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

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

November 1, 2026

This week's Mass schedule:

Tuesday, November 3rd, 5:30 p.m.
St. Peter's, Bishop Balke

Wednesday, November 4th, 10:30 a.m..
Crystal Brook Senior Living Center,
+ Phil Smith

Thursday, November 5th, 9:00 a.m.
St. Mary's, + John Pence

Friday, November 6th, 9:00 a.m.
St. Peter's, + Lisa Hensel

Saturday, November 7th, 9:00 a.m.
St. Peter's, + Katie Doris

Saturday, November 7th, 5:00 p.m.
St. Peter's, For the People

Saturday, November 7th, 8:00 p.m.
St. Mary's, + Scott W. Gartner

Sunday, November 8th, 9:00 a.m.
St. Peter's, + Jeanne Hanson

Sunday, November 8th
NO MASS at St. Mary's

Monday, November 2
SP: 10:00 am Bible Study
SP: 1:00 pm St. Peter's Family Guild Meeting
SP: 5:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting
SP: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm Civil Air Patrol Meeting
SP: 6:30 pm Bible Study
SM: 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, November 3
SP: 9:00 am Quilt Group
Noon: Ladies lunch
(Call the office before 11:00 am for location & sign up)
SP: 6:00 pm Choir practice

Wednesday, November 4
SP: 10:00 am Bell Choir Practice
SP: 1:00 pm Faith Formation Grades 1 - 6
SP: 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm Adoration
SP: 6:00 pm Alpha
SP: 6:00 pm Evening Faith Formation Grades 7-11

Thursday, November 5
SP: 6:00 am – 5:00 pm Adoration
SP: 9:00 am Men's Bible Study
SP: 5:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting
6:00 pm Men's Burger & Beer-All Men are welcome
(Call office before 4:00 pm for location)

Saturday, November 7
SM: 5:30 – 7:30 Spaghetti Supper

Sunday, November 8
SP: Coffee & Rolls Knights of Columbus

Sunday Mass & Rosary are live streamed at stpeterpr.org

St. Peter's Liturgical Schedule

Nov. 7 & 8	Saturday	Sunday
Lector	Sandy Aldrich	Pat Dolan
Usher Capt's	Cathy Hensel	Ron Ahmann Bob Becker
Greeters	Week Two	

Stewardship

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."
Matthew 5:7

Stewardship is a life of service. Stewards know that the gifts they have been entrusted with by God are intended to be shared in service to others.

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.

St. Peter's
PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
Collection for October 25

Adult Envelopes	$	5,984.32
Loose Plate	$	674.26
Visitors	$	565.00
Other	$	179.75
Total	$	7,403.33
Cemetery	$	5.00
Seminarian Burse	$	30.00
World Missions	$	95.00

'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!

Eucharistic Ministers for Residents of Care Facilities
November 1: DeBlieck
November 8: Bade
If you know **someone** who would like to receive or **if you are interested** in distributing contact Deacon John.

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 Saturday, November 7

LECTOR	Kimberly Ohm
COMM DIST	Glen & Susan Wolters
	Karen Wettels
USHER	Al Zwach
	Brent Ohm
SACRISTAN	Winnie Thelen

St. Mary's Collection, October 25

Adult Envelopes	**$1,035.00**	**Loose Plate**	**$215.00**
Total Collection	**$1,250.00**	**Silent Auction**	**$20.00**
Cemetery	**$20.00**	**Grotto Box**	**$20.00**

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

Fall Dinner – There were 301 adults and 10 children served. Dinner sales & donations were $5,230. Dinner expenses to date are $2,496.10. Not all the bills have been submitted for payment. Silent auction sales to date are $1,578. Grand total of proceeds are $4,311.90. Check the bulletin board for completed figures. Thank you to everyone for a great job! Mark your calendar, next year's dinner October 9, 2027.

Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, November 2 at 7:00 pm in the church basement.

November 22 Soup & Sandwich – The ladies serving are: Mary Johnson, Teresa Ohm, Joan Eischens, Lynn Gartner, Katherine Juntunen, Ann Hensel & Sherrie Eischens.

Hunter's Mass at 8:00 pm on Saturday, November 7. NO MASS on Sunday, November 8 at St. Mary's

Hunter's Spaghetti Supper on November 7. Serving 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm before Mass which is 8:00 pm. Volunteers and desserts are needed to make it a success. Desserts may be dropped off at church on Saturday afternoon. Please call or text Rose Higgins 218-252-8883 if you are able to help or have questions. Thank you!!

Happy birthday wishes to Vicky Bittmann, who will be 85 years young on November 6. God bless you on your special day.

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.

Praying for Vocations

November 2 – November 8.....Bob & Pat Cadreau
November 9 – November 15..Volunteer see Deacon John

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

Book of the Living: November is the month in which we remember all of our deceased loved ones. We have once again placed the Book of the Living near the ambo. Please feel free to write the names of your deceased loved ones that you would like to have remembered in prayer during the Masses throughout the month.

You are invited: Please join us for a Memorial Service that will be prayed on Sunday, November 1, at 3:00 pm at St. Peter's. During this prayer service we will be praying for all of our deceased family members, with a special presentation of a Memorial Cross and candle to families who have had a loved one die and their funeral was celebrated at either St. Peter's of St. Mary's from November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026. All are welcome to attend this time of prayer in support of one another. After the prayer service you are invited to a time of fellowship in the parish center.

There will be **Mass at Crystal Brook Senior Living Center** on Wednesday, November 4. 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

First Saturday Mass, November 7 - Confessions will be at 8:00 am, Rosary at 8:30 am, Mass at 9:00 am.

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/basket. Food will be brought to the food shelf on a weekly basis. Thank you for your gift!

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

A reminder that each family of the parish is asked to donate two items or more of homemade baked goods, candies, jams, pickles, etc. for the Bake Sale at the bazaar. Items may be dropped off Friday, November 20 between 3:30 and 7:00 pm, or Saturday morning. Thank you.

Lefse Lovers - Help is needed to make lefse for the fall bazaar. We will be doing potato preparation on Thursday, November 19. Friday, November 20 we will be frying and packaging. If you can so kindly help, please call Kathy Fontes at 612-221-9939.

St. Peter's Family Guild will meet Monday, November 2 at 1:00 pm in the parish center. The Fall Craft Show/Bazaar will be discussed. All are welcome.

FAITH FORMATION – YOUTH MINISTRY

Annette Haas Office: 218-732-5142 Cell: 218-616-2404
Email: annette@stpeterpr.org

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.

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

Upcoming Dates:

Wed, Nov 4 – 1-3 pm Release Time from school grades 1-6
Wed, Nov 4 – Evening Faith Formation grades 7-11
Wed, Nov 11– 1-3 pm Release Time from school grades 1-6
Wed, Nov 11 – Evening Faith Formation grades 7-11
Wed, Nov 18 – 1-3 pm Release Time from school grades 1-6
Wed, Nov 18 – Evening Faith Formation grades 7-11

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 view.

Adult Faith Formation

Director of Evangelization
Michelle Clark Office: 218-732-5142
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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.

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.

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.

Please welcome new members to St. Peter's parish, Jeffrey & Olga Mosner.

For Sale: Broom attachment for John Deere Lawn tractor. It is 48 inches wide. For more information contact Darvin at St. Peter's Church.

Bell Choir practices every Wednesday at 10:00 am at St. Peter's. If you are interested in joining our fun choir, please contact Teresa Walsh at 218-766-1717

Faith, Wellness, and You

Lung Cancer Awareness

November is lung cancer awareness month. Lung cancer screening is simple, fast, and can catch cancer early when it's most treatable. Talk to your primary care provider to see if a low dose CT scan is right for you.

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.

Beginning November 2, St. Peter's and St. Mary's website is updated to a new format. Visit stpeterpr.org and stmarys-twoinlets-churchandgrotto.com. Check it out!

This week, November 1-9, is National Vocation Awareness Week! Is God calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Please pray for vocations!

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.

Spaghetti Supper
St. Mary's – Two Inlets
Saturday, November 7
Serving 5:30 – 7:30
8:00 pm Hunter's Mass

St. Peter's Quilt group meets the 1st and the 3rd Tuesday's. All are welcome. For more information, contact Michelle Friend, 218-434-1837 or Mary Urbanski, 701-740-5418.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Good Shepherd's Conference of Park Rapids & Two Inlets

We are helping our neighbors in need by taking calls that come into the church for help. "No work of Charity is foreign to the society". We accept your help with prayers or donations. If you have any questions, please call 218-366-0441 and someone will call you within 24 hours or email: goodshepherdssvdp@gmail.com



Photo by Max Massell

Seminarians from the Diocese of Fall River, MA pray together before the Blessed Sacrament.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

BULLETIN for NOV 1-7, 2026

FR. SCOTT BORBA

COSMETICS KING ORDAINED A PRIEST

Scott Borba seemed to have everything. As a co-founder of e.l.f. Cosmetics, he helped build a globally successful beauty brand. His career brought wealth, red carpets, television appearances, and a glamorous Hollywood lifestyle. But something was missing.

Scott had actually sensed a call to the priesthood as a boy growing up in a Catholic family in California. At age ten, he believed God was asking him to become a priest—but he resisted. "I am not that guy," he remembers thinking.

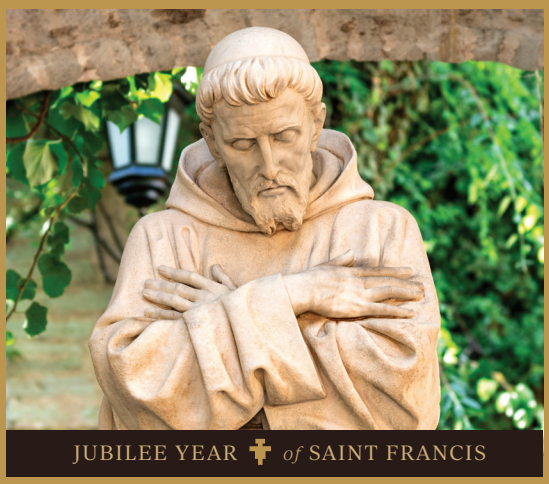


In 2007, Scott Borba published Makeup for Dummies *as he worked to build a global skincare brand. In 2021, he left the beauty industry to enter St. Patrick's Seminary in San Francisco and later volunteered with the Missionaries of Charity. In 2026, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Fresno, California.*

Years later, even extraordinary success could not satisfy him. "I always wanted more," he told CBS News. "It was never satisfying enough."

After the death of his father and a period of deep personal struggle, Borba finally surrendered his life to God. One night, overwhelmed by the direction his life had taken, he prayed for God's help to become the man he had been created to be. That prayer changed everything.

Borba eventually left his former life behind, entered seminary, and was ordained a priest this year. His story offers a powerful reminder: It's never too late to answer God's call.



JUBILEE YEAR ✝ *of* SAINT FRANCIS

800 YEARS OF SAINT FRANCIS

Few saints have transformed the Church quite like St. Francis of Assisi. The son of a wealthy merchant, Francis walked away from comfort, status, and ambition to embrace a startlingly simple vocation: to live the Gospel without compromise. His captivating witness inspired both men and women to embrace radical poverty for the sake of Christ.

Within years, the Franciscan movement swept across Europe, calling the Church back to poverty, joy, prayer, and love of Christ. Eight centuries later, Franciscans still carry the mission of their founder. Yet Francis himself never set out to build a religious movement; he simply said "yes" to God to embrace a radically simple vocation.

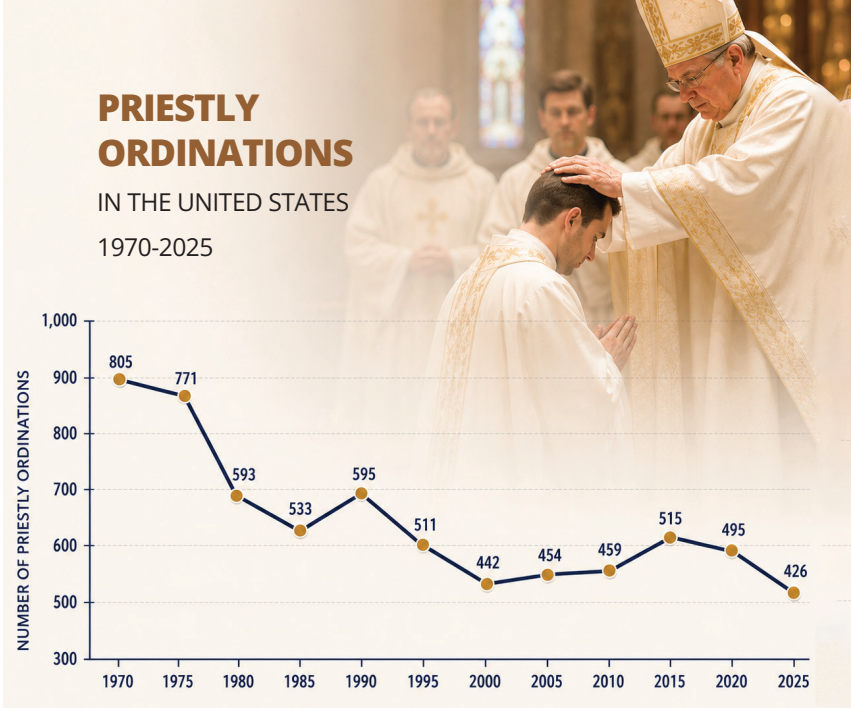
OUR BRAND-NEW PRIESTS

ORDINATION INSIGHTS

While the number of active priests in the U.S. continues to decline due to deaths and retirements, annual ordinations have remained relatively steady for the past three decades—generally between 425 and 515 per year. That stability follows a steep decline from the much higher ordination numbers of the 1960s and 1970s.

This year's CARA survey of the 2026 ordination class offers a revealing portrait of America's newest priests. On average, they first considered the priesthood at age 16 and were ordained at 33. Nearly half (45%) attended a Catholic elementary school, 38% attended Catholic high school, and 34% attended a Catholic college.

Only 7% were converts to the Catholic faith, with 93% baptized as infants. Interestingly, 28% said they have a relative who is a priest or religious.



SPECIAL FEATURE: THE INTERSECTION OF SPORTS & VOCATIONS



SHARING THEIR JOY

THE SUPERFAN SISTERS

The San Antonio Spurs may have the NBA's most heavenly cheering section. For more than 20 years, the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco—affectionately known as the "Spurs Nuns"—have worn team jerseys over their habits and cheered from the sidelines. During the 2026 NBA Finals, they even prayed courtside with superstar Victor Wembanyama—and probably prayed for the disappointed fans, as the Spurs went on to lose the finals. For the sisters, basketball is more than fun: their Spurs fandom helps them connect with young people and share the joy of their vocation.

WHITE SOX HONOR POPE LEO

Only in Chicago could a baseball game look like a bishops' conference.

On August 11, nearly 41,000 fans packed Rate Field as the White Sox celebrated their most famous fan: Pope Leo XIV, a Chicago native and lifelong Sox supporter. Fans received black-and-gold "pope hats"—miters emblazoned with the Sox logo—turning the stands into a sea of honorary pontiffs.

Dominican Sister Mary Jo Sobieck threw out the first pitch and the fifth inning featured something rarely seen at a ballpark: a stadium-wide Sign of Peace. The Sox even made a $14,000 donation to the Midwest Augustinian Province, Pope Leo's religious order.

The White Sox lost to Cincinnati—but with 41,000 popes in attendance, perhaps winning wasn't everything.



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