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Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul

June 29, 2025

*"And so I say to you, you are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."
- Matthew 16: 18*



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS

MONDAY 6:30pm (2nd-5th)
TUESDAY-FRIDAY 7:45am
1st SATURDAY 7:45am, with
confessions following

The Rosary is prayed after daily Mass. For a full listing of daily Mass devotional prayers, please visit our website or call the office.

WEEKENDS

SATURDAY 4:30pm
SUNDAY 8:00am & 10:00am
Confessions 9:15am

PRAYER LINE

The parish has many dedicated parishioners ready to assist you with prayer in times of need. To place your intentions on the Prayer Line, please call Carol (244-4817).

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PASTOR’S PULSE ON THE PARISH



SUNDAY
JUNE 29TH
2025

Dear Friends,

With last weekend’s solemnity of Corpus Christi, I always like to offer a bit of counsel to ensure we are approaching and receiving the Eucharist in a way that gives proper reverence and solemnity to the Lord, really and truly present before us. It’s also helpful to revisit acceptable ways of receiving the Eucharist.

Receiving the Eucharist

1. Here in the United States, Catholics are permitted to receive the Eucharistic Lord in one of two ways: in the hand or on the tongue. Those approaching for Holy Communion cannot be denied the Eucharist because they wish to receive in the hand. The posture for receiving the Eucharist is kneeling or standing. Both options should be made available to those receiving the Eucharist.



2. If you choose to receive the Lord kneeling, it is not necessary to bow before kneeling. The act of kneeling takes the place of bowing. Those who receive in the hand should make a slight bow of the head as the hands are extended. In these actions, we are acknowledging that we are in the presence of Christ as we prepare to receive Him.
3. For those who receive the Lord on the tongue, it is best practice to open the mouth and gently extend the tongue. The tongue should be extended as straight as possible and should not be curled. When the Eucharist is placed on the tongue, the tongue should be retracted slowly back into the mouth. The movements of the tongue should be gentle and at a slower pace.
4. For those who receive the Lord on the hand, there are several best practice items that are always helpful to revisit. Make sure to wash your hands before receiving the Eucharist. I sometimes notice communicants receiving the Eucharist with dirty hands (visible dirt on the hands). When you extend your hands to receive the Lord, the hands should be at the level of your heart so the minister can easily place the Lord into your hand. One hand should be placed underneath the other. After the Eucharist has been placed into your hand, take the hand that’s underneath and bring it up to pick up the Eucharist and place it in your mouth. Grabbing the Eucharist with your fingers or scooping it up to the mouth are practices that should be avoided. For those who have special needs (a walker or a cane), ministers are trained to place the Eucharist toward the fingers on your hand, making it easier for you to bring the Eucharist to your mouth.
5. If the Eucharist is dropped, don’t panic. The minister will pick up the Eucharist and keep it for the priest to consume after communion.
6. For those who bring the Eucharist to the homebound, remember to purify the pyx each time you distribute the Eucharist. Fill the pyx with a small amount of water and allow the water to cover the entire inner portion of the pyx. Then, consume the water and check for remaining

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- Fr. Michael

particles of the Eucharist. After all the particles have been removed, you can dry the inner portion of the pyx.

For the most part, everyone here at the cathedral does a good job in coming forward to receive the Lord. These items are good reminders to ensure the Eucharist is received in a way that is reverent and which gives acknowledgment to Christ, who is before us.

New fiscal year begins

This is the final weekend of the fiscal year. With the first weekend of July, a new fiscal year begins and we “reset” the offertory numbers in the bulletin. It’s very challenging to create a budget during these interim years. The coming year will be especially challenging as some of our new systems come online and will incur expenses to keep them maintained. We’re ending the fiscal year with a shortfall, which means that we did not take in enough money through the offertory to cover budgetary expenses.

Prayerful giving

There is always concern when we see a red number, and it continues to grow. Does that mean that the cathedral doesn’t have any money? Not exactly. The weekly numbers in the bulletin simply show our progress through the fiscal year. As each budget year ends, there is a surplus or a shortfall of monies. Other gifts are received throughout the fiscal year that aren’t reported in the offertory numbers, and those gifts help shore up the budget a bit. We’ve also cut back a bit on expenses where we can in order to make sure the operations account remains steady. We still have funds to pay our expenses, but it was a bit more difficult this year due to the shortfall we experienced.

So many of our families here in the cathedral are on fixed incomes, with Social Security benefits as the main source of income.

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OUR GIFT OF TREASURE

2024-25 OFFERTORY BUDGET			
Envelopes.....	\$370,000.00		
Loose (Cash).....	\$ 75,000.00		
TOTAL.....	\$445,000.00		
NEEDED EACH WEEK.....\$ 8,558.00			
OFFERTORY:			
June 22, 2025 (Week 51 of 52)			
Envelopes.....	\$ 2,321.00		
Loose.....	\$ 629.76		
TOTAL.....	\$ 2,950.76		
OFFERTORY PROGRESS:			
Collected to date.....	\$ 379,056.13		
Needed to date.....	\$ 436,458.00		
Surplus / (Shortfall)....	(\$ 57,401.87)		

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While cost of living expenses continue to increase, these benefits don’t always keep up with needs. I completely understand where many of you are with regard to your finances, and despite things being tight, you still offer your gift to our cathedral family with faith all throughout the year. I couldn’t be more grateful to you for the sacrifices you make for the cathedral; they do not go unnoticed, and I give thanks to God for the many generous hearts that help support our ministries and campus needs.

As we look forward to our transition back to the new space in the winter months, my hope and prayer is that we will see an increase in giving from people who are coming to experience the beauty of our diocesan home. Like anything that’s new, it will take time to build as we continue with transition. I’ve been so encouraged by the number of younger people we’re seeing with us for Holy Mass. It’s a joy to celebrate the Sacraments with everyone, but I always have a special joy in my heart when I see a healthy number of young people with us. A great sign of hope!

For those who are coming to Mass here regularly and not currently giving, could I ask you to pray about your finances and offer a gift as you can for the coming fiscal year? If everyone in the “not currently giving” category gave \$5.00 - \$10.00 per week, that would be a big boost to our offertory! ☺ When we’re all working together to meet our financial needs, it makes everything much easier! Thank you for bringing this to prayer.

Update on bell installation

Another busy week is in store for us here. The five bells will be affixed to the large steel structure that is sitting off the parking lot. All five bells, along with another large support structure will be lifted into the tower the week of July 14th. I will keep you posted so you can stop out and see it in person (it will be quite the sight to behold!).

Thank you, friends, for who you are. I have been so blessed with such wonderful parishioners over the years I have been with you. I give thanks God for all of you, and look forward to sharing in this next journey to our new space together!

With love in the Sacred Heart,
Fr. Michael

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, June 30th		First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church (m)
The 13th Week of Ordinary Time		
Gen 18:16-33 ✕ Ps 103 ✕ Mt 8:18-22		
5:45pm	Confessions	
6:30pm	Open Intention	
Tuesday, July 1st		St. Junípero Serra (m)
Gen 19:15-29 ✕ Ps 26 ✕ Mt 8:23-27		
7:45am	Bob Coward †	
Following	Rosary	
Wednesday, July 2nd		Weekday
Gen 21:5, 8-20a ✕ Ps 34 ✕ Mt 8:28-34		
7:45am	Dorian Brazy	
Following	Rosary	
Thursday, July 3rd		St. Thomas, Apostle (F)
Eph 2:19-22 ✕ Ps 117 ✕ Jn 20:24-29		
7:45am	Richard Trace †	
Following	Rosary	
First Friday, July 4th		Independence Day (m)
Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 ✕ Ps 106 ✕ Mt 9:9-13		
9:00am	L & D members of Larson & Scovill Families & June Courtney-Brazy †	
Following	Rosary	
First Saturday, July 5th		BVM
Gen 27:1-5, 15-29 ✕ Ps 135 ✕ Mt 9:14-17		
7:45am	Open Intention	
Following	Litany of the IHM & Confessions	
Sunday, July 6th		14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 66:10-14c ✕ Ps 66 ✕ Gal 6:14-18 ✕ Lk 10:1-12, 17-20		
4:30pm (Sat.)	Pro Populo	
8:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Braden Lynch IHO their recent marriage	
9:15am	Confessions	
10:00am	Andrew Kim †	
HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING		

BULLETIN SPONSORS

This week’s bulletin is sponsored in honor of the:

Buechner, Beich & Gunski Families

Each week our bulletin will feature the names of those who made a donation toward our bulletin, which is now published in-house. For more information, contact the Parish Office. Thank you so much for your support!



LIVES OF THE SAINTS

July 3, 2025

The following information is reprinted with permission from www.catholicculture.org:

The Feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle, who at first did not believe, has become for the Church one of the first witnesses to her faith. It is known that St. Thomas preached the Gospel in Asia beyond the frontiers of the Roman Empire, probably in Persia and possibly as far afield as India.

St. Thomas, the Apostle

There is very little about the apostle Thomas in the Gospels; one text calls him the “twin.” Rarely during Jesus’ lifetime does he stand out among his colleagues.



There is the instance before the raising of Lazarus, when Jesus was still in Perea and Thomas exclaimed: “Let us also go and die with Him.” Best-known is his expression of unbelief after the Savior’s death, giving rise to the phrase “doubting Thomas.” Nevertheless, the passage describing the incident, had as today’s Gospel, must be numbered among the most touching in Sacred Scripture.

‘Because you have seen Me, Thomas, you have believed’

In the Breviary lessons Pope St. Gregory the Great makes the following reflections: “Thomas’ unbelief has benefited our faith more than the belief of the other disciples; it is because he attained faith through physical touch that we are confirmed in the faith beyond all doubt. Indeed, the Lord permitted the apostle to doubt after the resurrection; but He did not abandon him in doubt. By his doubt and by his touching the sacred wounds the apostle became a witness to the truth of the resurrection. Thomas touched and cried out: My Lord and my God! And Jesus said to him: Because you have seen Me, Thomas, you have believed. Now if Thomas saw and touched the Savior, why did Jesus say: Because you have seen Me, Thomas, you have believed? Because he saw something other than what he believed. For no mortal man can see divinity. Thomas saw the Man Christ and acknowledged His divinity with the words: My Lord and my God. Faith therefore followed upon seeing.”

St. Thomas’ martyrdom

Concerning later events in the apostle’s life very meager information exists. The Martyrology has this: “At Calamina (near Madras in India) the martyrdom of the apostle Thomas—he announced the Gospel to the Parthians, and finally came to India. After he had converted numerous tribes to Christianity, he was pierced with lances at the king’s command.”

—Excerpted from *The Church’s Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

UPCOMING ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, we warmly welcome Fr. Albert Wugaa from the Diocese of Navrongo-Bolgatanga in West Africa, who will conduct our annual mission appeal. Fr. Wugaa directs a special mission called Sharing God’s Blessings. The purpose of the mission is to provide education services – encouraging parents in rural Ghana to enroll their children in school and providing classrooms, teaching, and learning material for children in school. The mission also provides assistance in providing primary healthcare for the rural communities of Ghana through the construction of primary health clinics. We look forward to welcoming Fr. Albert with us!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BRAT STAND JULY 11 & 12



Come and enjoy some delicious brats and hot dogs sponsored by our Knights of Columbus on Friday, July 11 and Saturday, July 12. Our drive-thru opens at 10:00 am and closes at 2:00 pm each day. \$6.00 will get you a brat or hot dog, bun, chips, soda, and condiments. An extra brat or hot dog is \$4.00. If you need more than 10 orders, please order in advance by contacting Tim Zeier at 608-513-6358.

IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

Please note that daily Mass on Friday, July 4, will be held at 9am. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 7, in observance of the 4th of July holiday. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, July 8.



PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY MARRIED

We offer our prayerful congratulations and best wishes to Mary Rottier of our parish and her husband, Nathan Lenar, who were recently married. May the Lord bless their love as they live out their vocation of married life.

NEW MEMBER NEWS

Please welcome the newest members of the Cathedral of St. Bernard: **Brandon & Allie Lewis**.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

June 18:

Paul & Sue Jobst-\$20

June 19:

Kyle & Jackie Swanson-\$20

June 20:

Mary Yeager-\$20

June 21:

Phil Lord-\$100

June 22:

Brian Schneider-\$100

June 23:

Terri Mullins-\$20

June 24:

Ann Stueck-\$50

Thank you to all who participated in the 2025 Calendar Raffle.

