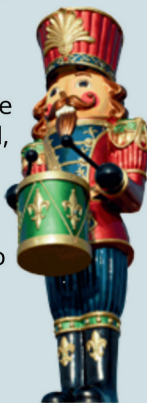
The Christkindlmarkt Volunteer Sign-Up Board is now up in the Parish Center! Please consider sign-ing up for a shift or two.

Hours of Operation remain at noon-8:00 PM; the Children's Crafts and Games will end at 6:00 PM, Silent Auction bidding will end at 6:30 PM, and Grill Service will again end at 7:00 PM. All shifts are still 3 hours in duration. If you sign up for 2 shifts, you are eligible to receive 3 free tickets to use at the festival.

This year we are adding the "Nutcracker Cache" - a raffle with prizes totaling \$5,000 - the grand prize being \$3,000.

Let's make this event the biggest fundraiser of the year. One shift or two, your time and talent are so vital to its success, and I extend a very sincere thank you as you consider how you might volunteer for Christkindlmarkt 2026!

God bless,
Joyce Rathburn



MEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Men of the parish who have been diagnosed with cancer are invited to join a Men's Cancer Support Group. Rooted in faith, this gathering offers a sacred space for prayer, reflection, understanding, and mutual support as we place our trust in God's healing presence and walk this journey together.

The group meets monthly on Oct. 17, Nov. 7, and Dec. 19 from 9:00-10:00 AM (optional Mass at 8:30 AM) at the St. Thomas Church old rectory. Come and be strengthened by fellowship, faith, and the hope we share in Christ.

For more information, please contact Cory Plotts at [612-840-4301](tel:612-840-4301) or coryplotts@gmail.com.



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TURKEY BINGO

Sunday, November 15, 1:00pm

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Center, Loretto

- \$10 buys a card for 20 games plus luncheon
- Extra cards are 3 for \$1 or 50 cents each
- Ages 4 years & under are free
- Family cap of \$40 (parents & their children)
- Prizes - Cash & Gift Cards
- Free boys' & girls' bike drawing for all kids 12 & under (must be present to win)
- 3 extra games will be played (2 regular & 1 coverall) for \$1 per card
 - Prizes for these 3 games will be for Turkeys & \$50 in cash
- We'll also have Door Prizes & Drawings

This event is eligible for a matching grant from Catholic United Financial of up to \$2,000. The matching grant will be given to the Schuler Seminary Fund and our Religious Education program.



THIS WEEK

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat, Oct 17 - 4PM

Priest.....Fr. Jenson
Deacon.....Tom Utecht
Sacristan.....Mary Kaye Schneider
Rosary.....Gary Zitzloff
Ushers.....Ray Polson, Jeanne Zitzloff
Lector.....Rachel Polson
Comm Assist.....Deacon Tom

Sun, Oct 18 - 9AM

Priest.....Fr. Jenson
Deacon.....Tom Utecht
Sacristan.....Paul & Joan Gibson
Rosary.....Diane Oberg
Ushers.....Ruth Lehn, Paul Gibson
Lector.....Ted Colling
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Mass Intentions

October 13-18, 2026

Tues.....+Rick Gunderson

Wed.....+Dana Loria

Thur.....+Dorothy Fischbach

Sat.....4:00pm...Living & Deceased
Members of John & Eileen Elsen family

Sun.....9:00am...+Chuck Ghostley

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2026

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day

Wednesday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Thursday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Saturday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

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

OCTOBER

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

Sat, Oct 10

Sun, Oct 11

Mon, Oct 12

Sat, Oct 17

Sun, Oct 18

Thur, Oct 22-24

Sat, Oct 24

Sun, Oct 25

Mon, Oct 26

Young Adult Swing Dance | 7-11 pm, Gym

Private Party Rental | 4-5:30 PM-Dining Hall

Holy Apostles Youth Group | 6:30-8pm

SPP Women's Social Group | 10am, SPP Dining Hall

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

Dead Theologian Society | 5-8 pm, Dining Hall

Haunted Maze | 6-10 pm, Dining Hall/Library/Gym

MN 100 Speaker | 4 pm, Church

MN 100 Speaker | 9 am, Church

SPP Women's Social Group | 10am, SPP Dining Hall

NOVEMBER

Sun, Nov 1

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Thur, Nov 5

Fri, Nov 6

Sun, Nov 8

Mon, Nov 9

Sat, Nov 14

Sun, Nov 15

Tue, Nov 17

Wed, Nov 18-25

Sun, Nov 22

Tue, Nov 24

Thu, Nov 26

Fri, Nov 27

Sat, Nov 28

Archbp Hebda - Blessing of Accessibility Project
9-10 am, Church

First Responder Brunch | 10 am-Noon, Dining Hall

Retreat | 8:30 am-3 pm, Parish Center & Classrooms

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Holy Apostles COR Team | 5-6:30 pm

SPP Women's Social Group | 10am, SPP Dining Hall

Young Adult Swing Dance | 7 pm, Gym

CUF Turkey Bingo | 1-4pm, SPP Dining Hall

Dead Theologians Society | 5-8pm, Ss. Peter & Paul

Christkindlmarkt set-up begins | time TBD

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St. Thomas Turkey Bingo | 11am, ST Dining Hall

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

Young Adult Men's Small Group | 6pm, SPP Conf. Rm.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Christkindlmarkt set-up | times TBD

CHRISTKINDLMARKT FESTIVAL! | 12 noon - 8pm



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

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!

- Luke Dugan (10/21)
- Special Intention (11/12)
- Rosie Arens (11/6)
- Norm Winter (11/26)

PRAY FOR THOSE DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

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



“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son... ‘Tell those invited: “Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.”’” — Mt 22:2, 4 b c

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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

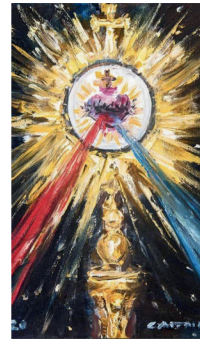
Head Coordinator.....	Joanne.....	763-360-2639
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Evening Division Leader.....	Connie.....	763-228-8330

Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intention for
October 2026

- That people will pray to the Mother of God, patroness of the USA, for guidance in our voting decisions;
- 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.*



“Eucharistic Adoration is the most necessary mission to the Church, which has even more need of prayerful souls than of powerful preachers or men of eloquence.”

~ 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
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AFTERNOON HOURS:

Sunday.....	3:00 PM
Friday.....	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.

