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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MAY 10, 2026

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AND
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**SON OF PARISHIONERS BECOMES
A KNIGHT OF THE ORDER OF
ST GEORGE. (pg. 4)**

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)*
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.



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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This is the 6th Sunday of the Easter Season. We are moving toward the end of this season of the resurrection, culminating on Pentecost with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. There are a number of themes in this Sunday's readings. One of these is found in the second reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence."

From
Fr. Glen's
DESK

St. Peter is urging us to not only be willing, but also to be ready to explain the hope we have arising from faith in our risen Lord Jesus. This hope comes from a realization that God loves us to an incredible degree. Why else would God lower Himself to have His Word come down among us in Jesus, born of Mary? Why else would Jesus, one in being with the Father, willingly die to pay the price for our sins?

The answer to these questions provides the reason for our hope, God loves us so much that He would do these things for us. By taking this to mind and through prayer to heart, hope does spring up. And when speaking of a hope born through pondering love, we speak of it reverently and with love, as St. Peter says above.

Christians must have sometimes spoken in a superior or judgmental way to their pagan neighbors and even Jews for Peter to say this. Let us take that message to heart, especially when speaking to our unchurched or fallen away brothers and sisters. This hope that we have through faith in Jesus Christ is amazing and uplifting for us. We must desire to share that with others. How we share it is all-important!

- *This Sunday is Mother's Day! I want to wish all the moms in our two parishes my warmest wishes and prayers for your blessing. You have done so much to show us love. Through your constant care, you have sent us into the journey of our lives grounded by your love. May our Lady, Jesus' Mom, pray for you to be wonderfully blessed as we celebrate you!*
- *Please pray for students in our confirmation program who will be confirmed at the Cathedral next Sunday, May 17th. May the Holy Spirit, the Advocate Jesus promised to send, come down upon them richly!*

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sarah Vieau**, daughter-in-law of Loren & Cece Vieau of our parish.

We express our deepest sympathy to Loren & Cece and their family and friends, and pray that the love of God will provide them with comfort. May Sarah rest in the eternal peace of Christ, and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

HAPPY
Mother's Day

WEEKDAY MASSES MOVING TO ST. THOMAS

All of our weekday Masses and Confessions will move over to St. Thomas beginning this Tuesday, and will be there until our Accessibility project is completed. Please see the front cover of the bulletin for this temporary schedule.

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.

Week Ending May 3, 2026

Donation Type	W/E Collection	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Prior YTD Actual
Envelopes	\$5,518.00	\$332,693.73	\$330,000.00	\$2,693.73	\$285,334.17
Electronic Giving	\$2,765.75	\$92,211.61	\$88,846.15	\$3,365.46	\$93,386.66
Loose Plate	\$445.00	\$13,213.89	\$12,692.31	\$521.58	\$21,264.38
TOTALS	\$8,728.75	\$438,119.23	\$431,538.46	\$6,580.77	\$399,985.21



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 scan above QR code or go to sspap.org/online-giving.



For online Renovation Donations,
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Please join the Veritas Players as they proudly present

Under the Shadow of the Rose:
the tragic triumph of Servant of God, Leonie Martin

Performances: Wednesday, May 27 & Thursday, May 28, 2026
 7:00 P.M.

Location: The Catholic Church of Saints Peter & Paul
 150 Railway St. E.
 Loretto, MN

Free will offering is appreciated. 10% of all proceeds will be donated to the Visitation monastery in Caen for Leonie's cause.

Exploring the hidden life of the least known sister of Saint Therese of Lisieux, and the middle child of Saints Zelig and Louis Martin of Alencon, France, this play unearths the root of her tragedy amidst the sanctity of her family. In addition to the well-known family members, her sisters, Marie, Pauline, and Celine help Leonie to grow into the woman that God has created her to be. Her development delays, physical illnesses, and humility, and her great devotion to the sister who will become a Doctor of the Church has not been revealed to the world, until now.

Following Therese's Little Way, Leonie Martin was the first one to practice it and share it with others through her witness of love of God and neighbor in the littlest ways. She is currently recognized as a Servant of God. We hope, through this simple play, to bring her cause to light.

ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT UPDATE

WE'VE STARTED! This week has been busy, but exciting. We started on Monday with removing the outside Sacristy steps, and removing the concrete sidewalk and footings under the steps. CenterPoint Energy came to move the gas meter on Tuesday.

Next item of business will be installing new gas lines for our existing boilers in the Church to bring them up to code. They will be digging in the sewer lines for the new bathrooms next week and possible cutting through the foundation into the basement for the elevator.

More pictures will be in my Maintenance Minute weekly to keep everyone updated. Thank you to everyone that have donated to this great cause, Keep it up!!

Gary



A Different Kind of Knight

Matthew J. Schlosser, LTC, US Army (Ret.), has become a knight of the Order of St. George of the House of Habsburg-Lorraine. He is the third American to be received into the Order. His investiture by HIRH Karl von Habsburg took place on April 24, 2026, in the Church of Santa Maria dell'Anima, the former national church of the Holy Roman Empire in Rome.

Having spent most of his childhood in Germany where he attended school with the children of nobility and holding degrees in history and international studies, Matthew is fluent in German and has a good appreciation of the culture and the challenges the Order seeks to address.

Matthew has been a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus since he was 19. He is an Eagle Scout, the chaplain of his son's scout troop, and serves his parish as a lay reader and catechist. He lives in Ohio with his wife, Maggie, and sons, Mitchell and George. He is the son of Randy and JoAnn Schlosser of the Church Ss Peter & Paul in Loretto, Minnesota, where he was baptized.



The Order of St. George

The Order of St George aims to venerate St George as the patron saint of chivalry, to cultivate chivalry and a chivalrous outlook on life. The Order is Christian and European. It supports the multinational old Austrian idea of the state, the increased need for cooperation between the states of central and southeastern Europe, and stands up for a united Europe.

The Order is conservative in values, economically liberal and is committed to national defense and the defense of united Europe; it sees itself as part of a conservative Europe-oriented network and takes a stand on political issues but does not support any party.

The Order of St George is charitable and strives to alleviate or combat the Eightfold Misery:

**Illness and Hunger
Abandonment and Homelessness
Doubt and Guilt
Indifference and Unkindness**

The Order is elitist in the sense that it is highly selective, accepting only men and women of firm Christian faith who have demonstrated high levels of achievement and who pass a rigorous evaluation following nomination by a current knight or dame of the Order.



St. Georgs-Orden

Ein europäischer Orden des Hauses Habsburg-Lothringen



Habsburgs as Protectors of the Church

The tradition of European emperors as *Defensor Ecclesiae Romanae* (Defenders of the Western Church) begins with Charlemagne and the Carolingian Empire in AD 800, passing two centuries later to the Holy Roman Empire. The first Habsburg was elected as Holy Roman Emperor in 1273 and retained the position with every election from 1452 until its dissolution in 1804.

Following the end of the Holy Roman Empire, the Habsburgs continued as emperors of the Austro-Hungarian Empire until its dissolution following World War I. While no longer officially in the role of *Defensor Ecclesiae Romanae*, they were champions of Christianity in their multinational empire at the same time respecting the religions of their various lands. The last Austrian emperor, Karl I, died shortly after its dissolution at the end of World War I. His son, Otto, and grandson, Karl, continued their work for European cooperation particularly among the central and southeastern nations with the aim of each country remaining true to its unique culture - including the Christian roots underlying Western Civilization. The Order of St George is part of that effort.

Blessed Karl of Austria



The last Austro-Hungarian Emperor, Karl I, is known for his exceptional piety and devotion to Church, his people, and his family. Upon ascending the throne, he worked tirelessly to end World War I. Karl died in exile in 1922 and was beatified by Pope St John Paul II. The Blessed Karl Prayer League works to advance his cause for canonization.

NEWS & EVENTS

WELL-READ MOM (WRM) BOOK CLUB MAY READ

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

In May the WRM book club will be discussing the book "The End of the Affair" by Graham Greene.



The WRM book club will meet on May 12 in the Ss. Peter & Paul Dining Room from 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. hosted by Meg Clemens.

HAUNTED HOUSE MEETING

Thursday, May 21, 6:00pm

Parties interested in the Knights of Columbus Haunted House event this October will be meeting on Thursday, May 21 at 6PM in the Ss. Peter & Paul Dining Hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to flesh out this year's storyline, establish what "Rooms" will be in the house, and brainstorm the workings and devices that will be employed in those areas.



If you have interest in helping with, or participating in, this year's event, we request your participation at this meeting. For further information, contact Scott Ritter. You do not need to be a KC member to participate.

FAITH FORMATION 2026-27

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Early bird (due July 29): \$75/child, \$220/family
Regular (due Aug 26): \$85/child, \$250/family

Faith Formation refers to the process of learning, growing, and deepening one's understanding of the Catholic faith (for children aged 3 to youth in grade 8).

Classes begin September 16 at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Center. You're invited to a family dinner at 6:30pm, then class is 6:15-7:30pm.

For the class schedule and registration form, visit:
St Thomas the Apostle: churchofstthomas.org/faithformation or
Ss Peter & Paul: sspap.org/religious-education



"Blessing of Cars" after next weekend's Masses at Ss. Peter & Paul. (May 16 & 17)

PARISH & CEMETERY CLEANUP



**Saturday, May 16, 2026
9:00 AM**

**Meet in the Parish Center at
Saints Peter & Paul Church**



Questions, call Randy Hatcher at 612.413.6961

Come and volunteer your time to clean our parish grounds and cemetery. A small lunch will be provided.



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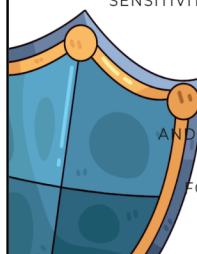


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ST. MARTHA HALL**

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THIS WEEK

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat, May 16 - 4PM

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

Sun, May 17 - 9AM

Priest.....Fr. Jenson
 Deacon.....Tom Utecht
 Sacristan.....JoAnn Schlosser
 Rosary.....Marlis Doboszanski
 Ushers.....Todd Johnson, Ruth Lehn,
 Steve Beal
 Lector.....TJ McGuire
 Comm Assist.....Deacon Tom
 Cup Minister.....Marlis Doboszanski
 Hospitality.....Knights of Columbus
 - Peter Courteau

Mass Intentions

May 12-17, 2026

Tues.....+Margie Jacobs
 Wed.....+Jim Bryant
 Thur.....+Dana Loria
 Sat.....4:00pm...+Jean Koziol
 Sun.....9:00am...Living & Deceased
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2026

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter;
 Mother's Day
 Tuesday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus,
 Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
 Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima
 Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord
 (observed on Ascension Sunday);
 St. Matthias, Apostle
 Friday: St. Isidore
 Saturday: Armed Forces Day
 Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
 7th Sunday of Easter; World
 Communications Day



JOIN A SMALL GROUP
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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.



CALENDAR

MAY

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

SAT, May 9 Young Adult Swing Dance | 7-11pm, SPP Gym
 SUN, May 10 **MOTHER'S DAY**
 Wkday Masses & Confessions move to St Thomas
 (See cover of bulletin for temporary schedule)
 SAT, May 16 Parish & Cemetery Cleanup | 9am, meet in Parish Ctr
 Blessing of Cars | After 4pm Mass @ SPP
 SUN, May 17 **THE ASCENSION**
 Blessing of Cars | After 9am Mass @ SPP
 Confirmation | 2pm, Cathedral of Saint Paul
 THU, May 21 Haunted House mtg | 6pm, SPP Dining Hall
 SAT, May 23 Morning Confessions & Mass @ ST - **CANCELLED**
 Men's Cancer Support Group | 9am, ST Rectory
 SUN, May 24 **PENTECOST**
 MON, May 25 **MEMORIAL DAY**
 Memorial Day Mass | 9am @ Ss. Peter & Paul
 Amer. Legion Post 154 GunSalute | 9:45, SPP Cem
 WED, May 27 Summer Youth Group | 6:30-8PM @ SPP

JUNE

WED, June 3 Summer Youth Group | 6:30-8pm @ SPP
 THU, June 4 SPP Pastoral Council | 6:30-8pm, SPP Conf. Rm

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 May 10, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16
 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday:

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and
 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3,
 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Friday:

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday:

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/
 Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday:

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-
 23/Mt 28:16-20

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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!

- Anne Menard (6/25)
- Luke Dugan (7/22)
- Dave & Sue Evensen (8/1)
- Maya Ojeda (6/26)
- Red Ziesmer (7/22)
- Rosie Arens (8/6)
- Special Intention (8/6)

PRAY FOR THOSE DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

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

Prayer for our Perpetual Adoration Ministry

Lord Jesus, thank You for staying with us in the Most Holy Eucharist. Thank You for the tremendous gift of Perpetual Adoration in our parish cluster.



As we celebrate the renewal of our adoration, we beg you to draw forth more adorers to share in experiencing the gift of Your love in adoration. Inspire all parishioners to sign up for a weekly hour to encounter You.

Please bless all adorers with special graces. May our Holy Hours help towards the salvation and conversion of souls. Strengthen and form us as adorers to grow in holiness, generosity and sacrifice.

Mary our Mother, we love you and consecrate ourselves, our parish and our Perpetual Adoration to your Immaculate Heart and to the Sacred and loving Heart of God in the Host.

Amen.

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 Division Leader:	Judy	763.331.5703
Afternoon Division Leaders:.....	Lill.....	612.600.2050
Evening Division Leader:	Connie.....	763.228.8330

Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intention for
May 2026

- That those suffering from mental anguish will find comfort and healing, and feel God's love for them;
- For the intentions written in the Adoration Chapel Prayer Intention Book; and
- For the intentions of the participants of the Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry.

*New members are always welcome.
To join, contact Sherry in the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office or Joanne at jmschu@live.com.*



Adoration Open Hours

NIGHT TIME HOURS:

Sunday.....2:00 AM | **3:00 AM** | **5:00 AM**
 Tuesday..... 12 Midnight | 5:00 AM
 Wednesday..... 3:00 AM | **4:00 AM**
 Friday..... 1:00 AM | 1:00 AM
 Saturday..... 1:00 AM | **3:00 AM**

MORNING HOURS:

Saturday..... **8:00 AM** (every 3rd Sat. of month)
 Saturday..... **11:00 AM**

AFTERNOON HOURS:

Sunday..... **3:00 PM**
 Friday..... **12:00 Noon** | **3:00 PM**
 Saturday..... **1:00 PM** | 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.

