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December 8, 2024

This week's Mass schedule:

Monday, December 9th

St. Peter's, + Con & Clara Dietz Siblings, 5:15 p.m.

St. Mary's, For the People, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 10th, 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Keith Hoof

Wednesday December 11th, 12:10 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Agnes Carrier

Thursday, December 12th, 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary's, + Buster Eischens

Friday, December 13th, 8:30 a.m.

St. Peter's, + Robert "Bob" Fuller

Heritage Living Center, 10:00 am

+ Patricia Graham

Saturday, December 14th, 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Kathy Brose

Sunday, December 15th, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, + Ardeth Duthoy

Sunday, December 15th, 11:00 a.m.

St. Mary's, For the People

Sunday, December 15th, 3:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, Mercy Hour with Bishop Cozzens

Reconciliation 4:00- 4:30 pm Saturday

The Rosary is prayed each day ½ hour prior to Mass.

Adoration is held at St. Peter's on Wednesdays, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm and Thursdays from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Monday, December 9

SP: 11:00 am Carol Schwartz Funeral

SP: 2:00 pm St Peter Family Guild Meeting

SP: 4:00 – 4:45 pm Reconciliation

SP: 6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

SM: After Mass Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 10

SP: 10:00 am Women's Bible Study, Chapt 8-10

SP: 4:00 – 5:00 pm Reconciliation

SP: 6:00 – 7:30 pm Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 11

SP: Morning Faith Formation Grades 1-6

SP: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

SP: 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm Adoration

SP: 6:00 pm Faith Formation Grades 7-11

Thursday, December 12

SP: 6:00 am – 5:00 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Men's Group Burgers & Beer w/Deacon

(Call office before 4:00 pm for location)

Sunday, December 15

SP: Coffee & Rolls Team 2

SP: 3:00 pm Mercy Hour w/Bishop Cozzens

**Sunday Mass & Rosary is
live streamed at stpeterpr.org**

St. Peter's Liturgical Schedule

Dec. 14 & 15

Lector

Usher Capt's

Greeters

Saturday

Sandy Aldrich

Nick Berchild

Anne Neumayer

Week Three

Sunday

Kathy Symanietz

Ed Hrubsky

Chuck Schmitz

Stewardship

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

St. Peter's

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Collection for December 1

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 7,545.50
Loose Plate.....	\$ 612.00
Visitors.....	\$ 515.00
Other.....	\$ 1,765.46
Christmas Flowers.....	\$ 410.00
Total.....	\$ 10,847.96
Building Fund.....	\$ 2,500.00
Haiti.....	\$ 360.00
Seminarian Burse.....	\$ 375.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$ 100.00
St. Mary's Mission Appeal.....	\$ 1,141.00

'Direct Deposit' Sunday Offering

'Direct Deposit' is a **safe, secure, and convenient** way to submit your Sunday Offering and support St. Peter's.
Contact Lynn in the parish office for information!

St. Peter's Budget Report

	November 2024	July – November 2024
Income	\$32,695.30	\$174,825.93
Expense	\$29,741.74	\$161,645.43
Balance	\$2,953.56	\$13,180.50

Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

St. Peter

Monday, December 9, 5:15 pm

St. Mary

Monday, December 9, 7:00 pm

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

St. Mary's – Two Inlets
Ministries for Sunday, December 15

LECTOR Kimberly Ohm
COMM DIST Volunteers needed
USHER Rose Higgins
 Adeline Retz
SACRISTAN Colleen Nelson

St. Mary's Collection, December 1

Adult Envelopes	\$740.00	Loose Plate	\$73.00
Christmas Flowers	\$50.00	Maintenance	\$95.00
Total Collection	\$1,068.00	Cemetery	\$110.00
Human Development	\$35.00	Haiti	\$40.00
St Mary's Mission Appeal \$121.00			

Direct Deposit is available at St. Mary's. Contact Lynn for details.

St. Mary's Christmas Eve Mass 8:00 pm

There is no Soup & Sandwich in December. The next one is January 19.

Thank you to everyone who helped clean the garage.

We will be decorating the church for Christmas after Mass on December 22. Everyone is welcome to help.

Happy birthday wishes to Don Bittmann who will be 85 years young on December 10. God bless you on your special day.

St. Mary's Budget Report

	November 2024	July – November 2024
Income	\$9,408.00	\$52,455.05
Expense	\$8,289.40	\$39,174.22
Balance	\$1,118.60	\$13,280.83

We will be decorating the church for Christmas after Mass, Sunday, December 22 at St Peter's. Help is needed to put up the tree, decorate it and the flowers will be here. Everyone is invited to help.

St. Peter Family Guild will meet on Monday, December 9 at 2:00 in the parish center. We will be discussing the Bazaar/Fall Festival. Team leaders remember to bring your bazaar folders and ideas for next year. **Please note time change!**

There will be **Mass at Heritage Living Center** on Friday December 13. Mass will begin at 10:00 am in the chapel. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Ministers for Residents of Care Facilities
 December 8: Bade
 December 15: Walsh
 If you know **someone** who would like to receive or **if you are interested** in distributing contact Deacon John

Instructions to link your devices to Sound System are in the Gathering Space on the shelf.

Holy Day of Obligation: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be held on December 9th this year; due to the 8th falling on Sunday, the Feast is moved to Monday. We will have Mass on Monday evening at 5:15 at St. Peter's and at 7:00 at St. Mary's.

Come and See: Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and receiving the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism (if not already baptized), Confirmation and Eucharist? If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or maybe you were raised Catholic but never Confirmed, Come and See. Join Fr. Joe on Tuesday, January 7th at 7:00 p.m. for a short meeting to discuss and answer questions that you may have about joining the Church.

Alpha is coming! We are excited to announce that our next Alpha Series will begin on Monday, January 27th and run through Monday, March 31st. Our sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Supper will be served. There is no cost to any of the participants. Come and See, join us for this wonderful faith experience! Bring a family member, a friend, a co-worker, or anyone that you may know that would like to learn more about Jesus and grow in a relationship with Him. Registration is available on Flocknote as well as hard-copy registration forms by the entrance to the church. If you have any questions, please ask.

To prepare for the Celebration of Christmas we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Peter's on Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30; Monday, December 9th from 4:00 - 4:45; Tuesday, December 10th and Tuesday, December 17th from 4:00 - 5:00 and 6:00 - 7:30. At St. Mary's on Monday, December 9th after Mass and on Thursday, December 19th after Mass.

If you brought in pictures of loved ones that were up front during the month of November, they are available to be picked up. Check in with Deacon John or Fr. Joe and they will be happy to help you. Thank you for bringing them in.

Mercy Hour – December 15, St. Peter's, Park Rapids
 Throughout the year, Bishop Andrew Cozzens will lead monthly Mercy Hour services across the Diocese of Crookston. A Mercy Hour is a prayer service of Eucharistic healing for individuals, couples and families. Join Bishop Cozzens for this hour of adoration and prayer, culminating in an intimate moment of Eucharistic encounter. All are welcome.

Special Collection – Retired Fund for Religious Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service-praying, teaching, and caring for those in need-usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.

FAITH FORMATION – YOUTH MINISTRY

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This weekend there are **6 students on retreat** in Crookston. Please pray that they have a wonderful time with other high school students from around the Diocese. May they have safe travels, meet new friends, and most importantly deepen their relationship with God.

Monday, December 9 we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means that we are to be at Mass! The date we usually celebrate this feast is December 8, but being that it lands on a Sunday, it gets moved to the next day. That is how important Mary is for us! Mass times are 5:15 pm at St. Peter's and 7:00 pm at St. Mary's.

Happy birthday wishes to Mary Ann Bentler who will be 95 years young on December 9. God bless you on your special day.

We extend sympathy and prayers to the family of Carol Schwartz. Her funeral will be December 9 at 11:00 am at St. Peter's. May she enjoy life forever at the table of the Lamb.

We extend sympathy and prayers to the family of Marty Devine, Richard and Julia's son. May he enjoy life forever at the table of the Lamb.

Praying for Vocations

December 9 – December 15.....Luisa Regino
December 16 – December 22.....Tom & Annette Haas

St. Mary's Mission Appeal, Red Lake

Thank you for responding to the appeal in your mailbox, giving during Mass, or by using your camera and scanning the code below. **Watch the SMMA video and donate online at www.crookston.org/smma**



Peter's Table Meal is not served in December

Advent Word Among Us are in the Gathering Space at St. Peter and in the back of the church at St. Mary.

Faith, Wellness, and You

Winter weather can be rough on skin. Hydrate from the inside out by beginning each day with a full glass of water. If the thought of drinking something cold is unappealing, try starting with hot lemon water. Stay hydrated by drinking one glass of water before every meal.

Please let the parish office know if there is anything we can do to help you. Contact your parish nurse: Tiffany at 218-252-8227

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Good Shepherd's Conference of Park Rapids & Two Inlets

We will now be helping our neighbors in need by taking calls that come into the church for help. "No work of Charity is foreign to the society". We accept your help with prayers or donations. If you have any questions, please call 218-366-0441 and someone will call you within 24 hours or email: goodshepherdssvdp@gmail.com

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

St. Peter's Parishioners – If you wish to donate towards the purchase of flowers to decorate the church for the Christmas Season, please use the special envelope in your envelope packet or fill out the slip below and place it in the collection basket with your contribution.

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