



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JANUARY 18, 2026

HOW MANY TIMES A DAY CAN
YOU RECEIVE COMMUNION? (pg 4)

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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

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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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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 is the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. We have concluded the Season of Christmas. Now we are in Ordinary Time, the time to live out the revelations of the Lord celebrated in the previous season. We have celebrated the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. With Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord, we have pondered why Jesus came among us. First, we celebrated the Epiphany of His coming to save all people, not just the Jewish people. Then we celebrated His baptism, which showed that we are to die to sin and rise to resurrection glory to become true sons and daughters of God through union with Jesus.

We are called through these lessons to examine our faith to see if we have died to sin in our lives so that we can better reflect our faith in Jesus to those around us. Isaiah, in the first reading for this Sunday, stated that God said that His servant would not only save the Jewish people but all the nations. Through baptism, we are called to participate in the spreading of the faith.

The Lord's Day, Sunday, would be an excellent time to examine how we are living in God's eyes and to have a more restful time to spend with the Lord in addition to just going to Mass. Green is the liturgical color for this season of Ordinary Time. Green represents growth as we observe it in nature. Let us strive to grow in the Spirit and flourish in God's eyes!

Next Sunday, January 25th, the Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake and Southwest French Toast Breakfast at Ss. Peter and Paul from 8:00AM until noon. It's delicious, so please plan to come support this excellent Catholic community event. Also, at that event there will be an envelope fundraiser for the youth in our cluster to provide financial assistance for them to attend the Extreme Faith Camp this coming summer. You just pick one of the envelopes with a dollar amount on it and bring it back with that amount in it. We can raise a couple thousand dollars quickly and easily through this inventive fundraiser!



SAFETY ALERT!!

You may have noticed orange cones around. This winter, with our freeze and thaw

temperatures, there has been a lot of "heaving" in areas, which is creating trip hazards. There are also certain areas that always seem to have ice, especially on the North side by the ramp, and by the downspout on the South side. Please be very careful as you are walking around our area.

How many pounds of salt have we used so far this year, you ask?: 250 lbs. so far, not including the salting and the sanding of the parking lots.

Gary

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" - Jn 1:29-30

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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.

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.

W/E January 11, 2026

Donation Type	W/E Collection	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Prior YTD Actual
Envelopes	\$ 6,039.00	\$ 235,120.76	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 25,120.76	\$ 204,892.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 960.75	\$ 57,353.89	\$ 56,538.46	\$ 815.43	\$ 61,169.90
Loose Plate	\$ 204.00	\$ 7,868.89	\$ 8,076.92	\$ (208.03)	\$ 7,111.23
TOTALS	\$ 7,203.75	\$ 300,343.54	\$ 274,615.38	\$ 25,728.16	\$ 273,173.13



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



For online Renovation Donations,
scan above QR code.

Join us!

Envelope FUNDRAISER

After the **9am Mass** at **Ss. Peter and Paul** on **Sunday, Jan 25**

Choose an envelope, numbered 1 to 100, and return it with a donation of the amount labeled on the front

Please return by March 15

All donations go to the youth of both parishes attending Extreme Faith Camp.



Heartland



At Love INC Heartland, our goal is to promote positive, lasting life transformation. Our Fresh Start Program encourages independence by helping people gain valuable life skills and see their self-worth. Volunteers from our partnership of churches provide community meals, lead classes, and mentor participants.

This wholistic program embodies a hand up vs. hand out approach to need. Please consider providing a simple meal to support this program and our neighbors in need. Also consider teaming up with a friend, small group or your family to help meet this need in our community in the name of Jesus! For more information: loveinheartland.org/fresh-start/

DON'T MISS WINTERFEST AT ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH!

Saturday, January 31 & Sunday, February 1

Bundle up and join us for St. Michael Catholic Church's annual Winterfest - a cherished tradition that brings together community for food, fellowship, and fun!

Highlights of the Weekend:

- Grand Raffle: Tickets just \$10! Grand Prize: \$5,000 cash, plus two \$500 prizes and two \$250 prizes. Drawing held Sunday at 4:45 PM
- Bake Sale: Delicious homemade treats available all weekend!

Saturday, January 31: Lasagna Dinner plus Casino Night: Try your luck at blackjack, poker, pull-tabs, and other exciting games of chance.

Sunday, February 1: Bingo and Meat Raffle: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM and Grand Raffle Drawing: 4:45 PM

For full details, visit: stmccatholicchurch.org/winterfest.

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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

GOSPEL MEDITATION



It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: "Now I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God" (John 1:34). That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— Father John Muir

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How many times a day can a person receive communion?

Answer:

To find an answer to this question, we need to turn to the Church's Code of Canon Law. Here we read, "One who has received the blessed Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates ..." (no. 917). This tells us that the standard answer would be that we can receive communion twice in a day.

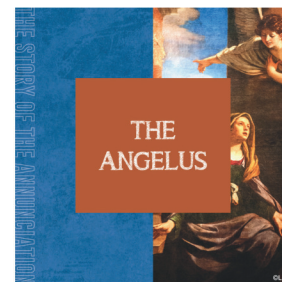
Having said that, we also want to be sure that we pay attention to the entire instruction. The phrase "within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates" is important. It means, A) that we always have to think of receiving communion as being within a celebration of the Mass, and B) we have to be participants in that celebration — we can't simply show up "in time" for communion.

So, when would this rule apply?

For example, if you attend Mass on a Saturday morning and then take part in the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, you could licitly receive communion at both celebrations. Or, another example, if you receive communion at a wedding or funeral Mass, you could also receive communion at a daily Mass or Sunday Vigil celebrated on the same day. We always want to be sure that we observe the rules for fasting from food and drink before receiving the Eucharist (see Code of Canon Law, no. 919).

We should also remember that the Code of Canon Law instructs that anyone who is in danger of death or seriously ill may also receive communion a second time (no. 91, §2).

THE ANGELUS



The Angelus helps us re-center our hearts on Christ, sanctify ordinary time, and stay rooted in gratitude and humility.

The Angelus recalls the moment when the Angel Gabriel announced God's plan to Mary and she responded with her wholehearted "yes". Its three verses come straight from Scripture and are paired with Hail Mary's, creating a simple, meditative pattern. Traditionally prayed at 6 a.m., noon, and 6 p.m., it invites believers to stop whatever they're doing and turn their hearts toward God.

Those three pauses act like spiritual "bells" that remind us God is present in the ordinary moments of work, family life, and rest. The Angelus helps us remember that God entered our world—our real, messy, daily life—and remains with us. Mary's "Be it done unto me" becomes a model for our own willingness to follow God's call.

For centuries, Catholics around the world have prayed the Angelus together, often marked by the ringing of the Angelus bell. It is a beautiful prayer that takes only a minute or two, yet it creates a sacred pause in the middle of ordinary tasks, reminding us of God's presence woven into our ordinary lives.

For words to this beautiful prayer, see page 7.

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NEWS & EVENTS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Liturgical Ministers, please enter in the MSP app or contact the Parish Office by Fri, February 6, with dates you cannot serve during March, April, and May. Thank you!"

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February 12-14, 2026

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Also, save the dates!

- March 5 - Andrew Dinner at All Saints in Lakeville
- April 14 - Andrew Dinner at St. Michael in St. Michael.

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Are you investing in your marriage?
"The challenge is living these vows ... every day of your marriage, in the big and small moments."
— Renzo Ortega

February 7, 2026
Mass 8 a.m.
Retreat 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Maternity of Mary, Saint Paul, MN

Newly married couples (married 0-7 years) are invited to this day to connect, find ways to invest in your relationship and invite the Lord to be present in your marriage every day.

Cost: \$60/couple
Includes a light breakfast, catered lunch and workbook.
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Speakers are **Renzo and Monica Ortega**, hosts of the popular marriage podcast, *Two Become Family*, and authors of the book, *Lovemaking: How to Talk about Sex with Your Spouse*. Their talk will offer an honest, practical approach to intimacy and holiness in marriage. The event includes opportunities for Mass, Confession, breakouts and a renewal of vows.



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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat, Jan 24 - 4PM

Priest.....Fr. Jensen
Deacon.....Tom Utecht
Sacristan.....JoAnn Schlosser
Rosary.....Judy Arens
Ushers.....Lee Schlosser, Butch Peitz
Lector.....Scott Ritter
Comm Assist.....Deacon Tom
Choir EMHC.....Rachel Polson

Sun, Jan 25 - 9AM

Priest.....Fr. Jensen
Deacon.....Tom Utecht
Sacristan.....Glen Schneider
Rosary.....Sandy Jordan
Ushers.....Paul Elsen, Allen Pouliot,
Randy Arens
Lector.....Amy Gallus
Comm Assist.....Deacon Tom
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Mass Intentions

January 20-25, 2026

Tues.....Fiona Butler
Wed.....+Fr. Hilary M. Nguyen
Thur.....Parish Cluster
Fri.....+Rev. Dennis Kampa
Sat.....8:30am...Parish Cluster
4:00pm...+Jamie Miels
Sun.....9:00am...+Joe Koch

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2026

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;
St. Sebastian, Martyr
Wednesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children
Friday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Saturday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



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.

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CALENDAR

JANUARY

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

Mon, Jan 19 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
Tue, Jan 20 **VIA** | 8:30am-4:30pm, SPP Parish Center
Men's Small Group | 6-7:30pm, SPP Conference Rm
OCIA | 7-9:00pm, SPP Library
Wed, Jan 21 **Parish Cluster Dinner** | 5:30-6pm @ St. Thomas
Faith Formation | 6:15-7:30pm @ St. Thomas
SUN, JAN 25 **KC PANCAKE & FRENCH TOAST BKFAST** | 8AM-12NOON, SPP
Tue, Jan 27 **VIA** | 8:30am-4:30pm, SPP Parish Center
OCIA | 7-9:00pm, SPP Library
Wed, Jan 28 **Parish Cluster Dinner** | 5:30-6pm @ St. Thomas
Faith Formation | 6:15-7:30pm @ St. Thomas
Thu, Jan 29 **Tentative SPP Pastoral Council mtg** | 6:30pm, SPP Conf Rm

FEBRUARY

Sun, Feb 1 **COR Team** | 5-6:30pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul
Holy Apostles Youth Group | 6:30-8pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul
Tue, Feb 3 **VIA** | 8:30am-4:30pm, SPP Parish Center
Men's Small Group | 6-7:30pm, SPP Conference Rm
OCIA | 7-9:00pm, SPP Library

JOIN US WEEKLY:

Mondays: Choir Practice | 6:30-8:00pm
(SPP Choir Loft)
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)



Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday:

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,
9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-
11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/
Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday:

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13,
17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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 contact-ing 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. Thank you.

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 con-

tact Sherry at the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office —763-479-0535 or selsen@saintsppta.org.

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)
- Anne Menard (3/26)
- Luke Dugan (4/1)

DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

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

Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intention for
January 2026

For the participants of the Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry and their families; and for the safety of the unborn, and that the Ukrainian children kidnapped by Russia will be returned to their families..

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 ANGELUS



V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary. . .

V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary. . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:
Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.



"Adore and visit Jesus, abandoned and forsaken by men in His Sacrament of Love. Man has time for everything except for visits to His Lord and God, Who is waiting and longing for us in the Blessed Sacrament."

~ St. Peter Julian Eymard

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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Adoration Open Hours

NIGHT TIME HOURS:

Sunday..... 2:00 AM | 3:00 AM
Tuesday..... 12 Midnight | 5:00 AM
Wednesday..... 3:00 AM | 1:00 AM
Thursday..... 1:00 AM
Saturday..... 1:00 AM | 3:00 AM

AFTERNOON HOURS:

Saturday..... 5:00 PM

EVENING HOURS:

Saturday..... 8:00 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.

