

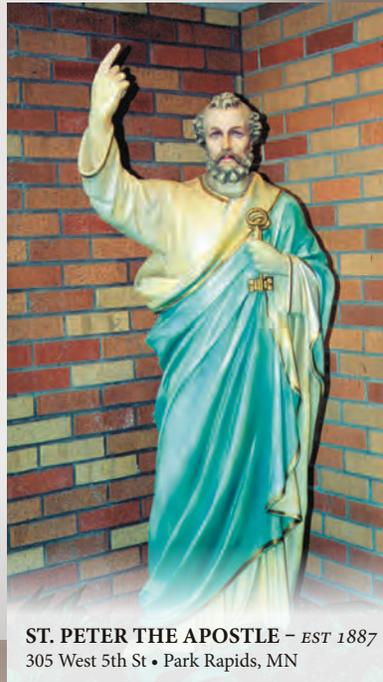
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## St. Peter the Apostle



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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

#### Pastoral Assistant

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#### Darryl Hensel

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## March 8, 2026

### This week's Mass schedule:

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**, 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Ronald Arthur Wells

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 a.m.

Heritage Senior Living Center,

+ Tom Wermerskirchen

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**, 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary's, + Kimberly Wettels

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, + Richard Tandsater

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**, 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Deceased Christensen Family

Members

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, For the People

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00 a.m.

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

**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, March 9

**SP: 11:00 am Robert Gartner Funeral**

**SP: 6:00 pm Alpha**

### Tuesday, March 10

**SP: 10:00 am Women's Bible Study, Chapt. 15 & 16**

**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**

### Wednesday, March 11

**SP: 10:00 am Bell Choir Practice**

**SP: 1:00 pm Faith Formation Grades 1 – 6**

**SP: 1:00 pm – 8:30 pm Reconciliation**

**SP: 1:00 pm – 8:30 pm Adoration**

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

### Thursday, March 12

**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, March 13

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

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### Sunday, March 15

**SP: Coffee & Rolls Team 4**

**SM: Soup & Sandwich after Mass**

## St. Peter's Liturgical Schedule

### March 14 & 15

### Saturday

### Sunday

Lector

Holly Funk

Dale Carlson

Usher Capt's

Anne Neumayer

Terry Morris

Duane Trosdahl

Greeters

Week Three

### Stewardship

*"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."*

JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

### St. Peter's

### PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### Collection for March 1

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 5,438.00
Loose Plate.....	\$ 647.02
Visitors.....	\$ 2,300.00
Other.....	\$ 2,099.71
Total.....	\$ 10,484.73
Building Fund.....	\$ 1,172.00
Cemetery.....	\$ 328.00
Haiti.....	\$ 28.00
"Pickle Jar".....	\$ 214.00
Black & Indian Mission.....	\$ 145.00

#### '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 2026	July 2025-February 2026
Income	\$36,449.56	\$366,614.55
Expense	\$30,028.22	\$266,376.77
Balance	\$6,421.34	\$100,237.78

### Praying for Vocations

March 9 – March 15.....Meg & Terry Morris

March 16 – March 22.....Jim & Kate Dottenwhy

**Please sign up for Vocations Chalice. The calendar is in the gathering space at St Peter's.**

**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 Bishop, 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 15**

**LECTOR** Margaret Sharp  
**COMM DIST** Glen & Susan Wolters  
**USHER** Jeromy Meier Family  
**SACRISTAN** Lynn Gartner

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

<b>Adult Envelopes</b>	<b>\$885.00</b>	<b>Loose Plate</b>	<b>\$301.00</b>
<b>Fuel Fund</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>		
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$1,296.00</b>	<b>Haiti</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Black &amp; Indian Mission</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>Seminarian Burse</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>"Pickle Jar"</b>	<b>\$83.00</b>

**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.

**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**

	February 2026	July 2025-February 2026
Income	\$6,731.00	\$91,874.08
Expense	\$5,756.36	\$60,253.86
Balance	\$974.64	\$31,620.22

**Mother's Day Flower order forms** are also available in the Gathering Space at St. Peter's for those who are interested in supporting Pathways to Haitian Education.

*We extend sympathy and prayers to the family of Patricia "Pat" Walsh. Her funeral was at St. Peter's on March 3. May she enjoy life forever at the table of the Lamb.*

**Peter's Table Meal – March 17**

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.

Eucharistic Ministers for Residents of Care Facilities

March 8: Walsh

March 15: McCollum

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

**Oil for your Lamp**

We hear a rather familiar Gospel reading this weekend, the Samaritan woman at the well. The woman went to the well in the middle of the day and happened to encounter Jesus. After they talked, she went and told her community all about this encounter. Life is that way for all of us sometimes. We never know what is around the corner. Let's pray that there is always something good waiting for us and if it is the Lord we encounter, it will be good. He may ask us for a glass of water and before we know it, we are preaching the Gospel to our neighbors, friends and relatives.

**"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**

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**

Please join us for a Study Group that is open to all. On Tuesday's during Lent at 1:30 pm, we will be doing a Lenten Book study by Fr. Mark Toups. This Lenten Companion focuses on "A Personal encounter with the Power of the Gospel."

**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.

**Wednesday, March 11**

1:00 pm - 8:30 pm Reconciliation and Adoration

**Thursday, March 12**

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Reconciliation

at St. Peter's

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

The **Knights of Columbus** want to thank everyone who supported our breakfast fundraiser for St. Peter's youth. Your generosity raised nearly \$700.00 after expenses. At a recent meeting the Knights voted to round it up and will be donating \$1,000.00 towards youth activities.

**Knights of Columbus** invites all Catholic men of the parish to join our organization. For more information, please contact Deacon John Zinniel, Tom Porozinski 218-255-2469, Art Symanietz 218-252-5238, Ron Ahmann 218-616-0915, or Greg Lempola 218-699-3617. Joining the KC's is easy and we invite the family to participate.

## **FAITH FORMATION – YOUTH MINISTRY**

Annette Haas Office: 218-732-5142 Cell: 218-616-2404  
Email: [annette@stpeterpr.org](mailto:annette@stpeterpr.org)

Students, if you are interested in singing for Holy Thursday (April 2) at 7pm let me know. We plan to practice at St. Mary's in Two Inlets on Friday March 27 and at St. Peter's on Wednesday, April 1. More details to come!

### Upcoming dates:

Tuesday, March 10, First Reconciliation & Party 6-7PM  
Wed., March 11, Release Time and evening Faith Formation  
Tuesday, March 17, First Communion Class 6-7PM  
Wed., March 18, Release Time and evening Faith Formation  
Tuesday, March 24, First Communion Class 6-7PM  
Wed., March 25, Release Time and evening Faith Formation

**Magnifikid!** For elementary students is available at St. Peter's and St. Mary's. This is a great resource for our kids to use to follow along with Mass. There are great activities as well. Pick up this week's copy when you come to Mass.

### **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 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/>.

### **Prayer for Married Couples**

Almighty and eternal God,  
You blessed the union of married couples so  
that they might reflect the union of Christ  
with his Church:  
look with kindness on them.  
Renew their marriage covenant,  
increase your love in them,  
and strengthen their bond of peace  
so that, with their children,  
they may always rejoice in the gift of your  
blessing.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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

### **Brain Health & Social Connection**

Staying socially connected supports brain health and emotional well-being. Reach out to a friend, attend a parish event, or make a phone call to someone who may feel alone. Meaningful conversation and fellowship stimulate memory, reduce stress, and uplift the spirit.

"Encourage one another and build one another up." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

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).

This year's DAA goal of \$995,000 is shared among our 65 parishes. St. Peter's parish goal for 2026 is \$36,588 and has committed \$6,206 with 4% participation and St. Mary's goal is \$8,141 has committed \$642.67 with 3% participation.

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 – Catholic Relief Services**

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

**Our Pickle Jar has returned!** This Lent we 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!

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