

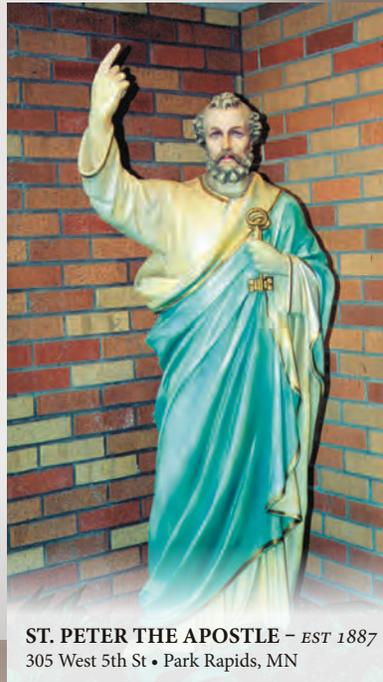
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### Marriage Preparation

*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

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## February 22, 2026

### This week's Mass schedule:

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**, 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter's, + JoAnn Carrier

**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**, 12:10 p.m.

St. Peter's, In honor of Sr. Bernadette Marie

**Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**, 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary's, + Annette Mullen

**Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, + John Graham

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**, 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Izzy Mahowald

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, For the People

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**, 11:00 a.m.

St. Mary's, + Buster Eischens

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**, 3:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, Divine Mercy Hour

**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 23

**SP: 6:00 pm Alpha**

**SM: 7:00 pm Guild Meeting**

### Tuesday, February 24

**SP: 10:00 am Women's Bible Study, Chapt. 13 & 14**

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

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

**SP: 1:30 pm Lenten Book Study**

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

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

### Wednesday, February 25

**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 26

**SP: 6:00 am – 5:00 pm Adoration**

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

**SP: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Reconciliation**

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

(Call office before 4:00 pm for location)

### Friday, February 27

**SM: 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross**

**SP: 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross**

### Sunday, March 1

**SP: St. Vincent de Paul Coffee & Rolls**

## St. Peter's Liturgical Schedule

**Feb 28 & Mar 1**    **Saturday**    **Sunday**

Lector            Sandy Aldrich

Kathy Symanietz

Usher Capt's    Cathy Hensel

Terry Morris

Duane Trosdahl

Greeters            Week One

### Stewardship

*"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" MATTHEW 4:10*

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

### St. Peter's

#### PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

##### Collection for February 15

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 4,268.00
Loose Plate.....	\$ 574.00
Visitors.....	\$ 521.00
Other.....	\$ 1,701.00
Total.....	\$ 7,064.00
Seminarian Burse.....	\$ 95.00

##### '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 – Due to Covid and the Flu, the Rosary at the Heritage Living Center has been cancelled.**

##### Praying for Vocations

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

March 2 – March 9.....Deacon John

**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.**

**Sunday Mass & Rosary are  
live streamed at [stpeterpr.org](http://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 1**

**LECTOR** Cheryl Larson  
**COMM DIST** Greg & Ann Lempola  
Blake Higgins  
**USHER** Rose Higgins  
Adeline Retz  
**SACRISTAN** Winnie Thelen

**St. Mary's Collection, February 15**

Adult Envelopes	\$1,180.00	Loose Plate	\$437.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$1,617.00</b>		
Maintenance Fund	\$20.00	Cemetery	\$10.00

**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.

**Knights of Columbus** will meet Monday, March 2 at 7:00 pm in the church basement.

**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 Robert "Bob" Gartner. His funeral will be at St. Peter's, March 9 at 11:00 am. May he enjoy life forever at the table of the Lamb.*

Eucharistic Ministers for Residents of Care Facilities  
February 22: Culbertson  
March 1: Bade  
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.

**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!

**Repent!** Brothers and sisters, we should be humble in mind, putting aside all arrogance, pride, and foolish anger. Rather, we should act in accordance with the Scriptures, as the Holy Spirit says: *The wise man must not glory in his wisdom nor the strong man in his strength nor the rich man in his riches. Rather, let him who glories glory in the Lord by seeking him and doing what is right and just.* Recall especially what the Lord Jesus said when he taught gentleness and forbearance. He said: *Be merciful, so that you may have mercy shown to you. Forgive, so that you may be forgiven. As you treat others, so you will be treated. As you give, so you will receive. As you judge, so you will be judged. As you are kind to others, so you will be treated kindly. The measure of your giving will be the measure of your receiving.* May this Lenten journey be blessed with mercy, forgiveness and forbearance for all of us. ~ Fr. Joe

**Adult Faith Formation**

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**Scripture Study**

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.

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour, March 1** – Please join us from 3:00 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.

The family of Ed Hrubsky, wants to thank each and everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits with Ed. Special thanks to Father Joe, Deacon John, Dale Carlson, Musicians, Annette and Jim, and Knights of Columbus and all who made the rosary and funeral Mass special.

We thank everyone who helped with the wonderful luncheon and desserts. Additional gratitude to Bill and Cathy Jones for bringing communion to Ed after Mass.  
God Bless you all. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Thank you. *Renae Hrubsky*

### **FAITH FORMATION – YOUTH MINISTRY**

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**SOUPER BOWL collection** from February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> weekend was a grand total of \$1,992.48 from St. Mary's and St. Peter's combined. Thank you so much for your generosity. The "Pickle Jars" will be out during the season of Lent if you would like to continue to support our local food shelves. God bless you.

The **Valentine Breakfast** was a success! Thank you to all who supported the youth! Thank you to the students and parents who helped with the breakfast, you all did a great job! Our total after expenses was close to \$1,200. This will help with camps and the Steubenville Conference in St. Paul coming up this summer.

Students in grades 6-9 the **St. John Paul 2 & St. Teresa of Calcutta Camps registration** is open now. Contact me if you need any details. They both fill fast so sign up as soon as you can. As in the past we can help with tuition.

#### Upcoming dates:

Sunday, February 22, NET Retreat  
Tuesday, February 24, First Reconciliation Class 6-7PM  
Wed., Feb. 25, Release Time & Evening Faith Formation  
Tuesday, March 3, First Reconciliation Class 6-7PM  
Wednesday, Mar. 4, Release Time & Evening Faith Formation

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

### Preparing for Lent

As we approach Lent, remember that fasting and moderation can benefit both body and soul.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:27

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!**

Thank you for your support of the Diocesan Annual Appeal! Your generous gift, joined with others, gives encouragement, strength, and purpose to our family of faith. If you have not had the opportunity to make your commitment, please make your pledge or gift this weekend. You can donate online at [www.crookston.org/DAA](http://www.crookston.org/DAA).

For questions about automatic sustained giving, contact Renée Tate at [rate@crookston.org](mailto:rate@crookston.org) or call 218-281-4533, ext. 432. **Your gifts shine the love of Christ to every corner of our diocese!**



### **Special Collection – Black & Indian Missions**

This weekend, our parish took up the 142<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **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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