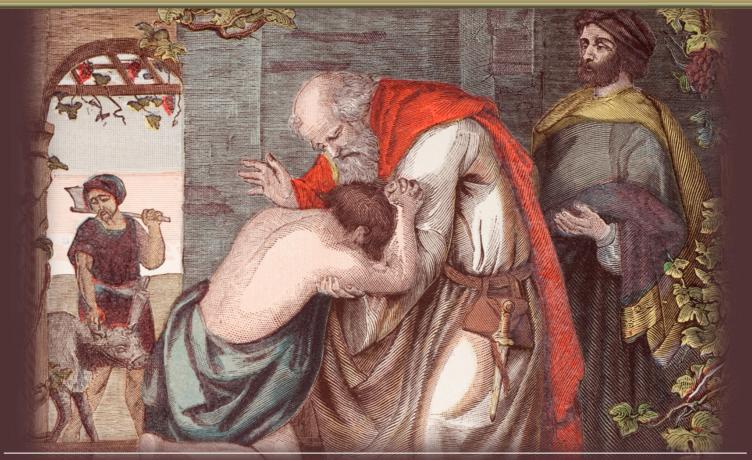


# THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 30, 2025



# Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm ......Ss. Peter & Paul 5:30pm ......St. Thomas (All SPP weekend Masses in Gym during Renovation)

## <u>Sunday</u>

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.



# Sacrament Guidelines

# Baptisms:

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

"Temporary" Confession Schedule

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri ...... 7:45-8:15am @ St. Thomas

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

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

#### 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.

# Archdiocese Victim Assistance Hotline: (651) 291-4475



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# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. Our Gospel has the parable of the prodigal son. It is difficult to imagine a parable that better conveys the mercy of God. If there is one thing that is clear in this parable, it is that the father of the prodigal son is moved to his core by the sight of his son returning home. The father runs out to meet him, and even before his son can finish his

apology, the father has the servants bring him new clothes and orders a celebration to celebrate his son's return home.

When we go to confession, we bring joy to the heart of our heavenly Father. This is especially true when we take time to look over our life thoroughly and look for whatever would wound the heart of our heavenly Father. When we do that and then enter the confessional, the heart of God the Father swells with joy and overflows in mercy for us through His Son, Jesus.

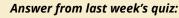
Lent is a season of mercy and repentance. Never fear to come to seek the mercy of our heavenly Father in this sacrament. The Father sent His only begotten Son to die for our sins. Showing awareness of God's love for us by using the sacrament of confession brings joy to our Father in heaven and His Son, our crucified Savior, Jesus Christ.

Mark your calendars for the two fish fries in our cluster coming up the first two Fridays in April. Both of our parishes will host one fish fry followed by Stations of the Cross. See page 4 for further details.



# A MAINTENANCE MINUTE

(From Gary, our Maintenance Guy)



There are about 950 light bulbs in the School and Parish Center; for reference, there are 90 bulbs in the gym alone.

We are in the process of getting either grants or rebates to help us cover the cost of upgrading our lights.

## **EASTER SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS & EASTER FLOWERS**



Easter Spiritual Bouquet Cards are out in the entryway. Envelopes can be dropped into the Sunday collection through April 13th. After that, they will need to be dropped off at the Ss. Peter & Paul office by <u>Tuesday, April 15th, at 12 noon</u>. The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses will

be offered for the Spiritual Bouquet Intentions.

If you would like to make a contribution toward the Easter Flowers, you will find an envelope in your Sunday offering packet you should have received in the mail. On the back of the envelope, you can



list the names of those you are making your donation in memory of. A week or two after Easter, we will include an insert in the bulletin listing the names of those that the donations were made in memory of.

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS



# **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

# PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Glen Jenson,** Pastor frjenson@saintsppta.org

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**Greg Elsen** Volunteer Choir Director

#### **Trustees** Brad Jacobs, Lee Schlosser

### **Parish Council**

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

**Finance Council** 

Rachel Polson-Chair, Dan Doboszenski, 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</u>	<b>Fiscal YTD</b>	<u>2024-25 Budget</u>
Envelopes	\$4,020.00	\$189,364.00	\$385,000.00
Loose Plate	308.00	7,470.00	
Electronic Giving	<u>1,980.75</u>	<u>62,770.31</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>
TOTALS	\$6,308.75	\$259,604.31	\$508,000.00

## **HELP NEEDED...**



Adoration is looking for a temporary sub for the 1:00 PM Sunday hour from April 13th through June 8th. If you can help out—you can take one week or as many weeks as you want please contact Joanne at 763.360.2639 or Diane at 612.730.9386. Thank you!

# Women CORNERSTONE

# **OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING AT CORNERSTONE**

- Prayer Team Social Media Ambassador
- Boutique Management\*
  - Receptionist/Admin. Asst.\*Client Advocate\*\*
- Church Ambassador
- Community Ambassador
- Building Upkeep
- Fundraising

- Nurse Advocate\*\*Social Worker\*\*
- Financial Support

To join the prayer team, please scan the QR code to the right. To volunteer, go to <u>cornerstoneoptions.com/volunteer</u>.

- \*Requires a monthly commitment
- \*\*Must hold a license in the required field in state of MN.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO THE DIACONATE? Attend Deacon Discernment Day to learn more...



The day includes Mass, prayer, reflections, lunch, Q&A, and more. It is intended for single or married men, and their wives (if applicable), between the ages of 25 and 59.



For online Sunday Offering Contributions,





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For online Renovation Donations, scan above QR code .

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS — CATHOLIC — SERVICES APPEAL

Keeping God at the center of all we do brings an abundant life! Please support the Catholic Services Appeal

to bring God's love and consolation to others.



Our parish goal this year is **\$30,652.** 

If giving online, when selecting your parish affiliation, we are listed as "Saints Peter & Paul-Loretto-224."



# **OUR CATHOLIC FAITH**



## **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

I like to imagine the Prodigal Son practicing his apology in the mirror.

He wouldn't have, of course. Mirrors weren't exactly a dime a dozen back then. But I imagine him anyway, rehearsing the words as he contemplates his own gaunt reflection: "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. Treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."

In other words, I have done wrong. I deserve nothing from you. But please, don't let me starve. Save me.

The apology wasn't necessary to move the heart of the father. We know that because before they meet, before anything is said, the father is overcome with compassion not because he got his satisfaction, that long-awaited "I'm sorry, I was wrong." No, he's simply overjoyed to see his son alive. Even without apology, we know the father will beg his son to stay.

So why does the son apologize?

The father doesn't need the "I'm sorry." He isn't starving and lost. He knew all along it was a bad idea. He doesn't need to learn any lessons.

But what a tragedy it would have been, if the son had never said he was sorry. Undoubtedly, his father would have let him stay as a hired worker, and he would have had food to eat. He would have survived. But he wouldn't have been what he was born to be.

I often think of the son's apology as I am kneeling in the confessional, awkwardly reciting sins God already knows and is eager to forgive. *Why are you doing this?* some people would ask. *God doesn't need this.* 

It's the apology, you see. The apology means everything. The Prodigal Son was dead. The apology brought him back to life.

God doesn't need our repentance. *We need our repentance.* 

# DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!

### Imago Divina (or Visio Divina): Praying with Sacred Art



"The Storm at Sea" (Rembrandt)



"The Adoration of the Shepherds" (Gerard van Honthorst)

Imago Divina (Latin for "divine image") is an extension of the ancient practice of Lectio Divina ("divine reading"). Imago Divina is, in a sense, praying with one's eyes, or using the medium of artwork to assist in lifting the mind to God.

Believers have always connected with the divine through visual representations of faith. This can be seen in the frescoes that adorn the walls of the catacombs, in the glory of Rococo architecture, and in the stained glass windows of a simple country church. "Art is capable of making visible our need to go beyond what we

> see and it reveals our thirst for infinite beauty, for God," said Pope Benedict in 2011.

> In practicing imago divina, just like with lectio divina, the faithful "read" (or view), reflect, respond and rest with the image, inviting the Holy Spirit to move them accordingly.

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(To learn more, check out a blog written by a local person, Madeline Larson, at <u>www.adportacaeli.com</u>.)

## **CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

#### **Question:**

Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

#### **Answer:**

The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthy food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!

# **NEWS & EVENTS**



# **THIS WEEK**

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### April 5, 4:00 PM

Fr. Jenson
Mary Kaye Schneider
Marlis Doboszenski
Brad & Marie Jacobs
Tim Spaulding
Cindy Spaulding

### April 6, 9:00 AM

Priest Fr. Bakat	:u	CA
SacristanJoAnn So	chlosser	Su
Rosary Meg Cler	mens	Su
Ushers Paul Else	n, Todd Johnson	
Lector Terese W	Veber	
Com Assist Deacon 1	Гот	Мо
Hospitality John & B	Bernie Grenzer	

## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### **First Reading:**

While the Israelites were
encamped at Gilgal on the plains
of Jericho, they celebrated the
Passover. (Jos 5:10)

#### Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

#### Second Reading:

And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

#### **Gospel:**

"But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."' (Lk 15:32)

# **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF** MARCH 30, 2025

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Lent	Sat, AP
Tuesday:	April Fools' Day	
Wednesday:	St. Francis of Paola, Hermit	Sun, AP
Friday:	St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
Saturday:	St. Vincvent Ferrer, Priest	
Next Sunday:	5th Sunday of Lent ©LPi	
		Mon, AP

# MASS INTENTIONS | April 1-6

Tues †Fr. Michael Jakobec	
Wed Greg Elsen & Lucas Affeldt	
Thur †Phyllis Doboszenski	
Sat, 4:00pm †Eileen Klaers	
9:00am	r

# CALENDAR | March 30 - April 13 SPP = Ss. Peter & Paul

CALENDAR	March 30 - April 13 $ST = St.$ Thomas		
Sun, MAR 30	COFFEE & ROLLS   Following 9am Mass in SPP Dining Hall HOLY APOSTLES YOUTH GROUP   6-8pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP   6-7:30pm in SPP Conference Room		
Mon, MAR 31	CHOIR PRACTICE   6:30-8pm in SPP Gym		
Tue, APR 1	VIA   8am-4:30pm in SPP Parish Center Homeschool Track & Field   4-6pm in SPP Gym Men's Small Group   6-7:30pm in SPP Conference Rm OCIA   7pm @ St. Thomas		
Wed, APR 2	Parish Cluster Dinner   5:30-6pm @ St. Thomas Faith Formation   6:15-7:30pm @ St. Thomas		
Thur, APR 3	Homeschool Track & Field   4-6pm in SPP Gym Pastoral Council mtg   6:30pm in SPP Conference Rm		
Fri, APR 4	INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN   9am in St. Thomas Church lower level St. THOMAS FISH FRY   4-6:30pm in ST Parish Center STATIONS OF THE CROSS   7pm in St. Thomas Church		
Sat, APR 5	FAITH & BASKETBALL   7:30am @ Providence FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS   Confessions 7:30-8:15am, Rosary 7:50am, Mass 8:30am @ ST		
Sun, APR 6	Coffee & Rolls   after 9am Mass in SPP Dining Hall HAM BINGO   1-4pm in Ss. Peter & Paul Gym Women's SMALL GROUP   6-7:30pm in SPP Conference Rm		
Mon, APR 7	CHOIR PRACTICE   6:30-8pm in SPP Gym		
Tue, APR 8	VIA   8am-4:30pm in SPP Parish Center Homeschool Track & Field   4-6pm in SPP Gym Well-Read Mom   6:30-7:45pm in SPP Dining Hall OCIA   7pm @ St. Thomas		
Wed, APR 9	No Parish Cluster Dinner No Faith Formation		
Thur, APR 10	HOMESCHOOL TRACK & FIELD   4-6pm in SPP Gym		
Fri, APR 11	FISH FRY   4:30-7pm in Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Center STATIONS OF THE CROSS   7pm in Ss. Peter & Paul Church		
Sat, APR 12	LIBRARY IN USE   10am-4pm @ SPP YOUNG ADULT SWING DANCE   7-11:30pm Outdoors @ SPP (weather permitting)		
Sun, APR 13	<ul> <li>PALM SUNDAY</li> <li>COFFEE &amp; ROLLS   Following 9am Mass in SPP Dining Hall</li> <li>ST. THOMAS HAM BINGO   12-3pm in ST Parish Center (Concessions open at 11am)</li> <li>ADD'L LENTEN CONFESSIONS   3-4pm in St. Thomas Church</li> <li>WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP   6-7:30pm in SPP Conference Rm</li> <li>ADD'L LENTEN CONFESSIONS   7-8pm in Ss. Peter &amp; Paul Church</li> </ul>		
Mon, APR 14	CHOIR PRACTICE   6:30-8pm in SPP Gym		



#### Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

#### Sunday:

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/ 2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

#### Monday:

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/ Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/ Jn 5:31-47

#### Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/ Jn 7:40-53

#### Next Sunday:

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/ Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

# **OUR LADY OF LORETTO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 9601**

Our Mission Statement: We are a Catholic, family, fraternal,



service organization dedicated to the values and faith of the Roman Catholic Church through our activities that promote Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

To join the Our Lady of Loretto Knights of Columbus, contact Grand Knight Greg Dvorsak at 612-840-2400 or Financial Secretary Loren Spurzem at 612-423-6401 or visit their website at KC9601.mnknights.org.

The Knights meet the 3rd Thursday of every month in the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Center KC Room.

# 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; 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.

## 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 (6/2) Eddie & Mary Zachman (6/25)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

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



**Prayer Intention** for April 2025

For the participants of the Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry and their families; and for those who have left the Catholic faith, that they will feel called to return to the Church during this Easter season.

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.





Join Mark Wahlberg and Jonathan Roumie and Pray Every Day on Hallow This Lent!

# 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	
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	
Morning Division Leader: Afternoon Division Leaders:	Judy Lill	612.600.2050

"Remain here and watch with Me."



# Adoration **Open Hours**

NIGHT TIME HOURS:	
Sunday	2 AM
Thursday	I AM*, 2 AM
Saturday	I AM, 3 AM
MORNING HOURS: Saturday	9 AM*
AFTERNOON HOURS: Saturday	5 PM
EVENING HOURS:	
Friday	
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 website by scanning this QR code, or call the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office Administrator at 763-479-0535.

