



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 9, 2026



“O YOU OF
LITTLE
FAITH, WHY
DID YOU
DOUBT?”

~ MATTHEW 14:31

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

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.



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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.

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From
Fr. Glen's
DESK

This is the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the first readings the prophet Eijah has fled into the Sinai desert running from the wrath of the northern kingdom of Israel. He has climbed the mountain of God and has an encounter with God. God manifests His power in various impressive ways, powerful winds crushing rocks, fire, earthquakes, but is not in those physical events. Only when Elijah hears a tiny whispering sound does Elijah recognize the presence of the Lord.

In the gospel reading Jesus tests Peter's faith by appearing to the apostles on their boat during rough weather in the night just before dawn. Peter wants to test the reality of what appears to be Jesus walking on the water and asks to be made able to walk on the water toward Him. The reality of the wind and harsh winds makes him doubt what is happening as he walks on the water toward Jesus. As he sinks, he calls out to the Lord to save him.

God is best felt and related with in quiet as we see in the case of the prophet Elijah, but the Lord is still able to be met in distracting circumstances as with Peter on the stormy waters. We should not wait until we are in the midst of stormy circumstances to reach out to the Lord. It will be in quiet prayer that we can feel the presence of the Lord with us. Conscious of His presence, we will not need to test the Lord in a crisis but naturally reach out to Him to be carried through the stormy waters.

Sunday is the ultimate day to make time to spend with Jesus in a quieter way that is often impossible during the week. Use the Lord's Day to truly be with the Lord.

- *This Saturday is the Holy Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Consult the bulletin about this for the time and location of masses in our cluster for this great feast.*
- *St. Thomas' festival is next Sunday, August 16th. It is a blast and not to be missed. Come and take part in this expression of Catholic community in action! I can't wait to visit with you at the festival! (See page 4 for more information.)*

MASS LINENS MINISTRY

At Least One More Volunteer Needed!



Our parish is looking for one additional person to join our Mass Linens Ministry. This quiet, behind-the-scenes service helps our whole community worship with reverence and beauty.

The team rotates throughout the year, with each member serving three consecutive months (if more than). If you have a preference for what time of the year you'd like to serve, the team will be happy to accommodate.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this important ministry of care for the sacred things of our parish. Contact the Parish Office at 763-479-0535.

Thank you for your generosity and love for our community.

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 August 2, 2026

Donation Type	W/E Collection	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Prior YTD Actual
Envelopes	\$7,620.00	\$28,568.13	\$31,800.00	\$ (3,231.87)	\$30,188.00
Electronic Giving	\$3,149.96	\$10,486.57	\$10,300.00	\$186.57	\$2,505.63
Loose Plate	\$196.00	\$1,296.00	\$1,720.00	\$ (424.00)	\$1,772.25
TOTALS	\$10,965.96	\$40,350.70	\$43,820.00	\$ (3,469.30)	\$34,465.88

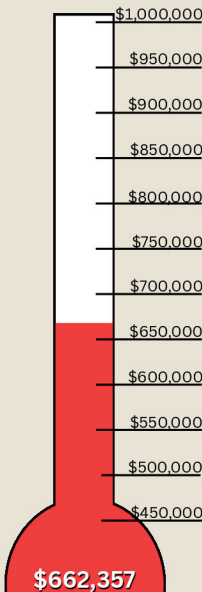


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"ACCESS FOR ALL" | CHALLENGE



TOTAL REC'D OVERALL
(incl. Parishioner Base, lead commitments & other forms of support.)



BROADER PARISHIONER GIFTS*

Gift Level	# of Donors	Total Donations per Gift Level	Actual	Needed
\$20,000	1	\$20,000	\$-	\$20,000
\$10,000	2	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
\$7,500	6	\$45,000	\$-	\$45,000
\$5,000	10	\$50,000	\$35,700	\$14,300
\$2,500	10	\$25,000	\$12,569	\$12,431
\$1,000	20	\$20,000	\$27,241	\$ (7,241)
\$500	50	\$25,000	\$7,303	\$17,697
<500	1	\$2,000	\$2,079	\$ (79)
Patronal Feast Proceeds			\$17,766	\$ (17,766)
Total	100	\$207,000	\$112,657	\$94,343

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

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"ACCESS FOR ALL" | UPDATE

The elevator project is coming along. They have insulated everything, painted the downstairs basement area and bathrooms, and we are getting all the safety electrical installed for the elevator.

Have you noticed the Immaculate Heart of Mary statue as you drive in on the East driveway? A Parishioner donated their painting skills to make it look more appealing. They also added a new base to keep her standing up straight. Just another example of how we are trying to beautify our campus.

Gary



GOLF FOR LOVE 2026

Join us for a fun-filled fall day at our upcoming *Golf For Love* Tournament! Tee off with us at Albion Ridges on September 21, 2026, for a day of friendly competition, community, and purpose. Golfers of all skill levels are welcome to enjoy a scenic round, contests, prize drawings, and a delicious boxed lunch. All proceeds benefit Love In the Name of Christ Heartland, supporting its mission to offer a hand up—not a handout—to those in need. Swing into action—register today and be part of something truly meaningful!

- **\$500 Team Ticket** - Each ticket includes four boxed lunches, four swag bags, and a bucket of balls.

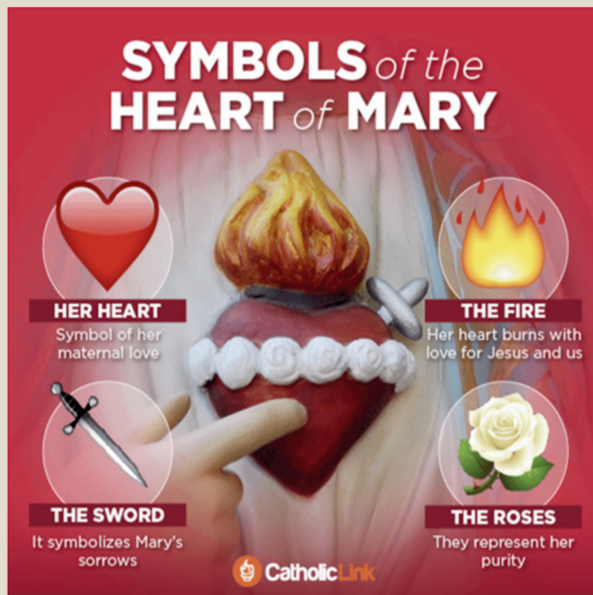
For more information and to register, go to:
<https://events.golfstatus.com/event/golf-for-love-2026>.



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

AUGUST - MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the Catholic Church. This devotion encourages reflection on Mary's virtues, love, and her role as the Mother of God.



- **Marian Feasts:** August features several significant Marian feast days - the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major on August 5th, the Assumption of Mary on August 15th, and the Queenship of Mary on August 22nd.
- **Assumption of Mary:** This feast commemorates the belief that Mary was taken body and soul into heaven, highlighting her unique place in the Church and her role as the Mother of God.
- **Traditional Devotion:** The dedication of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a tradition rooted in popular piety and devotion, where each month is linked to a particular saint or sacred event. This tradition began in the 16th century, according to Catholic Culture.
- **Historical Context:** The devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary gained prominence, particularly after World War II, with Pope Pius XII's emphasis on the message of *Fatima* and his dedication to Our Lady.
- **Practices:** Catholics often commemorate these Marian feasts through various acts of devotion, such as attending Mass, praying the rosary, making a holy hour, or engaging in other prayers and reflections dedicated to Mary.

HISTORICAL EVIDENCE FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR HOLY MOTHER

Archaeology

Archaeology has revealed two tombs of Mary, one in Jerusalem and one in Ephesus. The fact that Mary lived in both places explains the two tombs. But what cannot be explained, except for the Assumption, is the fact that there is no body in either tomb.

Relics

There are no relics. Early Church history shows that Christian belief in the communion of saints and the sanctity of the body led early Christians to seek out with the greatest fervor relics from the bodies of great saints. Cities, and, later, religious orders, would fight over the bones of great saints.

This is one reason why we have relics of the apostles and so many of the greatest saints and martyrs in history. We even have the bones of Mary's mother, Anne. Yet never was there a single relic of Mary's body? As revered as Mary was, this would be very strange, except for the fact of the assumption of her body.

Manuscripts

Whole families of manuscripts from different areas of the world in the sixth century told similar stories of Mary's Assumption, which meant there had to be previous manuscripts from which everyone received their data. As research progressed, earlier manuscripts were found. The most recent - Syriac fragments of stories about the Assumption of Mary have been dated as early as the third century.

It must be remembered that when we are talking about these manuscripts, we are not only talking about ancient manuscripts and fragments of manuscripts, but we are talking also about different "families" of manuscripts written in nine languages. They all agree on Mary's Assumption and they presuppose that the story was already widely known.

We might ask why the earliest Church Fathers did not write about the Assumption. Because the Gnostics, who were some of the main enemies of the Faith in the early centuries of the Christian era, agreed with the Church on the matter, there was no need to defend the teaching. In other words, there is no record of anyone disagreeing on the matter. Just as we don't find works from the earliest Fathers on Jesus' celibacy either was most likely due to the universal agreement on the topic. Much of early Christian literature was on defending problem areas in the Church that needed to be addressed.

There has been disagreement as to whether Mary was taken up alive or after having died; but whether or not she was assumed was not a question. To this day, the Church has not decided definitively on whether Mary died or not.

Taken from *The Assumption of Mary in History*, by Tim Staples, 8/12/2019, <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/the-assumption-of-mary-in-history>



NEWS & EVENTS

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - AUGUST 15TH

This year, because the Feast of the Assumption falls on a Saturday, it will not be a holy day of obligation; but Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass for the feast. Ss. Peter & Paul will hold a vigil Mass on Friday evening at 6pm, and St. Thomas' 8:30am Mass on Saturday will observe the holy day.

KC 4TH ANNUAL HAUNTED HOUSE

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Haunted House October 15th-17th. We are looking for actors and behind-the-scenes help to make it a spooktacular success in 2026! Everyone is invited to join in for great fun and Community spirit! You do not need to belong to the KC's to volunteer.

Questions? Contact Scott Ritter at (218) 341-0179.



LORETTO FUN FEST 2026

Sat., Sept. 12th

**Volunteers
Needed!**

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help set up and/or work at our booth, and supervise the games and inflatables at the Fun Fest. Set up begins at 2 PM, and the festival hours are from 3-7 PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Center. Whether you can spare an hour or a full afternoon, your time will make a difference. Please contact Joyce at jrathburn@saintsppta.org or (763) 496-5142 for more details or sign up in the lobby.

NOMINATIONS

*August is
"Nomination Month"
for PASTORAL COUNCIL...*

The Pastoral Council plays a vital role in helping our community listen to the Holy Spirit, discern our parish's needs, and support the mission entrusted to us. During the month of August, we will be prayerfully seeking 3-4 parishioners who feel called to serve on our Pastoral Council. This will be for a 3-year term where council members meet for one hour on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm, with a summer break in July and August.

Throughout the month of August, nomination forms will be available in the church pews and online. If you—or someone you know—has a heart for our parish family, a spirit of collaboration, and a desire to help guide our community forward, we invite you to submit your name or the name of someone you know who you think would be a good candidate.

Pastoral Council Nominations
Click here for nomination form.

To nominate someone online, click on this image on our homepage.



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Festival & Turkey Dinner

Sunday, Aug 16 | 11:30am-4pm

Turkey Dinner

Served from 11:30am-3pm

Age 11+: \$16 | Seniors & Vets: \$13

Age 4-10: \$12 | Age 0-3: Free

Family Max: \$55

Cash Drawing

1st: \$3,000

2nd: \$1,000

3rd: \$500

Quilt Drawing

See picture

Festival Activities

Ninja Course
Interactive Kids' Area
Farmer's Market
Silent Auction
Cash Bingo
Craft Sale
Beer Tent
Music



THIS WEEK

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Fri, Aug 14 - 6PM

(Vigil Mass for Assumption)

Priest.....Fr. Jenson
Deacon.....Tom Utecht
Sacristan.....JoAnn Schlosser
Rosary.....Bill & Vicki Magevas
Ushers.....Gary & Jeanne Zitzloff
Lector.....Diane Oberg
Comm Assist.....Deacon Tom

Sat, Aug 15 - 4PM

Priest.....Fr. Steve Ulrick
Sacristan.....JoAnn Schlosser
Rosary.....
Ushers.....Randy & Joyce Hatcher
Lector.....Randy Mudge
EMHC.....Joni Mudge

Sun, Aug 16 - 9AM

Priest.....Fr. Steve Ulrick
Sacristan.....Mary Kaye Schneider
Rosary.....Sandy Jordan
Ushers.....Todd Johnson, Ruth
Lehn (*Sub requested*)
Lector.....Scott Ritter
EMHC.....Christian Young
Cup Minister.....Gwen Maurer
Hospitality.....Knights of Columbus -
Jaylaan Wimbush

Mass Intentions

August 11-16, 2026

Tues.....+Fr. Martin B. Shallbetter
Wed.....+Harriet Scherer
Thur.....+Chuck Ghostley
Fri....(Assump Vigil, 6pm)....For the Youth
of our 2 parishes - that their hearts
may be formed in faith, their gifts
encouraged, and their lives rooted
in Christ.
Sat.....4:00pm...Parish Cluster
Sun.....9:00am...+Harold & Jeanne
Trombley

CALENDAR

AUGUST

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

SAT, Aug 8
Aug 8 & 9
WED, Aug 12
FRI, Aug 14
SUN, Aug 16
MON, Aug 17
WED, Aug 19
SUN, Aug 23
WED, Aug 26
MON, Aug 31

VM Young Adult Swing Dance | 7-11pm SPP Gym
Mission Priest visits (see page 2)
Summer Youth Group | 6:30-8pm @ SPP
Vigil Mass for "The Assumption" | 6pm @ SPP
ST Parish Festival | (See page 4)
Women's "Table of Wisdom" Group | 10am SPP DH
Summer Youth Group | 6:30pm @ SPP
Holy Apostles COR Team | 5-7pm @ SPP
All R.E. Registrations due
Women's "Table of Wisdom" Group | 10am SPP DH

SEPTEMBER

TUE, Sept 1
MON, Sep 7
TUE, Sep 8
TUE, Sep 15

WED, Sep 16

VIA Set-Up | Parish Center
Labor Day Mass | 9:00am @ St. Thomas
VIA Classes begin | 8am-4pm in Parish Center
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OCIA Classes begin | 7:00pm (Location TBD)
Parish Cluster Dinner | 5:30-6pm, ST Dining Hall
R.E. Classes begin | 6:15-7:30pm, ST Parish Center

JOIN US WEEKLY:

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)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2026

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Clare, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Thursday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Friday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Saturday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Readings for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/
Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday:

Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/
Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday:

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11,
12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

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, 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.

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!

- Rosie Arens (8/6)
- Special Intention (8/6)
- Norm Winter (8/8)
- Mary Jorgenson (8/20)
- Willie Anderson (10/7)
- Luke Dugan (10/21)
- Red Ziesmer (10/27)

PRAY FOR THOSE DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

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

"Prayer is helplessness casting itself on Power, infirmity leaning on Strength, misery reaching to Mercy, and a prisoner clamoring for Relief."

~ Venerable Fulton J. Sheen



The Venerable Fulton Sheen will be beatified on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at the Dome of America's Center in St. Louis, MO.

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
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Afternoon Division Leader.....	Lill.....	612-600-2050
Evening Division Leader.....	Connie.....	763-228-8330

Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intention for
August 2026

- That our recently graduated seniors will find peace and joy in the path that God has laid before them;
- 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 greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host."

~ Ven. Fulton J. Sheen



Adoration Open Hours

NIGHT HOURS:

Sunday2:00 AM | 3:00 AM | 5:00 AM
Friday.....1:00 AM
Saturday.....1:00 AM | 3:00 AM

MORNING HOURS:

Saturday.....10:00 AM

AFTERNOON HOURS:

Sunday.....3:00 PM
Saturday.....1:00 PM

EVENING HOURS:

Saturday8:00 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.

