

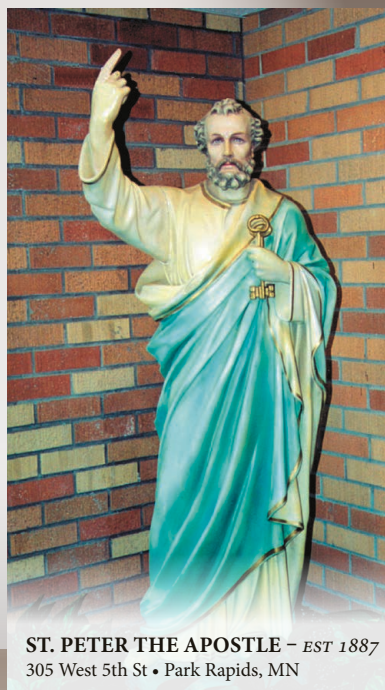
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St. Peter the Apostle



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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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September 6, 2026

This week's Mass schedule:

Tuesday, September 8th, 5:30 p.m.
St. Peter's, In Thanksgiving for Bob Shepard

Wednesday, September 9th, 10:00 a.m.

Heritage Senior Living Center,
+ Tom Wermerskirchen

Thursday, September 10th, 8:30 a.m.

St. Mary's, + Kimberly Wettels

Friday, September 11th, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, Cleo & Rose Williams

Saturday, September 12th, 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Tom Spahn

Sunday, September 13th, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, For the People

Sunday, September 13th, 11:00 a.m.

St. Mary's, + Alex Schroeder

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 5:00 pm.

Monday, September 7

Parish Offices Closed – Labor Day

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, September 8

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

Thursday, September 10

SP: 6:00 am – 5:00 pm Adoration

SP: 9:00 am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, September 13

SP: Coffee & Rolls Knights of Columbus

SP: Confirmation reception after Mass

SP: Confirmation with Bishop Cozzens

**SM: Confirmation Reception for Hunter Bozovsky
After Mass**

Have a safe & relaxing weekend

**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

Sept. 12 & 13

Lector

Usher Capt's

Saturday

Pat Dolan

Anne Neumayer

Sunday

Mary Garlie

Rita Hocking

Erik Montzka

Greeters

Week Two

Stewardship

"The commandments... are summed up in this saying, namely,

'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Romans 13:9

The challenge of a steward is summed up in the simple question, "What have I done for my neighbor?"

St. Peter's

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Collection for August 30

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 9,848.00
Loose Plate.....	\$ 1,236.00
Visitors.....	\$ 600.00
Other.....	\$ 1,508.50
Total.....	\$ 13,192.50
Haiti.....	\$ 170.00
Seminarian Burse.....	\$ 50.00

'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!

There will be **Mass at Heritage Living Center** on Wednesday, September 9. Mass will begin at 10:00 am in the chapel. All are welcome.

SCHOOL YEAR

MASS & ADORATION SCHEDULE

Beginning, September 13

St. Peter:

Saturday 5:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am

St. Mary:

Sunday 11:00 am

Monday NO MASS

Tuesday: 5:30 pm Mass at St. Peter

1st Wednesday at Crystal Brook Senior Living
Center: 10:30 am

2nd Wednesday at Heritage Living Center: 10:00 am

3rd, 4th, 5th Wednesday: 12:10 pm at St. Peter

Wednesday: 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm Adoration

Thursday: 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Thursday: 6:00 am – 5:00 pm Adoration at St. Peter

Friday: 9:00 am Mass at St. Peter

St. Mary's – Two Inlets
Ministries for Sunday, September 13

LECTOR	Jim Higgins
COMM DIST	Glen & Susan Wolters
	Winnie Thelen
USHER	Ron & Sharon Meyer
SACRISTAN	Glen Wolters

St. Mary's Collection, August 30

Adult Envelopes	\$875.00	Loose Plate	\$936.00
Total Collection	\$1,811.00	Cemetery	\$500.00
Handicap Accessibility Fund	\$200.00		

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

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.

Looking for tomatoes and refrigerator pickles for the Fall Dinner. Please call or text Rose 218-252-8883.

We welcome into the community of the Church through the waters of baptism, Effie Katherine Higgins, daughter of Blake & Emma. May she always walk as a child of the light.

Happy birthday wishes to Mary Kay Stencel who will be 80 years young on September 9. God bless you on your special day.

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

Confirmation reception for Hunter Bozovsky on Sunday, September 13 after Mass. All are welcome.

We extend sympathy and prayers to the family of Patti Stulich. Funeral plans are pending. May she enjoy life forever at the table of the Lamb.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast at St. Mary's

Sunday, September 6 – Knights of Columbus will be serving a pancake, sausage and scrambled egg breakfast from 8 – 12 noon in the church basement. All are welcome.

Praying for Vocations

September 7 – September 13.....Cleo & Rose Williams
September 14 – September 20.....Mary Hein

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

Eucharistic Ministers for Residents of Care Facilities

September 6: Fontes

September 13: Janssen

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

Pastoral Council Election: St. Peter's will be holding elections for 2 seats on the Pastoral Council. If you are interested in serving on the Pastoral Council or if you would like to nominate someone from the parish, please contact Candy Weinzierl (218-616-0087) or Rose Williams (218-252-5534) by September 20th. We thank both Candy and Rose for their years of service on the Council - their terms of service ended on September 4th. Elections will be held the end of September.

Discipleship Opportunity: Have you begun a new walk with Jesus through Alpha? If so, you have made a new commitment to Christ in your life. The Holy Spirit has begun 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 (land-line) or email us at notetojill@gmail.com before September 18th. We will be happy to walk with you. Blessings in Christ Jesus, Toby and Jill Lucas.

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!

We will resume our school year schedule for **Adoration** on September 10th. The hours will be from 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Currently each hour is covered, however, the afternoon hours often have only one person, we should have at least two. If you are willing to commit to a set an hour each week, please contact Deacon John at the parish office for more details.

Alpha is coming! We are excited to announce that our next Alpha series will begin on Wednesday, September 16 and run through November 18. The sessions will meet at St. Peter's on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Supper will be served. Come and See, join us as we grow in relationship with Jesus and each other! Please bring a family member, friend or coworker. Registration is available through the QR code below, on the parish website, as well as hard-copy registration forms by the entrance to the church. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.



FAITH FORMATION – YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Email: annette@stpeterpr.org

Growing in God's Goodness Carabiner Tape Measures are still available for \$10 each to support the youth of St. Peter's and St. Mary's. If you would like to support our youth, contact Annette Haas: annette@stpeterpr.org.

The Diocese of Crookston Youth Rally (DCYC) is coming up on Sunday, September 27 from 10am-5pm at the Sanford Center in Bemidji for students in grades 6-12. Parents are invited to come with their students as well. Parents are asked to register their youth at crookston.org/dcyc. There is also a QR code on the poster on my office door or in the gathering space. The cost per person is \$75. Let us know if you need assistance.

Faith Formation for grades 7-11 will begin on Wednesday, September 16 with a student/parent meeting at St. Peter's in the church at 7pm. **Release Time Faith Formation for grades 1-6** will begin on October 7. Information will come from the school. A letter was sent to families who were registered last year. See the faith formation tab on our website for more information.

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 in September.

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.

We are looking for adults who are interested in mentoring students in our Faith Formation programs. If you are interested, please contact Annette Haas office: 218-732-5142 email: annette@stpeterpr.org.

Special Collection – Church in Latin America

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many in Latin America and the Caribbean find that a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation and other programs. Visit usccb.org/latin-america.

Faith, Wellness, and You

A Colorful Plate – Have you ever noticed how colorful God's garden is? Red tomatoes, orange carrots, yellow squash, green beans, purple eggplant, and blueberries all contain different nutrients that help our bodies stay healthy. God's creativity isn't just beautiful—it's nourishing, too.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for providing the harvest of the earth. Help us to receive Your gifts with grateful hearts and to care well for the bodies You have given us. Amen.

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.

Divine Mercy Hour: This Sunday is the 1st Sunday of September. Please join us for our Divine Mercy Hour starting at 3:00 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. Peter Family Guild will meet Monday, September 14 at 1:00 pm in the parish center.

Peter's Table Meal – September 15

St. Peter's will be serving Meatloaf & mashed potatoes. Parishioners are asked to bring a total of 6 – 9X13 cakes. Sign up sheet for cake, set up, serving and cleanup is in the gathering space. All are welcome to come to the meal.

Catholic Men If you are a catholic man over 18 years of age and are looking to strengthening your faith, the Knights of Columbus are here to support you. The Knights of Columbus are based on three (3) principles, Charity, Unity and Fraternity, which are the first three degrees for a Knight. An Exemplification to become a Knight will be held on Saturday September 19, 2026 at St. Philips Church in Bemidji, MN. Registration for the first three (3) Degrees will be from 8:30 to 9:00 with the Degree Exemplification beginning at 9:00 am. Contact your Grand Knight, Financial Secretary or any member of your council to find out more about the Knights and complete the Membership Application form.

For Third Degree Knights in Good standing there will be a Patriotic (4th) Degree Exemplification on Saturday September 19, 2026 at St. Philips Church in Bemidji MN. 4th Degree Knights provide Honor Guards for Eucharistic Celebrations and support for our priests in many ways. Registration for the 4th Degree will be from 9:00 to 9:45 am and the Exemplification will be from 10:00 to 11:45 am. Lunch will be served at noon. If interested, contact a 4th degree Knight in your parish, Dale Johnson, at 320-221-3742 or dalea.johnson@icloud.com or Dan Shea at 218-760-6616 or danielshea@paulbunyan.net. All candidates will be able to do all four (4) degrees that morning.

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