



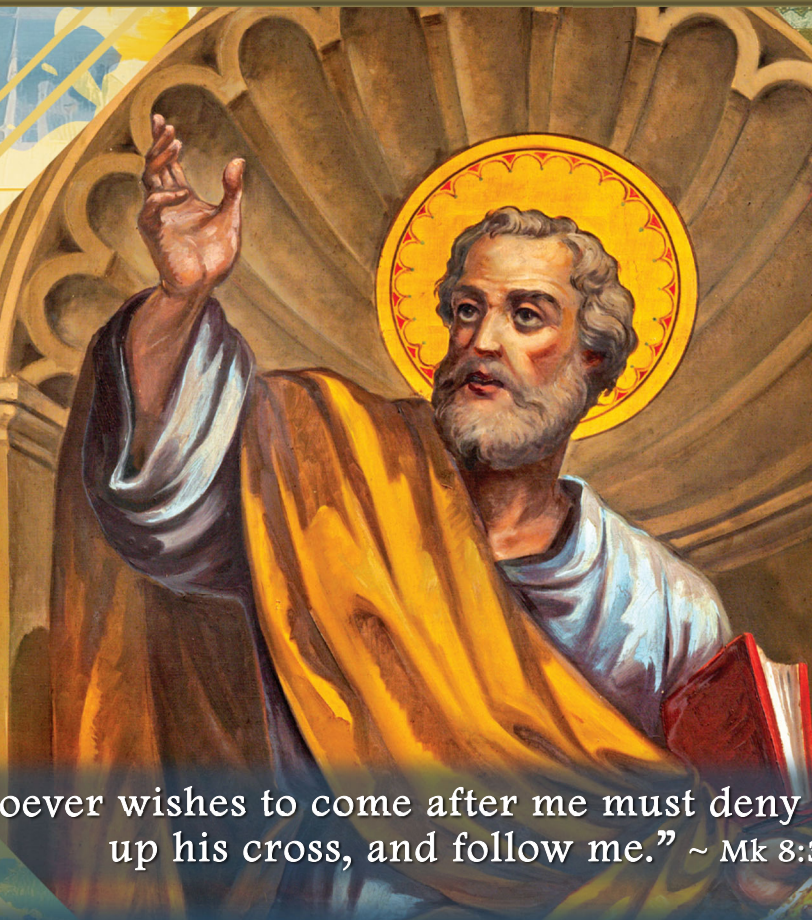
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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

♦ SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” ~ Mk 8:34b

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00pmSs. Peter & Paul

5:30pmSt. Thomas

Sunday

7:30am.....St. Thomas

9:00am.....Ss. Peter & Paul

10:30amSt. Thomas

"Temporary" Confession Schedule

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri

7:45-8:15am @ St. Thomas

Tue, Wed, Fri

3:30-4pm @ St. Thomas

Wednesdays

6:15-7pm @ St. Thomas (w/Adoration)

Saturdays

7:30-8:15am @ St. Thomas

3-3:45pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul

"Temporary" Weekday Mass Schedule

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, & Sat - 8:30am @ St. Thomas

Sacrament Guidelines

Baptisms:

Make arrangements with the pastor. Copy of Birth Certificate must be submitted, at the latest, one week before the baptism.

Marriages:

Make arrangements with the pastor 6-8 months in advance. Must be a registered parishioner at least six months prior to beginning marriage prep. Cohabiting couples will normally be required to separate before scheduling a wedding.

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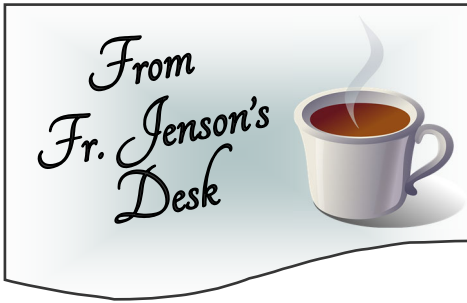


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This is the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In our Gospel for this weekend, is the familiar scene where Jesus asks the apostles who they say that He really is. Jesus is asking them for a genuine commitment to Him. He does not want us to straddle the fence concerning Him. If He is the Savior, we must be serious in following Him. If He is not, we should not claim that we do follow Him.

As we move into the fall and so many activities have begun again, we should take a moment to consider our schedules. Rather than waiting until we suddenly realize that our usual mass time on Sunday is not going to work for us this weekend, a serious follower of Jesus would plan ahead. If there is a lot going on, we may need to plan to attend a different Mass time whether at our parish or at a nearby parish with a Mass time that will work. Saturday evening vs. Sunday morning or vice versa, or even a Sunday evening Mass at another parish. The latter is frequently done by those returning from vacation on Sundays, and it can work for other reasons such as kids' sports tournaments.

We teach important lessons to our children by how attentive we are to ensuring that we make it to Mass when we are busy. As a follower of Jesus, are there things that always or usually take precedence over going to Mass? That could be a god in one's life or at least seen to be such as a child might interpret it if it is given priority over worship of God whom we say we believe in.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

We are beginning another challenge fundraiser to complete the restoration painting of the main body of the church. The bid is at \$250,000. Fortunately, we have enough remaining from my last challenge fundraiser for a \$50,000 down payment; now we need to raise the remaining \$200,000.

I will give my challenge gift contribution in next weekend's collection at Mass. I will be contributing \$2,000. I need one hundred families or individuals to match me in this amount to meet our goal. January 1st is our deadline, so you can make your contribution in installments over the course of the fall.

It will be amazing to see our church in all her restored glory! The painters can begin January 2nd after completing the job they are currently working on in Forest City, Minnesota.



FULL-TIME BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

The **Church of St Albert** is seeking a **Full-time Business Administrator, 40 hours per week**. For a complete job description, qualifications, and application instructions, please visit their website at <https://churchofstalbert.org/employment>.

COFFEE & ROLLS

All are invited to the Parish Center Dining Hall for coffee, juice and rolls following the 9 AM Mass.



MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to form and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ in union with the Roman Catholic Church.

Ss. PETER & PAUL OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday
9am - 4pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

GOLF CARTS WILL BE TRANSPORTING VISITORS AROUND THE GROUNDS

Fr. Jensen invites you to join him in honoring Our Lady on a one-day pilgrimage to picturesque...

COST \$90

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN

Monday, October 7
Feast of Our Lady

Registration forms available in the Parish Office, Online, the back of church and Flocknotes August 22

Deadline for registration: Sunday, September 22
Drop an envelope marked "Pilgrimage" with your name and registration forms in collection basket or turn into either office.

<p>ITINERARY FEATURES</p> <p>7:00 AM: Depart Sts Peter and Paul Lunch served at shrine Gift Shop/Bookstore Ascent Pilgrimage Devotionals Mass 2:30 PM Depart Shrine</p>	<p>MEALS</p> <p>Coffee and Rolls before departure Pasta Bar Lunch Return trip includes sandwich, chips and beverage Bottled water available on the bus</p>	<p>Travel in comfort: Deluxe Coach Bus with restroom!</p>
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HOLY SPIRIT ACADEMY'S HARVEST BANQUET- PLEASE JOIN US!

Holy Spirit Academy invites you to our Annual Harvest Banquet on Saturday, October 26th, 2024 at the Church of St. Michael in St. Michael, MN. Father Michael Becker is our keynote speaker which we are very excited about! Enjoy an evening of fellowship, a great speaker, live & silent auction, dancing, and great food! Tickets can be purchased online at www.holyspiritacademy.org through October 13th, 2024. Please join us to support our local Catholic High School!

TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

Have you ever dreamed of traveling to Italy on Pilgrimage? If so, purchase a raffle ticket for a TRIP OF A LIFETIME Pilgrimage for 2 (valued up to \$11,000)! Limited number of tickets are available. Cash prizes will also be awarded. If you are interested in buying a raffle ticket for \$50, please contact an HSA family or email tmccoy@holyspiritacademy.org. All proceeds benefit Holy Spirit Academy!



COME JOIN OUR ADULT CHOIR!

We practice on Monday evenings, and sing for Mass on the 2nd Sunday and 4th Saturday of each month, and any 5th Sunday, from October through June. Practices will begin in mid September, and our first Choir Mass will be on Sunday, October 13th.

For more information, or to join, contact Greg at 763-412-0641.

FALL PARISH FESTIVALS

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE, ROGERS— SEPTEMBER 23

All are invited to Mary Queen of Peace in Rogers Annual Fall Festival. The Festival will kick off with a **Polka Mass on Saturday, September 23, at 5pm**. More music and a free will offering dinner will follow the Mass. On **Sunday, September 24 from 11am-3pm** there will be a Broasted Chicken Dinner, Bingo, Bottle Surprise Game, Gift Card Game, Country Store, Kids Games, Hot Dog and Root Beer Float Stand, Raffle and more. We hope to see you there!

HOLY FAMILY, SILVER LAKE— OCTOBER 6

The Church of the Holy Family in Silver Lake invites you to our annual Fall Bazaar on Sunday, October 6. Join us for 10:00 a.m. Mass followed by a Pork Chop and Bologna dinner served from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

There will be a huge Country store (including homemade Kolaches!), Bingo, and kids activities. There will also be refreshments and bologna on a stick served at the bar. The all cash raffle will take place at 3:30 p.m.

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DISCERNING VOCATIONS

Question:

What does it mean to discern a vocation?

Answer:

The word vocation comes from the Latin word *vocare*, meaning "to call." A vocation is a calling or invitation from God to serve in a particular way. For Catholics, that calling might be as a priest, sister, or married person. Vocation is the way we respond to the invitation to share in God's grace and witness to God's love in the world.

Discerning a vocation is the process in which we pray for God's guidance. We listen for God's message that is often quiet and unassuming in a world filled with noise and distractions. We look at our gifts and talents, seek the advice of others, examine our motives, and listen to see what God is asking of us. The goal of discernment is to follow what the Lord wills, not what we think is the best idea. Many men enter a seminary to discern if that is their vocation, only to discover that their calling is to marriage. Others have resisted the idea for long periods of time, until finally they could resist no more. Some great saints have described that dilemma. Vocation is a human process of divine origin, and each of us must strive constantly to hear the call of God in our lives.

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Prayer of Discernment

Dear Lord,
 Here I am!
 Help me to know the path You would
 have me walk,
 to speak the words You would
 have me speak,
 to love and serve those You put
 in my path.
 Amen.

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DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FIAT MINISTRIES DISCERNMENT RETREAT

September 27-29

Single women, age 18-30 who are seeking to do God's will, are invited to attend an upcoming Fiat Ministries Discernment Retreat at Dunrovin Retreat Center in Marine on St. Croix, MN. Fiat Ministries cultivates an authentic culture of discernment for young women by inspiring them to say yes to God's call. Consecrated sisters from various communities assist at the retreat by giving talks, leading small groups, giving their testimonies, and providing a joyful witness of what it means to be a consecrated religious sister.

Cost: \$100 for women from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. \$300 for

women from outside the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Registration can be found at fiatministries.org/retreats/.

ANDREW DINNER

Thursday, September 19, 6-8:00 PM

Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and Fr. Mark Pavlak, Director of Vocations, invite men, 16 and older, who are discerning their vocation, to join them for dinner and conversation about priesthood and religious life.

Register online before Tuesday, September 17, at 10000vocations.org.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question:

What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

Answer:

Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.



On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community of faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!

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FINANCIAL UPDATE *(July 2024-June 2025 contributions)*

Contributions toward our renovation project are not included.

	<u>W/E 9/8</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>	<u>2024-25 Budget</u>
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LOCATING OUR HOMEBOUND



The Helping Hands Committee for our two parishes is putting together a list of homebound parishioners. We define homebound as people who are not regularly able to attend Mass due to mobility or other health issues. The committee's plan is to reach out to our homebound to especially remember them during the Christmas season. We have scheduled a Mass in their honor on Sunday, December 22, 2024, at both of our churches, and we will have a small poinsettia with card from their parish brought to their residence.

If you are aware of anyone who fits the above description, please call our Parish Office at 763-479-0535 by November 5th to share your information with a staff person.

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COLLECTION FOR ST. THOMAS GARAGE SALE

The St. Thomas Women's Club is holding its annual garage sale from October 2-4 in their Parish Center dining hall. This is an excellent opportunity to clean out closets and cabinets. Needed items include baby items that are clean and assembled (**no** cribs or car seats), household items, small appliances, furniture (*items must weigh less than 30 lbs*), toys, games, puzzles and books for all ages, CDs/DVDs, craft materials, seasonal decorations, and more. Very few donations get turned away, but **no** TVs, electronics, heavy furniture, exercise or computer equipment.

Items should be brought to the St. Thomas Parish Center dining hall in the area between the kitchen and stage (or entryway if the building is locked), daily from 9am-7pm on the below dates:

- Thursday, Sep 26
- Friday, Sep 27
- Saturday, Sep 28
- Sunday, Sep 29
- Monday, Sep 30



THIS WEEK



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September 21, 4:00 PM

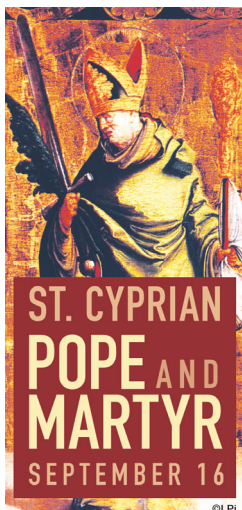
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Observances for the week of September 15, 2024

- Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
- Monday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- Next Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS

September 17-22, 2024

Tues†Lorelie Yager
 WedEleanore Ghostley
 Thur†John Hofstede, Sr.
 Fri.....†Jim Sesvold
 Sat, 8:30amParish Cluster
 Sat, 4:00pm.....†Bernice Schlosser
 Sat, 5:30pm†Jeff Chastek
 Sun, 7:30am.....††Eugene & Regina Popp
 9:00am.....†Tom Schumacher
 10:30am†Nick Steine

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

September 16-22, 2024

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

*Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office
 closed on Mondays*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30am-4:30pm Veritas in Academia
 (SPP Parish Center)

6-9:00pm OCIA (Location TBD)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

5:30-6pm Parish Cluster Dinner
 @ St. Thomas

6:15-7:30pm Faith Formation

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:30am-12:30pm Veritas in Academia
 (SPP Parish Center)

7-9:00pm VM Young Adult Study
 (SPP Conference Rm)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00am Faith & Basketball
 (Ave Maria Academy Gym)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

10:00am Coffee & Rolls (SPP Dining
 Hall)

6-9:00pm Holy Apostles Youth
 Group (SPP Parish Ctr)



Readings for the week of September 15, 2024

Sunday:

Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/
 Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday:

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/
 Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday:

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/
 Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday:

1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and
 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday:

1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/
 Lk 7:36-50

Friday:

1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18,
 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Next Sunday:

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/
 Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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PRAYER



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

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WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Because of our need to respect the privacy of individuals/families, we must have a member of the family call us to have a name included here. Unless we hear from the family, we will take a name off after 3 months. Thank you!

- Betsy Elsen (11/27)
- Marlys Kowalski (9/25)
- Lavern (Fries) Rhode (12/15)

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Eric Alger—Army; Bryan Beal—Army National Guard w/34th Red Bulls; Patrick Eikmeier—Army National Guard; Nick Elsen—Air Force; Dalton Pouliot—Army National Guard; Nickolas Sieg—Army; Peter Weber—Air Force.

If you would like a member of our U.S. Military listed or removed, please contact Sherry at the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office—763-479-0535 or selsen@saintsppta.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

- Cory Plotts....Diaconate Formation
- Todd Ziesmer....Diaconate Formation

Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intention for September 2024

For the participants of the Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry and their families; and for voters as elections draw near. May our Lady help us to discern wisely who is best to lead us in government office.

Each member is assigned a mystery of the Rosary to pray each day. New members are always welcome. To join, contact Sherry in the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office or Joanne Schumacher at jmschu@live.com.



“Thanks to the Eucharist, the age-long symbol of the common meal becomes the basis of the brotherhood of men and the Fatherhood of God. ... Once men are made brothers of Christ and sons of the Heavenly Father at the Communion rail, then Equality and Liberty follow.

... The Communion rail is, for that reason, the most democratic institution on the face of the earth. For there, the distinction between the rich and poor, the learned and unlearned disappears;

there the millionaire must take the paten from the common laborer, the employer must kneel at the same board as the employee, the university professor must eat the same Bread as the simple Irishwoman who knows only how to tell her beads. There, the dividing wall between nationalities is broken down and rebuilt into that

spiritual Kingdom where all are one, because of One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One Bread.”

~ Ven. Fulton J. Sheen



Adoration Open Hours

NIGHT TIME HOURS:

Sunday..... 2 AM
 Thursday 2 AM
 Saturday..... 1 AM, 3 AM

MORNING HOURS:

Saturday..... **9 AM***

AFTERNOON HOURS:

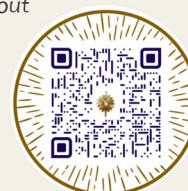
Saturday 5 PM

EVENING HOURS:

Friday **10 PM***
 Saturday..... 7 PM, 8 PM

*** 2nd person is needed for these hours.**

For questions, or to inquire about taking an hour, go to the web-site by scanning this QR code, or call the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office Administrator at 763-479-0535.



Area Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Area Perpetual Adoration is in Our Lady of Loretto Chapel, which is located in the old Convent building on the Ss. Peter & Paul Church grounds. To sign up for an hour, please contact Sherry in the Parish Office (763-479-0535) or one of the members of our Adoration Core Team listed below.

Adoration Chapel Core Team

Head Coordinator	Joanne	763.360.2639
Assistant Coordinator	Diane.....	612.730.9386
Night Division Leader:.....	Diane	
Morning Division Leader:	Judy	763.331.5703
Afternoon Division Leaders:.....	Lill.....	612.600.2050
Evening Division Leader:	Connie	763.228.8330