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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ♦ OCTOBER 25, 2026



"YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

~ MT 22:39

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.

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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BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS.



From Fr. Glen's DESK

This is the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. As we move toward the end of the liturgical year our gospel reading again depicts Jesus in conflict with the Pharisees. They test him by asking which commandment is the greatest in the law. Jesus refers to the schema prayer in which it says, "You shall love the lord, you God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." He continues with, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

This is a sweeping demand for us to be dedicated to love for God and our neighbor. This can seem like a huge demand and find it difficult to figure out how to live this out. The second reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians gives us some insight. He mentions that they received the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit and that they had become a model for believers elsewhere.

When large numbers of the people in Thessalonica were converted by Paul the Jews encouraged a mob to form and created civil unrest to drive Paul out. despite this the Christian message he brought them continued to grow there.

The demand that we are to love God wholeheartedly and our neighbor as ourself, is show by the converts in Thessalonica who even made every effort to enable Paul to escape violence and get safely away from their city. He would write back to them and found that they were persisting in their faith and were not deterred by vocal opposition. Their example shows courageous faith in action. In an age which knows violence anew, their courage in the faith makes the gospel call for total giving of self to God visible.

This weekend we have Hennepin County Sheriff Dawanna Witt speaking at 9:00 AM Mass in Loretto and at 10:30 AM Mass at St. Thomas on behalf of the Minnesota 100 agency which helps families of first responders who have been injured or killed in the line of duty. We support them next Sunday at St. Peter and Paul with a brunch after the 9:00 AM Mass.
Next weekend, November 1st, The Archbishop will be at the 9:00 AM mass in Loretto to bless the new accessibility annex to the church and attend the brunch mentioned above.



Ss. Peter & Paul seeks a warm, creative, and organized Communication and Engagement Coordinator to share the life of our faith community with clarity and care. This 30-hour per week position plays an important role in keeping parishioners informed, connected, and encouraged to participate in parish life. They will oversee parish communications across print and digital platforms, including the weekly bulletin, website, flyers, brochures, posters, and parish coorespondence to different groups within the community. This person will work closely with the pastor, parish staff, and ministry leaders to ensure timely, accurate, and welcoming communication that reflects our Catholic parish's mission and spirit.

To apply, please send a resume to our Parish Administrator, Todd Ziesmer, at tziesmer@saintsppta.org.



Congratulations and welcome to Cabrini Hope Collings, who was baptized into the Catholic Church on Friday, October 16, 2026, at Ss. Peter & Paul. Cabrini is the daughter of Ted & Kalley Collings. Congratulations to the entire family!

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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Trustees

Brad Jacobs, Lee Schlosser

Parish Council

Lark Ahlstrom-Chair, Todd Johnson, Scott Ritter, Tim Spaulding, Glen Schneider, Tim Schmidt, Joni Mudge, Ted Colling

Finance Council

Rachel Polson-Chair, Dan Doboszenski, Bernadette Grenzer, Jovelyn Larson

SUPPORTING PARISH & COMMUNITY

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

Contributions toward our renovation project are not included.

Numbers unavailable at time bulletin went to print.

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

"ACCESS FOR ALL" | CHALLENGE



Catholic United Financial Elevator Walkathon

$6,505.00 - Walkathon donations
$1,000.00 - CUF donation
$7,000.00 - Koch's Korner Matching Gift

**** Total - $14,505.00 ****

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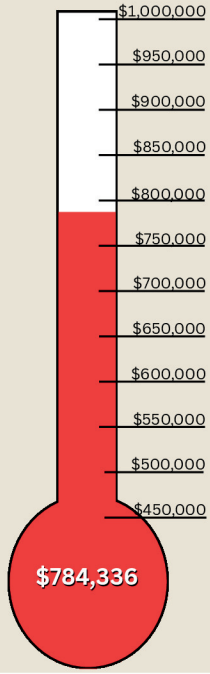
(incl. Parishioner Base, lead commitments & other forms of support.)



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A MAINTENANCE MINUTE "ACCESS FOR ALL" | UPDATE

Hopefully by the time you read this, we will be able to use our new elevator. There still may be a few last-minute items to take care of, and we still are planning on taking the ramp down shortly after the Archbishop's Blessing.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way: To the Volunteers who helped do all the exterior painting, those who have been doing all the land-scaping, those who installed the new outdoor Sacristy steps, and those who helped get all of the dirt moved around to shape our new vision for our campus. Thank you to the Young Adults who helped clean the Church, Catholic United Financial for their extremely successful "WALKING WITH THE SAINTS" fundraiser, and ALL of the Parishioners who have contributed financially. We could not have done any of this without everyone working together to achieve our goal of Access for ALL!

Gary



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.

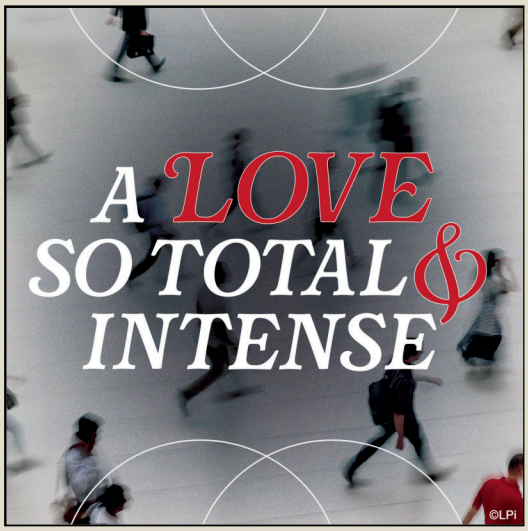
For more information, or to join, contact Greg at 763-412-0641.







OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37). He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.

— Father John Muir

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Please join us in praying the rosary for our nation and for the election of candidates who will support our Catholic beliefs. We will meet in front of the church and process around our parish grounds on October 31st at 9:30am. In case of inclement weather, we will be indoors.

Adoration Core Team.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
(Catholic Life Explained)



Question:
Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

Answer:
The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallow's Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first!

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question:
Other than Sundays, what are the names of the days on which Catholics are required to attend Mass?

Answer:
Holy Days of Obligation

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NEWS & EVENTS

Ss Peter & Paul Christkindlmarkt

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

All proceeds from the auction will go toward the cost of hosting Christkindlmarkt. All items appreciated—think outside the box!

When submitting a basket/item, please fill out a Silent Auction Card, available at the back of Ss. Peter & Paul Church, in the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office, main Parish Center entrance, or the chapel kitchen; and attach it to the basket/item. Silent Auction items can be dropped off at the Loretto Parish Office during office hours (Tues. thru Fri., 9am-4pm), in the chapel kitchen after hours, or in the Parish Center kitchen during weekend Mass hours.

Contact Joyce at the parish office with questions at 763-496-5142/ jrathburn@saintsppta.org.

PLEASE SIGN UP ON CHRISTKINDLMARKT VOLUNTEER BOARD

Our Christkindl-markt festival is one month away and only a handful of people have signed up on the volun-teer board. Please sign up for one of the 3-hour shifts as soon as possible to save us time on making phone calls! If you have questions on what a position entails, contact Joyce in the parish office.



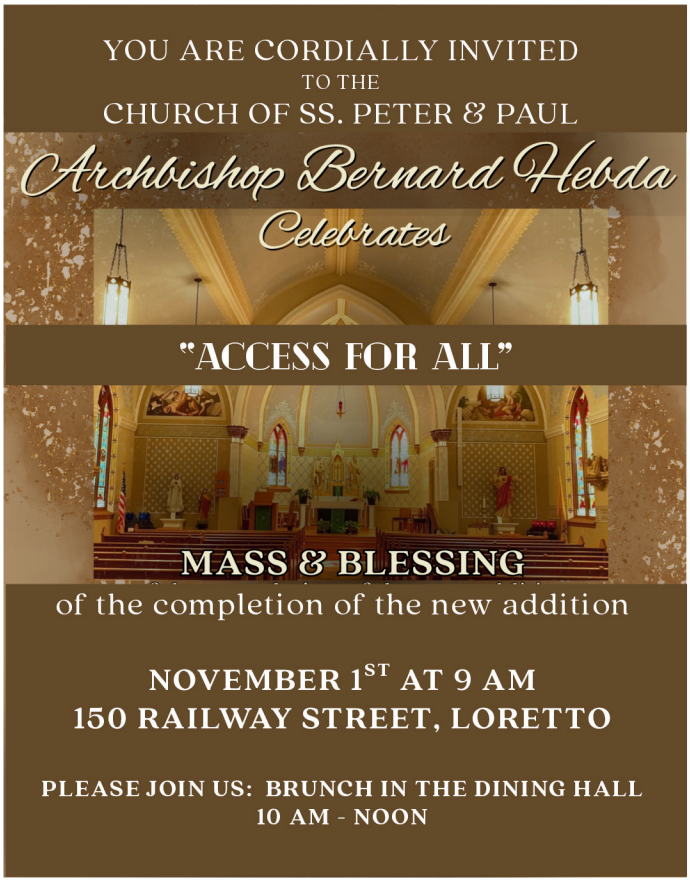
HELP US FIND OUR HOMEBOUND



We are putting together a list of our Ss. Peter & Paul homebound parishioners (people at home, IN assisted living, nursing homes, rehab, etc., who are not regularly able to attend Mass due to mobility or health issues).

Individuals will reach out to homebound to especially remember them during the Christmas season. A small poinsettia with a card will be brought to their residence and a Mass will be scheduled in their honor.

If you know of anyone from Ss. Peter & Paul who fits the above description, please call Joyce or Sherry in our Parish Office at (763) 479-0535 or email them by Wednesday, November 5th.





Turkey Bingo!

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Bingo begins at 1:00 PM
in the Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Center in Loretto,
located at 150 Railway Street East.

Door Prizes!

$10 buys a card for 20 games plus luncheon of turkey sandwiches and more.
Extra cards are 3 for $1.00 or 50 cents each.
Ages 4 years and under are free.
Family cap of $40.00 (parents and their children).
Prizes will consist of cash and gift cards.
Free boys' and girls' bike drawing for all kids 12 and under (must be present).

We will play 3 extra games (2 regular and 1 coverall) for $1.00 per card.
Prizes will be for turkeys and $50.00 in cash for these games.

There will also be Door Prizes and Drawings.

THIS WEEK

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat, Oct 31- 4PM

Priest.....Fr. Glen Jenson
Deacon.....Tom Utecht
Sacristan.....JoAnn Schlosser
Rosary.....Gary Zitzloff
Ushers.....Marie Jacobs, Jeanne Zitzloff
Lector.....Rachel Polson
Comm Asst.....Tom Utecht

Sun, Nov 1- 9AM

Celebrant.....Archbishop Hebda
Concelebrant.....Fr. Glen Jenson
Deacon.....Tom Utecht
Sacristan.....Glen Schneider
Rosary.....Sandy Jordan
Ushers.....Steve Beal, Bryan Deutsch
Lector.....Ted Colling
Cup Minister.....Glen Schneider

Mass Intentions

October 27-November 1, 2026

Tues.....Parish Cluster
Wed.....Norm Winter
Thur.....+Sue A. Schneider
Sat.....4:00pm...+Ron Arens
Sun.....9:00am...Peggy Johnson

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Sunday: 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Wednesday: Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles
Saturday: All Hallow's Eve
Next Sunday: All Saints; Daylight Savings Time Ends, National Vocation Awareness



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

Thur, Oct 22-24	**Haunted Maze** | 6-10 pm , Dining Hall/Library/Gym
Sat, Oct 24	**MN 100 Speaker** | 4 pm, Church
Sun, Oct 25	**MN 100 Speaker** | 9 am, Church
Mon, Oct 26	**SPP Women's Social Group** | 10am, SPP Dining Hall

NOVEMBER

Sun, Nov 1	**Archbp Hebda - Blessing of Accessibility Project** 9-10 am, Church
Sun, Nov 1	**First Responder Brunch** |10 am-Noon, Dining Hall
Thur, Nov 5	**Retreat** | 8:30 am-3 pm, Parish Center & Classrooms
Fri, Nov 6	**Retreat**| 8:30 am- 3 pm, Parish Center & Classrooms
Sun, Nov 8	**Holy Apostles COR Team** | 5-6:30 pm
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
Tue, Nov 24	**Young Adult Men's Small Group** | 6pm, SPP Conf. Rm.
Thu, Nov 26	**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
Fri, Nov 27	**Christkindlmarkt set-up** | times TBD
Sat, Nov 28	**CHRISTKINDLMARKT FESTIVAL!** | 12 noon - 8pm





READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

OUR LADY OF LORETTO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9601

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To join the Our Lady of Loretto Knights of Columbus, contact Grand Knight Greg Elsen at 763-412-0641 or Financial Secretary Loren Spurzem at 612-423-6401 or visit their website at KC9601.mnknights.org.

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!

- Luke Dugan (1/28)
- Rosie Arens (11/6)
- Special Intention (11/12)
- Norm Winter (11/26)
- John Grenzer (1/28)
- Mary Jorgenson (1/28)

PRAY FOR THOSE DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

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

Blessing for Halloween

O God,

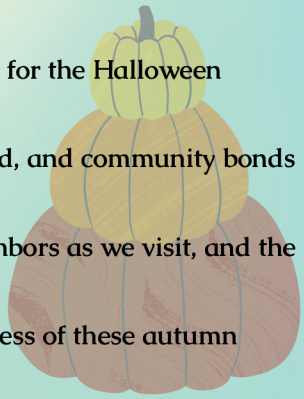
Bless the friends and families who will gather for the Halloween holiday.

Grace us with Your joy as memories are forged, and community bonds are strengthened.

Bless our children in their festivities, our neighbors as we visit, and the spaces we'll share together.

Help us to shine Your light through the darkness of these autumn nights.

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.



"Jesus is not an idea, a sentiment, a memory! Jesus is a "person", always alive and present with us! — Love Jesus present in the Eucharist."

~Pope Saint John Paul II



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.