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SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

Traveling with Saint Faustina

Several months ago, our parishioner, Wacław Kucy, arranged for the Church of St. Peter to receive a relic of St. Faustina from the Divine Mercy convent in Krakow, Poland but he was unable to travel to bring it back. In the meantime, we booked a pilgrimage to travel to Poland in the footsteps of St. John Paul II and St. Faustina early this spring. When Fr. Zé found out about our travel plans he mentioned that as long as I was there I could bring back the relic. I truly thought he was joking—who am I to travel with such precious cargo? As soon as I understood Father was serious, I reached out to our tour company and confirmed we would be at the Chapel of Divine Mercy in Krakow on Monday, May 6. Everything was in place...or so I thought. Jesus I trust in you.

Days before we left copies of my passport, Father's credentials and other documents were emailed from North St. Paul to Krakow in preparation for our visit. Fr. Zé blessed me before I left and casually mentioned that I should see if we could get an upgrade to a first class relic instead of the second class relic that was promised to the parish. I told Father I would see what I could do. Other duties as assigned, I thought to myself. This was getting real! Jesus I trust in you.

While in Poland we had the opportunity to visit many significant sites including the convent in Warsaw where St. Faustina began her vocation and her humble birthplace in a remote village in the Polish countryside before heading to the shrine in Krakow on Monday. While discussing the life of this humble saint, I asked our tour guide if she could help me find the convent of the Sisters of Divine Mercy when we arrived and if she'd help me with any translation issues. "Oh, I'd love too, but we are going to the shrine on Sunday, not Monday" she said. My heart sank as I frantically looked through my emails from the parish to confirm the details. How could this happen? I can't let down my parish. Jesus I trust in you.

After a few panicked emails back and forth with the parish and the names of some of the sisters at the convent who might be able to help, our tour guide, who was a consecrated virgin with the Archdiocese of Krakow, again told me not to worry. She would text some of the sisters she knew at the convent to see what could be done. I was heartsick. Jesus I trust in you.

We arrived at the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Krakow early on Sunday morning and celebrated Holy Mass at one of the side chapels. At this point I was ready to admit to myself that this was just not meant to be. Jesus I trust in you.

Since we were there on a Sunday, many shops were not open so we were walking around the grounds when the priest we were traveling with came running "who has parish business here" he shouted "please come with me." Mike and I started running, and he led us to the front door of the convent where a sister was

waiting for us. Jesus I trust in you.

The sister welcomed us to their formal dining room and offered us coffee, which we politely declined. Who can drink coffee at a time like this? "We were expecting you tomorrow" she said. "I gave the relic to another sister." She's letting us down gently I thought to myself. "But it's good you are here today because I'm leaving in the morning for a retreat" she said as she started sliding paperwork across the table to me. "If I could just see your passport, I can tell you more about this special relic." Jesus I trust in you.

At this point, my tears are flowing. The sister explained to us that the relic we were receiving is in fact a first and second class relic. The reliquary contains fabric from the veil St. Faustina was buried in and the black fabric in the center contains some ashes from her body. She explained that there are very few first class relics of St. Faustina and they reserve those for parishes named in her honor so this relic was indeed very special.

The sister stressed to us that parishes who receive relics of St. Faustina are asked to make sure they host devotions to St. Faustina and her message of Divine Mercy. After many thank yous and a big hug, the sister escorted us back to the chapel. I quickly found our tour guide to thank her for all of her help. "Now I understand why our schedule was changed" she told me. "I thought it was odd the days were switched at such a late notice."

Who made the change? The sisters? The tour company? St. Faustina? Jesus? We will never know this side of heaven, but it's clear to me St. Faustina really wanted to travel with me on her way to the Church of St. Peter in North St. Paul, Minnesota! Jesus I trust in you!

Kari Erpenbach,
Stewardship & Communications Coordinator

See Divine Mercy Devotion on page 4.



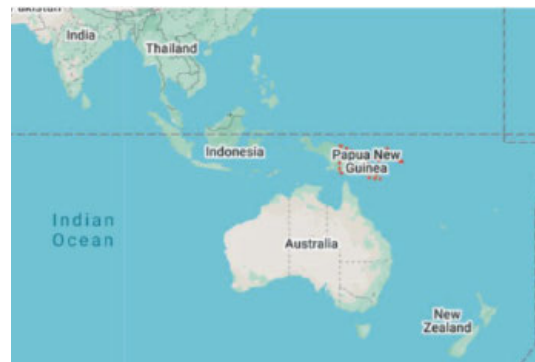
Supporting our brothers and sisters in Papua New Guinea

Second collection this weekend for our visiting missionary priest



This weekend, Fr. Thoompunkal Biju HGN, a priest of the St. Paul Province of Heralds of Good News, will preach at all Masses about his experience serving the people of Papua New Guinea.

Papua New Guinea, in the southwestern Pacific, encompasses the eastern half of New Guinea and its offshore islands. It is a country of immense cultural and biological diversity, it's known for its beaches and coral reefs. It is home to active volcanoes, granite Mt. Wilhelm, and dense rainforest. Papua New Guinea is home to over 10.39 million inhabitants and is comprised of many traditional tribal villages, many with their own languages.



The Diocese of Aitape has few resources and infrastructure. Their parishes are poor, many of them are in the mountains and they have dilapidated facilities. Most of our Churches are semi-permanent buildings and in many communities Holy Mass is celebrated in chapels built with bush materials and thatched roof. It is urgent to renovate most of the existing facilities in the diocese.

For the immediate need it is important to bring more missionaries. Many young men are willing to discern their vocation to diocesan priesthood, but the diocese does not have enough financial resources.

The diocese runs health facilities, schools, vocational centers and a program for disabled persons. Funds are needed for various charitable, social and evangelization programs in the diocese.



We need your prayers and generosity to provide much needed relief for our people. We are called to give Jesus to others. As the people of the Eucharist, you too can be part of our humble efforts to give Jesus to our people. "Acts of love and kindness never die, but in the lives of others they multiply." May God bless you abundantly and reward you richly for your generosity and love.



To support the second collection this weekend for Fr. Biju's efforts you can make a contribution online from the following QR code or at: churchofstpetermsp.org/give, write a check made payable to Church of St. Peter with Center for Missions written in the memo, or make a cash contribution.





This Week at St. Peter

Monday, July 14

Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Demuth Funeral 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 15

Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Dinderman Funeral 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 16

Mass 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 17

Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Bible Study 9:00 a.m. St. Paul Room
Adoration in Holy Redeemer Chapel 9-4

Friday, July 18

Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Adoration in Holy Redeemer Chapel 9-4
Ice Cream at the Car Show Downtown NSP

Saturday, July 19

Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Confessions 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Prayer at Planned Parenthood 11:30 a.m.
Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.
Festival Bottle Blitz at all Masses

Sunday, July 20

Mass at 8:00 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. * | 6:00 p.m.
*Incense used at these Masses
Festival Bottle Blitz at all Masses

Mass Intentions

July 13-20, 2025

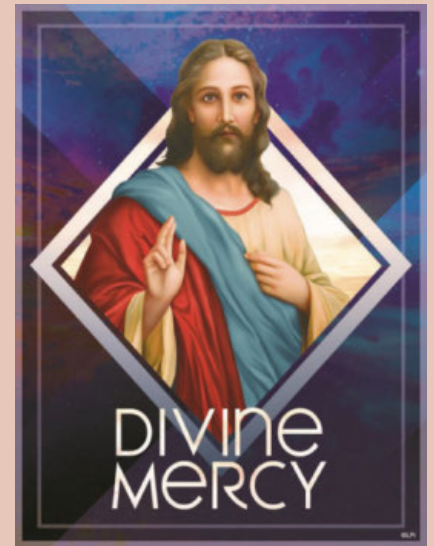
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert & Elaine Eberhard
	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners
	6:00 p.m.	†Jane Hepp
Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Buzz Rongstad
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Troy Renslow
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Cheryl Dinderman
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Bob & Lois Wadewitz †Craig White
Friday	8:00 a.m.	†John & Jean Fulcher
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	†Mark Klemmensen
	4:00 p.m.	†Ben Rauen
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Jim & June Gates
	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners
	6:00 p.m.	†Bob & Elaine Eberhard

Divine Mercy Devotion at St. Peter

Now that the relic of St. Faustina has safely arrived at our parish we are tasked with the responsibility to properly honor this humble Polish saint.

Parish staff are considering many ideas including praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church one day a week and ringing the Church bells at 3:00 p.m. on Fridays in honor of the hour of mercy.

If you are interested in helping us explore other options to foster a devotion to St. Faustina and Divine Mercy, please contact Patti Teachout, Liturgy Coordinator at 651-777-8304 or at pteachout@stpetersnsp.org.



Hold the Dates

Knights of Columbus Meeting	July 21
Popsicles & Playtime	July 23
Farewell Mass for Peter Quinn	July 25
St Charles Sisters	July 28/29
St. Charles Sisters	August 4/5
Healing Mass	August 5
National Night Out Picnic	August 5
Red Cross Blood Drive	August 6
Piano Concert	August 11
Divine Bites	August 12
Exploring Catholicism	August 13
Festival kickoff weekend	August 16/17
Exploring Catholicism	August 19
Popsicles & Playtime	August 20
St. Charles Mass & Dinner	September 13
Fall Festival	September 20
Fall Festival	September 21
St. Peter Showcase	October 25-26

Join us for the Bottle Blitz next weekend at all Masses

Help us collect bottles and jars for the Festival's Bottle Lotto game. Please save your empty jars, fill them with something fun and bring them with you the weekend of July 19/20, or if you prefer, purchase jars, bottles or containers of other items such as juice, lotion, soaps, sport drinks and other packaged treats. If it can sit on a shelf we can use it.

No time to shop? Consider making a cash donation for bottle treats and our volunteers will shop for treats and assemble them for you. Simply place your donation in an envelope marked Bottle Lotto, or make an online gift at: churchofstpetersnsp.org/support and we'll take it from there!



Thanks for your help! Questions? We're happy to help you help us. Contact Kari at 651-332-1070 or kerpenbach@stpetersnsp.org

Save lives. Give blood.

Please join us for a blood drive at Church of St Peter on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.



Hold the dates for mornings with the Sisters

Two sisters from Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo will be visiting our community at the end of July-beginning of August for a few days. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo.

The sisters invite everyone, especially mothers with their children, to spend some time with them, at the Parish, on July 28-29 and August 4-5. Join them for 8 a.m. Mass followed by coffee and cookies—please bring something to share with everyone. The sisters will lead games, songs, stories from scripture and lives of the saints and other activities. The mornings conclude with the prayer of the Angelus at noon.

Offerings through 6/30/25

Total Collected 24/25 Fiscal Year	\$1,419,594.60
Budgeted 24/25 Fiscal Year	\$1,393,265.16
Amount above or (below) budget	\$26,329.44
% above or (below) budget	1.89%

Thank you!

Thank you for your continued generosity to the Church of St. Peter. Not only did you work together to fill the budget gap we were facing, you helped us end the year with a surplus.

Your faithful giving to the Church of St. Peter ensures we can bring Christ to others, educate our children, support our faith journey, minister to our seniors and care for our neighbors. Every contribution helps us fulfill our life-saving work.

Faith Formation for the 2025-2026 school year

Register by August 15 to take advantage of special savings!



Road to Emmaus

Road to Emmaus is a monthly evening of community and catechesis for everyone! People of all ages and all stages of life are encouraged to come. Each monthly gathering follows the same pattern: 5:30-8 pm, one Wednesday a month. We'll begin with a potluck dinner, then break into groups by age for lessons before coming back together for a fun large group game activity. We'll close in prayer by 8 pm.

Cost for the program is \$25 per person ages 4+. We offer a family maximum of \$100.00.

Free child care will be offered for children under 4 years old during the lessons. Children must be able to use the toilet independently to be enrolled in the lessons or they will be placed in child care.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for students aged 3-

years to 6th grade who do not attend St. Peter School, will take place on Wednesdays, from either 4:30-6 pm or 6:15-7:45 pm. Students who attend St. Peter School will receive instruction during the school day and the fee is included as part of their tuition.

Please note, children must be able to use the toilet independently in order to attend CGS. Costs for CGS are \$100 per student if registered before August 15, 2025. Fees increase to \$125 on August 16, 2025.

First Reconciliation and First Communion Preparation

First Reconciliation and First Communion Preparation will take place during CGS for students in 2nd grade. There will be additional retreats before the reception of the Sacraments for all students.

Students enrolled in Wednesday evening classes who did not attend CGS last year will be placed in a classroom style sacramental program during the 6:15-7:45 time period, and should check the box to enroll in OCIC.

Students who attend St. Peter School will receive instruction during the school day and the fee is included as part of their tuition.

An additional \$50 per student Sacrament fee applies and is not subject to discounts.

Fellowship of the Keys (Grades 5-8)

Fellowship of the Keys for students in 5th-8th grade, takes place on Fridays, from 6:30-8 pm.

Costs are \$100 per student if registered before August 15, 2025. Fees increase to \$125 on August 16, 2025.

Confirmation Preparation (Grades 8-12)

Confirmation Preparation for students in grades 8-12 who do not attend St. Peter School will take place on

Wednesdays, from 6:30-8 pm. Students who attend St. Peter School will receive instruction during the school day and the fee is included as part of their tuition. All Confirmands are expected to attend fall and spring retreats and Confirmation Sponsor Nights.

Costs are \$100 per student if registered before August 15, 2025. Fees increase to \$125 on August 16, 2025. A Sacrament fee of \$150 will be added and is not subject to discounts

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

High School Youth Group: For students in grades 9-12, takes place on Wednesdays, from 6:30-8pm. There is no fee for High School Youth group.

Order of Christian Initiation for Children (OCIA)

Order of Christian Initiation for Children (OCIC) - Children aged 2nd-12th grade seeking Sacraments, who were not baptized as infants, or who are baptized but have not received formal faith formation instruction, should register for OCIC and call Barb Waldorf in the parish office to discuss the best fit for preparation.

Cost is \$100 per student if registered before August 15, 2025. Fees increase to \$125 on August 16, 2025

Faith Formation Volunteers

Please volunteer! We need many hands to make our programs run smoothly: catechists and assistants for CGS and Road to Emmaus, help with Sacramental Retreats, help before and after the monthly potluck dinner, childcare during Road to Emmaus, greeter during our Wednesday night programs, and general help maintaining the CGS atriums and materials throughout the school year. Adult catechists and assistants can take 50% off their child's program fees.

Register today!

Churchofstpetersnsp.org/faith

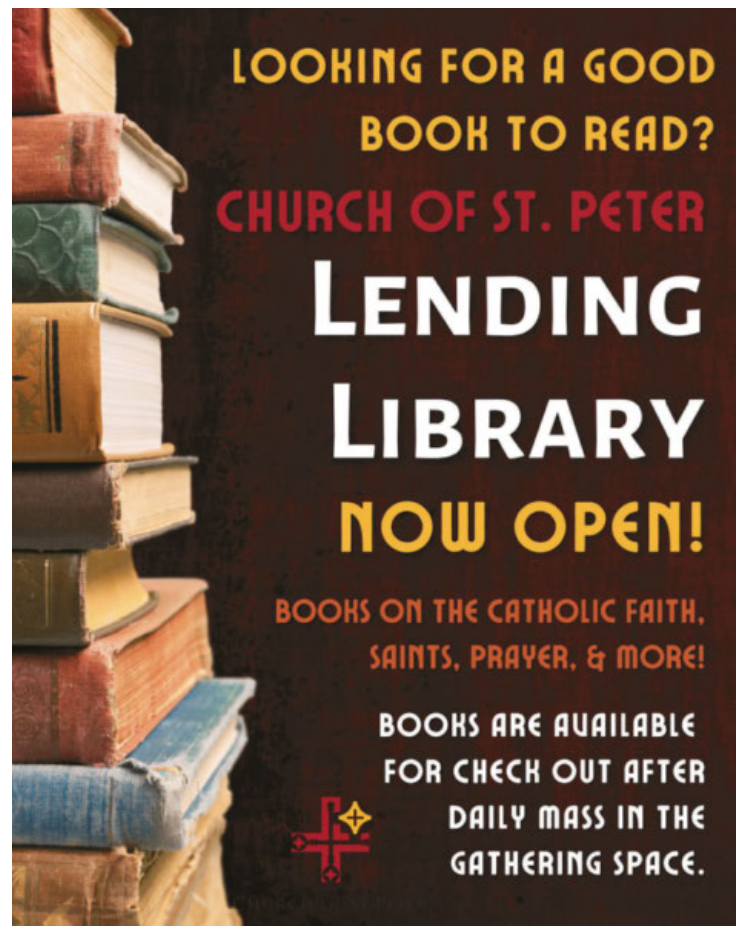
Select from the following options:

Parish families with children, School families

Or Parish families without children

Pray for the babies

Join other prayer warriors on **Saturday, July 19** on the sidewalk in front of Little Canada Planned Parenthood (91 Viking Drive by Hwy 36 & Rice St). We will meet there from 11:30 am-12:30 pm, and again on the 3rd Saturday of EVERY month. Through prayer and/or holding signs let's defend the unborn. (Signs provided) If questions call Jan at 651-490-0247.



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