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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ♦ OCTOBER 18, 2026



"...AND TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD."

MT 22:21

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.

Archdiocese Victim Assistance Hotline: (651) 291-4475

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:
Make arrangements with the pastor 6-8 months in advance. Must be a registered parishioner at least six months prior to beginning marriage prep. Cohabiting couples will normally be required to separate before scheduling a wedding.

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6:00PM - 10:00PM

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From Fr. Glen's DESK

This is the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In our Gospel reading Jesus is tested by the Pharisees. They try to trip Him up by giving Him a loaded question. If He says that the people should pay the Roman census tax, He might look like a collaborator and the people might turn against Him. If He says not to pay it, they will turn Him over to the Romans for inciting revolt against them.

Jesus circumvents this trap by asking whose image is on the coin. When they say Ceaser's, He says to give to Ceaser what is his, and to God what is God's. Jesus does not address the question of validity of the Roman tax, He simply states that the money used to pay the tax is their currency, let them have it. But what belongs to God must be given to God. What belongs to God is our faith and obedience to His will for us. Taxes and currency are only involved with following God's will insofar as they show whether we support God's will or not.

How do we use our money? Do we use it all on our own interests, or do we also help others when we can? What the government does with our tax dollars is something that should affect how we vote as we are in a democracy. Jesus stepped out of the Pharisees' trap by putting how we live our lives as the most important matter for us. Our lives are not reduceable to money and taxes. As God's people, we must give Him our loyalty in our actions and decisions.

- *Next weekend the Hennepin County Sherrif will speak at the 9:00 and 10:30 masses at our two parishes on behalf of the Minnesota 100 organization which raises funds for the families of first responders fallen in the line of duty. There will be a second collection at all masses that weekend. The following weekend (November 1st) there will be a brunch at Ss. Peter and Paul honoring first responders following the 9:00AM Mass. The Archbishop will be attending as he will bless the new addition at Ss. Peter and Paul at the 9:00AM mass.*



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.

Thank You!

Thank you to **Koch's Korner** for their extraordinary generosity in matching the $7,000 raised through Catholic United Financial's Walk-a-thon for our elevator project! Your kindness strengthens our parish community and helps move our elevator project forward with hope and joy. We are deeply grateful for your support!

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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SUPPORTING PARISH & COMMUNITY

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

Contributions toward our renovation project are not included.

Week Ending October 11, 2026

Donation Type	W/E Collection	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Prior YTD Actual
Envelopes	$7,428.00	$87,819.43	$96,500.00	$ (8,680.57)	$90,403.00
Electronic Giving	$902.75	$29,325.18	$29,850.00	$ (524.82)	$28,039.81
Loose Plate	$333.00	$3,917.65	$4,250.00	$ (332.35)	$4,489.40
TOTALS	**$8,663.75**	**$121,062.26**	**$130,600.00**	**$ (9,537.74)**	**$122,932.21**

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

"ACCESS FOR ALL" | CHALLENGE



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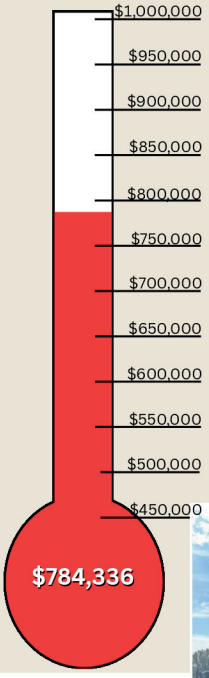
(incl. Parishioner Base, lead commitments & other forms of support.)



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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	$ 11,202	$ 13,798
<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**	**$ 166,096**	**$ 40,904**

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

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A MAINTENANCE MINUTE

"ACCESS FOR ALL" | UPDATE

Well, we're almost there! The paving of the parking lot was completed on Monday the 12th. They should be striping it soon too. We need to let it cure for a while before we can drive on it though.

We are in the last stages of interior work. Some touch-up painting, cleaning, install the electric heaters, make sure everything works.

Thank You to everyone who has contributed to this project.

Gary









ATTENTION PLEASE!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Please enter into your MSP app the dates you are unavailable for the months of December, January, and February, or contact TJ in the Parish Office to let him know your unavail-able dates before Friday, November 6th.

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



DISCERNING VOCATIONS

Question:
What does it mean to discern a vocation?

Answer:
The word vocation comes from the Latin word vocare, meaning "to call." A vocation is a calling or invitation from God to serve in a particular way. For Catholics, that calling might be as a priest, sister, or married person. Vocation is the way we respond to the invitation to share in God's grace and witness to God's love in the world.

Discerning a vocation is the process in which we pray for God's guidance. We listen for God's message that is often quiet and unassuming in a world filled with noise and distractions. We look at our gifts and talents, seek the advice of others, examine our motives, and listen to see what God is asking of us. The goal of discernment is to follow what the Lord wills, not what we think is the best idea. Many men enter a seminary to discern if that is their vocation, only to discover that their calling is to marriage. Others have resisted the idea for long periods of time, until finally they could resist no more. Some great saints have described that dilemma. Vocation is a human process of divine origin, and each of us must strive constantly to hear the call of God in our lives.

Prayer of Discernment

Dear Lord,

Here I am!
Help me to know the path You would have me walk,
to speak the words You would have me speak,
to love and serve those You put in my path.

Amen.

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RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

"Open House Sunday"

Date: Sunday, Nov. 8
Start Time: 1 p.m.
End Time: 4 p.m.
Locations: See below

To culminate National Vocation Awareness Week, the Office of Delegate for Consecrated Life is sponsoring Religious Communities Open House Sunday.

All the faithful of the Archdiocese are invited, especially families, youth and young adults. Come and see! Visit where they pray and ask questions to learn more about their life and vocation. Consider visiting five religious communities during the open house and pray a decade of the rosary between visits for vocations.

Please note time change for the Missionary Sisters of Charity: visit their convent between 3-4 p.m.

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES PARTICIPATING:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ Convent
11520 Preserve Ln N, Champlin, MN 55316

Visitation Monastery of Minneapolis
1615 Fremont Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55411
www.visitationmonasteryminneapolis.org

Missionaries of Charity (Come between 3-4 p.m.)
1500 E 24th St, Minneapolis, MN 55404

Sisters of Pro Ecclesia Sancta | Sacred Heart Convent
8650 Russell Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55431
www.sacredheartofjesusconvent.org

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet | Carondelet Village
525 Fairview Ave S, St Paul, MN 55116

Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus
1142 Summit Ave, St Paul, MN 55105

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1289 Lafond Ave, St Paul, MN 55104

Little Sisters of the Poor
330 Exchange St S, St Paul, MN 55102
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222 Wentworth Ave W, St Paul, MN 55118

Missionary Sisters of St Peter
265 Century Ave S, St Paul, MN 55125
www.clavermissionarysisters.org

NEWS & EVENTS

WEEKDAY MASSES ARE BACK!

Weekday Confessions and Masses return this week. We will go back to the original 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

2ND COLLECTION FOR MINNESOTA 100 CLUB

(Organization to support Minnesota's First Responders)

Next weekend we will have a speaker and a second collection for donations to the MN 100 Club. We are honored to support the effort this organization makes in providing instant relief and aid to family members of Minnesota First Responders who are critically injured or die in the line of duty. Checks can be made out to: Church of Saints Peter and Paul. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

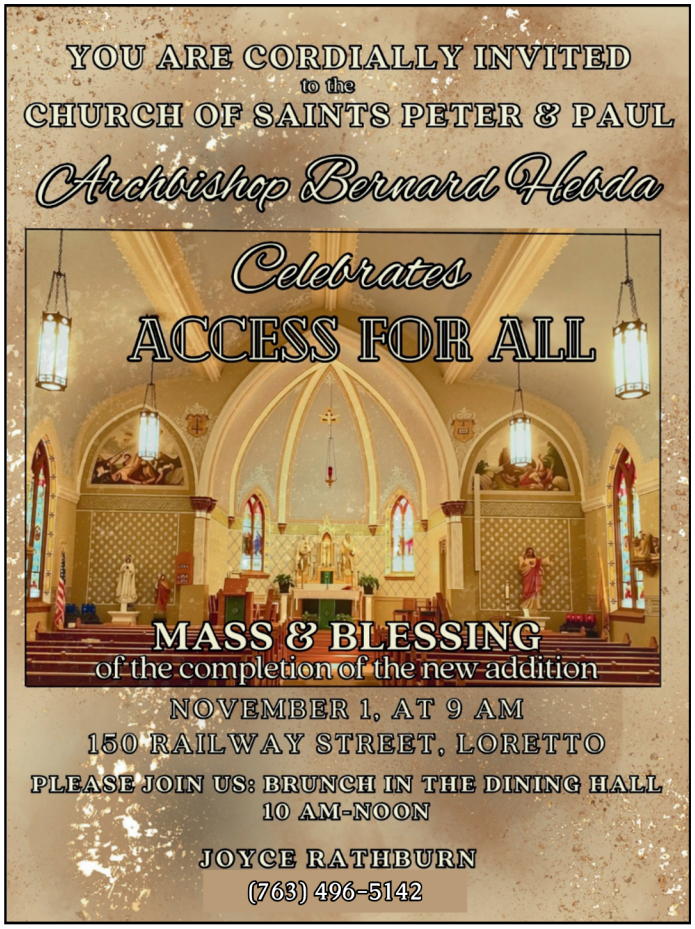
1ST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION BRUNCH

Sunday, November 1st, 10 AM-12 Noon

Free-will offering. FREE for all First Responders and their families.
Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Sliced Smoked Ham, Rosemary Roasted Potatoes, Fresh Fruit, Caramel Rolls & Pastries, Specialty Coffee, Orange & Cranberry Mocktails.

THIS WEEKEND - CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday was established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. This anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate with renewed missionary zeal. Last year, Pope Leo XIV appealed to us, "Please help me help missionaries everywhere." That's what World Mission Sunday is about: helping Pope Leo care for the 1,130 missionary dioceses and territories under his supervision. Our prayers and support will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone. The second collection we take up today helps extend the Church's evangelizing work to missionary areas where the Gospel is being proclaimed for the first time, as well as to places where the Church is too young, persecuted or poor to sustain herself. Thank you for responding to Pope Leo's renewed call to help him support missionaries to the ends of the earth!





THIS WEEK

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat, Oct 24 - 4PM

Priest.....Fr. Jenson
Sacristan.....Glen Schneider
Rosary.....Bill & Vicki Magevas
Ushers.....Lee Schlosser, Butch Peitz
Lector.....Tim Spaulding
EMHC.....Cindy Spaulding
EMHC for Choir..Diane Oberg

Sun, Oct 25 - 9AM

Priest.....Fr. Jenson
Sacristan.....JoAnn Schlosser
Rosary.....Meg Clemens
Ushers.....Randy Arens, John Grenzer
Lector.....Terese Weber
EMHC.....Meg Clemens
Cup Minister.....Teri Walti
Hospitality.....CUF - Randy & Joyce Hatcher

Mass Intentions

October 20-25, 2026

Tues.....+Fr. Theodore Campbell

Wed.....+Denny Scholtes

Thur.....Kevin Joseph Johnson

Sat.....4:00pm...+Lorelie Yager

Sun.....9:00am...First Responders

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2026

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

Monday: Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Peter of Alcantara

Tuesday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. John Paul II, Pope

Friday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Saturday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Next Sunday: 30th 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

OCTOBER

Sun, Oct 18 — **Dead Theologians Society** | 5-8pm, SPP DH & Youth Rm
Thur, Oct 22 — **KC Haunted House** | 6-10pm, SPP Parish Center
Fri, Oct 23 — **KC Haunted House** | 6-10pm, SPP Parish Center
Sat, Oct 24 — **KC Haunted House** | 6-10pm, SPP Parish Center
Sun, Oct 25 — **MN 100 Speaker** | 9 am, Church
Holy Apostles Youth Group | 6:30-8pm, SPP Youth Rm
Mon, Oct 26 — **SPP Women's Social Group** | 10am, SPP Dining Hall
Tue, Oct 27 — **Men's Small Group** | 6-7:30pm, SPP Conf. Rm
Fri, Oct 30 — **Young Adult Game Night** | 7-10pm, SPP Library

NOVEMBER

Sun, Nov 1 — **Archbp Hebda - Blessing of Accessibility Project** 9-10 am, Church
First Responders Brunch | 10 am-Noon, Dining Hall
Thur, Nov 5 — **Retreat** | 8:30 am-3 pm, Parish Center & Classrooms
SPP Pastoral Council mtg | 6:30pm, SPP Conference Rm
Fri, Nov 6 — **Retreat** | 8:30 am- 3 pm, Parish Center & Classrooms
Family Intercessory Hour | 9-10am, ST Church
Sat, Nov 7 — **1st Saturday Devotions** | 7:30-9am, ST Church
Men's Cancer Support Group | 9-10am, ST Old Rectory
Sun, Nov 8 — **Holy Apostles COR Team** | 5-6:30 pm
Holy Apostles Youth Group | 6:30-8pm, SPP Youth Rm
Mon, Nov 9 — **SPP Women's Social Group** | 10am, SPP Dining Hall
Sat, Nov 14 — **Young Adult Swing Dance** | 7 pm, Gym
Sun, Nov 15 — **CUF Turkey Bingo** | 1-4pm, SPP Dining Hall
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
Sun, Nov 22 — **St. Thomas Turkey Bingo** | 11am, ST Dining Hall
Holy Apostles Youth Group | 6:30-8pm, SPP



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2026

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

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sun: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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, Cecilia K. at 612-834-4487.

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)
- Rosie Arens (11/6)
- Special Intention (11/12)
- Norm Winter (11/26)
- Kevin Joseph Johnson (1/14)

PRAY FOR THOSE DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

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

Blessing for Mission World Sunday



O God,

You never cease to call us to Yourself, bless the mission fields where we sow, tend, and reap. Give us your grace and strength as we share Your love with families and friends, strangers and sojourners. Give us the right words, the right inspirations, the right invitations, the right love. Your love, shared.

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

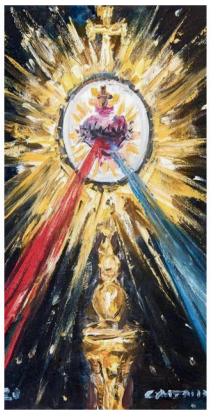
Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intention for

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.



"The Holy Hour helps us make reparation for the sins of the world and for our own sins. When the Sacred Heart appeared to St. Margaret Mary, it was His Heart, and not His head, that was crowned with thorns. It was Love that was hurt. Black Masses, sacrilegious communions, scandals, militant atheism – who will make up for them?"

~ Blessed Fulton J. Sheen



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
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.