

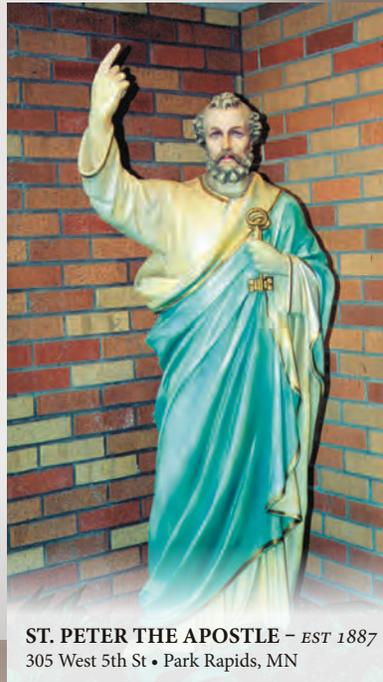
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St. Peter the Apostle



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Please Contact Parish Office at Least Six Months Prior to Wedding Date

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Please Contact Parish Office Two Months Before Child's Birth

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January 11, 2026

This week's Mass schedule:

Tuesday, January 13th, 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter's, In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, January 14th, 10:00 a.m.

Heritage Senior Living Center,

+ Tom Wermerskirchen

Thursday, January 15th

NO MASS at St. Mary's

Friday, January 16th

NO MASS at St. Peter's

Saturday, January 17th, 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Deceased Christensen

Family Members

Sunday, January 18th, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, For the People

Sunday, January 18th, 11:00 a.m.

St. Mary's, + Albert & + Martha Gartner

Reconciliation 4:00 pm Saturday

The Rosary is prayed each day ½ hour prior to Mass. On Friday's, the Rosary is prayed after 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, January 12

SP: 6:00 pm Alpha

Tuesday, January 13

SP: 10:00 am Women's Bible Study, Chapt. 7 & 8

Noon: Ladies lunch w/Fr. Joe

(Call office before 11:00 am for location & sign up)

Wednesday, January 14

SP: 10:00 am Bell Choir Practice

SP: 1:00 pm Faith Formation Grades 1 - 6

SP: 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm Adoration

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

Thursday, January 15

SP: 6:00 am – 5:00 pm Adoration

SP: 9:00 am Men's Small Group-Bible Study

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

(Call office before 4:00 pm for location)

Sunday, January 18

SP: Coffee & Rolls Team 1

SM: Soup & Sandwich after Mass

**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. Peter's Liturgical Schedule

Jan. 17 & 18

Lector

Usher Capt's

Greeters

Saturday

Sandy Aldrich

Volunteer

Week Three

Sunday

Cleo Hartung

Art Symanietz

Ed Shepersky

Stewardship

"John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?" MATTHEW 3:14

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

St. Peter's

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Collection for January 1 & 4

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 4,586.00
Loose Plate.....	\$ 583.00
Visitors.....	\$ 2,225.00
Christmas Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 950.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 2,285.00
Other.....	\$ 3,764.86
Total.....	\$ 14,393.86
Haiti.....	\$ 28.00
Cemetery.....	\$ 30.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 1,135.00

'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

	December 2025	July – December 2025
Income	\$68,235.47	\$297,944.55
Expense	\$32,116.83	\$200,150.92
Balance	\$36,118.64	\$97,793.63

Praying for Vocations

January 12 – January 18.....Art & Kathy Symanietz
January 19 – January 25.....Art & Kathy Symanietz

Eucharistic Ministers for Residents of Care Facilities

January 11: DeBlicek

January 18: Bade

If you know **someone** who would like to receive or **if you are interested** in distributing contact Deacon John.

January 26 - Come Pray the Rosary at the Heritage Living Center every 4th Monday at 10:00 am

St. Mary's – Two Inlets
Ministries for Sunday, January 18

LECTOR Kimberly Ohm
COMM DIST Adam & Jen DeBlicek
USHER Rose Higgins
 Adeline Retz
SACRISTAN Winnie Thelen

St. Mary's Collection, January 1 & 4

Adult Envelope	\$720.00	Loose Plate	\$433.00
Christmas Envelopes	\$225.00	Fuel Fund	\$115.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$747.00		
Total Collection	\$2,240.00		
Seminarian	\$15.00		
Haiti	\$20.00		

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

January 18 Soup & Sandwich – The ladies serving are Jolene Retz, Lou Eischens, Julie Pfeifer, Stephanie Bozovsky, Amber Longfors, Jodi, Sunram, Jen DeBlicek

St. Mary's Budget Report

	December 2025	July – December 2025
Income	\$11,541.35	\$78,815.46
Expense	\$7,469.12	\$45,580.82
Balance	\$4,072.23	\$33,234.64

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

Peter's Table Meal – January 20

St. Peter's will be serving Scalloped Potatoes & Ham. Parishioners are asked to bring a total of 6 – 9 X 13 cakes. Sign up sheet for cakes, set up, serving and cleanup is in the gathering space. All are welcome to come to the meal.

We extend sympathy and prayers to the family of Henrietta "Hank" Neumayer who died January 1. Her funeral was on January 6 at St. Peter's. To the family of Therese Hauber who died January 1. Her funeral will be in June. And to the family of Ed Hrubsky, who died January 3. His funeral was January 7 at St. Peter's. May they enjoy life forever at the table of the Lamb.

Please welcome new members to St. Peter's parish, Mark & Barb Wieland and Charles & LaVonne Braunschweig.

Weather Related Closures – During the winter months the parishes of St. Peter's and St. Mary's will follow the Park Rapids School System in determining the cancellation of parish activities due to weather and road conditions.

Oil for your Lamp

Last week we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany. This week we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. How did it come to be that Jesus went from an infant to an adult in one week? Well, with God all things are possible... No, that is not what is happening here! Today's feast follows the Epiphany because it is a continuation of the Epiphany. Fr. Joe explained that the word epiphany means to reveal. In this case to reveal to the world who Jesus is. This feast of his baptism continues that revelation. Last week the magi were the ones who went in search of the new-born king of the Jews, and we were encouraged to do the same, to search "diligently" for Jesus. Today after Jesus was baptized by John, the voice of God is heard, "**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**" It was as if we had missed the message of last week, God is trying to reinforce the revealing of who Christ is. This is also another reason why we still have decorations up at least two weeks after Christmas when many other people have taken them down. In fact, some Catholics will leave their decorations up until Feb 2nd which is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Seems just a little backwards from the world of retail where the Christmas season starts at Halloween and ends with Christmas eve...

"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

Adult Faith Formation

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 Michelle Clark Cell Phone: 913-940-4851
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Scripture Study

We are starting a Study Group that will focus on the Sunday Scriptures. We will meet the first and third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm at St. Peter's, beginning January 20. Please join us.

Men's Group

Please join us for weekly Men's Group/Bible Study on Thursday's, 9:00 am at St. Peter's. We will focus on the weekly Mass readings. Come for faith and fellowship.

Rosary

Please join us for prayer and fellowship on Friday mornings immediately following 9:00 am Mass. We will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet and a few additional prayers.

Looking for more people to take Communion to residents at the care facilities in the area. If you can share your time to help with this ministry, call the parish office or contact Deacon John.

FAITH FORMATION – YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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1ST Reconciliation and 1ST Communion preparation begins on Tuesday, January 20 from 6-7pm. Letters were sent out to the families who have students in our 2ND grade release time program. Let me know if you would like to attend with your child.

NET Ministries is coming to St. Peter's for students grades 9-12 on Sunday, February 22! We are in need of host homes willing to house 2 or more members of the NET team for the nights of Feb 21 & 22. Contact me if you are interested.

Upcoming dates:

Wed., January 14, Release Time & Evening Faith Formation

Tuesday, January 20, First Reconciliation Class 6-7 PM

Wed., January 21, Release Time & Evening Faith Formation

Tuesday, January 27, First Reconciliation Class 6-7 PM

Wed., January 28, Release Time & Evening Faith Formation

Annual March for Life Saturday, January 17

The March – Meet at the Courthouse parking lot anytime after 10:45. At 11:00 am we will begin a 30 – 45 minute walk, depending on weather. There will be non-walking options if you aren't able to walk. Limited signs will be available or you can bring your own to show support.

After the walk – Join us for a rally and free lunch served by volunteers at Faith Bridge Church, 1505 Park Ave South, Park Rapids. If you are unable to make the walk, come to the rally and lunch! Hear from legislators and speakers about the importance of building a pro-life community. This year we also welcome MCCL Co-Director Don Parker.

Learn more about the stand to protect LIFE! Your presence and support are so important! Sponsored by the Park Rapids MCCL Chapter (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life).

Special Collection

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

Next week we will take a special collection for the Solidarity Fund in Africa. This collection supports pastoral ministries throughout Africa that help to strengthen families and give them the pastoral support they need to flourish and grow in faith. Please be generous. To learn more visit www.usccb.org/africa.

Cursillos

Would you like to deepen your faith and let Jesus become more involved in your life? Let the Spirit lead you on a Cursillo. The Diocese of Crookston is offering a Men's Cursillo on the weekend of February 19-22 and the Women's Cursillo on the weekend of March 19-22 at the Nazareth Retreat House in Crookston. Applications are available at <https://crookstoncursillo.weebly.com/>.

Faith, Wellness, and You

Winter Wellness Reminder

Protecting one another from illness is an act of Christian charity. Please practice good hygiene and stay home when sick.

Scripture: Philippians 2:4

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

We are called to bring the love of Christ to the world. We can help you discover how! CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for January 23-25, 2026, 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.

Mercy Hour – January 11, 3:00 pm

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Oklee

Join Bishop Andrew Cozzens for this hour of adoration and prayer, culminating in an intimate moment of Eucharistic encounter offered for you as an individual, a couple, or as a family. All are welcome.

Knights of Columbus Wheelchairs – The St. Mary's and St. Peter's Knights of Columbus Councils have wheelchairs that can be loaned to any community member who is in need. Returning a chair after the need is passed, guarantees that we can loan it to someone else in need. If you know anyone who could use one, (short or long term) please contact Greg Lempola 218-699-3617 or Deacon John Zinniel 218-732-5142 for access to a wheelchair.

The Diocese of Crookston has a **Serra Club**. Serra Ministry exists to encourage, promote, and pray for an increase in vocations. To learn more, visit www.crookston.org/serra or talk with Annette Haas. Please continue to pray for vocations!

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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