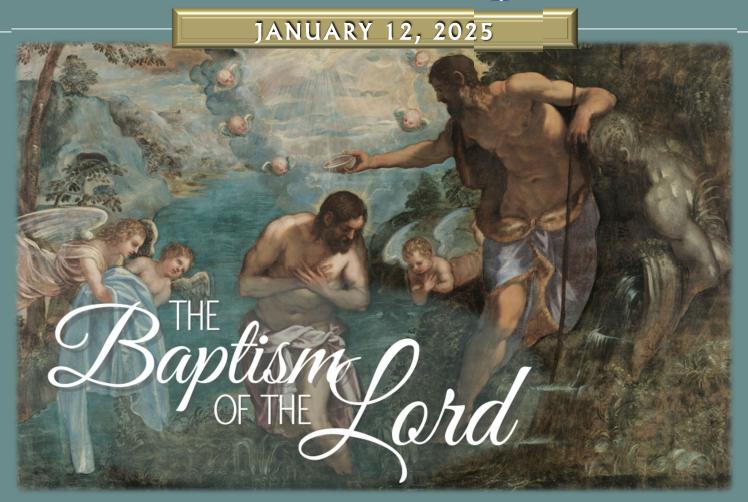


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Weekend Masses

Saturday

4:00pm..... Ss. Peter & Pau 5:30pm..... St. Thomas

Sunday

7:30am.....St. Thomas 9:00am.....Ss. Peter & Paul 10:30am...St. Thomas

"Temporary" Weekday Mass Schedule

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

Welcome Visitors!

To join our parish, please go to our website, contact the Parish Office, or scan the QR code to the right to be taken to our online registration form.



"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 in Library

Sacrament Guidelines

Baptisms:

MAake arrangements with the pastor. <u>Copy of Birth Certificate</u> must be submitted, at the latest, one week before the baptism.

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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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This is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Our Gospel reading contains St. Luke's account of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist at the Jordan River. This is such an important scene as the three Persons of the Trinity are all present and active in it.

In this Gospel, Jesus shows us the necessity of

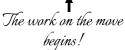
conversion of heart. He not only teaches us this but sets the example by allowing John to baptize Him. True faith in Jesus Christ our Savior involves changing our way of life to match up our thoughts, words, and deeds with the Gospel and the commandments.

Jesus is also showing us His desire to join Himself to our journey in life by leading us into conversion from His baptism to the cross. Following Jesus will not always be easy. That is a given. But the fact that Jesus Himself went into the water of conversion in John's baptism means that He will always help us through any changes we have to make in life to follow Him. Our Lord loves us and will accompany us through our lives. We just need to make room for Him in our hearts so He can walk with, guide, and strengthen us.



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone
who helfed move
everything out of the
church after our holy day
Mass. With so many
helfing, we were able to get
it all done in one hour.



Putting the final touches on the gym for our weekend Masses.





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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SUPPORTING PARISH & COMMUNITY

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

	W/E 1/5	Fiscal YTD	2024-25 Budget
Envelopes	\$6,067.00	\$153,469.00	\$385,000.00
Loose Plate	202.00	5,891.23	23,000.00
Electronic Giving	<u>2,022.00</u>	<u>51,000.05</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>
TOTALS	\$8,291.00	\$210,360.28	\$508,000.00

W/E 1/5 **Total to Date**

Fr.'s Phase II Challenge.....\$5,776.75\$217,631.92



For online Sunday Offering Contributions,

scan above OR code or go to sspap.org/online-giving.



For online Renovation Donations,

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Please help brighten someone's day by decorating cards for our senior citizens

Cards can be picked up in the entryway of the **Parish Center**

Please take and decorate as many cards as your family would like.

Be Creative!

Return cards by Jan 26th to the designated container in the Parish Center entryway

Catholic United Financial will deliver them to the nursing homes.







MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP TO STATE CAPITOL Wed, Jan 22 | 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

- Sign up on Parish Website.
- Free-Will Offering
- Music & Prayer on the bus
- · Signs will be provided
- Meet at St. Peter Campus at 10:30 AM
- Bus departs at 11:00 AM
- March begins at 12:00 Noon

TOTUS TUUS TEAM MISSIONARIES NEEDED

The Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis is hiring Catholic college age men and women who have a missionary heart, love children/youth, and are committed to their Catholic faith who feel called to share the Gospel with youth from local parishes around the Archdiocese the summer TOTUS TUUS of 2025!

Totus Tuus missionaries summer service is either a 7-233k commitment beginning on May 29, earning up to \$4,359 with lodging provided, most meals included, and a one-week break for the 4th of July holiday. Highlights of the summer include a fun week of training before starting ministry at your parishes, staying with host families each week, sharing Christ's love

with hundreds of kids, and praying with your team every day! Applications are now open, apply today. Scan the QR Code or contact:

> Nancy Palacheck @ 651-291-4489 totustuus@archspm.org.





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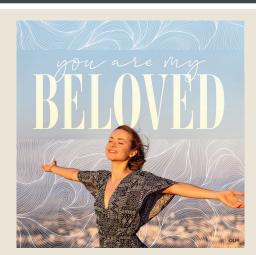
Build community by serving a meal at our Fresh Start Program! Fresh Start is a series of life skills courses we offer to our neighbors in need. Before each class, we serve a meal to promote a sense of family. Our winter session begins on January 27! Many openings are available, sign up today: bit.ly/fsmealtrain.

- Leave Capitol at 1:15 PM
- Return to School at 2:00 PM
- Questions? Call Tom Botz @ 612-369-3478.

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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH





GOSPEL MEDITATION

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with *me*? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— Father John Muir

WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

As the godfather for my niece, what must I do as she grows up? Are there specific responsibilities I have?

Answer:

The biggest responsibility you have as a godparent is to set a good example of practicing faith. Receiving the sacraments and taking an active part in your parish teaches by deed and shows your godchild how to live a life of faith. Next to the child's parents, your role can be one of great influence in her religious formation and education.

What else can you do? A special remembrance on the day the child was baptized can highlight its importance. As the child grows older, discussions about God, Jesus, matters of faith, and the parish provide opportunities to share your own beliefs and practices. Celebrate first Penance, first Communion, and Confirmation as key moments in your godchild's faith journey. Parents and godparents share in this responsibility in a unique and special way. Your obligations do not end with the ceremony of Baptism, but are just the beginning.





I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."





NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

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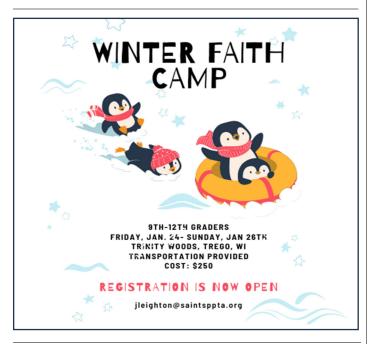
<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
	Friday, January 17 @ 12 noon
February 2 nd	Tuesday, January 21 @ 12 noon

WELL-READ MOM (WRM) BOOK CLUB

- January Read Tuesday, January 14 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

In January the WRM book club will be discussing the book "The Pearl" by John Steinbeck.

The WRM book club will meet on Tuesday, January 14 in the **Ss. Peter & Paul Dining Room** from **6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.** hosted by Meg Clemens.



CATHOLIC CIVICS

Instructor: Mr. John Niemann Tuesdays, 7:30-9pm at St. Anne's in Hamel Begins January 21st

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Open to all ages. Runs through May 20th. Tuition: \$250/Semester. To enroll, email iniemann@saintjohnpauliiguild.org.

THIS WEEK



LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

<u>January 18, 4:00 PM</u>

PriestFr. Jenson
SacristanJoAnn Schlosser
RosaryJenny Elsen
UshersRay Polson, Gary Zitzloff

Lector.....Rachel Polson EMHCRachel Polson

January 19, 9:00 AM

PriestFr. Bakatu
SacristanMary Kaye Schneider
RosaryMarlis Doboszenski
UshersRuth Lehn, Todd Johnson,
Paul Elsen
LectorTJ McGuire
EMHCMarlis Doboszenski

Hospitality.....Knights of Columbus—

Observances for the week of January 12, 2025

Greg Elsen

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

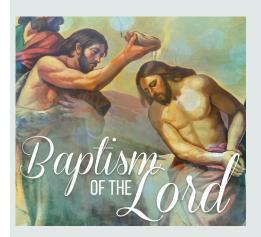
Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday:

Friday: St. Anthony, Abbot

Saturday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for

Christian Unity

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS

January 14-19, 2025

Tues†Ed Schumacher
Wed†Lorelie Yager
Thur†Mike Olson
Fri†Jan Mickey
Sat, 8:30am†Sandra Evans
Sat, 4:00pm†Rita Dvorak
Sat, 5:30pmSharon Chastek & family
Sun, 7:30am†Kathleen McDonnell
9:00am Max & Sharron Berthiaume (69th Wedding Anniversary)
10:30am Darwin & Cathy Kuehn †† & family

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

January 13-19, 2025

Monday, January 13

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office closed on Mondays

6:00pm Choir Practice (Parish Ctr)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

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

6:30pm Well-Read Mom Book Club

(SPP Dining Hall)

7:00pm OCIA @ St. Thomas

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

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

6:15-7:30pm Faith Formation

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

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

7-9:00pm Young Adult 3rd Thursday Theology (SPP Conf. Rm)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

10:00am Coffee & Rolls (Dining Hall) 6-8:00pm Holy Apostles Youth Group



Readings for the week of January 12, 2025

Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16. 21-22

Monday:

Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/ Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday:

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/ Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/ Mk 1:40-45

Friday:

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/ Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday:

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/ 1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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Bulletin Submissions

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/lynnscholtes@gmail.com. Thank you.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

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763-479-0535 orselsen@saintsppta.org.

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. <u>Unless we hear from the family, we will take a name off after 3 months</u>. Thank you!

Betsy Elsen (3/1) Julia McGuire (3/5)

Mary Smith (3/11) Carol Tabery (3/5)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

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



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

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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



Prayer Intention for January 2025

For the participants of the Blessed Virgin's Rosary
Ministry and their families; and
that women will choose life for their
unborn child and treasure
this gift from God.

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 Hour is not a devotion; it is a sharing in the work of redemption."

~ Venerable Fulton Sheen





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EVENING HOURS:

Friday			10	P	M*
Saturday	7	Ы	Μ,	8	PM

*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 call the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office Administrator at 763-479-0535.

