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December 22 & 29, 2024

This week's Mass schedule:

Tuesday, December 24th, 4:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, For the People

Tuesday, December 24th, 8:00 p.m.

St. Mary's, + Martha Gartner

Wednesday December 25^h, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, + Don & + Sharon Richards

Thursday, December 26th

NO Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, December 27th

NO Mass at St. Peter's

Saturday, December 28st, 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, Healing for Jeanne Hanson

Sunday, December 29nd, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, + Raymond & + Shirley "Ann" Wolf

Sunday, December 29nd, 11:00 a.m.

St. Mary's, For the People

Tuesday, December 31st

NO Mass at St. Peter's

Wednesday January 1st, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, + Kaitelynn Ann Doris

Wednesday January 1st, 11:00 a.m.

St. Mary's, For the People

Thursday, January 2nd, 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary's, + Buster Eischens

Friday, January 3rd, 8:30 a.m.

St. Peter's, + Fr. Joe DeCrans

Friday, January 3rd,

Crystal Brook Senior Living Center, 10:30 a.m.

+ Patricia Graham

Saturday, January 4th, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, + Bruce Culbertson

Saturday, January 4th, 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Kenneth & Elaine Nelson

Sunday, January 5th, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, For the People

Sunday, January 5th, 11:00 a.m.

St. Mary's, + John Gartner

Sunday, January 5th, 2:55 p.m.

St. Peters, Divine Mercy Hour

Reconciliation 4:00 pm Saturday

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

Adoration will resume at St. Peter's on January 8 & 9

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).

Monday, December 23

SP: 5:00 -7:00 pm Reconciliation

SP: 6:00 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Thursday, December 26

Parish Offices Closed

Sunday, December 29

SP: Coffee & Rolls Quilt Group

Sunday, January 4

SP: Coffee & Rolls St. Vincent de Paul Society

Men's Group Burgers & Beer w/Deacon will resume
January 9

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

**Occasional technical difficulties are due
to the YouTube link**

St. Peter's Liturgical Schedule

	<u>Christmas Eve</u>	<u>Christmas Day</u>
Lector	Cleo Hartung	Kathy Symanietz

	<u>Dec. 28 & 29</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Lector		Emily Utech	Kathy Symanietz
Usher Capt's		Nick Berchild	Ed Hrubsky
		Anne Neumayer	Chuck Schmitz

Greeters Week Five

	<u>Jan. 4 & 5</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Lector		Al Cassidy	Cleo Hartung
Usher Capt's		Mike Hafner	Art Symanietz
		Chuck Schmitz	Ed Shepersky

Greeters Week One

Stewardship

*"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears,
the babe in my womb leaped for joy."*

(LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

St. Mary's – Two Inlets

Ministries for Christmas Eve, December 24

<u>LECTOR</u>	Ann Lempola
<u>COMM DIST</u>	Volunteers needed
<u>USHER</u>	Al Zwach Brent Ohm
<u>SACRISTAN</u>	Lynn Gartner

Ministries for Sunday, December 29

<u>LECTOR</u>	Margaret Sharp
<u>COMM DIST</u>	Volunteers needed
<u>USHER</u>	Adam & Jen DeBlicek
<u>SACRISTAN</u>	Colleen Nelson

Ministries for Sunday, January 5

<u>LECTOR</u>	Susan Wolters
<u>COMM DIST</u>	Volunteers needed
<u>USHER</u>	Greg & Ann Lempola
<u>SACRISTAN</u>	Winnie Thelen

St. Mary's Collection, December 15

Adult Envelopes	\$825.00	Loose Plate	\$392.00
Christmas Flowers	\$120.00	Cemetery	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$70.00		
Total Collection	\$1,417.00		
Retired Religious	\$250.00		

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

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

St. Peter's

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Collection for December 15

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 4,081.00
Loose Plate.....	\$ 440.97
Visitors.....	\$ 1,390.00
Other.....	\$ 193.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$ 460.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 799.00
Total.....	\$ 7,363.97
Sound System.....	\$ 100.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 3,000.00
Cemetery.....	\$ 83.00
Haiti.....	\$ 1,041.00
Seminarian Burse.....	\$ 275.00
Retired Religious.....	\$ 555.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$ 120.00

'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 Lectors are reminded to sign up in Flocknote for January-March 2025. Each lector is asked to sign up for at least three Masses. It is now set up so you can sign up for multiple Masses. If anyone would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Mary Garlie 218-366-1010 or mlgarlie@gmail.com. Thank you.

Merry Christmas! I am so blessed to call St. Peter and St. Mary my home, and all of you my brothers and sisters. God has blessed me in so many ways, and journeying with you is one of my most cherished blessings. You are all in my prayers as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray that this Christmas and the upcoming new year will be filled with many gifts and blessings for each of you. If you are traveling this season, please know of my prayers for your safe travels. If you are staying home, I look forward to celebrating the Feast with you. ~ In Christ, *Fr. Joe.*

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.

Oil for your Lamp

As we prepare for Christmas, take time to pray. I find that on days when I "think" I am too busy to pray, I am also too busy to accomplish much of anything. In Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians, he writes, **"Do not quench the Spirit"**. May this be a reminder for you too, that the true reason for the season is also the reason to spend more time in prayer, not less time because we have too much to do! May the blessings of the Christmas season fill your lamps to overflowing!

"To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it."

(Saint Teresa of Kolkata)

In the peace of Christ . . . *Deacon John Zinniel*

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Peter

Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm

St. Mary

Christmas Eve, 8:00 pm

St. Peter

Christmas Day, 9:00 am

Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule, January 1

St. Peter, 9:00 am

St. Mary, 11:00 am

FAITH FORMATION – YOUTH MINISTRY

Annette Haas Office: 218-732-5142 Cell: 218-616-2404
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Website: stpeterpr.org-faith formation

May the light of the world, Jesus Christ, shine on you and in you.

Merry Christmas!

Magnifikid! For elementary students available in the gathering space of St. Peter's. This is a great resource for the students to use to follow along with Mass. There are great activities and explanations for them as well. Pick up this week's copy when you come to Mass.

There will be **Mass at Crystal Brook Senior Living Center** on Friday January 3. Those who would like to come to that Mass will need to sign in at the front desk and ask for directions to the activity room on the second floor. Mass will begin at 10:30 am. All are welcome

First Saturday Mass, January 4 - Confession will be at 8:00 am, Mass at 9:00 am, followed by the Rosary

Divine Mercy Holy Hour, January 5 – Please join us from 2:55 pm – 4:00 pm for a time of prayer and Adoration. We will begin with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration and Benediction. Exposition will take place at 2:55, Chaplet 3:00, Benediction – Reposition – Divine Praises at 3:50

Happy birthday wishes to Doris Beckerleg who will be 99 years young on December 26 and Rita Georgina who will be 92 years young on December 27. God bless you on your special day.

Eucharistic Ministers for Residents of Care Facilities
December 22: McCollum
December 29: Culbertson
January 5: Bade
If you know **someone** who would like to receive or **if you are interested** in distributing contact Deacon John

Praying for Vocations
December 23 – December 29.....Art & Kathy Symanietz
December 30 – January 5.....Luisa Regino
January 6 – January 12.....Luisa Regino

Faith, Wellness, and You

Dear parishioners of St Peter's and St Mary's,
"May the miracle of the birth of Jesus fill your heart with abundant joy and love this Christmas." Blessings for good health and happiness to y'all in the new year.
Tiffany Kimball, Parish Nurse and Diane Brophy, Church Volunteer.

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

We extend sympathy and prayers to the family of Pat Corbid. Her funeral will be January 9, at St. Peter's. May she enjoy life forever at the table of the Lamb.

St. Peter's Sound System: Donations received so far are \$62,186.96 toward the new system. The total cost from EMI Company was \$63,159.00. Thank you to everyone for the donations.

Instructions to link your hearing aids through your smart phone to the Sound System are in the Gathering Space on the shelf.

Confessions during Advent: Confession will be offered at St. Peter's:
Monday, 23rd, 5-7 p.m.
If this opportunity does not work for you, you may call Fr. Joe at the parish office to set up a time that works for you - 218-732-5142.

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: goodshepherdssvp@gmail.com

Diocese of Crookston Prayer for Vocations

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our diocese to hear the call to serve in the Diocese of Crookston. Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence. Raise up faithful servants of the Gospel - priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons - who will spend themselves for your people and their needs. Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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