

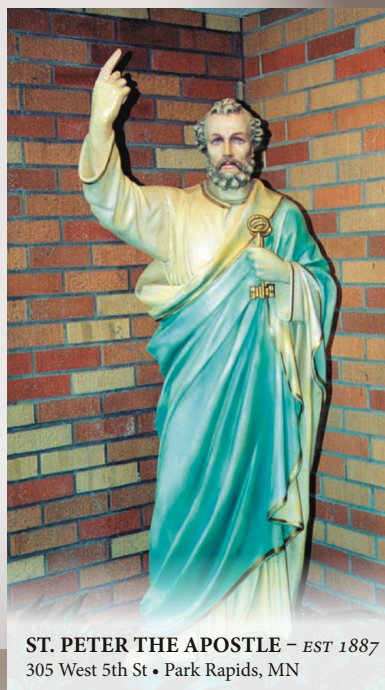
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Please Contact Parish Office at Least Six Months Prior to Wedding Date

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September 27, 2026

This week's Mass schedule:

Tuesday, September 29th, 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Richard Tandsater

Wednesday, September 30th, 12:10 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Tom Spahn

Thursday, October 1st, 9:00 a.m.

St. Mary's, + Mary Schmitz

Friday, October 2nd, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, + Thomas Meyer

Saturday, October 3rd, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, + Jennifer Grotte

Saturday, October 3rd, 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter's, + Jeanne Hanson

Sunday, October 4th, 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's, + David & + Leona Lashinski

Sunday, October 4th, 11:00 a.m.

St. Mary's, For the People

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 Wednesdays, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm and Thursdays from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Monday, September 28

SP: 10:00 am Bible Study

Heritage Living Center: 10:00 am Pray the Rosary

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

SP: 6:30 pm Bible Study

Tuesday, September 29

NO Ladies lunch

SP: 6:00 pm Choir practice

SP: 7:00 pm Young Adult Catechism Study

Wednesday, September 30

SP: 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm Adoration

SP: 6:00 pm Alpha

SP: 6:00 pm Evening Faith Formation Grades 7-11

Thursday, October 1

SP: 6:00 am – 5:00 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, October 4

SP: Coffee & Rolls St. Vincent de Paul Society

SP: 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Hour

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

October 3 & 4

Lector

Usher Capt's

Saturday

Pat Dolan

Art Symanietz

Sunday

Kathy Symanietz

Terry Morris

Duane Trosdahl

Greeters

Week One

Stewardship

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to those of others."

Philippians 2:4-5

Stewardship is often confused with volunteering. Stewardship is not primarily an activity, but an attitude – a way of life. Giving of our time, talent, and treasure involves a change of attitude. It is important to think of giving as a sign of how blessed we are and how using our gifts and talents for the good of others demonstrates our gratitude to God.

St. Peter's

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Collection for September 20

Adult Envelopes.....	\$ 3,805.00
Loose Plate.....	\$ 1,188.07
Visitors.....	\$ 570.00
Other.....	\$ 1,310.10
Total.....	\$ 6,873.17
Haiti.....	\$ 905.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 35.00
Cemetery.....	\$ 220.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$ 140.00

'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!

September 28 - Come Pray the Rosary at the Heritage Living Center every 4th Monday at 10:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers for Residents of Care Facilities

September 27: Bade

October 4: McCollum

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

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

St. Mary's – Two Inlets
Ministries for Sunday, October 4

LECTOR Margaret Sharp
COMM DIST Greg & Ann Lempola
 Mary Johnson
USHER Ron & Sharon Meyer
SACRISTAN Glen Wolters

St. Mary's Collection, September 20

Adult Envelopes	\$980.00	Loose Plate	\$455.25
Total Collection	\$1,435.25	Cemetery	\$20.00
Church in Latin America	\$90.00		
Lakes Community Coop	\$107.52		

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

October 10 – Annual Fall Dinner & Silent Auction at the American Legion in Park Rapids. Roast beef and pork with all the trimmings will be served. Serving 4:30 – 7:00 pm. All are asked to bring desserts and help out at the dinner. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board at the east entrance. Silent Auction items can be brought on Sundays or to the parish office during the week. We need a variety of items to make it a success. If you have questions, please contact Lynn at the office 218-732-4046. 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.

The person who has done the mowing for the church, grotto and cemetery has gone off to college. We are looking for a volunteer who would be able to mow this fall. Please talk with Fr. Joe.

Knights of Columbus will not meet in October.

Beginning Thursday, October 1, Rosary will be prayed at 8:30 am and Mass will be at 9:00 am.

We welcome into the community of the Church through First Communion, Selene & Kelsi Scholz.

Happy Birthday wishes to Gloria Nice who will be 83 years young on October 1. God bless you on your special day.

Thank you to Ron Ahmann and Steve Bade for cleaning and painting the Crucifix at St. Mary's Cemetery.

October 18 Soup & Sandwich – The ladies serving are: Susan Wolters, Sharon Meyer, Linda Long, LeeAnn Dirks, Winnie Thelen, Rachel Thelen, & Claudia Winter.

St. Mary's Fall Dinner & Silent Auction
Saturday, October 10
At the American Legion, Park Rapids
4:30 – 7:00 pm
Serving Roast Beef & Pork, mashed potatoes, gravy and all the trimmings, along with pies & desserts

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Good Shepherd's Conference of Park Rapids & Two Inlets are having an informational meeting on Tuesday October 13 at 6:30 St Peter's parish center in classroom #11 If you are interested in helping our neighbors in need, please join us.

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 and a basket in front of the altar at St. Mary'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. Thank you for your gift!

We are looking for adults who are interested in mentoring students in our Faith Formation programs. There is a FREE Faith Mentor Training put on by the Diocese. The closest one is in Detroit Lakes on Saturday, October 17. If you are interested, please contact Annette Haas office: 218-732-5142 email: annette@stpeterpr.org. Sign up at crookston.org/faith-mentor-formation.

In need of 2 or 3 people to help lead students in evening faith formation on Wednesday evenings. Contact Annette 218-616-2404 or annette@stpeterpr.org.

Adoration at St. Peter's. The hours are from 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM each Thursday. 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 hour each week, please contact Deacon John at the parish office.

Diocese of Crookston Prayer for Vocations

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our diocese to hear the call to serve in the Diocese of Crookston. Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence. Raise up faithful servants of the Gospel - priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons - who will spend themselves for your people and their needs. Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Praying for Vocations

September 28 – October 4.....Shelly Mahowald
 October 5 – October 11.....Cleo & Rose Williams

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

St. Peter's Fall Craft Show/Bazaar
Saturday, November 21

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.

Congratulations to Selene and Kelsi Scholz of St. Mary's! They both received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion!

Gathering small items for the **Children's Dollar Store** that will be held during the Fall Bazaar on November 21. These items will be for children to purchase for \$1 as gifts for family and friends. Drop off with Annette or the parish office.

Upcoming Dates:

Wed, Sept 30 – 6-8 pm Evening Faith Formation grades 7-11

Wed, Oct 7 – 1-3 pm Release Time from school grades 1-6

Wed, Oct 7 – 6-8 pm Evening Faith Formation grades 7-11

Wed, Oct 14– 1-3 pm Release Time from school grades 1-6

Wed, Oct 14 – NO Evening Faith Formation grades 7-11

Sat, Oct 17 – Faith Mentor Formation, Holy Rosary Detroit

Lakes - Sign up at crookston.org/faith-mentor-formation

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 at 7:00 pm. On Tuesday, September 29, we will meet at St. Peter's.

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

Rosary Groups- Everyone is Welcome

Heritage Living Center Rosary- Please join us in praying the Rosary at Heritage Center on the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00 am. We will meet on Monday, September 28.

Friday Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers- Join us for prayer and fellowship on Fridays immediately following 9:00 am Mass at St. Peter's in the church.

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.

Park Rapids Lions have a box for recycled household bags and a box for used eyeglasses and hearing aids in the entrance to the parish center.

Faith, Wellness, and You

Harvesting Health

"Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy."

Psalms 126:5

There's something special about food that comes fresh from the garden or local farm. Fresh produce is often richer in vitamins, minerals, and flavor because it spends less time traveling from field to table.

Visit a farmers' market, share a meal with family or friends, or prepare a favorite recipe using seasonal vegetables. Caring for our bodies is one way we honor the gift of life God has entrusted to us.

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.

Lefse Lovers

Help is needed to make lefse for the fall bazaar. We will be making it on November 19 & 20. If you can so kindly help, please call Kathy at 612-221-9939.

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

Our Lady of The Lakes Magnificat

All Women are invited for a Magnificat Meal on Saturday, October 3 at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 210 Division St., Walker, MN. Registration 8:30 am, Breakfast 9:00 am. Cost \$25.00. Personal testimony from Lisa Reichelt. For reservations call: Lorri Henning 218-507-0958 or Jenette Goehring 218-252-2777. Visit: Magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/mn-walker/ for more information.

Fall in love all over again by attending the October 17-18 Marriage Encounter. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. Register at: www.marriages.org. A "perfect marriage" is simply two imperfect people who refuse to give up on each other!

Marriage Encounter offers couples practical tools to communicate more deeply, grow closer, and renew their relationship with each other and God.

Remember, "A perfect marriage is simply two imperfect people who refuse to give up on each other."

Questions? Call Mary at 651-454-3238.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Good Shepherds Conference, is concluding our second year of growing in spirituality, friendship, and service alongside fellow members and neighbors in need. Your support and prayers have helped many neighbors find positive outcomes in their struggles.

When you see the numbers representing the different ways we assisted, it may seem interesting—but each number represents a person we see as Christ. We strive to be the hands and feet of Christ, doing our best to smooth the bumps in their lives. During our closing prayers at each visit, many neighbors have tears in their eyes—tears of relief, gratitude, comfort in knowing someone cares, or feeling God’s love. While we may not always know the exact reason for their tears, ours come from being drawn closer to God.

We are grateful to support some neighbors through mentoring relationships, which foster genuine friendship and trust. Currently, we have four teams working regularly with neighbors. One team recently completed their support as the neighbor no longer needed help, another is learning about navigating the court system on behalf of a neighbor, and yet another discovered the profound trust a neighbor expressed while filling out paperwork to replace a 50-year-old furnace. These visits are arranged to fit the schedules of both working and retired volunteers. Consider joining us—you’ll find that while you make a difference in a neighbor’s life, it’s your own life that is truly transformed.

We have also launched a microloan program, in partnership with Citizens National Bank. This new initiative offers neighbors the chance to receive loans backed by the Good Shepherds Conference, along with financial mentoring to ensure successful repayment and to improve their credit scores. The funds supporting these loans come from a grant established by a banker who, before his passing, helped many people personally and believed strongly in the importance of financial education.

Our conference is growing through collaboration with other churches, nonprofits, and institutions. Often, when rent or utility bills exceed what we can cover, we work together to meet our neighbors’ needs. Other churches appreciate that we meet neighbors in their homes and often express gratitude for our home visit approach. Please rest assured that we handle your donations frugally, prioritizing funds from social service groups first.

This year, a family of seven needed to relocate to access long-term medical care for their one-year-old twins. CHI reached out to us for help in supporting this mother as she managed the move with her young children. Our team coordinated multiple groups and became the face of Christ for this family. The young mother’s courage and care for her children and husband left a lasting impression on us. It was an honor to help make this move possible.

The society of St. Vincent de Paul the Good Shepherds
conference

Activity summary: October 1, 2025 thru September 22, 2026

Households helped, 279

People helped, 433

Homeless calls, 24

Repeat neighbors helped, 158

Home visits, 143

Other visits, 65

Calls only 17

Number of households needing food help, 50

Number of households needing gas help, 46

Laundry cards, 19

Help with rent, 23

Utilities, 19

Home visit Hours, 1083

Number of miles 7,538

Today is Priesthood Sunday!

(Last Sunday of September)

Remember, especially today, the men who have said "YES" to the call of Priesthood!

The men who share with us in the Sacraments and bring us the Body & Blood of Jesus.

Pray for them and continue to pray for them. Share with them your support and friendship, love and kindness.

Here are a couple of prayers to pray for our priests!

O Jesus, I pray
for your faithful and fervent priests;
for your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for your priests laboring at home or
abroad in distant mission fields;
for your tempted priests;
for your lonely and desolate priests;
for your young priests;
for your dying priests;
for the souls of your priests in purgatory.
But above all, I recommend to you the
priests dearest to me:
the priest who baptized me;
the priests who absolved me
from my sins;
the priests at whose Masses I assisted and
who gave me your Body and Blood
in Holy Communion;
the priests who taught and instructed me;
all the priests to whom I am indebted
in any other way.
O Jesus, keep them all close to your
heart, and bless them abundantly in time
and in eternity. Amen.
prayer from St. Therese of Lisieux

*Jesus, Eternal Priest, we
thank You for our faithful
priests. Teach us to love
and appreciate all
of our priests!*

Gracious and loving God,
we thank you for the gift of our priests.
Through them, we experience your
presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong
in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire
with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding,
and strength they need to follow in the
footsteps of Jesus.
Inspire them with the vision
of your Kingdom.

Give them the words
they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience
joy in their ministry.

Help them to become
instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who
lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.
prayer from the USCCB

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