



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

♦ NOVEMBER 16, 2025

*The Miraculous
Staircase*

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THERE
WILL
NOT BE
LEFT A
STONE.

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.

Marriages:

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From
Fr. Glen's
DESK

This Sunday is the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. This is the final Sunday before the solemn concluding celebration of the liturgical year next week. That feast is *Christ the King* Sunday. Then Advent and the new liturgical year will begin.

This week, our readings have a theme of end times. Jesus mentions the destruction of the temple and wars and earthquakes in the end times. Before these happen, He states that there will be persecution of believers. Many of these types of events have occurred over the centuries. The temple was thoroughly destroyed in Roman times; persecution of Christians also took place in those times. But similar events have occurred since then.

The conflict between good and evil continues in each generation. The 20th century saw terrible wars and persecution of Christians in Europe and Asia. Currently, there is persecution of Christians in Nigeria. The sway of sin is always in need of being resisted. Failure to do so leads to wars and persecution of God's children.

God has not brought about the end of time as an expression of mercy toward fallen humankind. We do not know when the end of this world will be. We see signs of it in each generation. This is a call of Divine Mercy to the people of each generation to repent and live the Gospel with genuine devotion. Heartfelt Christian faith will make a difference in this world and how we look forward to the second coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. God wants to spare all to whom He has given the breath of life. Believe in Jesus Christ, follow His way, and we will always be ready to meet Him when He comes.

Next Sunday afternoon will be the St. Thomas turkey bingo! Be sure to come and have a wonderful time with us. The following week we will have Thanksgiving and Ss. Peter and Paul's Christkindlmarkt festival on the 29th.

MATCHING GRANT TURKEY BINGO THIS AFTERNOON!

(Sunday, November 16, 1:00 PM)

Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Center

Join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and fantastic prizes, sponsored by Catholic United Financial! A \$10 admission includes one bingo card good for 20 games, and a delicious luncheon of turkey sandwiches and more. Extra bingo cards are available: 3 for \$1.00. Prizes include Cash, Gift cards, and Turkeys (of course). We will have door prizes and drawings throughout the event!

Special Bike Drawing for Kids! All children 12 and under attending will be entered to win a free boys' or girls' bike!

Bonus Games!

- Play 3 extra games for just \$1.00 per card
- Win \$75 cash, a \$50 Visa gift card, or a turkey



Bring your friends, bring your family,
and bring your Bingo spirit!



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 elsewhere in the bulletin. All articles must be completely written before submitting.

Thank you.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to form and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ in union with the Roman Catholic Church.

Ss. Peter & Paul Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9am - 4pm

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SUPPORTING PARISH & COMMUNITY

FINANCIAL UPDATE (July 2025-June 2026 contributions)
Contributions toward our renovation project are not included.

Week Ending November 9, 2025

Donation Type	W/E Collection	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Prior YTD Actual
Envelopes	\$ 6,913.00	\$ 113,232.00	\$ 142,500.00	\$ (29,268.00)	\$ 104,852.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,274.82	\$ 34,664.77	\$ 38,365.38	\$ (3,700.61)	\$ 38,498.80
Loose Plate	\$ 318.75	\$ 5,672.15	\$ 5,480.77	\$ 191.38	\$ 4,056.23
TOTALS	\$ 8,506.57	\$ 153,568.92	\$ 186,346.15	\$ (32,777.23)	\$ 147,407.03



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Donations,**
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HELP WANTED:

On Wednesday, November 19, the parish office would appreciate help bundling postcards for Christkindlmarkt - all 9,000 of them! We can start at 10 AM.

Please call @ 763-496-5142 or email Joyce Rathburn (jrathburn@saintsppta.org) if you are able to lend a hand.

Thank You!!



Silent Auction Ideas

- Gift cards from local businesses.
- Special treats—Chocolate, Homemade Christmas Cookies, Margarita Basket, Craft Beer basket, Wine basket
- Hobbies—Gardening, Crocheting/Knitting, Painting/Crafts, Grilling, Fishing tackle box, Ice Fishing basket, Books
- Electronic Gizmos & Gadgets
- Kitchen Items
- Pet Toys/Supplies basket
- Auto Detailing basket
- Entertainment—Voucher for a performance, CD's, Movie Night
- Some things to keep cozy in the winter months.
- Special Occasions—Christmas Décor, Lovely Nativity Set, New Baby, Gift Wrap, Kid's Party Theme, Greeting Cards
- Outings—Sports tickets, Camping, Skiing package, Date Night, Weekend at Your Cabin, Zoo passes, Group tour to Winery/Brewery
- Beauty—Aveda, Makeup, Hair Accessories, Spa
- Lottery Ticket basket
- Anything unique, appealing, and special!



COUNTRY STORE NEEDS

Baked goods: Cakes, Pies, Bread, etc. Also candies, jams, hand-crafted towels, reusable bags, etc. Items can be brought to the Parish Center Dining Hall on Friday, November 29 or Saturday morning before the festival. Please contact Ruth Lehn for any questions at (612) 910-6818. Thank you!

Holiday Train FOOD DRIVE!

Ss. Peter and Paul is once again collecting nonperishable food items and cash donations for the Holiday Train 2025!

The Holiday Train arrives in Loretto, Monday, December 15th at 4:30 pm. All donations are brought to area food shelves. There will be collection baskets located in the back of church and in the parish center. Items can also be left in the chapel kitchen marked: Holiday Train. Watch the bulletin for additional information, coming soon!

Let's make this our most generous year yet! Thank you for prayerfully considering a donation.
Questions: Joyce Rathburn 763.496.5142 / jrathburn@saintsppta.org.



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Travel With Us...



Send us pictures of churches you have visited to selsen@saintsppta.org so that we can post them in the bulletin. Let us know if we can include your name with the picture. If you want to share anything interesting about the church, feel free to include that in the email with the picture(s).

LORETTO CHAPEL

Santa Fe, New Mexico

The Miraculous Staircase

(Submitted by Duane & Karen Schlosser)



(1)

The Chapel was built in the late 1800s by the Sisters of Loretto. When the chapel was completed, the choir loft stood 22 feet above the sanctuary floor but no staircase had been included.



This picture is a simulation of how the Staircase looked between 1879 & 1887 before Phillip August Hesch installed the banisters at the Sisters' request.



(2)

Carpenters, consulted by the sisters, decided building a staircase would be impossible because of the chapel's tight space.

(3)

In response, the sisters prayed a novena to St. Joseph, patron saint of carpenters, to ask for divine help. On the ninth day, a mysterious man arrived with a donkey and simple tools. He worked alone for months and built a beautiful spiral staircase without banisters or railings, with engineering that still today defies explanation. When he was finished, he vanished - never taking payment or leaving his name.



(4)

The staircase stands 20 feet tall and makes two full 360-degree turns and was built without nails or central support—it's held together with wooden pegs and rests on its own weight—a feat that continues to baffle experts. Some believe the carpenter was St. Joseph himself, answering the Sisters' prayers.

Note: In 1996, after a 15-month study and wood analysis, it was concluded that the wood of the staircase is of unknown origin.



NEWS & EVENTS



Archdiocese for the Military Services - 2nd Collection This Weekend

This week our parish will take a collection to benefit the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS is the Archdiocese for the Military Services, not of the Military Services. This is an important distinction, because the AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S. Military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. Instead, it must rely on the generosity of those whose values and priorities align with its mission, programs and services, to meet its costs. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collection to support active-duty military men and women, and their families – including those from our own parish. Please give generously.

INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY

TURKEY BINGO

Twenty games and 20 turkeys to win. Don't miss out on the chance to enjoy Catholic-connection and a welcoming atmosphere!



NOVEMBER 23

LUNCH FROM 11AM

BINGO FROM NOON-3PM

The event is provided by the St. Thomas Men's Club, with profits largely supporting parish youth programs.

Chance to win a Thanksgiving turkey / \$2 for 5 games

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Free Kids' Games
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Snacks & Drinks
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NOV 29 NOON-8:00 PM

6th Annual Sts Peter & Paul
Christkindlmarkt
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SATURDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

EXTREME FAITH Camp

Extreme Faith Camp is a week-long summer faith camp at Trinity Woods (Trego, WI) for middle and high school students. It's a high-adventure "extremely" fun camp packed with outdoor activities like archery tag, laser tag, climbing wall, 9-square, gaga ball, volleyball, swimming, canoeing, and fishing. The camp is based on the sacraments, offering daily Mass, perpetual Adoration, and Confession. Questions? Contact Julianne Leighton.

Save the Date June 8-12, 2026

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THIS WEEK

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Nov 22, 2025

Priest.....Fr. Mark Juettner
Sacristan.....JoAnn Schlosser
Rosary.....Magevas' (*Sub Request*)
Ushers.....Randy & Joyce Hatcher
Lector.....Tim Spaulding
EMHC.....Gary Zitzloff
Choir EMHC.....Cindy Spaulding

Nov 23, 2025

Priest.....Fr. Bakatu
Sacristan.....Mary Kaye Schneider
Rosary.....Sandy Jordan
Ushers.....Allen Pouliot,
John Grenzer (*Sub Request*)
Lector.....Terese Weber
EMHC.....Glen Schneider
Cup Minister.....Teri Walti
Hospitality.....Duane & Karen Schlosser

MASS INTENTIONS

November 18-23, 2025

Tues.....+Fr. Frank Wampach
Wed.....+Marion Merz
Thur.....Mike & Charity Seeger
Fri.....++Bonnie & Don
Framstad
Sat.....8:30am...Parish Cluster
Youth
4:00pm...+Margie Jacobs
Sun.....9:00am...Parish Cluster

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary,
Religious

Tuesday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of
St. Peter and Paul, Apostles;
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne,
Virgin

Friday: The Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sun: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of
the Universe

CALENDAR

November

SPP = Ss. Peter & Paul
ST = St. Thomas
CKMT = Christkindlmarkt

Sun, Nov 16 Turkey Bingo | 1:00pm, SPP Parish Center
Tue, Nov 18 VIA | 8:30am-4:30pm, SPP Parish Center
CKMT Stall Movement | 6:00pm, SPP Parish Ctr
OCIA | 7:00pm, SPP Library
Wed, Nov 19 Parish Cluster Dinner | 5:30-6pm, ST Dining Hall
Faith Formation | 6:15-7:30pm, ST Parish Center
CKMT Stall Assembly | 6-8:30pm, SPP Gymnasium
CKMT Hutch/Table set-up
Fri, Nov 21 Turkey Bingo | 12 noon, ST Dining Hall
Sun, Nov 23 **CKMT - Bake Lebkuchen | SPP Kitchen**
Mon, Nov 24 Choir Practice | 6:30-8pm, SPP Church Choir Loft
Tue, Nov 25 VIA | 8:30am-4:30pm, SPP Parish Center
CKMT - Roast Pork | SPP Kitchen
CKMT - Decorate Stalls/Classrooms/Hallways
OCIA | 7-9:00pm, SPP Library
Wed, Nov 26 **CKMT - Prep Potato Salad | SPP Kitchen**
CKMT - Decorate Stalls/Classrooms/Hallways
Thu, Nov 27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Mass @ St. Thomas | 9:00am
Fri, Nov 28 Parish Office Closed
CKMT - Cakes, Almonds | SPP Kitchen
CKMT - Finish Decorating...
Sat, Nov 29 **CHRISTKINDLMARKT FESTIVAL | 12-8:00pm, SPP Parish Ctr**
Sun, Nov 30 **CKMT - Sale of Leftover Food/Items from Festival**

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)

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.



Readings for the week of November 16, 2025

Sunday:

Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps
119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/
Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday:

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

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FINANCIAL**

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Volunteer Team #056**

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PRAYER

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

The Prayer Chain Ministry is made up of parishioners dedicated to praying for others. To place someone on a Prayer Chain, please contact Lynn Scholtes at 612-801-1588 / lynnscholtes@gmail.com. Thank you.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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WE 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!

Judy Parmenter (2/1)
Special Intention (12/25)
Special Intention (3/26)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

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

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!

Advent Wreath, Explained!

The Advent Wreath as we know it today is a modern spin on an ancient practice — or rather, several of them.

Christians have always utilized candles to illustrate the metaphor of Christ as the “great light” shining on a people waiting in darkness (Isaiah 9:2). Historians tell us that pre-Christian societies in Europe also viewed candles as symbolic of the coming light of spring, and

may have used wreaths of natural material along with these candles. Traditions and rituals surrounding an “Advent Wreath” are often thought to have originated in the Lutheran tradition in 16th-century Germany. Today, Advent Wreaths are a practice embraced by most Christians in the Western world.

An Advent Wreath consists of a circle of evergreen and four candles, one for each week of Advent. Three of the candles are purple; one is rose, representing Gaudete Sunday, a time of rejoicing at the closeness of Christmas. In Catholicism, Advent Wreaths are blessed on the First Sunday of Advent. For Advent Wreaths in private homes, it is appropriate for a family member to perform the blessing.

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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.

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Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intention for
November 2025

For the participants of the Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry and their families; and for our deceased families and friends, that they will be welcomed into God's loving arms.

Each member is assigned a mystery of the Rosary to pray each day. New members are always welcome. To join, contact Sherry in the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office or Joanne Schumacher at jmschu@live.com.



“The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of His love. Let us be generous with our time. . May our adoration never cease.”

~ St. Pope John Paul II



Adoration Open Hours

NIGHT TIME HOURS:

Sunday..... 3:00 AM
Tuesday 12 Midnight
Wednesday..... 3:00 AM
Thursday..... 1:00 AM
Saturday..... 1:00 AM, 3:00 AM

AFTERNOON HOURS:

Friday 1:00 PM
Saturday..... 5:00 PM

EVENING HOURS:

Saturday..... 8:00 PM

For questions, or to inquire about taking an hour, go to the web-site by scanning this QR code, or call the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office Administrator at 763-479-0535.

