



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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JANUARY 26, 2025



• 3RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME •

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Weekend Masses *(All weekend Masses in Gym during Renovation)*

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" Weekday Mass Schedule

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, & Sat8:30am @ 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*

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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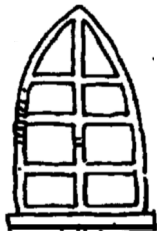
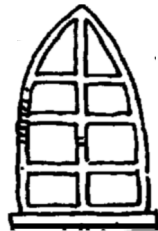
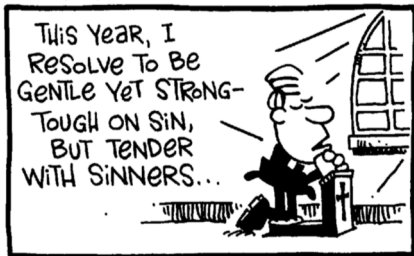
This is the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our Gospel reading from St. Luke begins after Jesus' baptism when He returns to Nazareth at the beginning of His public ministry. He begins to establish His Church by calling His apostles. Establishing the Church, the assembly of His people, will require structure.

St. Paul, in the second reading, explains the Church using the analogy of the body and its many parts. One part of the body cannot say to another part, that because they aren't the same as each other, they aren't both members of the same body. St. Paul goes on to list several roles within the Church that differ in purpose, yet all serve the needs of the Church's members.

Groups of people need to be organized and have a clear structure to remain together and move toward their goal. The different roles of the clergy and the laity in the Church serve different needs of the Church as a whole. Without this ordered structure, the Church would not be able to carry out its mission around the world. Worship communities which lack clear structure and organization split apart over time. Other Christian denominations now number in the thousands. The church Christ founded is still one, holy, catholic, and apostolic: the Catholic Church.

Next weekend the Annual Catholic Appeal will be kicking off in our Archdiocese. Materials will be available, and regular donors will begin receiving information and pledge forms in the mail. We have been doing a lot around our parish to improve it in the past few years. In the midst of that, we cannot forget that we are called by the Lord to remember those in need. Please give due attention to the materials that you will see.

NEW YEAR



ARCHDIOCESE OF
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— CATHOLIC —
SERVICES APPEAL

COFFEE & ROLLS

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



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.

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

	<u>W/E 1/19</u>	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>	<u>2024-25 Budget</u>
Envelopes	\$2,270.00	\$158,370.00	\$385,000.00
Loose Plate	252.00	5,891.23	23,000.00
Electronic Giving	3,267.75	52,281.60	100,000.00
TOTALS	\$5,789.75	\$216,542.83	\$508,000.00

Total to Date
Fr.'s Phase II Challenge.....\$226,431.92



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Envelope Fundraiser

All Proceeds go to the youth of both parishes attending Extreme Faith Camp



JOIN US!

After the 9am Mass at Ss. Peter and Paul on Feb 2,
Choose an envelope, numbered 1 to 100, and return it with a donation of the amount labeled on the front

Please return all envelopes to Parish Office by March 30



"SHARING JOY WITH THE ELDERLY" CARDS

Greeting cards need to be brought back this weekend. You can drop them off in the designated container in the Parish Center entryway. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Wednesday, Feb. 12

We will be holding weekend Masses for February 15/16 and February 22/23 in church during the two Cursillo Retreats (and Cursillo will be using the church starting February 14).

Volunteers are needed on February 12, 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon to help clean in the church and move whatever is necessary into church for these Masses.



For questions, contact JoAnn Schlosser at jschlosser@saintsppta.org.



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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

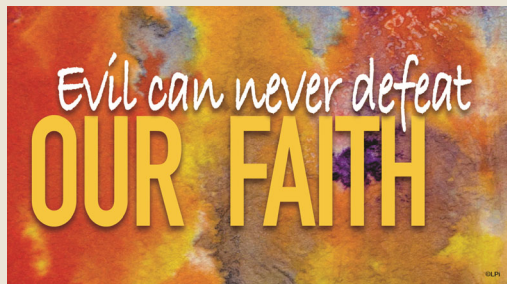
CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2025

The Catholic Services Appeal for 2025 kicks off next week-end—February 1/2. **Our parish goal this year is \$30,652.** If we meet this goal, we will get 30% back, which is over \$9,000; but **we must meet the goal to get money back.** If giving online, we are listed as "Saints Peter & Paul-Loretto-224."

Scan here to donate to the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal



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THESE EVIL DAYS

Mini Reflection: Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix *our* brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

These Evil Days

"Alas, that these evil days should be mine."

If you've ever seen "The Lord of the Rings," you might recognize this quote from "The Two Towers." The words are spoken by King Theoden at the grave of his only son and heir, as Theoden contemplates the coming war for Middle Earth, a war which has already claimed the life of his son, a war he wants no part of, a war that seems utterly hopeless and unwinnable.

These evil days.

You don't have to be a fantasy enthusiast or even a Tolkien fan to identify with Theoden here. We have all experienced this same feeling of despair, perhaps increasingly in this age of technology and social media, when the ills of the whole world — violence, injustice, moral disorder and chaos — are in our faces, on our phones, looming over our days.

But when we despair like this, we forget an important truth: this is the time of fulfillment, and we are lucky enough to be living through it.

Yes, the world is broken. It was broken two thousand years ago, too, when Jesus stood up in the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the words of the prophet Isaiah: "He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

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~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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Why do we do that? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

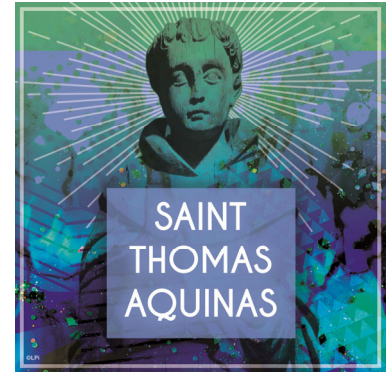
I've heard that love is a theological virtue. What does that mean?

Answer:

Charles Shultz, the creator of the *Peanuts* comics wrote, "I love mankind ... it's people I can't stand!" This good humored comment gets at an important truth. St. John wrote a very strong statement in one of his letters: "If anyone says 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). How often do we say "I love the homeless," but ignore the parish food drive? Or insist on the importance of respecting others, but don't bother to say hello to our cashier? If we can't love an individual person, we might not love people like we think, and we certainly need to work on our love for God.

Love is "the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" (CCC 1822). God knows acts of love of Him and others isn't always easy. So He invites us to pray for the grace to do it. The virtue of love gives us the grace and strength we need to offer our lives to God and love people in our lives, especially those who are difficult to respect, tolerate, and care for. Real love, of course, is risky. Real love wills the good of the other when we just want good for ourselves. Real love gets up on the cross when we'd prefer to take a nap in Gethsemane. Real love changes things.

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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS | January 28

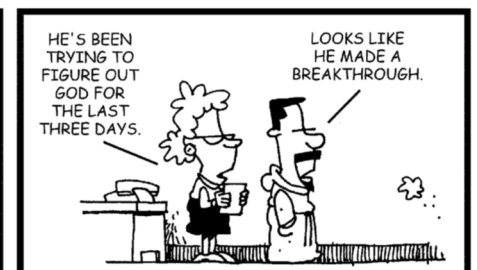
One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The *Summa Theologiae*." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

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TRINITY SUNDAY





LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Please enter into your web terminal—before Friday, February 7, the dates you will not be available to serve for the months of March, April, and May; or contact the Parish Office before February 7 to let them know your unavailable dates. Thank you.



First Saturday Devotion

Our Lady's promise:
For those who fulfill five consecutive First Saturdays, Our Lady promises personal salvation. (December 10, 1925)

Confessions.... 7:30-8:15 AM
Rosary.....7:50 AM
Mass.....8:30 AM

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
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Holy Apostles Youth Group Spring 2025 Schedule

January 5
January 19
February 16 (ST)
March 16
March 23
March 30
April 27

Sundays 6-8pm
At Ss. Peter and Paul, Loretto

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THIS WEEK



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

February 1, 4:00 PM

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 Sacristan JoAnn Schlosser
 Rosary Marlis Doboszanski
 Ushers Brad & Marie Jacobs
 Lector Diane Oberg
 EMHC Marlis Doboszanski

February 2, 9:00 AM

Priest Fr. Jenson
 Sacristan Mary Kaye Schneider
 Rosary Sandy Jordan
 Ushers Randy Arens, Paul Gibson, Steve Beal *(Sub Request)*

Lector Amy Gallus
 EMHC Amy Gallus
 Hospitality..... Rick & Ruth Lehn

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26, 2025

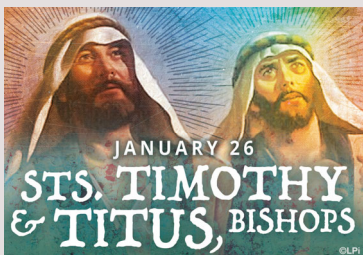
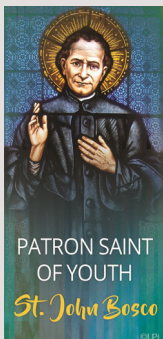
Sunday:3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Monday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Next Sunday: .. The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life



MASS INTENTIONS | Jan 28-Feb 2

Tues †Marion Merz
 Wed Pam Alexander
 Thur Living & Deceased Members of John & Rosa Hasslinger family
 Fri †Cecil Wood
 Sat, 8:30am †Fr. Stephen Adrian
 Sat, 4:00pm Parish Cluster
 Sat, 5:30pm †Dorothy Fischbach
 Sun, 7:30am †Patrick Joseph Lombardo
 9:00am †Ed Schumacher
 10:30am †Patricia A. Fidler

CALENDAR | January 26 - February 18

Sun, JAN 26 **COFFEE & ROLLS** | 10am
 Mon, JAN 27 **CHOIR PRACTICE** | 6-7:30pm
 Tue, JAN 28 **VIA** | 8am-4:30pm
OCIA | 7pm @ St. Thomas
 Wed, JAN 29 **PARISH CLUSTER DINNER** | 5:30-6PM @ St. Thomas
FAITH FORMATION | 6:15-7:30pm @ St. Thomas
 Sat, FEB 1 **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** | @ St. Thomas
FAITH & BASKETBALL | 7:30am @ Providence Academy
 Sun, FEB 2 **COFFEE & ROLLS** | 10am
YOUNG ADULT CHILI COOK-OFF | 2-6pm, Ss. Peter & Paul Dining Hall
 Mon, FEB 3 **CHOIR PRACTICE** | 6-7:30pm
 Tue, FEB 4 **VIA** | 8am-4:30pm
MEN'S ADULT SMALL GROUP | 6-7:30pm in Conference Rm
OCIA | 7pm @ St. Thomas
 Wed, FEB 5 **PARISH CLUSTER DINNER** | 5:30-6PM @ St. Thomas
FAITH FORMATION | 6:15-7:30pm @ St. Thomas
 Thur, FEB 6 **PARISH CLUSTER STAFF RETREAT** | *Parish Offices closed*
PASTORAL COUNCIL MTG. | 6:30pm
 Fri, FEB 7 **INTERCESSORY HOUR FOR OUR CHILDREN** | 9am @ St. Thomas
 Sat, FEB 8 **FAITH & BASKETBALL** | 7:30am @ Providence Academy
YOUNG ADULT SWING DANCE | 7-11:30pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul
 Sun, FEB 9 **COFFEE & ROLLS** | 10am
 Mon, FEB 10 **CHOIR PRACTICE** | 6-7:30pm
 Tue, FEB 11 **VIA** | 8am-4:30pm
WELL-READ MOM BOOK CLUB | 6:30 PM in Dining Hall
OCIA | 7pm @ St. Thomas
 Wed, FEB 12 **CHURCH CLEAN-UP** | 9am-12 Noon
PARISH CLUSTER DINNER | 5:30-6PM @ St. Thomas
FAITH FORMATION | 6:15-7:30pm @ St. Thomas
 Thur, FEB 13 **PRIVATE RENTAL: MEN'S CURSILLO RETREAT** | Entire Parish Center
 Fri, FEB 14 **PRIVATE RENTAL: MEN'S CURSILLO RETREAT** | Entire Parish Center
 Sat, FEB 15 **PRIVATE RENTAL: MEN'S CURSILLO RETREAT** | Entire Parish Center
 Sun, FEB 16 **COFFEE & ROLLS ~~**CANCELLED**~~**
PRIVATE RENTAL: MEN'S CURSILLO RETREAT | Entire Parish Center
 Mon, FEB 17 **CHOIR PRACTICE** | 6-7:30pm
 Tue, FEB 18 **VIA** | 8am-4:30pm
MEN'S ADULT SMALL GROUP | 6-7:30pm in Conference Rm
OCIA | 7pm @ St. Thomas



Readings for the week of January 26, 2025

Sunday:
 Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30
 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday:
 Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday:
 Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/
 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday:
 Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday:
 Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
 Mk 4:21-25

Friday:
 Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:
 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
 Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday:
 Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/
 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL

Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Volunteer Team #056



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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

Eric Alger—Army; Patrick Eikmeier—Army National Guard; Zak Olsson—Air Force, 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—

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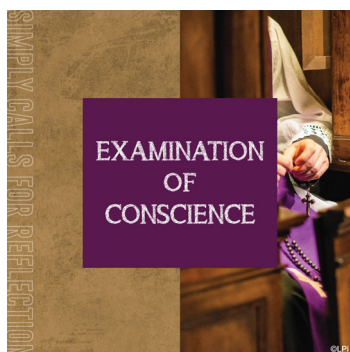
WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 (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



EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE, EXPLAINED

In Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, the apostle writes that it is imperative for a Christian to reflect on his conscience before he partakes of Holy Eucharist: "Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Corinthians 11:28). The practice of examining one's conscience before seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation thus dates to the very beginning of the Christian faith and was encouraged as a regular practice by many saints and founders of religious orders as a means of growing in virtue.

An examination of conscience, when it relates to the sacrament, simply means reflecting on one's actions (and particularly the intentions behind those actions) since the penitent's last absolution, making note of lapses in judgment that should be confessed. A good basis for this reflection can be the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the seven deadly sins.

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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

Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intention for
February 2025

For the participants of the Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry and their families; and that our Minnesota legislature will come together to enact laws that will benefit and protect its citizens and unborn children.

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.

"In the presence of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament we ought to be like the Blessed in heaven before the Divine Essence.

~ St. Teresa of Ávila



Adoration Open Hours

NIGHT TIME HOURS:

Sunday 2 AM
Thursday..... 2 AM
Friday..... **6 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.*

**New open hour.*

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.

