

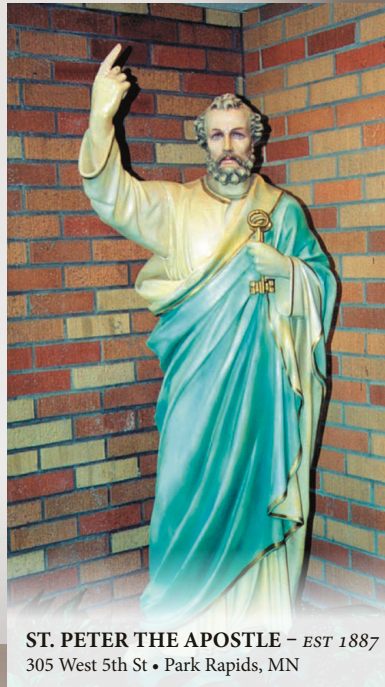
# Welcome to The Parish Communities of

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## St. Peter the Apostle



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

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*Please Contact Parish Office Two Months Before Child's Birth*

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## June 28, 2026

### This week's Mass schedule:

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

St. Peter's, In Thanksgiving for  
Fr. Joe & Deacon John

**Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**, 10:30 a.m.

Crystal Brook Senior Living Center,  
+ Phil Smith

**Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary's, + Mary Schmitz

**Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, Shawn Williams

**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, + Lisa Hensel

**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**, 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, For the People

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**, 8:30 a.m.

St. Peter's, Art & Kathy Symanietz

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**, 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary's, + Carol Cashman

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**, 3:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, Divine Mercy Hour

**Reconciliation** 4:00 - 4:30 pm on 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 Thursdays from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm. (Summer Hours)

### Tuesday, June 30

**Noon: Ladies lunch – All Ladies are welcome**

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

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

### Wednesday, July 1

**SM: 6:00 pm Alpha**

### Thursday, July 2

**SP: 6:00 am – 4:00 pm Adoration**

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

**SP: 5:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting**

**6:00 pm Men's Burger & Beer–All Men are welcome**

(Call office before 4:00 pm for location)

### Sunday, July 5

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

**SM: Bake Sale after Mass**

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

Eucharistic Ministers for Residents of Care Facilities

June 28: DeBlicek

July 5: Bade

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

## St. Peter's Liturgical Schedule

### July 4 & 5

Lector

Usher Capt's

Greeters

### Saturday

Tony Yerkes

Volunteer

Week One

### Sunday

Mary Garlie

Art Symanietz

Ed Shepersky

### Stewardship

*"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Matthew 10:38*

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

### St. Peter's PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### Collection for June 21

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 6,355.00
Loose Plate.....	\$ 1,055.00
Visitors.....	\$ 450.00
Other.....	\$ 1,909.00
Total.....	\$ 9,769.00
Haiti.....	\$ 105.00
Seminarian Burse.....	\$ 115.00
Pregnancy Resource Center "Baby Bottles".....	\$ 245.98
Retired Priest Collection.....	\$ 3,521.00

#### '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!

**Welcome** new parishioners of the Parish Communities of St. Mary's in Two Inlets and St. Peter's in Park Rapids. We are very happy to have you joining us in worshipping the Lord! If you are considering becoming a member please call the parish office 218-732-5142.

### Praying for Vocations

June 29 – July 5.....Chuck & LaVonne Braunschweig

July 6 – July 12.....Volunteer See Deacon John

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

**August 9 – Bishop Andrew Cozzens will preside at 10:30 am Mass at St. Mary's Grotto**

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, July 5**

**LECTOR** Susan Wolters  
**COMM DIST** Adam & Jen DeBlieck  
Mary Johnson  
**USHER** Jeromy Meier Family  
Volunteers  
**SACRISTAN** Winnie Thelen

**St. Mary's Collection, June 21**

**Adult Envelopes** \$1,405.00 **Loose Plate** \$1,028.00  
**Total Collection** \$2,433.00  
**Cemetery** \$10.00  
**Retired Priest Collection** \$662.00  
**Handicap Accessibility Fund** \$300.00  
**Pregnancy Resource Center "Baby Bottle"** \$122.98

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

**July 5 – Summer Coffee Servers are:** Ann & Greg Lempola, Karen & Jim Wettels, Pamela Stone, Stacey Scholz

**July 12 – Summer Coffee Servers are:** Adeline Retz, Jen & Adam DeBlieck, Stephanie & Kyle Kampschroer

**St. Mary's will be having a bake sale July 5.** Parishioners are asked to provide baked goods or other items. Items will be priced at the sale. For questions, please call or text Rose 218-252-8883.

The total amount collected from St. Mary's **Baby Bottles** was \$361.98. This was donated to the Pregnancy Resource Center in Park Rapids. Thank you for your generosity.

**Prayer blankets & quilts** are for sale. These are handmade by the Joan Eischens family. Also, **zipper bags** are for sale. These are handmade by Lynnette Zilka. Proceeds go to the handicap accessibility fund.

St. Mary's **Knights of Columbus** will not meet in July.

**Summer Parishioners** - Adoration at St. Peter's is Thursdays, 6:00 am – 4:00 pm. Come and spend some time with the Lord. Occasionally substitutes are needed. If you can help with this, call the parish office or contact Deacon John.

**Are you interested** in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process in which people learn about the faith in order to become faithful, practicing members of the Church. If you are interested please contact Deacon John or the parish office.

**Reminder - St Peter's Cemetery** – Please remove artificial flowers and ground decorations from the cemetery by June 29. Everyone needs to help with the upkeep and cleanliness of the cemetery. Any items that cause problems with mowing will be removed by the staff. Thank you.

The total amount collected from St. Peter's **Baby Bottles** was \$1,043.98. This was donated to the Pregnancy Resource Center in Park Rapids. Thank you for your generosity.

**250 Hours of Adoration/250 Works of Mercy:** As the USA commemorates the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All Catholics are encouraged to join the bishops in praying for the unity and healing of our country. The bishops propose doing two things: 250 hours of Adoration, and 250 Works of Mercy. This would be a collective effort on the part of the two parishes. I invite you to keep track of your hours of Adoration - praying for our nation. In addition, keep track of any Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit those in prison, bury the dead, and give alms. If you are a part of St. Vincent de Paul, track all of your hours working for the good of others in need; give financially to the food shelf and/or drop off food at the parish center; support the Pregnancy Resource Center; donate used clothing; drop off gently used clothing in the DAV drop box by L & M Fleet Supply; attend funerals; spend time in prayer at the cemetery praying for all who are buried there; visit the nursing homes, shut-ins, sick, hospitalized, etc. All of these, plus so many other acts of kindness, are Corporal Works of Mercy. Keep track of your Works of Mercy and hours of Adoration and turn in the number of hours and/or acts of kindness between now and July 4<sup>th</sup> to the parish office. In turn, we will report our communities participation to the USCCB.

**First Saturday Mass, July 4** - Confessions will be at 8:00 am, Rosary at 8:30 am, Mass at 9:00 am.

There will be **Mass at Crystal Brook Senior Living Center** on Wednesday, July 1. Those who would like to come to that Mass will need to sign in at the front desk and ask for directions to the activity room on the second floor. Mass will begin at 10:30 am. All are welcome.

**Divine Mercy Hour:** Please join us for our Divine Mercy Hour starting at 3:00, Sunday, July 5, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by some Praise and Worship music, a period of silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome!

**St. Vincent De Paul**

We want you to know that your donations are working to spread the mission that Jesus Christ gave us in Mark 16:15 "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature". We had a person that our team visited that was considered homeless. They were having a rough night, requesting a place to stay and bus ride to relocate to a family members home. This person was the face of Christ to each of us and turned out to be a religious person. We prayed with this person at least four different times before they left on a journey that would take them over a day and a half. This message was sent to us close to the destination. They wrote "I have been sharing God's word and so on with others, I also fed a relative (homeless person). I don't like that reference anyway, I gave him some water (ice) half the food I had, he was happy".

What SVdP could do for this person through our donors, helped to proclaim the gospel to the world. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please call us at 218-366-0441 and leave a message we would love to visit with you about the different ways you too can grow spiritually in this ministry.

## **FAITH FORMATION – YOUTH MINISTRY**

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

**VBS** is scheduled for August 3-6. Seeking adult and youth leaders to help our elementary kids encounter Jesus. If you would like to help with activities, food, set up and clean up let me know.

**Growing in God's Goodness is the theme of the Youth Fundraiser this year.** Students are selling 6 foot tape measures that can be clipped on a backpack or purse. Throw it in your tackle box or glove compartment to have available when you might need it. For fun we are asking for photos of you using the tape measure, measuring your prize garden produce, a great catch, or a huge bear track; use your imagination and share God's Goodness. A QR code of where to send your photo is included with the tape measure. After some photos are collected we plan to share them on our website. Your support helps our youth to participate in camps and church adventures to build a stronger community in Christ. We will be selling them after Masses at St. Peter's and St. Mary's. You may also contact Annette Haas if you would like to support our youth! Most importantly, please pray for our youth.

**Adventure Challenge Course** outing planned for Tuesday, July 7 12:30-3:30 pm. Grade 7 and up. RSVP to Annette. Must have parent sign a liability waiver. You may bring a friend.

## **Adult Faith Formation**

Director of Evangelization  
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Michelle Clark Cell Phone: 913-940-4851  
Email: [michelle@stpeterpr.org](mailto:michelle@stpeterpr.org)

**Grow in Faith Together!** Looking to connect with fellow parishioners and dive deeper into your faith? Join one of our Parish Small Groups listed below! We meet for fellowship, prayer, and study. Contact Michelle with any questions.

**Young Adult Group:** Single, married, or married with children, join us for Studying the Catechism. This will resume after the Alpha Series in late August.

**Scripture Study:** All are welcome to join us for prayer on the weekly Mass readings. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. every other Thursday. Our next gathering is July 9.

**Men's Group:** Join us for prayer on the weekly Mass readings at 9:00 am on Thursdays at St. Peter's.

**Rosary Group:** Everyone is welcome to join us for prayer and fellowship on Fridays immediately following 9:00 am Mass at St. Peter's.

July 11 & 12 after each Mass, there will be a representative from the Holy Land selling Olive Wood items.

## Faith, Wellness, and You

### Sun Safety

Protect your skin: Use sunscreen (SPF 30+), Wear a hat and sunglasses, Avoid peak sun hours (10 AM-4 PM).

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.

## **St. Peter's Rummage Sale – July 22 – 24**

This is a parish sponsored event and everyone is invited to help. Proceeds from the sale will remain in the parish. Use classroom 5 for smaller items and classroom 6 for larger items/furniture. No pianos or mattresses are accepted. The parish center is open Monday – Thursday 9 am to 4 pm. Be thinking about Bake and Garden Sale. We would appreciate families, teens, men women, seasonal people and visitors to help with set up, during the sale, and clean up. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Christensen 218-616-0631

A complete knitting machine with all the attachments has been donated for the rummage sale. If anyone is interested, contact Diane Christenson, 218-616-0631

## **Special Collection for Retired Diocesan Priests**

Thank you for your generous donations to the Father's Day collection. This collection helps to assist with health insurance premiums, Medicare supplements, prescription coverage, and other retirement expenses. Visit [www.crookston.org/fathers-day-collection](http://www.crookston.org/fathers-day-collection) for online donations.

**On October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, at the Alerus Center Ballroom in Grand Forks, North Dakota, our diocese will be sponsoring **Rescue Live**, presented by internationally known evangelist Fr. John Riccardo and his team from ACTS 29. There are cards in the gathering space at St. Peter's and in the back of the church at St. Mary's. Use the QR code for registration. Fee \$50.00.



We welcome into the community of the Church through the waters of baptism, Benedict James Sock, son of Cody & Mary, and Clary Jane Knowles, daughter of Derek & Lynzi. May they always walk as children of the light.

**Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator:** We are looking for a volunteer who would assist with coordinating Eucharistic Ministers for weekend Masses at St. Peter's. This individual would put together a Flocknote sign-up schedule on a quarterly basis. We currently do this for our Lectors and it works really well; it can be done remotely, so you don't have to be in Park Rapids. If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact Fr. Joe at the parish office - 218-732-5142.

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