

June 29, 2025

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

“Lord, you know everything: you know that I love you.”

The Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul is one of my favorite celebrations in the Church year. I often imagine the looks on their faces when they found out a feast would be celebrated in their honor. It’s a powerful reminder of God’s grace that these two men—whose flaws are clearly and honestly portrayed in Scripture—would become pillars of our Church. They were imperfect, ordinary individuals transformed by an encounter with Christ and set ablaze by the Holy Spirit.

Let’s begin with St. Peter. A close reading of the Gospels—especially Mark, which many believe reflects Peter’s own memories—shows us a man full of contradictions. He was passionate and bold, yet impulsive and at times fearful. He often spoke before thinking, most memorably at the Last Supper, when he initially refused to let Jesus wash his feet, only to change his mind moments later in dramatic fashion. And yet, this same Peter was chosen to be the rock on which Christ would build His Church. Not because he was perfect, but because he was willing to let Christ lead him, even after his denials. He allowed grace to transform his weakness into strength, his fear into faith.

St. Paul, on the other hand, began as a fierce persecutor of Christians. A man of rigid convictions, he believed he was doing God’s will by stamping out this new movement. But a dramatic encounter on the road to Damascus turned his entire life upside down. From that moment on, he became one of the greatest evangelists the Church has ever known, traveling extensively, writing letters, and enduring suffering for the sake of Christ.

Peter and Paul couldn’t have been more different—one a fisherman, the other a scholar; one walked with Jesus during His earthly ministry, the other met Him in a blinding vision. But both were radically changed by Christ. And both, ultimately, gave their lives as witnesses to the truth of the Gospel. Their shared feast reminds us that God doesn’t call the perfect—He perfects the called. May we, like Peter and Paul, be open to the transforming power of God’s mercy and become bold witnesses to His love in our world.

Next Week’s Readings:

Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, June 30 | No Mass
+Pray for Vocations to Religious Life

Tuesday, July 1 | Mass
5:15 p.m. +Russel O'Donnell
Sacristan: Duane Heit

Wednesday, July 2 | No Mass
8:00 a.m. +Bud & Mary Ann Billmyer
Sacristan: Jed & Joyce Becker
Music: Jed Becker

Thursday, July 3 | Mass
9:00 a.m. +Evelyn Andresen
Sacristan: Inez Kruse

Friday, July 4 | Mass
8:00 a.m. +Evelyn Andresen
Sacristan: Jerry & Barb O'Donnell

Saturday, July 5 | Mass
4:00 p.m. +Frank, Arlene and Richard
Vrzak
EMHCs: Steve & Terry Duerre; Duane Heit
Lectors: Terry Duerrie; Duane Heit
Servers: Cora Johnson
Music: Harlan Larson; Mary Larson
Greeters: Bryan & Denise Sheehy
Hosts: Bryan & Denise Sheehy
Ushers: Bryan Sheehy; Adam, Aidan, &
Awnan Skoda
Sacristan: Terry Duerre

Sunday, July 6 | Mass
8:00 a.m. +Leland & Evelyn Truka
EMHCs: Emily Dohlman-Govern; Phil &
Kim Walker
Lectors: Julie Wilson; Emily Dohlman-
Govern
Servers: Luther Govern; Oakley Vobr
Music: LuAnn McCormick; Polly Jones
Greeters: Betty Hebrink; Pat Pinter
Hosts: Phil & Kim Walker
Ushers: Dale & Lynette Andera; Alisha
Carolan; Ken Hruska
Sacristan: Stan & Connie Kepros

Sunday, July 6 | Mass
10:00 a.m. +Louis & Marie Gebel
EMHCs: Patty Elsbernd; Gary Langreck;
Sheila Slifka
Lectors: Gary Langreck; Kayla Head
Servers: Roman Head; Eleanor Ellingson
Music: Joe Wacha; Polly Jones
Greeters: Gary & Janel Langreck
Hosts: Don Dietzenbach
Ushers: Don Dietzenbach; Randy Mashek;
Tommy Mashek; Richard
McConnell
Sacristan: Sheila Slifka



Bread: For the People

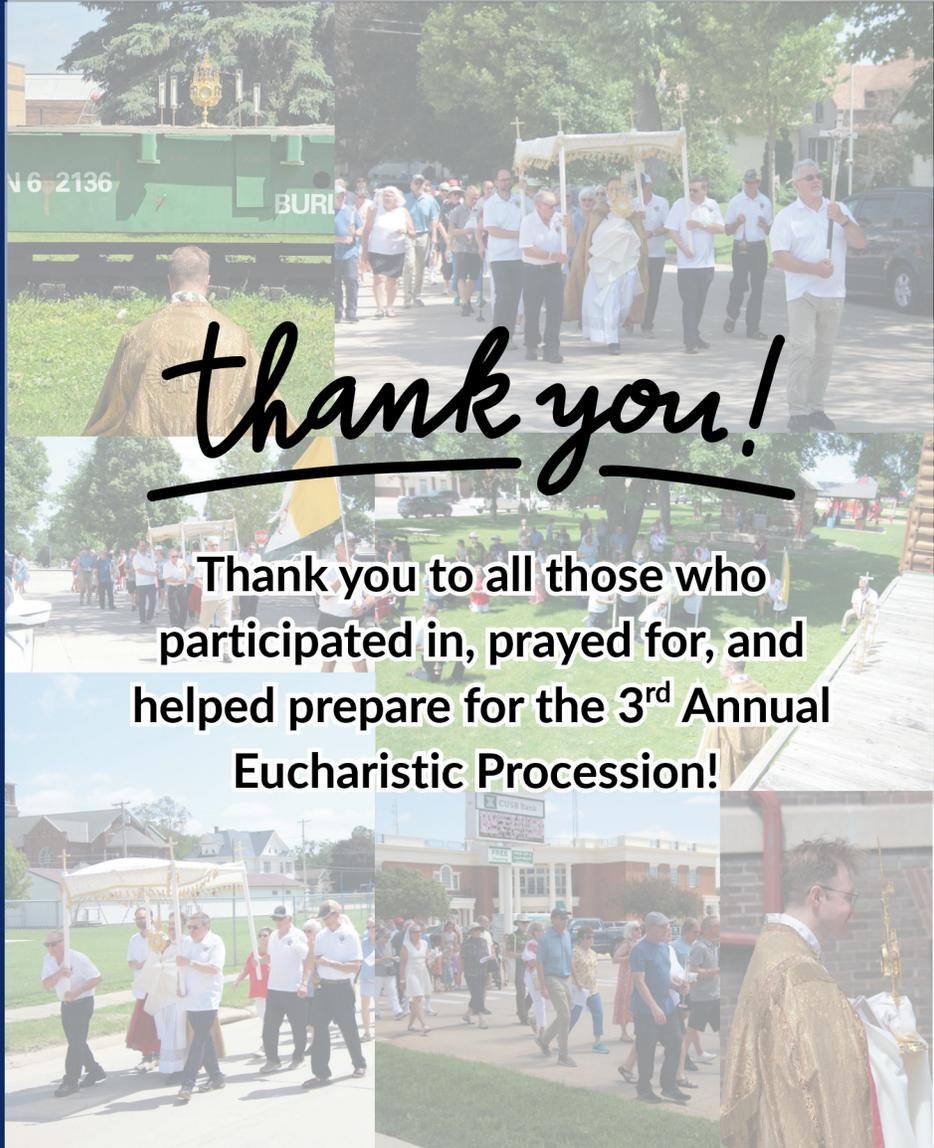
**“The Apostle Paul entered heaven to the
cheers of those he martyred. That’s how
the Gospel works.”**

-Unknown

Stewardship of Prayer

Please pray for the sick of our parish, including the following and those listed in the Book of Petitions.

CONNIE FRANA	MATT DUERRE	JERRY SMITH	TONY WICKS
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JIM MURPHY	DAVE BOELMAN	MARK TIESKOTTER	KEN HRUSKA



**Thank you to all those who
participated in, prayed for, and
helped prepare for the 3rd Annual
Eucharistic Procession!**

Stewardship of Offering

JUNE 23, 2025

Total Stewardship Contributions/Offertory Income	
Needed each week:	\$ 10,827.00
Last week's Envelope Contribution Income:	\$ 3,454.00
Last week's ACH Contribution Income:	\$ 805.00
Last week's offertory income:	\$ 512.84

In today's Gospel, the disciples suggest that Jesus disperse the crowd so that they might individually seek food and lodging. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand is Jesus' powerful reminder that when we share our gifts in His name there is always more than enough!

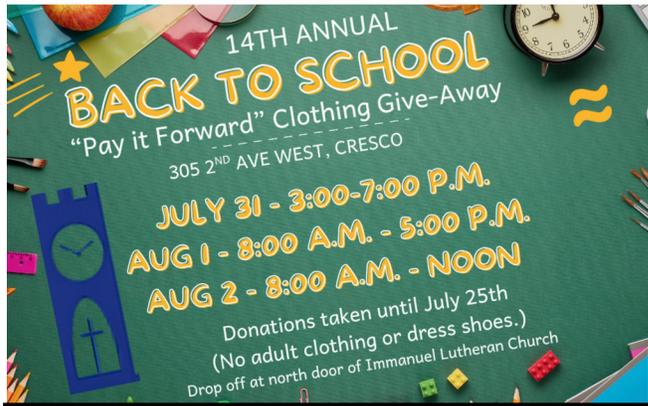
TAKE NOTE:

Parish Picnic, Save the date for the 2025 Parish Picnic! Our Family Ministry Committee would love to see everyone join them at the picnic on July 31st at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Outdoor activities will be held on the playground.

Outdoor Concert, Save the date for Steve Angrisano's concert at our parish August 15.

This Week at Notre Dame

Parish Hall will not be usable from July 5-20th so that our maintenance team can re-wax the floor. Trivia Night previously scheduled for July 11th will be rescheduled.



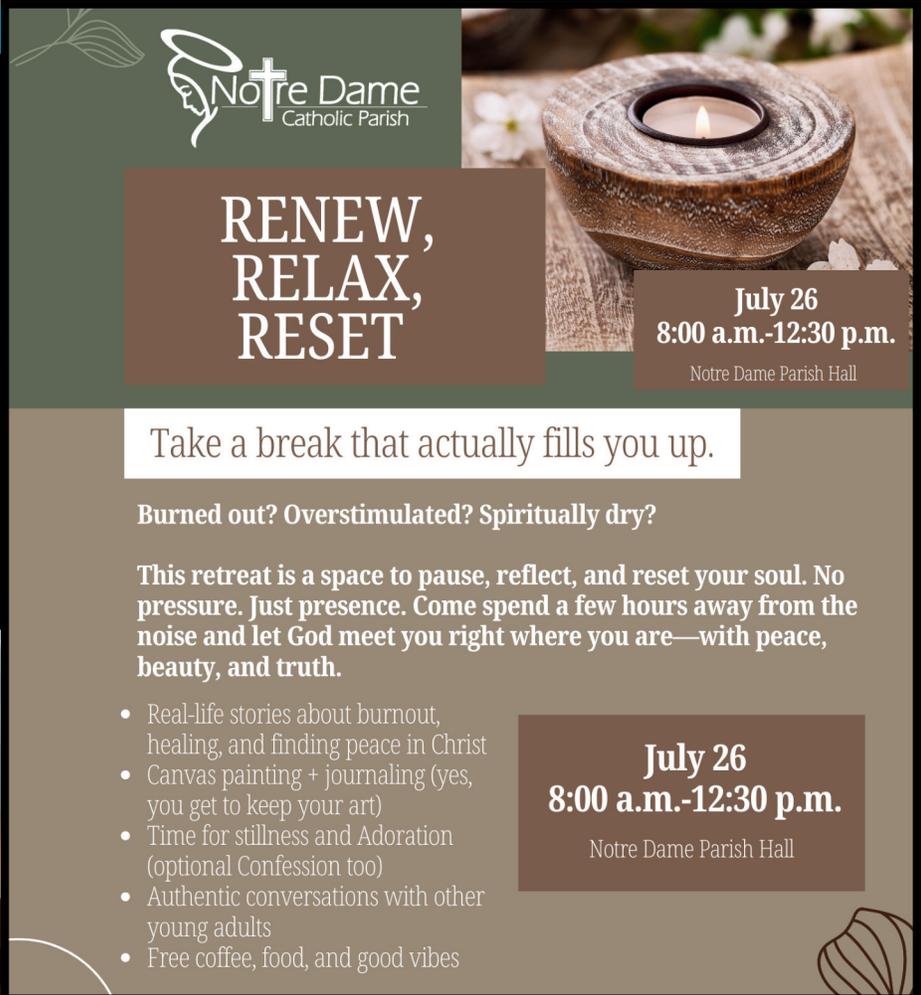
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July 26
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July 26
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Notre Dame Parish Hall



Inclusion of Diverse Council of Catholic Women
An Affirmation of the
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN
65th Annual MEETING
Keynote: Mary Pedersen "Pilgrims of Christian Hope"
Mass Celebrated by Archbishop Zinkula
September 27, 2025
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
St Benedict Parish, Decorah



Happy 65th Anniversary
Norb & Mary Gansen
Congratulations!

In the Community

Annual Summer Picnic Potluck, hosted by First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branch 33 in Spillville, will be held Sunday, July 13th, at 11:30 a.m. at the Spillville Library (201 Oak St). Meat, beverages, and table setting will be provided. There will be prizes for Bingo and door prizes as well. Members and their families are welcomed to come for a good time.

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