



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 4, 2026



“The stone that
the builders
rejected has
become the
cornerstone.”

~ Mt 21:42AB

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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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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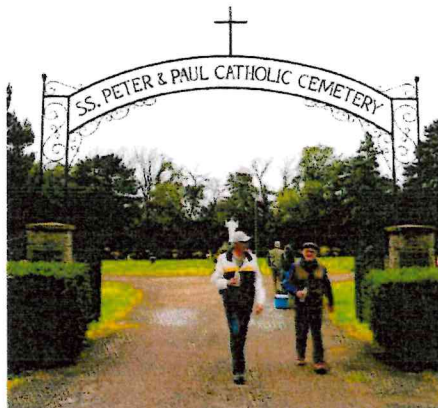
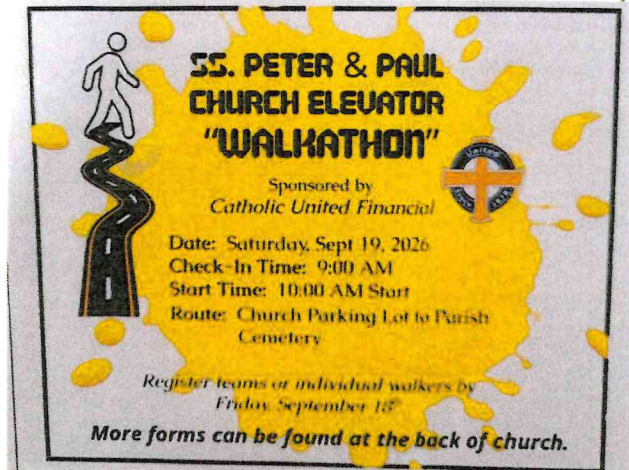
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you!**

This fundraiser made \$7,000 including a matching \$1,000 grant from Catholic United Financial. Funds were put toward the Elevator/Bathroom project!



From
Fr. Glen's
DESK

This is the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our readings speak of the vineyard of the Lord. At that time this vineyard was His original chosen people, the Israelites. Jesus picks up a theme from the prophet Isaiah presented in the first reading. Some six hundred years before Jesus, Isaiah accused the chosen people of not being faithful to their God and His ways for them. In doing so Isaiah accused them of bearing bitter wild grapes in the Lord's eyes.

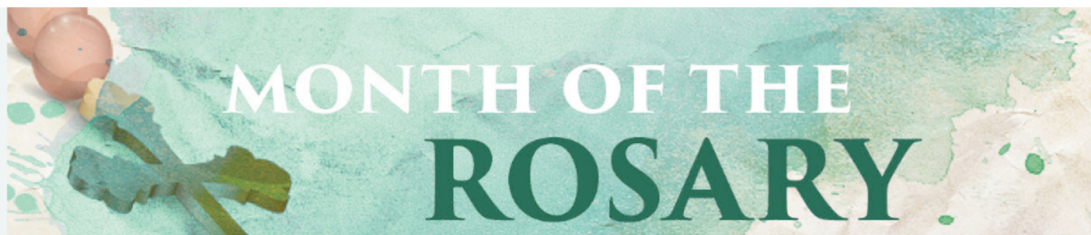
In the gospel Jesus uses similar imagery to point out to the chief priests and elders of the people that they too are not following through with what the Lord wants from them. He speaks of the vineyard workers killing the messengers of the vineyard owner that he sent to them. This is precisely what they would do to Jesus, the true landowner's son. Bitter fruit indeed for the Lord of the chosen people.

The Lord's ways are not our ways when we follow what the world says is the way to do things. Our ways can diverge from God's plan for us if we do not seek out His direction each day as we make decisions that little by little can begin to move us off the narrow path that the Lord calls to walk along. Truly fulfilling life is found only on the path that the Lord marks out for us, and no other.

As we begin each day, thank the Lord for the gift of a new day and ask Him to be with you all through the day as the guide to living it right and making choices that will keep us on His path.

It looks like the completion of the work at St. Peter and Paul, and necessary inspections, will most likely bring the return of weekday masses from St. Thomas the week of October 20th.

Hopefully next week we can give a definitive date for this change to our worship and confessions schedule for our two cluster parishes. Be sure to watch the bulletin and website, and listen for any updates during the mass announcements. The Tuesday morning mass time will also change then to 8:00 AM.



Pro-Life Sunday is a gentle reminder that every human life is a gift from God — cherished, purposeful, and worthy of protection from the very first moment of existence.

From a Catholic perspective, it's a day to pray for a deeper reverence for life, to support mothers and families in need, and to renew our commitment to seeing Christ in every person. It invites the whole parish to stand together in hope, choosing compassion, accompaniment, and love as the heart of our witness.



"God writes His name on the soul of every man."

~ Bl. Fulton Sheen

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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SUPPORTING PARISH & COMMUNITY

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE (July 2026-June 2027 contributions)

Contributions toward our renovation project are not included.

Week Ending September 27 2026

Donation Type	W/E Collection	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Prior YTD Actual
Envelopes	\$5,621.00	\$74,338.43	\$83,000.00	\$ (8,661.57)	\$77,133.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,157.75	\$25,305.30	\$25,600.00	\$ (294.70)	\$22,915.67
Loose Plate	\$239.00	\$3,208.65	\$3,700.00	\$ (491.35)	\$3,916.40
TOTALS	\$7,017.75	\$102,852.38	\$112,300.00	\$ (9,447.62)	\$103,965.07



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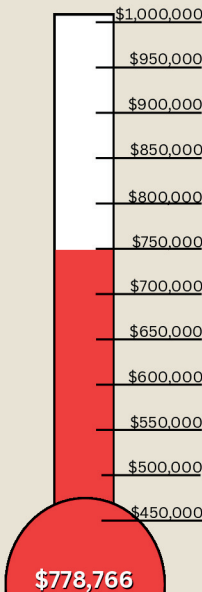


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\$10,000	2	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$ (15,000)
\$7,500	6	\$45,000	\$-	\$45,000
\$5,000	10	\$50,000	\$40,700	\$9,300
\$2,500	10	\$25,000	\$21,179	\$3,821
\$1,000	20	\$20,000	\$25,241	\$ (5,241)
\$500	50	\$25,000	\$10,550	\$14,450
<\$500	1	\$2,000	\$3,019	\$ (1,019)
Patronal Feast Proceeds			\$17,766	\$ (17,766)
CUF Walk-A-Thon			\$6,990	\$ (6,990)
Total	100	\$207,000	\$160,444	\$46,556

*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

This week was the week of connecting the drain tiles from around the building and bringing them down to the catch basin, then on to a holding pond in the trees by the tracks. They also prepared the site to get ready for the concrete sidewalks to go in. Hopefully the sidewalks will be in next week.

Gary



Garage Sale

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

*Concession items available for sale

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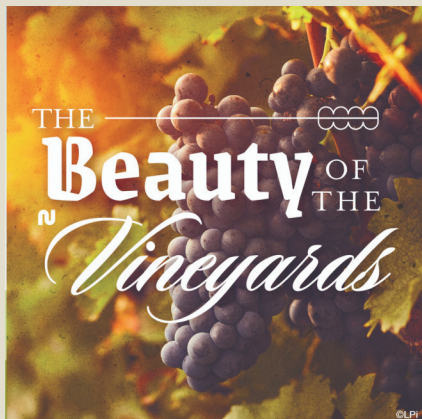
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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

— Father John Muir
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Travel With Us...



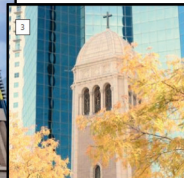
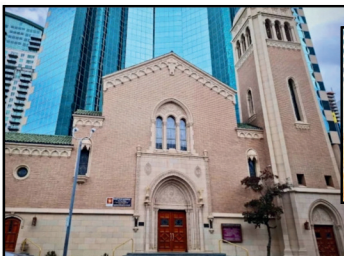
Randy & Joyce Hatcher visited their nephew, Fr. Jonathon Hank, OMV at the parish he is pastor of, The Church of the Holy Ghost, in Denver, Colorado. Fr. Jonathon grew up at St. Thomas in Corcoran. Below are pictures of the church.



On July 8, 2001, Holy Ghost welcomed the Oblates of the Virgin Mary (OMV).



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HELP US LOCATE OUR HOMEBOUND

We are once again 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 our 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.



Acknowledging our First Responders

On October 17 & 18, there will be a 2nd collection for donations to 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 SS Peter & Paul*. We thank you in advance.

SAVE THE DATE:

On Sunday, November 1, SS. Peter & Paul and St. Thomas will include the intentions of our area First Responders at SS. Peter & Paul Church at 9 AM. Following Mass, a brunch will be served in the Dining Hall.

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THANK YOU

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THIS WEEK

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat, Oct 10 - 4PM

Priest.....Fr. Sebastian Bakatu
Sacristan.....Michael Roban
Rosary.....Heather Tepley
Ushers.....Butch Peitz &
Lee Schlosser
Lector.....Randy Mudge
EMHC.....

Sun, Oct 11 - 9AM

Priest.....Fr. Sebastian Bakatu
Sacristan.....Paul & Joan Gibson
Rosary.....Joan Gibson
Ushers.....Randy Arens &
John Grenzer
Lector.....Amy Gallus
EMHC.....Christian Young
Cup Minister.....Gwen Maurer
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Mass Intentions

October 6-October 11, 2026

Tues.....+Steve Salchert
Wed.....+Sue A. Schneider
Thur.....+Souls in Purgatory
Sat.....4:00pm...+Parish Cluster
Sun.....9:00am...+Dolly Secora

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCT 4, 2026

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Tuesday: St. Bruno, Priest
Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday:
Friday: St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions,
Martyrs; St. John Lonardi, Priest
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 28th 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

OCTOBER

SPP = Ss. Peter & Paul
ST = St. Thomas
DH - Dining Hall

Sun, Oct 4 **KC Pancake Breakfast** | 8 am-Noon, Dining Hall
Ministry Fair | 8 am- Noon, Gym
Holy Apostles COR Team | 5-6:30pm
Holy Apostles Youth Group | 6:30-8pm
Sat, Oct 10 **Young Adult Swing Dance** | 7-11 pm, Gym
Sun, Oct 11 **Private Party Rental** | 4-5:30 PM-Dining Hall
Holy Apostles Youth Group | 6:30-8pm
Sun, Oct 18 **Dead Theologian Society** | 5-8 pm, Dining Hall
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

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
Wed, Nov 13 **VIA Game Night** | 7 pm
Sat, Nov 14 **Young Adult Swing Dance** | 7 pm, Gym
Sat, Nov 15 **Turkey Bingo** | 1 pm, Gym
Sun, Nov 15 **Dead Theologians Society** | 5 pm, Dining Hall



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2027

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL

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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



Blessing for Life

What wonder You have gifted us, Lord, in the blessing of life!
May Your name be praised with every movement, every heartbeat, every breath. Protect life in every stage, race, age, ability, creed, and capacity. Pour Your mercy upon us this day, helping us to live deeply and love well. 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.

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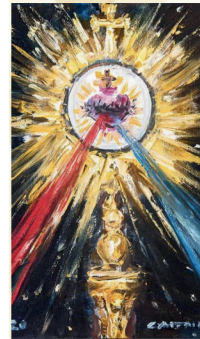
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Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

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.



"I weep and mourn at the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for often I'm consoled."

~ Saint Padre Pio



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

EVENING HOURS:

Saturday.....9:00 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.

