



# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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**JANUARY 12, 2025**



## Weekend Masses

### Saturday

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

### Sunday

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

## "Temporary" Weekday Mass Schedule

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

## Sacrament Guidelines

### Baptisms:

*MAake 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 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 helped move  
everything out of the  
church after our holy day  
Mass. With so many  
helping, we were able to get  
it all done in one hour.*

↑  
*The work on the move  
begins!*

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



*We ♥ our  
Volunteers*

**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**

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**Parish Council**

Bill Maurer-Chair, Lark Ahlstrom, Paul Gibson, Todd Johnson, Scott Ritter, Tim Spaulding, **OPEN POSITION**

**Finance Council**

Rachel Polson-Chair, Dan Doboszanski, Randy Elsen, Bernadette Grenzer, Jovelyn Larson

SUPPORTING PARISH & COMMUNITY

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

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

	<u>W/E 1/5</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
<b>Fr.'s Phase II Challenge .....</b>	<b>\$5,776.75</b>	<b>\$217,631.92</b>



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**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 26<sup>th</sup> to the designated container in the Parish Center entryway

Catholic United Financial will deliver them to the nursing homes.

**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 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:

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



**CHRISTMAS STORE SERVED 62 FAMILIES!**

Special thanks to everyone who supported WestPointe Church and the 2024 Christmas Store! Your generosity helped provide toys to 62 families and 155 children in the Love In the Name of Christ Heartland service area.

**SERVE A MEAL - LOVE INC HEARTLAND**

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](https://bit.ly/fsmealtrain).





## 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.

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*"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."* — Lk 3:16bc

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### BAPTISM OF THE LORD





# NEWS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please note the early due dates below for upcoming bulletins:

Bulletin	Due Date
January 26 <sup>th</sup> .....	Friday, January 17 @ 12 noon
February 2 <sup>nd</sup> .....	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.

## WINTER FAITH CAMP



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Instructor: Mr. John Niemann

Tuesdays, 7:30-9pm at St. Anne's in Hamel

Begins January 21st

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# PRAYER



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## WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Eric Alger—Army; 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 [orselsen@saintsppta.org](mailto: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. Unless we hear from the family, we will take a name off after 3 months. Thank you!*

Betsy Elsen (3/1)      Mary Smith (3/11)  
Julia McGuire (3/5)      Carol Tabery (3/5)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

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

# Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

## 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](mailto:jmschu@live.com).*



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

~ Venerable Fulton Sheen



# 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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Morning Division Leader: .....	Judy .....	763.331.5703
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Evening Division Leader: .....	Connie .....	763.228.8330



## Adoration Open Hours

### NIGHT TIME HOURS:

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

### MORNING HOURS:

Sunday .....	11 AM*
Saturday .....	9 AM*

### AFTERNOON HOURS:

Saturday.....	5 PM
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### 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 website by scanning this QR code, or call the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office Administrator at 763-479-0535.

