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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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## March 22, 2026

### This week's Mass schedule:

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

St. Peter's, + Phil Smith

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

St. Peter's, In honor of Sr. Maria Bethany

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

St. Mary's, + Jim Mack

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

St. Peter's, Melissa Williams Family

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

St. Peter's, + Izzy Mahowald & + Shari Mahowald

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, + Jim Mack

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**, 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, March 23**

**SP: 11:00 am Margaret Cunningham Funeral**

### **Tuesday, March 24**

**SP: 10:00 am Women's Bible Study, Chpt. 17 & 18**

**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> Communion Class**

**SP: 6:00 pm Choir practice**

### **Wednesday, March 25**

**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 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, March 27**

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

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

### **Sunday, March 29**

**SP: Coffee & Rolls Quilt Group**

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

### **March 28 & 29**

### **Saturday**

### **Sunday**

Lector

Holly Funk

Cleo Hartung

Usher Capt's

Anne Neumayer

Terry Morris

Duane Trosdahl

Greeters

Week Five

### **Stewardship**

*"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40*

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

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

### **PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

#### **Collection for March 15**

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 4,573.00
Loose Plate.....	\$ 549.00
Visitors.....	\$ 841.00
Other.....	\$ 87.06
Total.....	\$ 6,050.06
Building Fund.....	\$ 105.00
Cemetery.....	\$ 95.00
Haiti.....	\$ 770.00
Seminarian Burse.....	\$ 2.00
"Pickle Jar".....	\$ 169.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$ 1,637.00

#### **'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 23 – March 29.....Art & Kathy Symanietz

March 30 – April 5.....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 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10:00 am**

**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 29**

<b>LECTOR</b>	Ann Hensel
<b>COMM DIST</b>	Rose Higgins Blake Higgins
<b>USHER</b>	Al Zwach Brent Ohm
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Glen Wolters

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

Adult Envelopes	\$1,115.00	Loose Plate	\$186.00
Total Collection	\$1,301.00		
"Pickle Jar"	\$76.00	Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$251.00	Grotto	\$100.00

**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.

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 22: McCollum

March 29: Janssen

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

*We extend sympathy and prayers to the family of Margaret Cunningham who died March 15. Her funeral will be March 23 at 11:00 am at St. Peter's. Also to the family of Carol Robertson who died March 15. Her funeral will be April 7 at St. Peter's. May they enjoy life forever at the table of the Lamb.*

**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!

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

**Jesus and the Eucharist -Small Group Study** is open to everyone. It will be held Monday evenings, April 6 through May 4, from 6:30-8:30. Sunday, May 3 at 1:00 pm there will be a special session and will end with Divine Mercy Hour. See the flyer in the bulletin to register.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00- 4:00, Divine Mercy Holy Hour, check out the many graces received at DivineMercySunday.net - open to all ages.

**Parish Mission** - Church on Fire, with Bart Schuchts, open to all ages, will be held the evenings of April 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> - again, watch the bulletin for more information.

**Please prayerfully** consider attending these events in April.

**Healing the Whole Person Retreat** - this retreat will be held in September.

**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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**Young Adult Group!**

Looking to connect with other young adults in our parishes? St. Peter's and St. Mary's are launching a young adult ministry! Single, married or married with children, join us weekly on Tuesdays, at St. Peter's beginning March 31 at 7:00 pm. We will start with focusing on prayer and the weekly Gospel readings.

**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.

**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

St. Philip's Catholic Church Social Hall

Bemidji, MN

### **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 at 3:45pm and at St. Peter's on Wednesday, April 1, the time will be determined. Please contact me or Rachel Thelen.

#### Upcoming dates:

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**

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for **revealing Christ's love** to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) for more information. 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.

**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.

### **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.

## Faith, Wellness, and You

### Dental Health Matters

Oral health is part of whole-body health. Brush twice daily, floss regularly, and keep up with dental checkups. Healthy gums and teeth support heart health and overall wellness. Small daily habits can make a lifelong difference.

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit?" — 1 Corinthians 6:19

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 \$20,306.00 with 15% participation and St. Mary's goal is \$8,141 has committed \$3,549.30 with 15% 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!**



## **EASTER FLOWERS**

St. Peter's Parishioners – If you wish to donate towards the purchase of flowers to decorate the church for the Easter Season, please use the special envelope in your envelope packet or fill out the slip below and place it in the collection basket with your contribution.

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