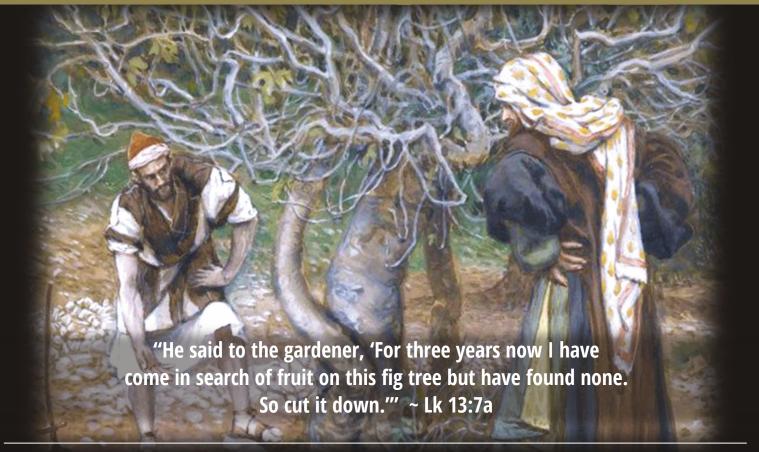


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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ◆ MARCH 23, 2025



# Weekend Masses

# Saturday

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

(All SPP weekend Masses in Gym during Renovation)

#### 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
Wednesdays6:15-	-7pm @ St. Thomas (w/Adoration)
Saturdays	
3-3:4	45pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul in Library

# Sacrament Guidelines

# **Baptisms:**

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

#### **Marriages:**

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This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent. The call to conversion in our Gospel this Sunday is quite clear. Jesus tells a parable about an orchard owner who wanted to cut down the fig tree which had not born fruit after three years. The owner wants it cut down, so it does not continue to exhaust the soil while producing no fruit. As we move into the middle of Lent, we are reminded by this parable to

give some thought to how fruitful we look in the Lord's eyes. Are our thoughts, words and deeds meritorious in his eyes?

If our look within ourselves leaves one a bit despondent about our state of holiness, the end of this parable gives real hope. The gardener steps in for the fruitless tree and offers to do extra fertilizing and cultivating to help it to mature and bear fruit as it should. Jesus calls us to bloom and grow but also provides the grace we need to do that. I pray that our Lent will open us to the healing grace of Jesus so that we can bloom and grow in his eyes!

Remember stations of the cross will be at St. Thomas each Friday until restoration work is completed at St. Peter and Paul.

### A MAINTENANCE MINUTE

(From Gary, our Maintenance Guy)



How many light bulbs are in the Parish Center and School?

Answer in next weekend's bulletin.

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Friday, 7:00 PM @ St. Thomas

Men's Social Group

Wednesdays, 9:00AM Ss. Peter & Paul Dining Hall

No need to contact anyone... just show up!

3 RD SUNDAY OF LENT





#### **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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# **SUPPORTING PARISH & COMMUNITY**

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

	W/E 3/16	<u>Fiscal YTD</u>	2024-25 Budget
Envelopes	\$6,494.00	\$185,344.00	\$385,000.00
Loose Plate	179.00	7,162.00	23,000.00
Electronic Giving	<u>1,422.75</u>	<u>60,789.56</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>
TOTALS	\$8,045.75	\$253,295.56	\$508,000.00

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# For online Sunday Offering Contributions,

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The Usher Ministry is very important to our parish. The Usher is the first person that worshipers meet when they arrive at church. The Usher represents the rest of the parish in offering hospitality. A smile and a word of welcome can have a profound impact on people as they arrive, especially if they are visitors to the parish. Welcoming people and making them feel at home is one way in which ushers help build up the church. A person who feels wel-comed and valued is much more likely to enter wholeheartedly into the liturgy of the Mass, giving thanks to God for the love that He

pours out on us.

Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) is the software we use to schedule Ushers. Each volunteer will receive a username and password so that they can access their information via computer, tablet, or cell phone. Within your personal profile, you can change your availability and set your serving preferences. If you cannot serve your scheduled shift, you can utilize MSP to request a substitute up to 24 hours before your scheduled service.

If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 763-479-0535 | sppoffice@saintsppta.org, or talk to Fr. Jenson after Mass.



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Let our words, actions, and prayers bear fruit – that is, grow closer to God in faith! Through support of the Catholic Services Appeal, we can nourish others in Christ's name.



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."

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Our Parish

Goal: \$30.652

Remember, if we reach our goal by the end of the year, we will get 30% of our goal back.



Current donations: \$5,875

# **FOOD DRIVE** BINGO

MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> - APRIL 6TH STS. PETER AND PAUL

Pick up your food drive bingo cards in the back of church or the Parish Center. For every winning bingo card we receive back, Catholic United Financial will donate \$1 to the food shelf, and \$5 for anyone who does a coverall!



Purchase 5 items in horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line to create a bingo

A \$15.00 donation counts as a bingo, and a \$50.00 donation counts as a coverall.

Leave food donation and bingo card in the back of church or the Parish Center to be entered into a drawing for \$50.

# OUR CATHOLIC FAITH





### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

#### The Patient Gardener

I have garden beds on the side of my house that I don't deserve.

When we bought the property, this was one of the features that was highlighted in the listing. "Professional landscaping! Trilevel garden beds that bask in the southern exposure!"

But I'm so terrible at weeding these garden beds — they become overgrown quickly, and I shudder to imagine what the previous owners would think of me if they drove by. I'm afraid they would write me off as lazy or disinterested, when really I'm just exhausted and busy. Every time I try to garden, one of my little assistant gardeners runs near the road and I must abandon the project to save them.

So, my husband, bless his heart, is the savior of these garden beds. He goes out there in the cool of the evening to pluck up the weeds that threaten to overtake this beautiful little garden. Patiently and tenderly, he restores it to a presentable state. Without him, they would be lost.

Perhaps I love these garden beds so much because I identify with them. If I were a garden, I would also be a mess, and people who have no time for messes would write me off as hopeless. We all need a savior to stick up for us, to come and quietly prune the unsightly growths that have taken root in our souls and turn the soil that has sat undisturbed for too long.

What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't — doesn't — give up on us. "Give me more time," he says to the Master. "I can still fix this one."

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

### DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!



#### THE ANGELUS

The incarnation of Christ changed the life of every Christian person who ever lived. Reflecting on that moment in salvation history is an opportunity for grace, growth and peace. Who wouldn't want that every day, or even three times every day?

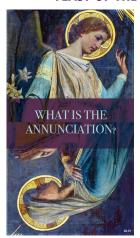
The Angelus is composed of three antiphons which narrate the annunciation, each followed by the recitation of a Hail Mary (a prayer that itself contains the "angelic greeting" of the angel

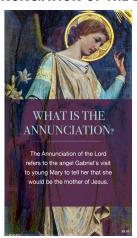
Gabriel). Its name is derived from the first words of the prayer in Latin.

This devotion was developed over the course of several centuries and is rooted in the ancient practice of saying three Hail Marys in the evening. Historically, people were called to prayer by the ringing of church bells — "the Angelus bells." Most people who recite the Angelus do so daily at noon, though it is often said in the morning, at noon and in the evening. For the full prayer, see page 7.

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### FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD - March 25







#### **CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

#### Question

What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?

#### Answer:

Sin is a deliberate thought, word, action, or omission contrary to God's law. Since the beginnings of the Church, sin has been distinguished by its gravity. "Grave matter" is traditionally defined by the Ten Commandments. If a person commits a grave sin with full knowledge of the action's evil and with the complete consent of their will, this is a mortal sin. The effects of mortal sin are grave – the loss of sanctifying grace, which can be restored by a fresh outpouring of God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Venial sin does not fit one or more of these conditions (for example, a less serious matter still freely chosen or grave matter committed while under force or ignorance of God's law). The effects of venial sin – while still damaging to the human heart and human society – are less severe. Even so, smaller sins build habits, which can obstruct our growth in virtue. When we are serious about following Jesus, we should do our best to avoid all sin, whether large or small!

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# **NEWS & EVENTS**

# **LENTEN FISH FRY @ ST. THOMAS** Friday, April 4 | 4-6:30 PM

Dine in or Take out: Deep-fried cod, mac-n-cheese, coleslaw, freshly baked bread, and beverages. Prepared and served by the St. Thomas Men's Club. Ages 11+: \$10, 4-10: \$8, 0-3: Free, Family Max: \$50. Stations of the Cross follows at 7 PM.





The Thrift Store Manager position in Delano is open once again. For those who are interested in this position or know someone who would be a good fit, you can view the full job description by scanning the QR code below.

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- 20 games will be played.
- Prizes will be Hams and \$10 Gift Cards
- Concessions will include Pop, Water, & Candy Bars

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# TIME TO REGISTER FOR TOTUS TUUS/ TRACKING MARY SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer will be here before we know it, and with that comes our Totus Tuus & Tracking Mary VBS programs. This year the dates are July 7-11, with PrimeTime happening July 6-10.





To register your child (ren), go to our website at www.sspap.org, scroll down, and click on one of the images to be taken to the registration form(s).

Note: Only one form is needed when registering

for either of the Totus Tuus programs. There is a separate form for the Tracking Mary program.



SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 12-3PM



Bring your friends and family for an afternoon of fun and prizes!

50¢ per game card or \$2 for 5 game plays Concessions open at 11am for lunch.



# THIS WEEK

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### March 29, 4:00 PM

Priest .....Fr. Jenson Sacristan..... Michael Roban Rosary ...... Diane Oberg Ushers .....Lee Schlosser, Butch Peitz

Lector ..... Joshua Roban EMHC..... Diane Oberg

#### March 30, 9:00 AM

Priest .....Fr. Jenson Sacristan..... Mary Kaye Schneider Rosary ..... Sandy Jordan Ushers ......Paul Gibson, Randy Arens, Glen Schneider Lector ..... Christian Young EMHC.....TJ McGuire Hospitality...... Duane & Karen Schlosser

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

### **First Reading:**

"This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." (Ex 3:14)

#### Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

### **Second Reading:**

These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor 10:11)

#### Gospel:

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" (Lk 13:5)

# **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2025**

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

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Wed, APR 9

Thur, APR 10

Fri, APR 11

**No Faith Formation** 

HOMESCHOOL TRACK & FIELD | 4-6pm in Gym

**LENTEN FISH FRY** | 4:30-7pm in Parish Center **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** | 7pm in Church



### MASS INTENTIONS | March 25-30

Tues......†Raymond Secora Wed.....†Marion Merz Thur..... Sandra Alger Sat, 4:00pm ...... Parish Cluster

	9:00am Living & Deceased Members of Catholic United Financial
CALENDAF	R   March 23 - April 11
Sun, MAR 23	COFFEE & ROLLS   Following 9am Mass in Dining Hall HOLY APOSTLES YOUTH GROUP   6-8pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP   6-7:30pm in Conference Room
Mon, MAR 24	CHOIR PRACTICE   6:30-8pm in Gym
Tue, MAR 25	<b>VIA</b>   8am-4:30pm
	HOMESCHOOL TRACK & FIELD   4-6pm in Gym OCIA   7pm @ St. Thomas
Wed, MAR 26	PARISH CLUSTER DINNER   5:30-6pm @ St. Thomas FAITH FORMATION   6:15-7:30pm @ St. Thomas
Thur, MAR 27	Homeschool Track & Field   4-6pm in Gym
Fri, MAR 28	STATIONS OF THE CROSS   7pm @ St. Thomas
Sat, MAR 29	FAITH & BASKETBALL   7:30am @ Providence Academy
Sun, MAR 30	COFFEE & ROLLS   Following 9am Mass in Dining Hall HOLY APOSTLES YOUTH GROUP   6-8pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP   6-7:30pm in Conference Room
Mon, MAR 31	CHOIR PRACTICE   6:30-8pm in Gym
Tue, APR 1	VIA   8am-4:30pm  Homeschool Track & Field   4-6pm in Gym  Men's Small Group   6-7:30pm in 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 Gym  PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING   6:30pm in Conference Rm
Fri, APR 4	INTERCESS HR FOR OUR GRAND/CHILDREN   9am @ St. Thomas LENTEN FISH FRY   4-6:30pm @ St. Thomas STATIONS OF THE CROSS   7pm @ St. Thomas
Sat, APR 5	FAITH & BASKETBALL   7:30am @ Providence Academy FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS   7:30-8:15am Confessions, 7:50am Rosary, 8:30am Mass @ St. Thomas
Sun, APR 6	COFFEE & ROLLS   Following 9am Mass in Dining Hall HAM BINGO   1-4:00pm in Parish Center WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP   6-7:30pm in Conference Room
Mon, APR 7	CHOIR PRACTICE   6:30-8pm in Gym
Tue, APR 8	<b>VIA</b>   8am-4:30pm
	HOMESCHOOL TRACK & FIELD   4-6pm in Gym WELL-READ MOM BOOK CLUB   6:30-7:45pm in Dining Hall OCIA   7pm @ St. Thomas
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### Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

#### Sunday:

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

#### Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/ Lk 4:24-30

#### Tuesday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

#### Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/ Mt 5:17-19

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

#### Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/ Lk 18:9-14

#### **Next 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

# **Catholic United Financial**

### Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Volunteer Team #056

Our Catholic United Financial Parish Volunteer Team promotes our faith and strengthens our community through various activities. We are committed to the social, service, and religious needs of our parish community.

Join Catholic United Financial by contact-ng Team Director, Joyce H. at 763-498-7187, or Administrative Coordinator, loanne at 763-479-2928.



# PRAYER



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.

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

Thank you!

Betsy Elsen (6/2)

# PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

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

# Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intention for March 2025

For the participants of the Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry and their families; and that people will become closer to Our Lord

this Lent by attending Mass more often, going to the Stations of the Cross, and visiting Our Lord in the chapel.

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.

#### THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary: And She conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: *Be it done unto Me according to Thy word.* 

Hail Mary, full of grace...

And the Word was made Flesh: *And dwelt among us.* Hail Mary, full of grace...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, *that we may* be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

"Imagine for a moment that we are living in Jesus' time and He has invited us to visit with Him and spend some quiet time getting to know Him better. Being aware who He was, we would be humbled and honored by such an invitation.

The good news is that Jesus is here with us TODAY – body, blood, soul and divinity – in the Holy Eucharist.
...His presence is as real to us NOW as He was flesh-and-blood-real to His disciples when he walked this earth. He can perform miracles, heal us, teach us, and love us. We can talk to Him and He can speak to us through His Word and through the Holy

Spirit who lives in us through our baptism and confirmation."

~ St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

# 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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