

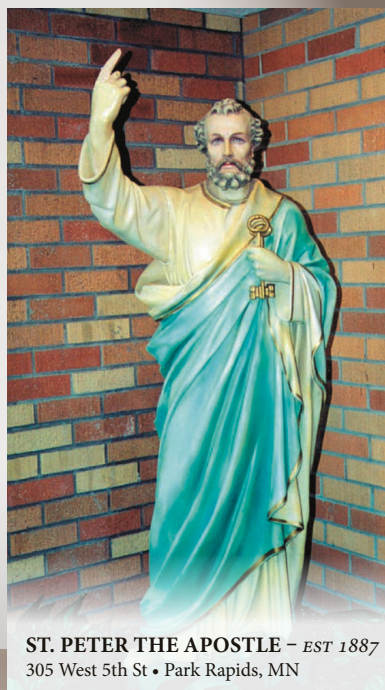
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Please Contact Parish Office at Least Six Months Prior to Wedding Date

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August 9, 2026

This week's Mass schedule:

Tuesday, August 11th, 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter's, Thanksgiving for Bob Shepard

Wednesday, August 12th, 10:00 a.m.

Heritage Senior Living Center,
+ Ardeth Duthoy

Thursday, August 13th, 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary's, + Kimberly Wettels

Friday, August 14th, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, + Erv Meyer

Saturday, August 15th, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, For the People

Saturday, August 15th, 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, Michael & Melissa Williams

Sunday, August 16th, 8:30 a.m.

St. Peter's, For the People

Sunday, August 16th, 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary's, + Fred & + Anna Mae Higgins
& + John Higgins

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 10

SP: 1:00 pm St. Peter's Family Guild Meeting

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

Tuesday, August 11

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 12

SM: 6:00 pm Alpha

Thursday, August 13

SP: 6:00 am – 4:00 pm Adoration

SP: 9:00 am Men's Bible Study

6:00 pm Men's Burger & Beer–All Men are welcome
(Call office before 4:00 pm for location)

Sunday, August 16

SP: Coffee & Rolls Team 1

**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. Peter's Liturgical Schedule

August 15 & 16

Lector

Usher Capt's

Saturday

Tony Yerkes

Cathy Hensel

Sunday

Nick Haas

Randy McFarren

Nick Haas

Greeters

Week Three

Stewardship

"After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up to the mountain by himself to pray." Matthew 14:22-23

The psychologist Carl Jung once said, "Busyness is not of the devil, busyness is the devil!" Stewardship is not about increasing our activities, but about establishing priorities in how we utilize our gifts. One of those priorities is prayer. Do we take time out to be alone with God?

St. Peter's

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Collection for August 2

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 5,381.00
Loose Plate.....	\$ 2,116.05
Visitors.....	\$ 2,310.00
Other.....	\$ 1,780.77
Total.....	\$ 11,587.82
Retired Priest Insurance.....	\$ 180.00
Catholic Communication.....	\$ 160.00
Haiti.....	\$ 513.00
Peter's Pence Collection.....	\$ 120.00
Seminarian Burse.....	\$ 1,027.00

'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

July 2026

Income	\$34,766.74
Expense	\$55,422.38
Balance	(\$20,655.64)

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 15 & 16 – Seminarian Pat Sagsveen will
be speaking at all Masses**

Help is needed to cover **Adoration** on Thursday's from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Contact Deacon John for more information.

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.

St. Mary's – Two Inlets

Ministries for Sunday, August 16

LECTOR	Ann Lempola
COMM DIST	Mary Johnson
	Winnie Thelen
	Karen Wettels
USHER	Ron & Sharon Meyer
	Volunteers
SACRISTAN	Winnie Thelen

St. Mary's Collection, August 2

Adult Envelopes	\$855.00	Loose Plate	\$2,863.00
Total Collection	\$3,718.00	Cemetery	\$35.00
Maintenance Fund	\$40.00	Haiti	\$20.00
Handicap Accessibility Fund	\$250.00		

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

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

August 23 – Summer Coffee Servers are: Kay Lynn & Roger Niccum, Marguerite & Paul Henry, Emma & Blake Higgins.

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.

St. Mary's Guild will meet Monday, August 24 at 7:00 pm in the church basement. There will be election of officers and discussion about Fall dinner. Please note date change. All are welcome.

Congratulations to Elaine Dehler & Randy Schroeder who were united in Holy Matrimony on August 1 at St. Mary's Grotto.

St. Mary's Budget Report

	July 2026
Income	\$12,686.50
Expense	\$11,232.30
Balance	\$1,454.20

Eucharistic Ministers for Residents of Care Facilities
August 9: Fontes

August 16: Braunschweig

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

We welcome into the community of the Church through the waters of baptism, Mateo Azul Ocampe, son of Miguel and Paula, also Eden Jeanette Bade, daughter of Matthew and Abby. May they always walk as children of the light.

There will be **Mass at Heritage Living Center** on Wednesday, August 12. Mass will begin at 10:00 am in the chapel. All are welcome.

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, scan the QR code below. For more information call or text Michelle at 913-940-4851 or call the parish office.



Please welcome new members to St. Peter's parish, Charles & Kayla Gibeau and Frank & Shelly Schwartz.

FAITH FORMATION – YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Email: annette@stpeterpr.org

We had a great week of Vacation Bible School last week. The kids saw skits, played games, did art projects and had yummy snacks geared to the theme, "Growing in God's Goodness." We topped off our week by going to Heritage Living Center and entertaining and visiting with some of the residents there, sharing God's Goodness. Thank you to all of the families who brought their kids, to the student leaders who put in a lot of time helping and hanging out with the younger kids. Also, thank you to the adults who came every day to lead, direct, feed, encourage and support the student leaders and the younger kids. God bless you all!

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.

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.

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 20.

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.

Peter's Table Meal – August 18

St. Peter's will be serving Pulled Pork Sandwiches. Parishioners are asked to bring a total of 6 – 9 X 13 pans of bars. Sign up sheet for bars, set up, serving and cleanup is in the gathering space. All are welcome to come to the meal.

Praying for Vocations

August 10 – August 16.....Terry & Meg Morris

August 17 – Aug. 23....Chuck & LaVonne Braunschweig

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

Faith, Wellness, and You

Rest Is Holy – God created us with a need for rest. Adequate sleep helps our minds, hearts, and bodies function well. Consider setting aside time each evening to unplug, pray, and prepare for restful sleep. Rest is not laziness—it is a gift from God.

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 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.

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.



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.

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!

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.

Solidarity Prayer for Parishes No Longer Able to Hold Weekend Masses

Over the past two years, the Diocese of Crookston has engaged in a process called *Planning for Mission*. Bishop Cozzens is inviting us to discern how to do the mission of making disciples with fewer resources, especially fewer people and fewer priests. This last year, in some regions of our diocese, regional and parish meetings were held, and a planning commission comprised mostly of laity provided recommendations to Bishop Cozzens about how to move forward. As a result, beginning this fall, some parishes will no longer be able to host weekend Masses. As I am sure you can imagine, this will be a sad and difficult time for the impacted parishes. Because of this, Bishop has asked all parishes in the Diocese of Crookston to pray for the people of the impacted parishes as an act of solidarity with their sorrow. And so, we pray for the parishioners from:

St. Mary, Badger
St. Mary, Euclid
St. Philip, Falun
St. Francis of Assisi, Fisher
St. Ann, Goodridge
St. Francis Xavier, Oklee
St. Joseph, Oslo

A Prayer of Solidarity and Hope in Suffering

Lord Jesus, from your pierced heart on the Cross
we have received the gift of your Body and Blood
poured out to wash away our sins and to give us eternal life.
We pray for our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Crookston whose hearts are also pierced
because they will no longer have weekend Mass in their parish church.
We ask you to be close to them, to let them experience your tender love.
Be with them as they join new communities in our diocese.
May we lovingly embrace these new parishioners,
and together may we work to strengthen our parishes and become your witnesses for
generations to come.
We also pray for more vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Crookston;
help the young men of our parish to hear your call to serve you with their whole lives.
Through the intercession of Our Lady of Sorrows,
may this experience of the Cross become a source of new spiritual life in our diocese.
We ask this in your name,
who live and reign with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

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