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March 9, 2025

This week's Mass schedule:

Monday, March 10th, 8:30 a.m.

St. Peter's, + Carol Schwartz

Tuesday, March 11th, 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Keith Hoof

Wednesday March 12th,

St. Peter's, 12:10 p.m. + Wynn Jenkins

Thursday, March 13th, 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary's, + Buster Eischens

Friday, March 14th

Heritage Senior Living Center, 10:00 a.m.

+ Ardeth Duthoy

Saturday, March 15th, 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Wayne Hanson

Sunday, March 16th, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, Wendy Rackes

Sunday, March 16th, 11:00 a.m.

St. Mary's, For the People

Reconciliation 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Saturday, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Monday, 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm Tuesday

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

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

Monday, March 10

SP: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Adoration

SP: 6:00 pm Alpha

Tuesday, March 11

SP: 10:00 am Women's Bible Study, Chapt. 21-24

SP: 6:00 pm Choir Practice

SP: 6:00 pm 1st Reconciliation Class

Wednesday, March 12

SP: Morning Faith Formation Grades 1-6

SP: 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm Adoration

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

Thursday, March 13

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)

Friday, March 14

SM: 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross

SP: 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross

SP: Alpha Retreat

Saturday, March 15

SP: Alpha Retreat

Sunday, March 16

SP: Coffee & Rolls – Team 5

SM: Soup & Sandwich after Mass

St. Peter's Liturgical Schedule

March 15 & 16

Saturday

Sunday

Lector

Sandy Aldrich

Kathy Symaneitz

Usher Capt's

Nick Berchild

Terry Morris

Anne Neumayer

Duane Trosdahl

Greeters

Week Three

Stewardship

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."

Deuteronomy 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

St. Peter's

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Collection for March 2

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 5,083.00
Loose Plate.....	\$ 333.00
Visitors.....	\$ 360.00
Other.....	\$ 1,375.32
Total.....	\$ 7,151.32
"Pickle Jar".....	\$ 101.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 920.00
Haiti.....	\$ 98.00
Seminarian Burse.....	\$ 25.00

'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

	February	July 2024-February 2025
Income	\$35,061.82	\$322,999.71
Expense	\$27,964.59	\$257,528.68
Balance	\$7,097.23	\$65,471.03

Praying for Vocations

March 10 – March 16.....Luisa Regino
March 17 – March 23.....Roman & Joy Horesji

There will be **Mass at Heritage Living Center** on Friday March 14. Mass will begin at 10:00 am in the chapel. All are welcome.

Sunday Mass & Rosary is live streamed at stpeterpr.org

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, March 16**

LECTOR Ann Lempola
COMM DIST Adam & Jen DeBlicke
USHER Al Zwach
 Brent Ohm
SACRISTAN Winnie Thelen

St. Mary's Collection, March 2

Adult Envelopes	\$705.00	Loose Plate	\$1,594.00
Cemetery	\$65.00	Fuel Fund	\$115.00
Total Collection	\$2,479.00	Haiti	\$33.00
Seminarian burse	\$121.00		

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

March 16 Soup & Sandwich – The ladies serving are Karen Wettels, Margaret Sharp, Sara Eischens, Adeline Retz, Gloria Nice, & Judy Grundy.

March 16-There will be a short parish meeting after soup & sandwich
 Happy birthday wishes to Shirley Affeldt who will be 90 years young on March 12. God bless you on your special day.

Mother's Day Flowers- Flying W Gardens will be taking pre-orders for the Mother's Day Flowers thru March 11th. Order forms are in the back of the church. The flowers will be delivered on Mother's Day, May 11th, in full bloom and ready to greet spring. Payment can be made at the time of delivery. Payment to St. Mary's church in the envelopes provided. All proceeds go to the Haiti Project. Contact Teresa at 218-255-1244 with questions.

St. Mary's Budget Report

	February	July 2024-February 2025
Income	\$4,872.52	\$76,971.56
Expense	\$5,570.12	\$60,782.38
Balance	(\$697.60)	\$16,189.18

Eucharistic Ministers for Residents of Care Facilities
 March 9: Culbertson
 March 16: Culbertson
 If you know **someone** who would like to receive or **if you are interested** in distributing contact Deacon John

Special Collection-Black & Indian Missions

Today, our parish will take up the 141st annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

Peter's Table Meal – March 18

St. Peter's will be serving Cheeseburger Soup. Parishioners are asked to bring a total of 6 dozen cookies. Sign up sheet for cookies, set up, serving and cleanup is in the gathering space. All are welcome to come to the meal.

On Tuesday, March 11th our brothers and sisters in the 2nd grade will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they get to celebrate God's great gift of Mercy and Forgiveness.

On March 14th and 15th those who are currently attending Alpha will be on a mini retreat being held here at St. Peter's, beginning on Friday evening and running through early afternoon on Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to grow closer to our Lord.

Art and Environment: St. Peter's is initiating a new Art and Environment Committee. This committee will be responsible for planning and executing the Art and Environment for our liturgical seasons - from Altar Paraments to plants and other decorations in the Gathering Space and Church Proper. No prior knowledge or experience required - just a desire to help beautify our parish liturgies. If you are interested in helping us with this wonderful ministry, please contact Fr. Joe.

Season of Lent: Please review the Lenten opportunities that are available at St. Peter's and St. Mary's as found on the Lenten Schedule. Hang it on your refrigerator as a reminder throughout the season.

Pickle Jar Collection for the food shelf will be taking place throughout the Season of Lent. There is an additional allocation from the State of Minnesota for donations made during the month of March. Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the receptacle by the Social Hall doors. Please be generous as we strive to feed the hungry in our communities.

Oil for your Lamp

Try as he might by offering every attractive thing-wealth, power, esteem; the devil couldn't prove stronger. The gentle persuasion of **prayer and fasting** kept Jesus stronger and able to resist temptation. Not even the Son of God was exempt from being tested! I dare say that some of us may already have failed in our "Lenten sacrifices" and it's only the first Sunday of Lent! Last Sunday Fr. Joe encouraged us to spend time reading sacred scripture, the "Greatest Love Story" ever told. Did you go home and find your bible? How thick was the dust on its cover? I guess that is quite appropriate considering the words we used to sign each of you with ashes, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return".

Please remember that temptation is not a sin, rather giving into the temptation is what becomes the sin.

"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*

We extend sympathy and prayers to the family of Patricia "Patty" Pachel, who died February 28 and Kimberly Ridley, daughter of Jacquelynn Roberts. May they enjoy life forever at the table of the Lamb.

FAITH FORMATION – YOUTH MINISTRY

Annette Haas Office: 218-732-5142 Cell: 218-616-2404

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First Reconciliation will be happening for 12 second graders on Tuesday, March 11. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to learn about the immeasurable love of the Father. *“A clean heart create for me, O God: renew within me a steadfast spirit.” Psalm 51:12*

Registration for next summer's Diocesan camps.

St. Teresa of Calcutta for students going into grades 9 & 10 next fall and St. John Paul II Camp for students going into grades 7 & 8 next fall are both full. You may register to be put on a waiting list. Go to crookston.org and follow instructions there. If you have any questions please reach out to me. We have scholarship money to help with the camp tuition!

2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you for your generosity to the Diocesan Annual Appeal! The ministries you support touch the lives of thousands of Catholics in the Diocese of Crookston! If you have not had the opportunity to make your commitment, please make your pledge or gift this weekend.

Our DAA goal this year is \$975,000. This goal is shared and pro-rated among our 66 parishes. St. Peter's parish goal for 2025 is \$36,650 and has committed \$15,102.60 with 11% participation and St. Mary's goal is \$7,838 and has committed \$3,755 with 19% participation.

You can donate online at www.crookston.org/DAA. For questions about automatic sustained giving, which is highly recommended, contact Reneé Tate at rate@crookston.org or call 218-281-4533, ext. 432.

**YOUR GIFTS MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE PRESENT
IN OUR COMMUNITY!**



St. Peter's Lectors are reminded to sign up in Flocknote for April - May 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.

Vitalant 2 Day Park Rapids Community Blood Drive

Monday, March 10 - 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, March 11 – 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

St. Peter's Church.

To sign up for lifesaving donation, go to donors.vitalant.org and use Blood Drive Code: PARKRAPIDS or call 877-25-VITAL. For more information, visit vitalant.org or call 877-258-4825. Because of you, life doesn't stop.

Faith, Wellness, and You

As we journey through life, it's important to remember that our bodies are temples, as Scripture teaches us in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. Our physical health is a vital part of our well-being and can deeply impact our spiritual growth. Taking care of our bodies not only enables us to live out God's purpose for us but also honors the Creator who designed us.

In the next 6 weeks you'll read some practical tips to help nurture both your spiritual and physical health. Best wishes living your best life. God bless.

Week One

Start with Prayer and Gratitude. Begin each day by thanking God for the gift of life and asking for His guidance in making healthy choices. Prayer can set the tone for your mindset and help you approach your health with a heart of gratitude.

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

Happy birthday wishes to Gloria Kueber who will be 90 years young on March 17. God bless you on your special day.

Women at the Well, A Ministry for Women ages 16 and over will be held April 10 at St. Philip's Catholic Church, Bemidji, MN. 6:15 pm Social Time, 7:00 pm Praise & Worship, Inspirational Speaker: Melissa Neumann, 8:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Private Prayer Time.

Magnifikid! For elementary students available in the gathering space of St. Peter's. This is a great resource for our kids 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.

BE NOT AFRAID! Of course, you don't have to have a faith crisis to attend a Koinonia retreat, some of us just like to meet new people and share our gifts and talents. Maybe that is what you like to do too. CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and designed for adults. The next weekend is scheduled for March 21-23, 2025, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

"It felt like a honeymoon... I couldn't wait to get home and see her at the end of the day." - husband who attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Bring back the honeymoon in your marriage. The next available weekends are Apr 5-6, 2025 in BRAINERD, MN and Apr 25-27, 2025 in CROOKSTON, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

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