JUNE 29, 2025

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

OUR MISSION:

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God of justice and Lord of all, you guide all creation with fatherly care. On this Independence Day, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations. You reveal that those who work for peace will be called your sons and daughters. Continue to send your Spirit to touch the hearts and minds of all who cherish the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And as you have called us to be one nation, grant that under your providence our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. We ask this 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. Amen.

Sacred Heart Monastery, WI



The parish office will be closed on Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. We will return on Monday, July 7th.

Welcome to Fr. Chris Bologo, Parochial Vicar on page 3



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am and Daily Masses are **Live Streamed** on our website stmaryslg.org/live-stream-mass

DAILY MASS

Mon - Sat: 8:30am Rosary - 8:00am Live-Stream & in church

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm (in church)

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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

In his miraculous escape from prison, Peter was convinced of God's saving work in his life. Where do you see God at work in your life?

Second Reading:

As Paul was nearing the end of his life, he realized that God had rescued him from many dangers and threats. As you reflect on your life, can you see times when God's saving hand was present for you?

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 12:1-11;

Psalm 34;

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18;

Matthew 16:13-19

Gospel:

Jesus commissioned Peter to be the foundation ("rock") of his Church. Are there any roles or responsibilities you feel called to do in your parish?

Today's Solemnity celebrates the lives and faith and service of Sts. Peter and Paul.

On this day (June 29) in the year 258 Pope Sixtus VI celebrated the two together at the St. Sebastian Catacombs, and that is why we commemorate them together on this date. It is worth noting that throughout the St. Sebastian Catacombs prayers are carved on the walls by early Christians, which begin "Petrus et Paulus." These two mainstays of our Catholic Church are almost considered as one in terms of their total impact, and they have been for centuries.

The readings for this Solemnity touch on the significance of both Sts. Peter and Paul and expand the understanding of how deep their influence was on the Church as well as on those of us who are among the faithful of that Church. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles focuses on Saint Peter, although the martyrdom of Saint James is also important.

We deem Peter as our first Pope, and every Holy Father since has served in the succession of Peter. According to The Catechism of the Catholic Church (552-553): "Simon Peter holds the first place in the college of the Twelve; Jesus entrusted a unique mission to him. Through a revelation from the Father, Peter had confessed: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Our Lord then declared to him: 'You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.' Christ, the 'living Stone', thus assures his Church, built on Peter, of victory over the powers of death.

Because of the faith he confessed, Peter will remain the unshakeable rock of the Church. His mission will be to keep this faith from every lapse and to strengthen his brothers in it." The fact that St. James (the Greater) was martyred and Peter spared is a clear indication that the Lord had great things in mind for St. Peter.

In St. Paul's letter to Timothy, the second reading, we not only hear of the special apostolate to which Paul was called, but also the eloquent way Paul describes it. Historically, it is most probable that Sts. Peter and Paul were in Rome at the same time. Scholars have concluded that Peter was martyred in 64 A.D. under the emperor Nero (Peter would have been approximately 65 years of age), and that Paul was martyred a short time later, also by the Emperor Nero. The fact that these two men were in Rome at the same time and died relatively close together in terms of time, also ties them together for us. So much of Paul's statements in this reading are memorable and well known, from "I am already poured out" to "I have finished the race," but there is special significance in his statement "the crown of righteousness awaits me." In the original Greek, St. Paul used the word "stephanos" for "crown." That is worth noting since that kind of crown was not a royal crown, but a victor's crown. What makes it especially momentous is the name of the first martyr who suffered under Paul's persecution — Stephanos (St. Stephen).

We have already referred to the Gospel in which Jesus identifies St. Peter as the "rock" on which He will build His Church (There could be no clearer indication that we are part of the Church established by Jesus and initially developed by Peter).

As stewards, we are called to follow their example — to build the Church through our commitment, to overcome our failures through God's mercy, and to proclaim the Gospel with courage. Like Peter and Paul, we are invited to give all we have for the sake of Christ and His Church.

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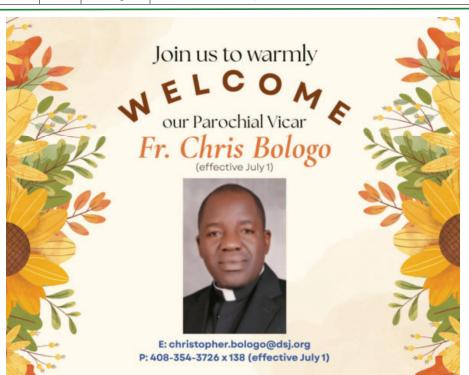
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK					
Sun	6/29	STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19			
Mon	6/30	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22			
Tues	7/1	St. Junípero Serra, Priest Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27			
Wed	7/2	Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34			
Thu	7/3	ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1b-2; Jn 20:24-29			
Fri	7/4	Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13			
Sat	7/5	St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17			
Sun	7/6	14 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20			

Mass Intentions					
Mon	6/30	8:30 am	Evelyn Petrinovich †		
Tues	7/1	8:30 am	Terry Stambaugh †		
Wed	7/2	8:30 am	Bruce Welch †		
Thu	7/3	8:30 am	Ethel and Nicholas Baxter †		
Fri	7/4	8:30 am	Barbara Baxter †		
Sat	7/5	8:30 am	Lisa Baxter Cobler †		
		5:00 pm	Antonio Bettencourt †		
Sun	7/6	9:00 am	Anna Paulsen †		
		11:00 am	Renee Preaseau †		
		5:00 pm	Carol Lee Restifo †		





ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything
in the world, and I hunger
to receive you.
But since I cannot receive
Communion at this time,
Feed my soul spiritually.
I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive
You in Holy Communion. Amen.

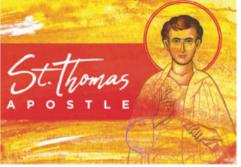
LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Peter testified to a dangerous and unpopular truth — that Christ was the Messiah. That courage, that trust in God, is the cornerstone of all we believe. Like Peter, we must always bear witness to the truth.

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Pope Leo XIV's Universal Prayer Intention: 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.



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For those who have recently died:

Brigitte Spallanzani; Charli Joan Blackwell; George Bommarito; Bruce Welch

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.



5:00pm Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 9:00am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

11:00am Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ 5:00pm Sunday: 5PM Sunday Ensemble

St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary! We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in the Junior High Library.



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Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Sue Ahmadian at sue.ahmadian@gmail.com

ST. MARY BIBLE STUDY - Did you know we have a bible study group that meets every other Thursday 9:30am - 11am? We are currently studying Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson's program on the bible. Feel free to drop in whenever you have time. Please check the parish calendar for the schedule.

ST. MARY MARIAN PRAYER GROUP - Tuesday mornings at 10:15am in Hoffman Center. We pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary and meditate on a reading from daily Mass. We pray for the intentions of the school and parish. All are welcome!

ST. MARY SENIORS - If you are free the 3rd Monday of the month, please join us in Hofmann Center at 12 noon for a meeting of social activity and service to our parish. Bring a sack lunch.

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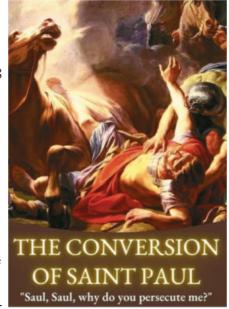
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OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

JANUARY 25 IS THE FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL AND THE END OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. WHAT DOES ONE HAVE TO DO WITH THE OTHER?

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity consists of eight days beginning January 18 (at that time the feast of the Chair of Peter), and ending on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, founded in the early twentieth century in Graymoor, NY, sought to promote unity among Anglicans and Roman Catholics. Paul James Wattson, a former Episcopalian priest, founded the community, which was formally accepted into the Catholic communion.

The idea for Christian unity soon began to catch on, and by the 1930s, more and more Christians welcomed such a focus. Suggestions for prayer and education are distributed each year, emphasizing a jointly chosen theme. The 1964 Vatican II document on ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, gave a great boost to the octave, so that today many Christians worldwide promote and participate in the octave time of prayer.



The emphasis on both Peter and Paul aptly fits into the rationale of the octave. Peter is seen as the source of unity within the Christian tradition. Paul is highlighted due to his vision of bringing all to Christ. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ideal opportunity to pray for and promote respect, understanding, and, hopefully, eventual unity among Christians.

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FEAST OF FAITH: LITTLE MYSTERIES

Two small rites - or, as one liturgist has called them, "little mysteries" - accompany the preparation of the gifts. The priest or deacon takes a small cruet of water from the server and adds a drop of water to the wine. Then, after the elevation of the chalice (and the incensation, if incense is used), the priest washes his hands. Both of these actions were at first practical, matter-of-fact realities: in the ancient world the wine was usually quite thick, and was generally mixed with water before it was drunk. And in the early church, when the faithful brought forward a great variety of gifts at this time, there was a definite need for the presider to wash his hands!

But now these rites serve a purely symbolic function. The mingling of the water and wine is accompanied by a prayer that speaks of the wonderful exchange of the Mass, the mingling of Christ's divinity and our humanity. And as the priest washes his hands, he prays words of supplication from Psalm 51, acknowledging his own sinfulness in the presence of the assembly before he dares to approach the altar for this most sacred action.

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PILGRIMAGE - EXPLAINED

A pilgrimage is a journey to a place of spiritual significance undertaken by one who is seeking closeness to Heaven while still on Earth.

Christian pilgrimages really began in the fourth century, when churches in the Holy Land were constructed in locations associated with the life of Christ. Throughout the centuries, pilgrims have likewise flocked to sites of Marian apparitions, miracles, and to places connected with the lives of saints. Some of the most iconic pilgrimage destinations include Fatima, Lourdes, and the Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

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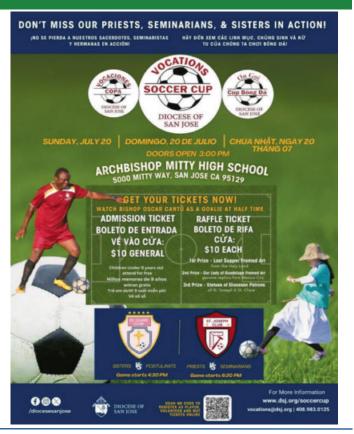
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2025. The ILM offers a 3-year course of study for lay leaders in the Church. Responding to their baptismal call, ILM graduates return to their parish to serve in various leadership roles in Liturgy, Catechetics, Social Justice, Pastoral Care, and others. Find more about the ILM at bit.ly/ilm.eng

INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY MINISTRY

The Institute for Leadership in Ministry, in collaboration with the Office of Adult Spirituality and Family Life, is pleased to offer an Introduction to Family. The course consists of two sessions per week over three weeks, followed by one Saturday session focused on how to establish a parish team. For more information about this new course visit

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