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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

THE BEATIFICATION OF
FULTON SHEEN: (pg. 4)



“THUS THE
LAST WILL
BE FIRST...”

~ MT 20:16

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

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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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our readings speak of the immense generosity of the Lord's mercy toward us. The Prophet Isaiah in the first reading encourages sinners to "turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving." The gospel parable depicts a landowner who goes out and hires workers all through the day. He gives the same wage to all of them at days' end. This wage is of course salvation, showing that the Lord will be merciful toward all who respond to His call to come follow Him at any point in their lives.

This makes it clear that we should not hold back from seeking out the Lord and His mercy out of fear or shame over our sins. Many people feel almost compelled not to approach the Lord for forgiveness when they are conscious of serious sin. This is an effect of original sin that our enemy takes advantage of to keep us from desperately needed healing from God.

People often avoid God's mercy in the sacrament of confession for years out of shame and guilt. This is a tactic of the devil to prevent us from encountering the incredible love and mercy of God which might bring a sinner back into an even deeper relationship with God. The evil one desperately does not want this to happen for that soul that may become a saint and be assured of salvation and heaven, safe from his reach.

Despite any feelings of shame or guilt of one's sins, never delay coming to the Lord in repentance in the sacrament of confession. That is the reason for the anonymity in that sacrament so that the repentant sinner might not have so much fear in going to confession and feeling the embrace of our loving Savior in that sacrament.

The Café Sunday is coming up next week at St. Thomas next Sunday, September 27th. It is delicious and a wonderful community gathering. At that event we will have our Ministry Sunday event. All of our parish organizations and ministries will be present there with information about what they do and how you can get involved in them. St. Peter and Paul will hold their Ministry Sunday at their pancake breakfast the next Sunday, October 4th. These two great events are part of stirring out parish communities into deeper loving service to Jesus Christ and His people.

The accessibility project construction is moving rapidly toward its conclusion. There is some ambiguity about the exact final date, but it is very near. As a result, be sure to watch the bulletin, and pay attention to pulpit announcements at mass for the date at which we will be bringing back the weekday masses and confessions.

We are looking to make that move either the week of October 13th or 20th. We will know for sure in the next week or two. By paying close attention to information about that change of location for weekday Masses and confessions, I hope to prevent anyone from accidentally going to the wrong church when that change takes place. This happened for some people when these Masses and confessions moved over to St. Thomas back in May.

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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PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE (July 2026-June 2027 contributions)

Contributions toward our renovation project are not included.

Week Ending September 13 2026

Donation Type	W/E Collection	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Prior YTD Actual
Envelopes	\$7,445.00	\$62,594.43	\$69,000.00	\$ (6,405.57)	\$66,087.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,310.75	\$21,587.44	\$21,350.00	\$237.44	\$20,058.03
Loose Plate	\$311.65	\$2,702.65	\$3,150.00	\$ (447.35)	\$3,384.40
TOTALS	\$9,067.40	\$86,884.52	\$93,500.00	\$ (6,615.48)	\$89,529.43



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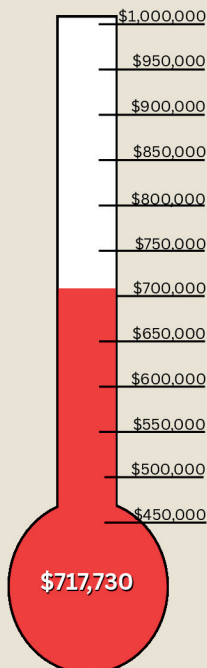


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Gift Level	# of Donors	Total Donations per Gift Level	Actual	Needed
\$20,000	1	\$20,000	\$-	\$20,000
\$10,000	2	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$ (15,000)
\$7,500	6	\$45,000	\$-	\$45,000
\$5,000	10	\$50,000	\$40,700	\$9,300
\$2,500	10	\$25,000	\$18,069	\$6,931
\$1,000	20	\$20,000	\$27,241	\$ (7,241)
\$500	50	\$25,000	\$8,668	\$16,332
<\$500	1	\$2,000	\$3,087	\$ (1,087)
Patronal Feast Proceeds			\$17,766	\$ (17,766)
Total	100	\$207,000	\$150,530	\$56,470

*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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"ACCESS FOR ALL" | UPDATE

We are about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way done, with painting the lower half of the Church. This is being done to match the new addition's lower brick. Thank you to all the painting volunteers!

Thank You to the Young Adults who helped clean the Church last Saturday before Mass. It had gotten filled with sheetrock dust from the new construction. PLEASE BE PREPARED FOR ANOTHER CLEAN UP DAY BEFORE THE ARCHBISHOP COMES. More to follow on a date and time. We'll need as many volunteers as possible to do the whole Church and grounds.

The South entry wall brick has been completed, and it looks AMAZING!!!!

Thanks for all who have donated with our project. The completion is getting closer..

Gary



Please welcome our new part-time custodian, Bob Zahler. Bob recently retired as a history teacher from the St. Michael/Albertville School District. We're happy to have him on the team. Please introduce yourself when you see him!



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

The Beatification of Fulton J. Sheen

On September 24, 2026, Fulton J. Sheen will be beatified at The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

Who was Fulton Sheen?

Fulton Sheen (1895–1979), born in El Paso, Illinois, was a pioneering evangelist who gained widespread recognition for his ability to communicate Catholic teachings to a broad audience through radio and television. He hosted the popular radio program *The Catholic Hour*, which ran on NBC from 1930 to 1950, and he later became a television icon with *Life Is Worth Living* (1952–1957) and *The Fulton Sheen Program* (1961–1968), earning an Emmy Award for Most Outstanding Television Personality and appearing on the cover of *Time* magazine for his work in evangelization. His media presence helped break down anti-Catholic bias in the United States and contributed to a more favorable environment for John F. Kennedy's election as the first Catholic U.S. president. He had 30,000,000 people a week watching his programs. (He drew more viewers than Milton Berle and Lucille Ball).

HE DREW MORE VIEWERS THAN MILTON BERLE AND LUCILLE BALL.

Sheen was also a distinguished scholar and educator, teaching theology and philosophy at The Catholic University of America and earning the Cardinal Mercier Prize for International Philosophy in 1923. He served as auxiliary bishop of New York and later as Bishop of Rochester, demonstrating leadership within the Church while maintaining a focus on public evangelization.

...EARNED HIM THE NICKNAME "GOD'S MICROPHONE."

Beyond media and academia, Sheen was a prolific author, writing numerous books (he wrote 66 books) on theology, philosophy, and spirituality, and he actively supported missionary work as national Director of the for the Propagation of the Faith.

His deep devotion to the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary, combined with his innovative approach to preaching, earned him the nickname "God's microphone."

Sheen's legacy continues through the ongoing rebroadcast of his programs on networks like EWTN, and his influence as a communicator, educator, and evangelist remains a defining aspect of 20th-century Catholicism.

Cause for Canonization

His cause for canonization began in 2002, and he was declared Venerable in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI after his heroic virtues were recognized. In 2019, Pope Francis approved a miracle

attributed to Sheen's intercession, clearing the way for beatification; but the beatification process faced multiple delays due to civil and ecclesiastical scrutiny, so the process was suspended to ensure all matters were thoroughly reviewed. By 2022, after careful research and verification, the Vatican confirmed there were no impediments to proceeding.

The Miracle that Led to Fulton Sheen's Beatification

The miracle occurred on September 16, 2010, when James Fulton Engstrom was born at home in Goodfield, Illinois, with a knot in his umbilical cord that cut off oxygen and blood supply. He was born blue, motionless, and without a pulse, and did not breathe. Family members and paramedics performed CPR for 20 minutes before transporting him to OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, where doctors and nurses continued resuscitation efforts for an additional 40 minutes, including two direct injections of epinephrine into his heart, all without effect. His blood gas levels indicated a degree of toxicity typically seen in someone who had been dead for a week. Just as the attending physician was about to declare death, James's heart suddenly began beating at a normal newborn rate of 148 beats per minute. During this time, his mother, Bonnie Engstrom, repeatedly invoked the name of Fulton Sheen in prayer, and the baby had been emergency baptized by his father, receiving the name James Fulton in honor of Sheen.

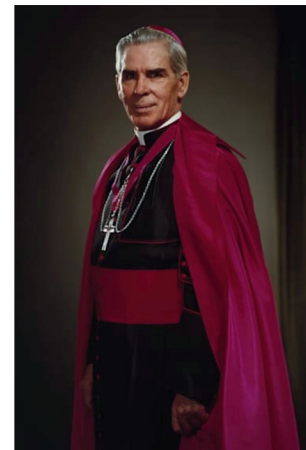
HIS BLOOD GAS LEVELS INDICATED A DEGREE OF TOXICITY TYPICALLY SEEN IN SOMEONE WHO HAD BEEN DEAD FOR A WEEK.

Role of Fulton Sheen's Intercession

James's parents had entrusted their baby to Fulton Sheen during the pregnancy, inspired by Sheen's television program *Life Is Worth Living*. The medical team could not explain the recovery, and the event was attributed to the intercession of Archbishop Sheen. This miraculous healing became the official miracle recognized by the Vatican, clearing the way for Sheen's beatification.

James Fulton Engstrom, now a healthy teenager, continues to live an active life, and his miraculous recovery remains a testament to the intercessory power attributed to Fulton Sheen.

The beatification ceremony will honor Sheen's contributions to the Church and recognize the miracle that advanced his cause toward sainthood.



NEWS & EVENTS

A SS. PETER & PAUL WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB
ENGAGED IN SHARED EXPERIENCES

The Table of Wisdom Hosts

Navigating the Behaviors of Alzheimer's Patients

ALL ARE WELCOME

WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

HEIDI HALVERSON, R.N.



Date: September 28 | Time: 10 am | SS Peter & Paul Parish Center
Questions? Joni Mudge (515) 559-4238

Practice begins Monday,
September 28th, 6:30pm in
Church Choir Loft!



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.

Church of Saints Peter & Paul

MINISTRY Fair

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— 1 Peter 4:10

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- Consider your gifts
- Visit Ministry Booths
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Come & Discover Your Calling

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Parish Center

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More Information: Lynn Scholtes (763) 496-5143 Lscholtes@saintsppta.org



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Garage Sale dates and times:

- Wed, Oct 7, 1-8pm
- Thurs, Oct 8, 9am-8pm (50% off from 4-8pm)
- Fri, Oct 9, 9am-1:30pm (\$5 bag day)

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**THANK
YOU**

THIS WEEK

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat, Sep 26 - 4PM

Priest.....Fr. Sebastian Bakatu
 Sacristan.....Mary Schneider
 Rosary.....Diane Oberg
 Ushers.....Gary & Jeanne Zitzloff
 Lector.....Diane Oberg
 EMHC.....Diane Oberg

Sun, Sep 27 - 9AM

Priest.....Fr. Sebastian Bakatu
 Sacristan.....Paul & Joan Gibson
 Rosary.....Joan Gibson
 Ushers.....Steve Beal & Paul Gibson
 Lector.....TJ McGuire
 Cup Minister.....Amy Gallus
 Hospitality.....Duane & Karen Schlosser
 EMHC.....TJ McGuire

Mass Intentions

September 22-27, 2026

Tues.....+Mary Katherine Kelly
 Wed.....Souls in Purgatory
 Thur.....+Deceased Members of
 Frank & Florence Ghostly
 Family
 Sat.....4:00pm...Parish Cluster
 Sun.....9:00am...+Leonard Schlosser Jr.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Catechetical Sunday
 Monday: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist;
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
 Thursday:
 Friday:
 Saturday: St. Cosmas & Damian
 Next Sunday: 26th 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

SEPTEMBER

SUN, Sep 20
 FRI, Sep 25
 MON, Sep 28

Private Rental | SPP Dining Hall/Kitchen
VM Young Adult Game Night | SPP Library
1st Night of Choir Practice | 6:30pm, Church Choir Loft

OCTOBER

Thur, Oct 1
 Fri, Oct 2
 Sun, Oct 4
 Sun, Oct 4
 Sat, Oct 10
 Sun, Oct 18
 Thur, Oct 22-24
 Sat, Oct 24
 Sun, Oct 25

SPP Pastoral Council | SSPP Conference Room
Private Rental | 4-5:30 pm Church/Library/Dining Hall
KC Pancake Breakfast | 8 am-Noon, Dining Hall
Ministry Fair | 8 am- Noon, Gym
Young Adult Swing Dance | 7-11 pm, Gym
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

NOVEMBER

Sun, Nov 1
 Sun, Nov 1

Archbishop Hebda Blessing of Accessibility Project
 9-10 am, Church
First Responder Brunch | 10 am-Noon, Dining Hall

You are invited to the Knights of Columbus Pancake and Southwest French Toast Breakfast and the Parish Volunteer Ministry Fair. The Ministry Fair will provide information for all the different areas in our parish community to share your time and talents. When we have enough volunteers, no one will be scheduled more than once a month. Please consider visiting us in the gym on Sunday, October 4th from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. If you have questions, please contact Lynn Scholtes at 763-496-5143.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9,
 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps
 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps
 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps
 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4,
 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and
 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4,
 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps
 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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.

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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!

- Willie Anderson (10/7)
- Red Ziesmer (10/27)
- Special Intention (11/12)
- Luke Dugan (10/21)
- Rosie Arens (11/6)
- Norm Winter (11/26)

PRAY FOR THOSE DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

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



Prayer for an OCIA Class

Dear God,
You never cease calling
each of us to You.
Be with our OCIA class
as we journey to know You
better.
Inspire our conversations,
guide our lessons,
and direct our hearts as
each of us seeks Your will.
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

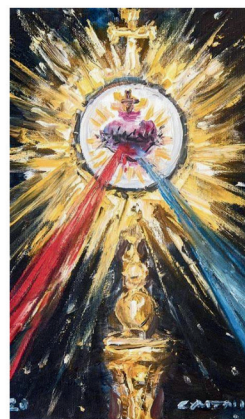
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Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intention for
September 2026

- That Our Lord will have mercy on our world and provide the weather that various areas need;
- 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] is time spent in the presence of Our Lord Himself. If faith is alive, no further reason is needed..."

~ Ven. Fulton J. Sheen



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
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.

