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St. Peter the Apostle



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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

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March 15, 2026

This week's Mass schedule:

Tuesday, March 17th, 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Patty Shepersky

Wednesday, March 18th, 12:10 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Norman Georgina, Sr.

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

St. Mary's, + Barbara Raygor

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

St. Peter's, Melissa Williams Family

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

St. Peter's, Healing for Mike Baumgartner

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

St. Peter's, For the People

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

St. Mary's, + Mary Schmitz

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 16

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

Tuesday, March 17

SP: 9:00 am Quilt Group

Noon: Ladies lunch w/Fr. Joe

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

SP: 1:30 pm Lenten Book Study

SP: 5:30 Peter's Table Meal

SP: 6:00 pm 1st Communion Class

SP: 6:00 pm Choir practice

Wednesday, March 18

SP: 10:00 am Bell Choir Practice

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

SP: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Adoration

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

Thursday, March 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, March 20

SM: 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross

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Sunday, March 22

SP: Coffee & Rolls Knights of Columbus

SM: Reconciliation after Mass

SP: 2:00 pm Knights of Columbus Bingo

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St. Peter's Liturgical Schedule

March 21 & 22

Saturday

Sunday

Lector

Al Cassidy

Nick Haas

Usher Capt's

Anne Neumayer

Terry Morris

Duane Trosdahl

Greeters

Week Four

Stewardship

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

St. Peter's

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Collection for March 8

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| Adult Envelopes..... | \$ 3,988.00 |
| Loose Plate..... | \$ 686.00 |
| Visitors..... | \$ 415.00 |
| Other..... | \$ 268.90 |
| Total..... | \$ 5,357.90 |
| Building Fund..... | \$ 65.00 |
| Cemetery..... | \$ 267.00 |
| Haiti..... | \$ 45.00 |
| "Pickle Jar"..... | \$ 174.00 |

'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!

Praying for Vocations

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

March 23 – March 29.....Art & Kathy Symanietz

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

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

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 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 22**

LECTOR Susan Wolters
COMM DIST Adam & Jen DeBlicke
Volunteer
USHER Ron & Sharon Meyer
SACRISTAN Winnie Thelen

St. Mary's Collection, March 8

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| Adult Envelopes | \$1,175.00 | Loose Plate | \$138.00 |
| Total Collection | \$1,343.00 | Easter Flowers | \$30.00 |
| Memorial Vern Scholz | \$25.00 | Haiti | \$27.00 |
| "Pickle Jar" | \$117.00 | | |

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

April 19 Soup & Sandwich – The ladies serving are Rose Higgins, Marguerite Henry, Bonnie Higgins, Cathy Osvak, Ellie Ganser, Emma Higgins.

Happy birthday wishes to Grant Schmaus who will be 85 years young on March 17, Patti Stulich who will be 85 years young on March 19, and Ron Meyer who will be 82 years young on March 20. God bless you on your special day.

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will host Ham Bingo on March 22 at 2:00 pm in the church basement. A light lunch will be served after bingo. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Ministers for Residents of Care Facilities
March 15: McCollum
March 22: McCollum
If you know **someone** who would like to receive or **if you are interested** in distributing contact Deacon John.

Happy birthday wishes to Gloria Kueber who will be 91 years young on March 17. God bless you on your special day.

We welcome into the community of the Church through the waters of baptism, Cora Jo and Rosie Grace Leacox, daughters of Joseph and Katie. May they always walk as children of the light.

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.

Great news! We are excited to announce 3 upcoming events to help you in your faith journey. Mark your calendar for:

- 1) Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th from 3:00- 4:00, Divine Mercy Holy Hour, check out the many graces received at DivineMercySunday.net - open to all ages.
- 2) Healing the Whole Person Retreat - this retreat will be held over four days, Friday evening April 10th, Saturday morning April 11th, Friday evening April 17th, and Saturday morning April 18th - open to adults, watch the bulletin for more information.
- 3) Parish Mission - Church on Fire, with Bart Schuchts, open to all ages, will be held the evenings of April 26th, 27th, and 28th - again, watch the bulletin for more information. Please prayerfully consider attending one, two or all three of these events in April.

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 Touns. 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.

You began a new walk with Jesus through Alpha; and you have made a new commitment to Christ in your life. The Holy Spirit has begun a new work in your Spirit; we are here to help you grow in that new walk. Through Discipleship, we look at what Scripture and the Catholic Church teach on hearing, understanding and responding to the Gospel Message. We learn about how to grow in faith in Christ so we can produce abundant fruit for the Kingdom of God; and to encourage you as you take the next steps. There is so much more! If you are interested, please give us a call at 218-237-6706 or email us at notetojill@gmail.com before April 6.

Blessings in Christ Jesus, Toby and Jill Lucas

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!

FAITH FORMATION – YOUTH MINISTRY

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The excitement in the eyes of our 2nd graders when they come out of the confessional for the 1st time is priceless. Congratulations to Elsie Ackerman, Phoebe Budzien, Xander Maninga, Warren Sauer, Tucker Sunram, Addison Tretbar, Abram Turnow, and Abigail Wenderski on your 1st Reconciliation. Do we still have wonder and awe of how good God is that he would forgive us of our sins? We are all God's children, no matter our age. He delights in us coming to Him with a repentant heart.

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 at 3:45pm and at St. Peter's on Wednesday, April 1. Please contact me or Rachel Thelen.

Upcoming dates:

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

Tuesday, March 31 First Communion Class 6-7PM

Wednesday, April 1 Release Time

Wednesday, April 1 NO evening Faith Formation

with encouragement to attend Holy Week services

Special Collection – Catholic Relief Services

Today we took The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

St. Peter's Knights of Columbus will host Ham Bingo on March 22 at 2:00 pm in the Parish Center. Free lunch will be served to participants. Open to the public.

St. Peter's Knights of Columbus will be selling Walleye Classic Raffle Tickets after each Mass. Grand prize is a boat, motor & trailer. Many additional cash prizes. Proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul Society, Park Rapids DAC and Heartland Homes.

Faith, Wellness, and You Planning Travel – Think Measles

Bring back only memories. Help prevent the spread of measles. Talk with your doctor about what immunizations you and your family need before traveling, including MMR vaccine. Call your doctor if anyone gets a fever and rash within 3 weeks of returning from your trip. Describe where you traveled. Learn more at www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/measles/bascis.html.

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.

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 \$18,587.00 with 13% participation and St. Mary's goal is \$8,141 has committed \$3,014.30 with 12% participation.

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



St. Peter's Quilt group will meet the 1st and the 3rd Tuesday's. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Michelle Friend, 218-434-1837 or Mary Urbanski, 701-740-5418.

Women at the Well

Sunday, March 22, 2026

3:00 pm Social Time (Mocktails & Refreshments)

3:30 pm Speaker Dcn Mark Krejci

4:30 pm Adoration & Confessions

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