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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ♦ SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



He put His finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" ~ Mk 7:33b-34

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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*From
Fr. Jenson's
Desk*



This is the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our readings for this weekend have a message about the healing power of God. In the Gospel, Jesus works a miracle of healing for a deaf man. In the first reading, the Prophet speaks not only of physical healing but

of renewal of life, mentioning streams bursting forth in the desert for the people.

There are moments in life in which we not only need physical healing, but more of an interior refreshing and spiritual healing. The streams of God's grace coming into our heart, mind, and soul can be like a cooling stream of water on a hot day. There are interior struggles in life that can feel as debilitating as an actual illness. In the Lord we can receive healing for ailments in spirit as well as of body. Pray every day from the first light of day until its end. He will nourish us into health of heart mind and soul!

Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

"Be opened!" said Christ two thousand years ago, as he placed his finger in the ear of the deaf man. "Be opened!" he says to us today, laying his hand upon our hearts. May we always accept Christ's invitation to become a new creation.

It is September now and our Marian Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse is coming up soon. If you would like to take part in this day-long journey of spiritual renewal and growth with the Blessed Mother, please be sure to reach out to the parish office soon.

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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COFFEE & ROLLS

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



≡ **UPCOMING EVENTS** ≡

**WELL-READ MOM BOOK CLUB
"YEAR OF THE FATHER" KICK OFF**

Begins This Tuesday, September 10, 6:30-7:45pm

What thoughts come to mind when you think of the word "Father"?

Celebrating the 13th Anniversary of the Well-Read Mom movement, our book

group will explore the following books for the **Year of the Father** through Marcie Stockman's carefully curated collection of great books. Join leader Meg Clemens for the **Year of the Father Kick Off** informational meeting on Tuesday, September 10th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at SS Peter & Paul in the dining room.



- October: **Peace Like a River** by Leif Enger
- November: **The Aeneid** by Vergil
- December: **My God and My All: The Life of Saint Francis of Assisi** by Elizabeth Goudge
- January: **The Pearl** by John Steinbeck
- February: **The Fathers Tale – A Novel** by Michael D. O'Brien
- March: **Cry, The Beloved Country** by Alan Paton
- April: **Pinocchio: With Reflections on a Father's Love** by Franco Nembrini/ Carlo Collodi
- May: **King Lear** by William Shakespeare
- June: **Ruth** by Elizabeth Gaskell

We will also discuss the book **Norwegian by Night** by Derek B. Miller that we read over the summer.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

GARAGE SALE

Treasures and bargains for everyone!

***Wed, Oct 2, 1-8pm**
***Thurs, Oct 3, 9am-8pm (50% off from 4-8pm)**
Fri, Oct 4, 9am-1:30pm (\$5 bag day)

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**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.

ITINERARY FEATURES	MEALS	Travel in comfort: Deluxe Coach Bus with restroom!
7:00 AM: Depart Ss Peter and Paul Lunch served at shrine Gift Shop/Bookstore Ascent Pilgrimage Devotionals Mass 2:30 PM Depart Shrine	Coffee and Rolls before departure Pasta Bar Lunch Return trip includes sandwich, chips and beverage Bottled water available on the bus	

CHURCH of ST. ALBERT

Harvest of BLESSINGS

FALL PARISH FESTIVAL 2024

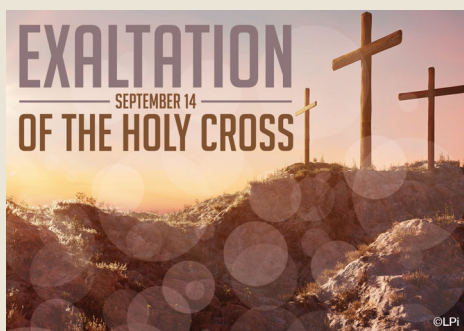
LIVE MUSIC	SEPT 14 5:30PM-10:00PM <i>Live Music by SAINTRIO</i>	SEPT 15 11:00AM-3:00PM SUNDAY FUNDAY	FOOD
GAMES			RAFFLES
BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT			BOUNCE HOUSE
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IT'S TIME FOR THE HARVEST OF BLESSINGS!

Come to St. Albert's Parish Festival on September 14-15 and Be Blessed!

Live Music with SainTrio on Saturday night, September 14th from 5:30pm-10:00pm with Bean Bag Tournament, Bounce House for Kids, Pulled BBQ Dinner from BJ's Tavern.

Sunday Funday on September 15th from 11:00am-3:00pm with Lots of Fun including Toddler to Youth Games, Bounce House, The Market – a Country Store selling Homemade Items, Photobooth, Coffee Shop, Food and Drinks, Grand Raffle, Themed Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, Adult Games such as Bingo, Pull Tabs, and more! See you at St. Albert's!



EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Question:

What is the history behind the Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

Answer:

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

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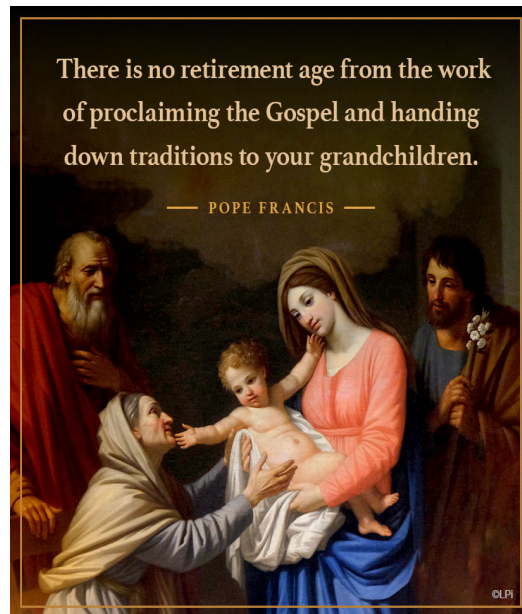
HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY

Sunday, September 8



Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God,
What a grace to live in a world of all ages and stages. Bless our grandparents, today and always. Thank You for their experiences, wisdom, and insight. Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church. Thank You for the lessons they teach the next generations Amen.



GOSPEL MEDITATION



One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphata!" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

— Father John Muir

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FINANCIAL UPDATE (July 2024-June 2025 contributions) Contributions toward our renovation project are not included.

	<u>W/E 9-1</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>	<u>2024-25 Budget</u>
Envelopes	\$4,121.00	\$50,358.00	\$385,000.00
Loose Plate	115.00	\$1,773.23	23,000.00
Electronic Giving	<u>3,546.91</u>	<u>18,862.20</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$7,782.91</u>	<u>\$70,993.43</u>	<u>\$508,000.00</u>

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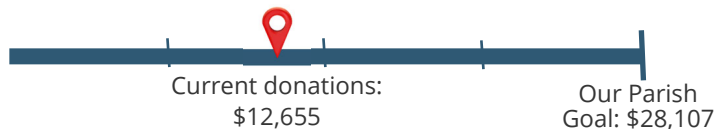
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CATHOLIC
SERVICES APPEAL

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE

The Archdiocese has set a goal of \$28,107 for our parish. We are now at 41 donors with \$12,655 donated. Remember, if we reach our goal, we will get 30% of our goal back, which means we would get \$8,610 back from the Archdiocese.

To make a contribution, you can drop a check in the Sunday collection. Please make checks out to "Catholic Services Appeal." Also, we have now set it up so you can donate electronically—just scan the QR code below.

Thank you!



PLEASE HELP US LOCATE 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.

Thank you.

ATTENTION

We are still accepting donations of soda and water for Christkindlmarkt.

Please leave donations in the kitchen in the designated area of the counter space.

Thank you all for your support!



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



THIS WEEK



LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

September 14, 4:00 PM

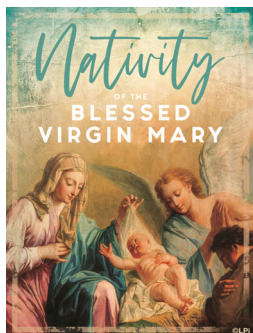
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September 15, 9:00 AM

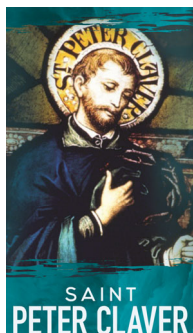
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Observances for the week of September 8, 2024

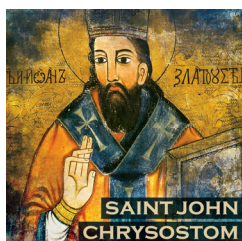
- Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Grandparent's Day
- Monday:** St. Peter Claver, Priest
- Wednesday:** Patriot Day
- Thursday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Friday:** St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Next Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



SEPTEMBER 8



SEPTEMBER 9



SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM



MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

MASS INTENTIONS

September 10-15, 2024

Tues †David Lloyd Johnson
Wed Victims of 9/11
Thur †Rosa Merz
Fri †Dennis Kerber
Sat, 8:30am Jim & Lill Wawra
Sat, 4:00pm Parish Cluster
Sat, 5:30pm †Donna Pouliot
Sun, 7:30am Greg Hagen & family
9:00am †Rick Gunderson
10:30am Luke Patrick Dugan

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

September 9-15, 2024

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office closed on Mondays

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:30-6pm Parish Cluster Dinner @ St. Thomas
6:15-7:30pm Faith Formation

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:00am Coffee & Rolls (SPP Dining Hall)
6-8:00pm Holy Apostles Youth Group (Ss. Peter & Paul)



Readings for the week of September 8, 2024

Sunday:
Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday:
1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday:
1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday:
1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday:
1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday:
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday:
Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37,
38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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

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Bulletin articles are due by 9:00 AM on Mondays, unless indicated elsewhere in the bulletin. All articles must be completely written before submitting.
Thank you.

PRAYER

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

The Prayer Chain Ministry is made up of parishioners dedicated to praying for others. To place someone on a Prayer Chain, please contact Lynn Scholtes at 763-477-6359/lynncholtes@gmail.com. Thank you.

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)
- Baby Julia McGuire (9/9)
- Julie Windsperger (9/9)

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

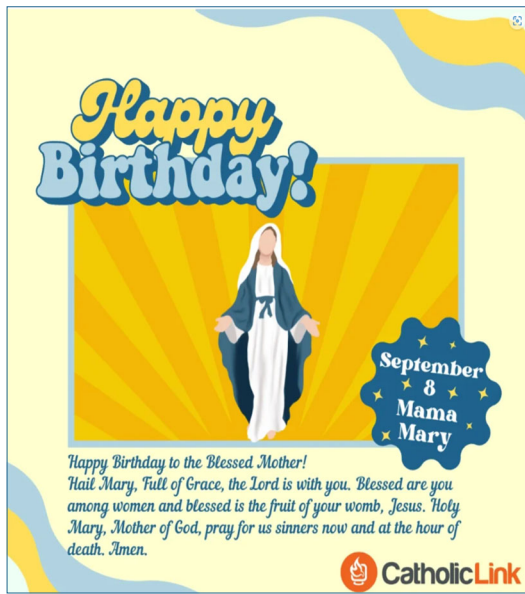
- Cory Plotts....Diaconate Formation
- Todd Ziesmer....Diaconate Formation

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.



A holy rivalry, a concert of prayer, a harmony of divine service should exist between the heavenly court and the Eucharistic court here below, between the adorer and his Mother the Church.”

~ St. Peter J. Eymard



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**

** Hours opened up since January 1, 2024
* 2nd person is needed for these hours.*

For questions, or to inquire about taking an hour, go to the website by scanning this QR code or go to sspap.org/eucharisticadoration, 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
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