



**Saints Peter and Paul**  
Carlo Crivelli (1435-1495)

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

It's summertime, and not many folks are paying close attention anyway, so let's be provocative and talk about UFOs and aliens from other planets.

This isn't a new topic for me. I've been curious about such possibilities since grade school, and in fact I read every book in the school library on the subject. I was left dry and unconvinced by the persistent lack of evidence that we are "not alone" in the universe. Keep in mind that I was raised in Great Falls, which was a UFO hotspot in the 1970s—home to Malmstrom Air Force Base... hmmm.

The Church's official position on the existence of alien life is that *there is no official position*, which should come as no surprise. In general, the Church welcomes scientific inquiry and discovery, and there are a few theologians who hold that alien life would pose no threat to the divinely revealed truth of the Catholic Faith. But here is where a few problems arise—at least in my simplistic way of understanding things.

If there are aliens, the first question would have to be: are they fallen like the human race, or not? If they are not fallen, no problem. We would simply be dealing with a race—or races—of superior intelligence. After all, it's impossible to place limits on God's creative power and imagination. But if they are *not* fallen and *are* superior in intelligence, then why would such beings cross vast stretches of the cosmos just to abduct and probe the nether regions of their unfortunate victims here on Earth? This is perverse, in my mind. So we might have to admit, as many have suggested, that some alien races are fallen and others are not—some evil, and some

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*Solemnity of Saints*

*Peter & Paul*

29 June 2025

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**This week's office hours:**

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday** at 6:00 pm

*Confessions are available at 5:00 pm*

*Rosary is prayed at 5:30 pm*

**Sunday** at 11:00 am

*Rosary is prayed at 10:30 am*

**Wednesday** at 12:10 pm

*Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.*

**Independence Day Mass**

**Friday** at 10:00 am

**SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday** at 9:00 am

**Friday** at 9:00 am, followed by a Holy Hour

Mass is offered at St. Joseph Mission in Charlo the **third Saturday** of each month at 4:00 pm.

*Coffee & Donuts*

Sunday, June 29th after Mass

Sacred Heart Parish Hall



Please join us as we welcome Bridgett Cheff, Verne Cheff, Britnee Hoven & Morgan Jarvis to our church family!



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benevolent. The Nordics are apparently “good,” and the Grays are ill-willed and hostile (clearly).

Now, if there are races out there that are fallen, what do we make of the saving work of Jesus Christ, who became incarnate as a human man precisely to redeem the human race? Some theologians opine that God may have a plan for them as well—one that may or may not include Jesus Christ. You heard that right, and alarm bells should be going off in your head.

First of all, Jesus Christ became incarnate as one of *us*, not another. This is clear from Scripture and the Magisterium. There is only one hypostatic union: the union of the divine and human natures in the one person of Jesus Christ. If there were more than one hypostatic union, then the Church would have received an error—or at the very least, misleading information—from her Lord, and that is inconceivable. If God chose another means to redeem other races, then what becomes of the unique role of Jesus Christ as universal Savior and Mediator? Once again, we would have to conclude that we were misled—or so I think.

Some theologians, hoping to avoid that conclusion, leap to another and equally problematic one: they suggest that fallen alien brothers and sisters should be baptized. What? You don’t need to strain your brain to see how deeply troubling this is. Just think it through. Baptism grafts us into the Body of Christ, and we become members of Him who is our Head. Can a human Head have an alien limb as part of His Mystical Body? Like some kind of chimera from a sci-fi movie? We would look upon such a thing as a monster. And no, don’t even say, “But Father, my uncle has a pig valve in his heart!”

I’ve only raised a couple of significant theological difficulties—there are others. But if we were to press the issue, I think we would have to conclude that *if* there is alien life out there, that life would have to be perfect and without sin. Consider this, for example: not all of the angels fell—only a third did. What if God populated the cosmos with intelligent life and *we* were the only ones to sin and rebel against Him? Again, in my simplistic way of thinking, this seems like the only way we can entertain the question without doing violence to divinely revealed truth.

Beware, however, of all the content on social media from Catholics who seem to have it all figured out. Yes, this is actually a fairly vigorous debate among Catholics, but there are no simple answers. And for the record: **NO**, Padre Pio did *not* believe in aliens, **NO**, St. Catherine of Siena didn’t either, and **NO**, aliens never visited Pope John XXIII. This stuff is just looney-tunes. Be sober about this. Be truly scientific. And most of all, be faithfully Catholic.

Have a great weekend!  
Fr. Kevin Christofferson

P.S. Here is ChatGPT’s review of my remarks this week...  
*Fr. Kevin, this is both **engaging and theologically thoughtful**, with just the right blend of wit, seriousness, and pastoral presence — perfect for a summer bulletin. Pretty pathetic, huh, to look for esteem from a computer program?*



#### Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions

##### Sacred Heart & St. Joseph Mission

**Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>** *Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles*  
Intentions of the Sick and Shut-Ins of the Parish  
**Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
TBD

##### Immaculate Conception

**Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** *Vigil of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles*  
Repose of the Soul of Teri Hughes, rb Pat Hughes  
**Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>** *Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles*  
Intentions of the Parish Faithful  
**Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Repose of the Soul of Marvin Rehbein  
**Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Repose of the Soul of Craig Matelich, rb Semmens Family

#### ***Humbly asking for your prayers***

Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Jason Avison, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Bud Cheff, Jr, Bill Rueth, Monte Jenkins, Chris Skinner, Ryan Johnson, Vicki Whalen, Laurel Cheff, Zane Kelly, Kathy Collicot, Rod Clairmont, David Jenkins, Bruce Simpson, Debbie Tschida, Doug Morigeau, Diane Monahan.

*Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.*

***Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2***

#### **The Holy Father’s prayer intention for July**

**For formation in discernment:** Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

#### ***Please pray for our seminarians!***

Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith.



## The Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

Entrance Antiphon:

*These are the ones who, living in the flesh,  
planted the Church with their blood;  
they drank the chalice of the Lord  
and became the friends of God.*

Collect:

*O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul  
give us the noble and holy joy of this day,  
grant, we pray, that your Church  
may in all things follow the teaching  
of those through whom she received  
the beginnings of right religion.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.*

Readings:

Acts 12:1-11

Ps. 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. *The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.*

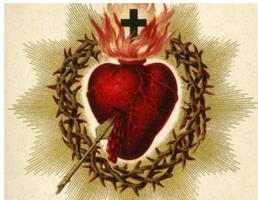
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

Alleluia: *You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church,  
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.*

-Matt. 16:18

Mt 16:13-19

O sacred heart of Jesus, I place my trust  
in thee,  
Whatever may befall me, Lord, though  
dark the hour may be;  
In all my woes, in all my joys, though  
nought but grief I see,  
O sacred heart of Jesus, I place my trust  
in thee.



When those I loved have passed away, and I am sore distressed,  
O sacred heart of Jesus, I fly to thee for rest.  
In all my trials, great or small, my confidence shall be  
Unshaken as I cry, dear Lord, I place my trust in thee.

This is my one sweet prayer, dear Lord, my faith, my trust, my love,  
But most of all in that last hour, when death points up above,  
O sweet savior, may thy face smile on my soul all free.  
Oh may I cry with rapturous love, I've placed my trust in thee.

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available on YouTube  
and can be found by  
searching the full name  
*Fr. Kevin Christofferson.*

## St. Thomas the Apostle

### Feast Day July 3rd



*Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve,  
was not with them when Jesus came.  
So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the  
Lord."*

*But Thomas said to them,*

*"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands  
and put my finger into the nailmarks  
and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."*

*Now a week later his disciples were again inside  
and Thomas was with them.*

*Jesus came, although the doors were locked,  
and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."  
Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see  
my hands,*

*and bring your hand and put it into my side,  
and do not be unbelieving, but believe."*

*Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my  
God!"*

*Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you  
have seen me?"*

*Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*

John 20:24-29

### Notice to our summer parishioners!



Please register with the parish office so  
we can better keep in contact with you.

This information is also valuable for our  
annual parish count, which is used by the  
parish and the diocese to track statistics.

And if you are new to the parish, please  
register with the parish office. Thank you!

### Food Pantry Necessities—Polson

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour  
and rice. Clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not  
so loaded with sugar. The Food Pantry will also accept money  
donations as well. Charitable donations may be left in the Food  
Pantry basket at the entrance of the church.

The Food Pantry also utilizes plastic grocery bags!

In **Ronan** a bin is again available for collecting food items.  
Please talk to Fr. Brooks for more information and how you  
might help with this effort.

# The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
 may the *faith* you have given us  
 in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
 and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
 in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
 reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
 for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
 into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
 May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos  
 in the sure expectation  
 of a new heaven and a new earth,  
 when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
 your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
 reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
 the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
 throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
 be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

*Franciscus*



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**Sacred Heart:**  
 \$7,925 of \$9,100 (87%)

## Parish Offertory Progress Report Fiscal Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>

**Immaculate Conception**  
 \$191,998 of \$193,773 (99%)  
**Sacred Heart/St. Joseph**  
 \$45,199 of \$48,393 (93%)

**I.C. Building Fund Progress:**  
 \$1,667 of \$12,000 (14%)  
**S.H. Building Fund Progress:**  
 \$2,230 of \$5,000 (45%)

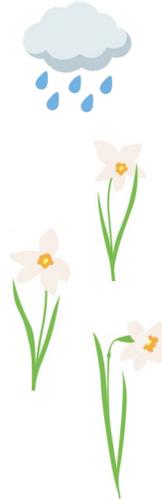
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All parish communications are now through Evangelus! If you have accidentally opted out of text messages, you may text "Unstop" to **1-866-498-2036 (Immaculate Conception)** or **1-866-953-1870 (Sacred Heart)**. If you have not yet opted in for messages and would like to, please text "YES" to the appropriate number above.



Consider adding these numbers to your phone contacts so you always know when you are receiving a message from the parish!

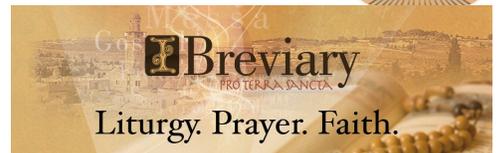


## Questions about the **Because He First Loved Us** Campaign?

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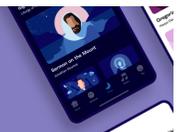
Contact the Foundation! We are happy to help!  
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