

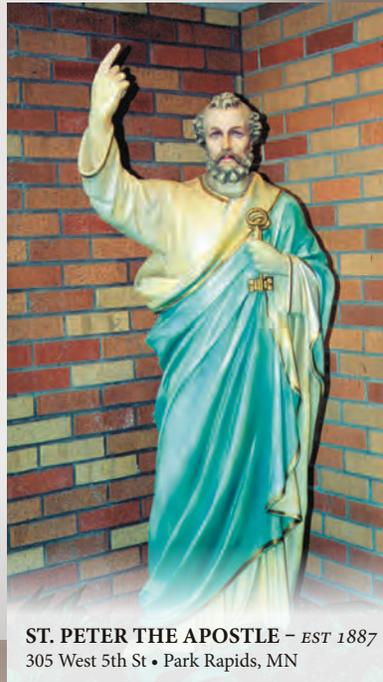
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St. Peter the Apostle



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

Baptism

Please Contact Parish Office Two Months Before Child's Birth

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February 15, 2026

This week's Mass schedule:

Tuesday, February 17th

NO MASS at St. Peter's

Wednesday, February 18th, Ash Wednesday
St. Peter's, 12:10 p.m. + Norman Georgina, Sr.

St. Mary's, 5:15 p.m. + Kim Wettels

St. Peter's, 7:00 p.m. + Thomas Meyer

Thursday, February 19th, 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary's, + Mary Schmitz

Friday, February 20th, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, + Richard Tandsater

Saturday, February 21st, 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Ronald Arthur Wells

Sunday, February 22nd, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, + George Huss

Sunday, February 22nd, 11:00 a.m.

St. Mary's, For the People

Reconciliation 3:30 – 4:30 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 16

Parish Offices Closed-President's Day

SP: 5:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

SP: 6:00 pm Alpha

Tuesday, February 17

SP: 9:00 am Quilt Group

Noon: Ladies lunch w/Deacon John

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

SP: 1:30 pm Scripture Study Group

SP: 5:30 pm Peter's Table Meal

SP: 6:00 pm 1st Reconciliation Class

SP: 6:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, February 18

SP: 10:00 am Bell Choir Practice

Crystal Brook Senior Living Center: 10:30 am

Liturgy of the Word

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 19

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)

Friday, February 20

SM: 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross

SP: 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday, February 22

SP: Knights of Columbus Breakfast

SP: 11:00 am – 6:00 pm NET Retreat, Grades 7-12

St. Peter's Liturgical Schedule

Feb. 21 & 22

Lector

Usher Capt's

Saturday

Al Cassidy

Cathy Hensel

Sunday

Nick Haas

Ron Ahmann

Bob Becker

Greeters

Week Four

Stewardship

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.

St. Peter's

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Collection for February 8

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 11,140.00
Loose Plate.....	\$ 675.69
Visitors.....	\$ 280.00
Other.....	\$ 975.20
Total.....	\$ 13,070.89
"Souper" Bowl Collection.....	\$ 1,535.44
Haiti.....	\$ 175.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 45.00
Cemetery.....	\$ 700.00
Seminarian Burse.....	\$ 95.00
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!

February 23 - Come Pray the Rosary at the Heritage Living Center every 4th Monday at 10:00 am

Praying for Vocations

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

February 23 – March 1.....Dale & LeAnn Carlson

Sunday Mass & Rosary are 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, February 22

LECTOR	Ann Lempola
COMM DIST	Rose Higgins
USHER	Adam & Jen DeBlieck
SACRISTAN	Lynn Gartner

St. Mary's Collection, February 8

Adult Envelopes	\$645.00	Loose Plate	\$1,334.00
Total Collection	\$1,979.00		
"Souper" Bowl Collection	457.04		
Haiti	\$20.00		

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

March 15 Soup & Sandwich – The ladies serving are Karen Wettels, Margaret Sharp, Sara Eischens, Adeline Retz, Gloria Nice, and Judy Grundy.

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.

We extend sympathy and prayers to the family of Mary Weidner. May she enjoy life forever at the table of the Lamb.

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 Gordon Lambrecht who will be 90 years young on February 20. God bless you on your special day.

Eucharistic Ministers for Residents of Care Facilities
February 15: DeBlieck
February 22: Culbertson

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

Disposal of Blessed Palms

They can be burned, then scatter the ashes to the wind; or they can be cut into small pieces then buried in the garden as mulch. They can be returned to the church and one of these methods will be done here. The blessed palms, as any blessed object, should not be discarded in the garbage and then forgotten.

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.

Our Pickle Jar has returned! This Lent we will once again have our Pickle Jar at the foot of the sanctuary for donations that will be given to our local food shelf. Let's help feed the hungry this Lent by making an extra sacrifice of our financial gifts. On behalf of those who will benefit from your sacrifice - Thank You!

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
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Scripture Study

Our group will meet to study scripture on Tuesday, February 17. Please join us for a Study Group during Lent that is open to all. 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.

We welcome into the community of the Church through the waters of baptism, Otto Alan Hendrickx, son of Cody & Melissa. May he always walk as a child of the light.

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

Annette Haas Office: 218-732-5142 Cell: 218-616-2404
Email: annette@stpeterpr.org

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:

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

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

Special Collection – Black & Indian Missions

Next week, our parish will take up the 142nd 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.

St. Vincent de Paul is working to meet the needs of our neighbors in need. After 17 months, we have determined that some neighbors would benefit from a long-term relationship. This mentoring focus means growing in friendship and trust, helping them meet the goals they set for their life. We will help them break down their personal barriers.

Father Joe challenged our group when asking that we have a program about our service to others for the teen religious education. The highlights were making blessing bags that each student filled. The student and family are asked to give to a person with no home. Some members shared experiences with the youth. These stories spoke to how the Holy Spirit is working in our lives.

WE are hoping that we can continue to have community and individual services that the teen youth can do with our group.

For more information, please call Janet at 715-817-8178 or Cindy at 218-255-2078.

Faith, Wellness, and You

Diabetes & Chronic Illness Care

Living with chronic illness requires patience, discipline, and faith. God strengthens us day by day.

Scripture: Isaiah 40:31

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!

Have you made a commitment to the 2026 Diocesan Annual Appeal? If you have, thank you! If not, please make your pledge or gift this weekend. You can donate online at www.crookston.org/DAA. Prayerfully consider joining many others in the Bishop's Guild. The ministries you support touch the lives of thousands of Catholics in the Diocese of Crookston! For questions about automatic sustained giving, which is the most recommended method for supporting the appeal, contact Renée Tate at rtate@crookston.org or call 218-281-4533, ext. 432 **Thank you for witnessing to the love of God present in our world!**



We extend sympathy and prayers to the family of Don Dierkhising, Paul Dierkhising's Father. May he enjoy life forever at the table of the Lamb.

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 4th 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.

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