

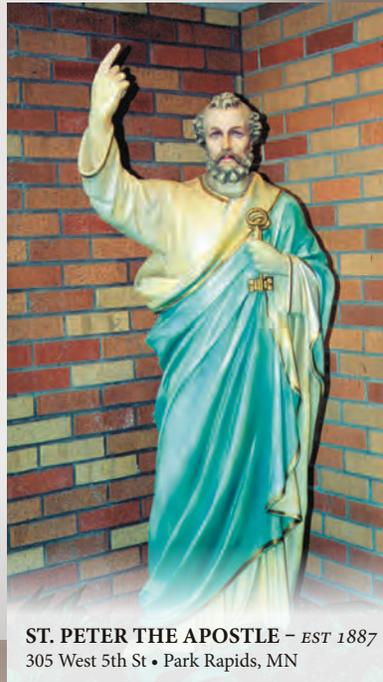
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## St. Peter the Apostle



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#### Annette Haas

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### Marriage Preparation

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

### Baptism

*Please Contact Parish Office Two Months Before Child's Birth*

### Deacon John Zinniel

#### Spiritual Mentor

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## February 8, 2026

### This week's Mass schedule:

**Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**, 5:30 p.m.  
St. Peter's, + Tom Wermerskirchen

**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 a.m.  
Heritage Senior Living Center,  
+ Ardeth Duthoy

**Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**, 8:30 a.m.  
St. Mary's, + Kim Wettels

**Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 a.m.  
St. Peter's, + Ronald Arthur Wells

**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**, 5:00 p.m.  
St. Peter's, + Deceased Fischer Family Members

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 a.m.  
St. Peter's, For the People

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00 a.m.  
St. Mary's, + 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, February 9**

**SP: 6:00 pm Alpha**

### **Tuesday, February 10**

**SP: 10:00 am Women's Bible Study Chapt. 10 & 11**

**Noon: Ladies lunch w/Fr. Joe**

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

**SP: 6:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Class**

**SP: 6:00 pm Choir Practice**

**SP: 6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting**

### **Wednesday, February 11**

**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, February 12**

**SP: 6:00 am – 5:00 pm Adoration**

**SP: 9:00 am Men's Bible Study**

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

(Call office before 4:00 pm for location)

### **Sunday, February 15**

**SP: 9:00 – 11:00 am Waffle Breakfast**

**SM: Soup & Sandwich After Mass**

**Sunday Mass & Rosary are  
live streamed at [stpeterpr.org](http://stpeterpr.org)**

## **St. Peter's Liturgical Schedule**

### **Feb. 14 & 15**

Lector

Usher Capt's

Greeters

### **Saturday**

Al Cassidy

Cathy Hensel

Week Three

### **Sunday**

Volunteer

Ron Ahmann

Bob Becker

### **Stewardship**

*"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." MATTHEW 5:16*

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

### **St. Peter's**

#### **PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

#### **Collection for February 1**

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 5,777.50
Loose Plate.....	\$ 550.00
Visitors.....	\$ 355.00
Other.....	\$ 1,557.36
Total.....	\$ 8,239.86
Haiti.....	\$ 138.00
Seminarian Burse.....	\$ 593.00
Church in Africa.....	\$ 10.00

#### **'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**

	January 2026	July 2025–January 2026
Income	\$28,156.46	\$326,872.75
Expense	\$36,197.63	\$236,348.55
Balance	(\$8,041.17)	\$90,524.20

### **Praying for Vocations**

February 9 – February 15..Ray, Ellie & Alex Wattenhofer

February 16 – February 22.....Erik & Deb Montzka

Eucharistic Ministers for Residents of Care Facilities

February 8: Janssen

February 15: DeBlieck

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

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, February 15**

<b>LECTOR</b>	Jim Higgins
<b>COMM DIST</b>	Adam & Jen DeBlieck
<b>USHER</b>	Al Zwach Brent Ohm
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Glen Wolters

**St. Mary's Collection, February 1**

Adult Envelopes	\$890.00
Loose Plate	\$289.00
Maintenance Fund	\$65.00
Cemetery	\$805.00
Forest Rider Snowmobile Club	\$75.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$2,124.00</b>
Haiti	\$15.00
Church in Africa	\$40.00

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

**February 15 Soup & Sandwich** – The ladies serving are Pam Scholz, Pam Stone, Ann Lempola, Jenna Sunram, Colleen Nelson, Lynnette Zilka.

**St. Mary's Guild** will meet Monday, February 23 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. Everyone is welcome.

**Mother's Day Flowers** – Flying W Gardens will be taking pre-orders for the Mother's Day Flowers thru March 15. Order forms are in the back of the church. The flowers will be delivered on Mother's Day, May 10 at St. Mary's 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 Pathways for Haitian Education. Contact Teresa at 218-255-1244 or Rachel at 218-616-2706 with questions.

**St. Mary's Budget Report**

	January 2026	July 2025–January 2026
Income	\$6,311.00	\$85,139.69
Expense	\$8,916.68	\$54,497.50
Balance	(\$2,605.68)	\$30,642.19

**Peter's Table Meal – February 17**

St. Peter's will be serving Spaghetti Pie. Parishioners are asked to bring a total of 6 - 9X13 pans of bars. Sign up sheet for bars, set up, serving and cleanup is in the gathering space. All are welcome to come to the meal.

Happy birthday wishes to Patricia Walsh who will be 96 years young on February 15. God bless you on your special day.

**Looking for volunteers to check the Food Shelf Donation bin by the parish center door and take donations to the Food Shelf.**

There will be **Mass at Heritage Living Center** on Wednesday, February 11. Mass will begin at 10:00 am in the chapel. All are welcome.

**Lent begins on February 18th: Regulations regarding Fast and Abstinence: Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent (no meat, but eggs, milk, broth are okay). Fasting means limiting oneself on a given fast day. Those 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two small meals and one full meal are permitted. The small meals together may not equal one full meal. Eating between meals on fast days is not permitted.**

**Ash Wednesday is February 18th. Masses are at: 12:10 p.m. - St. Peter's; 5:15 p.m. - St. Mary's; 7:00 p.m. - St. Peter's.**

**Adult Faith Formation**

Director of Evangelization-St. Peter's and St. Mary's  
 Michelle Clark Office: 218-732-5142  
 Michelle Clark Cell Phone: 913-940-4851  
 Email: michelle@stpeterpr.org

**Scripture Study**

Please join us for a Study Group that is open to all. Our group will meet to study scripture on Tuesday, February 17. Then, on Tuesday, February 24, we will begin a Lenten Book study by Fr. Mark Toups. This Lenten Companion focuses on "A Personal encounter with the Power of the Gospel." We will meet every Tuesday at 1:30 through March 24 at St. Peter's.

**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.

**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/>.

**During the winter months, help is needed to cover Adoration on Thursday's from 11 am - Noon and 1 pm – 2 pm. Contact Deacon John for more information.**

## **FAITH FORMATION – YOUTH MINISTRY**

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**SOUPER BOWL collection:** The Souper Bowl of Caring challenge began in a church in 1990 with a simple prayer: **“Lord, even as we enjoy this Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”** St. Peter’s and St. Mary’s has been taking part of collecting money for the local food shelves for many years. Every year it seems that there is more need in our communities. Please pray for those in need and contribute however you can, now and throughout the year. God bless you.

As required every year, by the Diocese of Crookston, we will be sharing the “Circle of Grace” safe environment program with students grades 7-11 on Wednesday, February 11. If you have any questions or want more information you may contact me. *Annette*

**NET Ministries** is coming to St. Peter’s for students grades 7-12 on Sunday, February 22! We are in need of one more host home 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:**

Tuesday, February 10, First Reconciliation Class 6-7PM

Wed., February 11, Release Time & Evening Faith Formation

Sunday, February 15, Valentines Waffle Breakfast

Tuesday, February 17, First Reconciliation Class 6-7PM

Wednesday, February 18, Release Time & Evening Faith Formation

Sunday, February 22, NET Retreat

Fr. Tom Friedl  
255 Pinewood St.  
Sartell, MN 56377

**St. Peter’s Knights of Columbus will be serving a breakfast on Sunday, February 22. Proceeds will go to the Youth projects.**

### **St. John Paul II 4th Degree Assembly Patriotic Degree Exemplification**

If you are a 3rd Degree Knight in good standing who would like to become a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knight there are 2 upcoming Exemplifications. The first is scheduled for Saturday March 21, 2026 at 10 am at Resurrection Catholic church in Eveleth MN. This is a 1/2 day Exemplification and is relatively close. The Spring Exemplification is Saturday, April 18, 2026 at Maternity of Mary Church in St Paul at 1pm with registration beginning at 12 noon. Interested candidates can call or text Dale Johnson at 320-221-3742 for more information.

It is 4th Degree members who make up the Honor Guard at Liturgical Celebrations.

Members are encouraged but not required to become a member of the Honor Guard.

## **Faith, Wellness, and You**

Love in Action

Checking on others, offering help, and caring for health needs are powerful acts of love.

Scripture: 1 John 3:18

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.

## **2026 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL IN CHRIST, WE ARE ONE!**

The 2026 Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) begins today. Our theme, **“In Christ, We Are One”**, is an invitation to unite “as a diocesan family to share the love of Christ, form disciples, and expand ministry that no one parish could fund on their own.” *Bishop Andrew Cozzens*

This year’s DAA goal of \$995,000 is shared among our 65 parishes. St. Peter’s parish goal is \$36,588 and St. Mary’s parish goal is \$8,141. Your gifts to the DAA provide essential funding for Missionary Discipleship, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Campus Ministries, Safe Environment, The Office of the Bishop, Vocations and Seminarians, Catholic Schools, Communications, Marriage Tribunal, Hispanic Ministry, and the Nazareth Retreat House; ministries that affect everyone in our Catholic communities!

Please prayerfully review the mailing you have or will soon receive at home. Visit [www.crookston.org/DAA](http://www.crookston.org/DAA) or scan the QR code to watch Bishop’s video, make your gift online or view additional information. Thank you for your generosity!



### **Valentine Dinner**

#### **Pathways to Haitian Education**

Please join Pathways to Haitian Education at Bethany Lutheran Church in Nevis for our Valentine’s Dinner on Saturday, February 14th from 5-7. We will be serving pork loin and stuffing, potatoes and gravy. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. There will be a silent auction. The proceeds will be sent to Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Baudin, Haiti for the educational cost of the teachers’ salaries. Thank you all for your support of education in Haiti!

**If you like to donate a silent auction item for the Valentine Dinner on February 14, please contact Beasy McGlothlin 612-812-7038 or drop them off in the parish office.**

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