

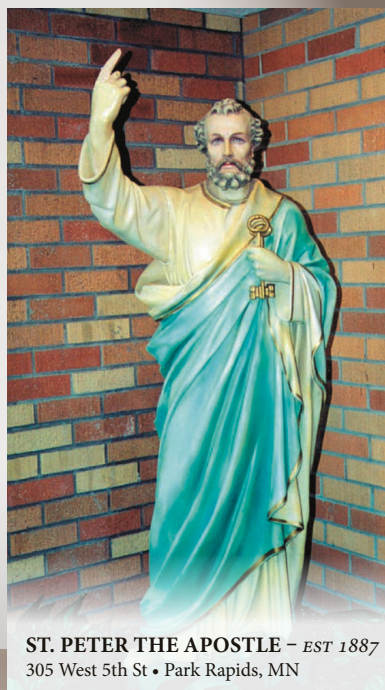
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August 2, 2026

This week's Mass schedule:

Tuesday, August 4th, 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Phillip Charles Esser Smith

Wednesday, August 5th, 10:30 a.m.

Crystal Brook Senior Living Center,
+ John Graham

Thursday, August 6th, 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary's, + Mary Schmitz

Friday, August 7th, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, + Amelia Tritz

Saturday, August 8th, 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Izzy Mahowald

Sunday, August 9th, 8:30 a.m.

St. Peter's, For the People

Sunday, August 9th, 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary's, + Albert Gartner

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)

Monday, August 3

SP: 9:00 am – 12 Noon Vacation Bible School

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

SP: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm Civil Air Patrol Meeting

SM: 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, August 4

SP: 9:00 am – 12 Noon Vacation Bible School

SP: 9:00 am Quilt Group

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, August 5

SP: 9:00 am – 12 Noon Vacation Bible School

SM: 5:30 pm Alpha

Thursday, August 6

SP: 6:00 am – 4:00 pm Adoration

SP: 9:00 am – 12 Noon Vacation Bible School

SP: 9:00 am Men's Bible Study

SP: 10:30 am Scripture Study

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

(Call office before 4:00 pm for location)

Sunday, August 9

SP: Coffee & Rolls Knights of Columbus

SM: 10:30 am Mass Bishop Cozzens Presiding

SP: 2:30 pm Jannie Pham & Gregory Kosmacek
Wedding

**Sunday Mass & Rosary are
live streamed at stpeterpr.org**

St. Peter's Liturgical Schedule

August 8 & 9

Lector

Usher Capt's

Saturday

Tom Conzemius

Cathy Hensel

Sunday

Mary Garlie

Randy McFarren

Nick Haas

Greeters

Week Two

Stewardship

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over -- twelve wicker baskets full." Matthew 14:19-20

If we follow Jesus, there will always be more than enough. The young man gave his 5 loaves and 2 fish, and with that Jesus was able to feed thousands with plenty left over.

St. Peter's

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Collection for July 26

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 4,343.00
Loose Plate.....	\$ 1,458.00
Visitors.....	\$ 395.00
Other.....	\$ 67.00
Total.....	\$ 6,263.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 50.00
Cemetery.....	\$ 10.00
Haiti.....	\$ 105.00
Peter's Pence Collection.....	\$ 20.00

'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!

Are you new to St. Peter's or St. Mary's? We would love to have you register as a parishioner. Through registration we are able to keep you updated on pertinent information, count you in our parish census, etc. Registration forms are available at the parish office; we can mail one to you by calling the office and requesting one (218-732-5142); or request one when you come for Mass. Welcome to St. Peter's and St. Mary's Parish Family! We are delighted that you are here!

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

August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass will be at St. Peter's at 9:00 am.
This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

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, August 9

LECTOR	Cheryl Larson
COMM DIST	Adam & Jen DeBlieck Blake Higgins
USHER	Jeromy Meier Family Volunteers
SACRISTAN	Lynn Gartner

St. Mary's Collection, July 26

Adult Envelopes	\$555.00	Loose Plate	\$763.00
Total Collection	\$1,318.00		
Handicap Accessibility Fund	\$200.00		

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

August 9 – Summer Coffee Servers are: Lynn & Leo Gartner, Gloria Nice, Sherrie & Mark Eischens.

August 16 – Summer Coffee Servers are: Jolene & Will Retz, Lou & Tim Eischens, LeAnn & Todd Dirks

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.

October 10 – Annual Fall Dinner & Silent Auction at the American Legion in Park Rapids. Please don't feel obligated to help with the dinner if you want to attend Rescue Live event.

Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, August 3 at 7:00 pm in the church basement.

Eucharistic Ministers for Residents of Care Facilities

August 2: Janssen

August 9: Fontes

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

Check out the table in the Gathering Space displaying some Eucharistic Miracles from St. Carlo Acutis' website. Every week new cards are put up to share.

There will be **Mass at Crystal Brook Senior Living Center** on Wednesday, August 5. 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

Praying for Vocations

August 3 – August 9.....Shelly Mahowald
August 10 – August 16.....Terry & Meg Morris

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

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 willing to help us collect food for the local Food Shelf? We have placed our Food Collection Box in the gathering space at St. Peter's. Bring non-perishable food items with you when you come to Mass and drop them in the box. Food will be brought to the food shelf on a weekly basis. **For our children:** We invite our children to bring a non-perishable food item to Mass with them each weekend; they can place it in the basket that will be in front of the altar during the time of our offertory collection and bringing up of the gifts of bread and wine. This will provide a great opportunity for our young people to make a difference by helping feed the hungry. Thank you for your gift!

Welcoming Committee - *"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matthew 25:35)*

St. Peter's and St. Mary's is creating a new Welcoming Committee. Join us in helping to foster a warm, loving environment within our Community. Members of this committee will serve as a resource for newly-registered parishioners to welcome them to our parish family, help connect them to other parishioners, and inform them of the many services and ministries we have to offer. If you would like to be the face and heart of the parish to new members or would like more information, contact Michelle Clark at the Parish Office, 218-732-5142 or at 913-940-4851.

Emmaus Encounters

Do you recognize God in your everyday life? Please join us for our second Emmaus Encounters evening at St. Peter's on Tuesday, August 18 following our Peter's Table meal. We are excited to announce that our speaker will be Deacon Bruce Richards, brother of Fr. Joe. He is a deacon at St. Joseph's parish in Waconia, MN and has been a teacher and principal in Catholic schools for many years. Come enjoy a night of faith, reflection, and community. For more details contact Michelle Clark at the parish office or at (913)-940-4851.

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

Come join us as we explore scripture from Creation to the establishment of the church. We will offer this study in morning and evening sessions every Monday beginning September 14 at St. Peter's. The morning session will be from 10:00-11:30 am and the evening session will be from 6:30-8:00 pm. To help cover the cost of the study it will be \$30 a person. For financial difficulty in covering this cost, talk to Fr. Joe.

Please register by Friday, August 21 so we can order enough books. To register or for more information call or text Michelle Clark at 913-940-4851 or call the parish office.

Is it time to update your parish information? Often when changes take place we forget to inform the parish of our new information. If you have changed your phone number, no longer use a land line, moved, recently married, recently graduated from high school, moved out of mom and dad's place, or have had other changes that we should be aware of, please send your changes to the parish office via email, snail-mail, or dropping by the parish office. You can also update information by filling out a new Parish Registration Form, marking the box "Update Information". Thank you for helping us keep our records up-to-date.

FAITH FORMATION – YOUTH MINISTRY

Annette Haas Office: 218-732-5142 Cell: 218-616-2404

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VBS starts on Monday and runs thru Thursday of this week, August 3-6. Please keep the students, student leaders and adult staff in your prayers. The VBS group will visit Heritage Living Center on Thursday at 10 am. If you are at Heritage or have family & friends there, come join us.

The Steubenville Conference was last weekend, and the St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. John Paul II Summer Camps are completed for this summer. We had 25 students and 6 adults participate in these events. Continue to hold them all in prayer that what the Lord has been doing in their hearts and minds will continue to draw them deeper into the Sacraments and the community!

Looking for adults who are interested in leading students in our **Faith Formation** programs during the school year. If you are interested, please contact Annette Haas office: 218-732-5142 email: annette@stpeterpr.org.

Adult Faith Formation

Director of Evangelization

Michelle Clark Office: 218-732-5142

Michelle Clark Cell Phone: 913-940-4851

Email: 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 meet at 10:30 a.m. every other Thursday. Our next gathering is August 6.

Men's Scripture Study: 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.

On October 10th, 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.



Faith, Wellness, and You

Hydrate with Gratitude

Summer heat reminds us how important water is to our health. Drink plenty of water throughout the day, especially if you're outdoors. As you refresh your body, remember Jesus' words: *"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."* (John 4:14) May we seek both physical refreshment and the living water Christ offers.

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

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Rummage Sale. It was very successful. The proceeds were more than \$11,500.

Thank you to all parish members and visitors who helped in any way with the church rummage sale. It was greatly appreciated. *Diane Christensen*

A key fob and sunglasses were left at the rummage sale. If you have questions, please call the parish office

St. Peter's Family Guild will meet Monday, August 10, at 1:00 pm in the parish center. We will be discussing the rummage sale. Bring your ideas for next year. All are welcome.

Parish Directory Three years ago we started using Instant Church Directory. This directory allows you to update information online, as well as submit pictures of you and your family. The directory is available to parishioners to see who's who. Several parishioners have not had a picture taken or submitted pictures. If you are willing, would you submit a picture to the parish office? It can be taken with your cell phone and emailed to the office, or you can drop off a hard copy that we can scan. We will then get it sent to the individual who updates our directory. When submitting pictures please make sure that they are appropriate for the directory - i.e. no swim suits, T-shirts that have advertising, shirtless men or children, etc. Pictures can be taken indoors or outdoors. Please identify who is in the picture. **New parishioners**, we invite you to send pictures for the directory as well. Thank you!

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 September 24-27 and the Men's Cursillo on the weekend of October 22-25 at the Nazareth Retreat House in Crookston. Applications are available at: crookstonscursillo.weebly.com.

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