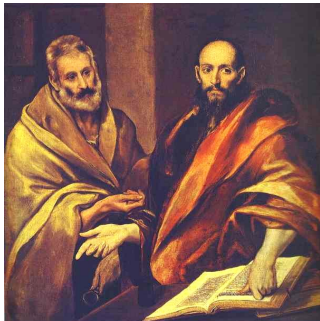




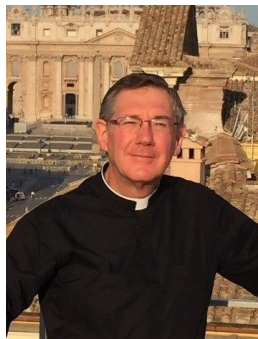
SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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J. Michael Miller, CSB

PASTOR: FATHER RON THOMPSON
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Welcome to visitors! New Parishioners! We are pleased to have you pray with us at Saints Peter and Paul. We hope you enjoy your visit to our beautiful Church. Please introduce yourself after Mass to Father Ron and parishioners; we would like to meet you!



FR. RON THOMPSON
Please Note:

All Request of the Pastor are kindly asked to be made by phone during Office Hours not by Email. Thank-You

ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER
Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEB. 4TH—FEB. 10TH 2024

Holy Mass: Saturday: 5:00pm Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am
(Vespers and Benediction: 3:30pm), 4:00pm

Weekdays: Monday 8:00AM; Tuesday 4:00PM; Wednesday – Friday 8:00AM

First Fridays: Adoration 12:00 noon– 6:45PM; Benediction 6:45PM; Second Mass 7:00pm

Saturdays and Civic Holidays: 9:00 am

Confessions: Wednesday—Friday; 8:30AM; Saturday: 9:30 am and 4:00-4:30 pm

Office Schedule: Tuesday—Friday: 9:00 am—3:00 pm

By Appointment; Marriage: Notify 8 Months in Advance.

5 SAINT JOHN PAUL II QUOTES THAT WILL INSPIRE YOU THIS LENT

Each year during his pontificate, [St. Pope John Paul II](#) addressed the church community with a Lenten message. Below are five quotes from the Lenten messages of [St. John Paul](#) that can help encourage and strengthen our personal [Lenten journeys](#).

Saint John Paul II Quote about Lent Being a Time to Recognize Our True Homeland

"Christ has gained for us not only new dignity in our life on earth, but above all the new dignity of the children of God, called to share eternal life with him. Lent invites us to overcome the temptation of seeing the realities of this world as definitive and to recognize that 'our homeland is in heaven' (Phil 3:20)" —St. John Paul II, ["Message of John Paul II for Lent 1999"](#)

Christ, as the Redeemer who died to save us, calls us to eternal life in Heaven. The time of Lent reminds us that our earthly life is a journey to our true home. The spiritual writer, Romano Guardini, said, "Man's real world is, as it were, above him. Praising God means ascending into that homeland of our spirit where, it may be said, we truly live." Through the story of Lent, we encounter our call to eternal life and look to heaven as our homeland.

Saint John Paul II Quote about Lent Being a Time to Rediscover Ourselves

"Lent is a time of truth. Christians, called by the Church to prayer, penance, fasting and self-sacrifice, place themselves before God and recognize themselves; they rediscover themselves." —St. John Paul II, ["Message of His Holiness John Paul II for Lent 1981"](#)

St. John Paul calls us during Lent to rediscover the truth about ourselves. In this message, he specifically addresses the human person and tells us to remember that we are made for more than material and worldly goods (i.e. [level 2 happiness](#)). According to St. John Paul, Lent is a time to put life back in its proper place and remember two things about ourselves: we came from God, and we are journeying back to Him through the [Resurrection](#). Our Lenten acts place us before God and help us recognize this profound truth about ourselves.

Saint John Paul II Quote about Lent Being a Time of Connection With Others

"These are the precious weeks [of Lent] offered by the Church to all Christians, in order to help them to reflect upon their profound identity as children of the heavenly Father and as brothers and sisters of all human beings." —St. John Paul II, ["Message of His Holiness John Paul II for Lent 1983"](#)

The time of Lent reminds us of our interconnection and relationship with all human beings through the shared identity we have as children of the heavenly Father. This recognition can help draw us to the charity [St. Augustine](#) calls us to when he said, "Food is subservient to charity, speech to charity, and facial expressions to charity. Everything works together for Charity alone."

As the Church takes this time of Lent to show all of us our profound identity as children of God, it can encourage our fasting and interactions with others to work for the sake of [charity](#). We then see that we practice charity not toward random individuals but toward people who share a connection with us through their gift to also [call God "Father."](#) - to be continued on next page

MASS INTENTIONS			
Sunday	Feb. 4th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	Parishioners
Monday	Feb. 5th , St. Agatha +251 AD	8:00 am	A. Yam+
Tuesday	Feb. 6th, St. Paul & Companions +1597	4:00 pm	D. Joseph
Wednesday	Feb. 7th, Ferial	8:00 am	Mary Leung
Thursday	Feb. 8th, Ferial	8:00 am	J. Thompson+
Friday	Feb. 9th, Ferial	8:00 am	Fr. Dunstan Massey+, OSB
Saturday	Feb. 10th St. Scholastica+543 AD	9:00 am	Fr. D. Neilson+ 1991
	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00 pm	Fr. John Horgan+

continuation:-

Saint John Paul II Quote about Lent Being a Time to Make a Gift of Ourselves to the Father

"At the end of Lent, the celebration of the Paschal Mystery shows how the Lenten journey of purification culminates in the free and loving gift of self to the Father." —St. John Paul II, ["Message of the Holy Father John Paul II for Lent 1997"](#)

St. John Paul tells us how our Lenten journey ends in the same way it ends for Christ, namely, making a gift of ourselves to the Father through the cross. In Mere Christianity, [C.S. Lewis](#) says, "What we have been told is how we men can be drawn into Christ—can become part of that wonderful present which the young Prince of the universe wants to offer to His Father—that present which is Himself and therefore us in Him. It is the only thing we were made for."

Lent helps us fulfill the very thing we were made for, namely, to make a gift of ourselves to the Father. As [C.S. Lewis](#) indicates, this is the very same gift Christ wants to offer. Lent is a special time of grace when we are drawn into Christ and, with him, offer ourselves as a free and loving gift to the Father.

Saint John Paul II Quote about Lent Beings a Time to Give Thanks

"Lent is the favourable time to offer to the Lord sincere thanks for the wonders he has done for humanity in every age, and especially in the Redemption when he did not spare his own Son (cf. Rom 8:32)." —St. John Paul II, ["Message of John Paul II for Lent 1999"](#)

Blessed Palms to be burned:
Please put in the container (inside & outside) provided for Ash Wednesday:
To be burned with ceremony with Prep & others on
Tues. Feb. 13th at 4:30pm.

2024 Sunday Offering Made Easy by Direct Deposit credit Card



Thank you for your interest in Sts. Peter & Paul Parish's Sunday Offering Plan. This plan allows you to give your Sunday Offering on a monthly basis by direct deposit or credit card.

It is the most convenient way to make your Sunday Offering. Your commitment to give this way also ensures that your Sunday Offering reach us even if you are away or not able to come to our Parish in person. Instead of giving weekly, your Sunday Offerings would be simplified to one monthly donation.

For more information, take this brochure.

READINGS: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mark is interested in the link between the miraculous activity of the messiah and the awakening of faith. Faith leads people to ask Jesus for healing. Healing leads them to the total commitment of faith.

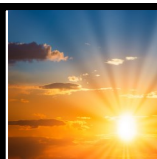
The cure of Peter's mother-in-law suggests more that Christ's extraordinary power over a sick body. In a clipped account, Mark demonstrates his interest in the meaning of the event: the healing of bodies is aimed at wholeness of spirits. This same narrative implies a model for every believer. Made whole by the power of Jesus, we too must devote our full energy to serving the Lord.

This model is not easy. Enthusiasm for miraculous cures is not enough. All the crippled & possessed of Capernaum crowd in front of Simon & Andrew's house because they see Jesus only as a wonderworker. Jesus slips awe. He takes refuge in solitude & prayer, to search out the real meaning of his mission. He is first of all the sower gone out to spread the Word (Mark 4:3). His word more than his miracle must move us.

STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GROUP
MEETING; WED. FEB. 7TH ; 7PM ; IN THE CHURCH—
SEE YOU THERE!

FEB. 14TH, ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
-8AM -4PM-7PM

Lenten Stations of the Cross
Wed. 6:30pm Beginning Feb. 28th



LEAVE A LEGACY

By remembering Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in your Will; by this you leave a legacy in a place you love. Consider a bequest to the Parish Building Fund.

This will enhance the Church's mandate to sanctify & teach as we enter into our 2nd 100 years of service. May our Lord reward you in this life and in the next.

"SAVE THE DATES" PARISH MISSION

MISSION SCHEDULE:

Mission Talks: 7-8PM

Confessions:
Monday-Thursday
5:30-6:30PM & 8:15PM
(except Thursday
8:15 PM Social)



**THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST:
GIFT AND SACRAMENT**

**Monday, Feb. 19 - Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024
STS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH**



**Mission Preacher
Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM**

is a member of the Fathers of Mercy, a missionary preaching Religious Congregation based in Auburn, Kentucky. Fr. Wade has served as Assistant General and as Director of Vocations and Director of Seminarians for the Fathers of Mercy. Fr. Wade has also served as the Chaplain-in-Residence at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Hanceville, Alabama. Both the shrine and Monastery are affiliated with EWTN, the Eternal Word Television Network. As an itinerant preacher for Fathers of Mercy, Fr. Wade has preached throughout the United States, Canada and Australia. He has produced and hosted numerous televised series for EWTN; he is author of three books and host of EWTN Global Radio's "Open Line Tuesday."

Please Note: At the Parish Mission, Fr. Wade will conduct a book signing and his books and catechetical CD's and DVD's will be available for purchase. Cash only, please

Mission Topics

- The Eucharist as Foreshadowed in both the Old and New Testaments
- The Church Fathers on Eucharistic Doctrine
- Rekindling Eucharistic Amazement: The Saints and the Eucharist
- The 'Most Blessed' of the Seven Sacraments

FORTHCOMING 2024 DATES:

Fri. Feb. 9th Lunar New Year's Eve (Dragon)

Sat. Feb. 10th—Lunar Chinese New Year's Day

Wed. Feb. 14th : Ash Wednesday: 8AM ; 4PM; 7PM

Mon-Thurs. Feb. 19th-22nd :

Lenten Parish Mission with Fr. Wade

Thurs. Feb. 29th—Leap Year Day

Sun. Mar. 10th 2am Daylight Savings Begins

Tues.-Fri. Mar. 19-22nd: 9am-10am

Lenten Talks by Fr. Emmerich Vogt OP

Palm Sunday (Sat.) Mar. 23rd 5pm;

(Sun.) Mar. 24th 9am; 11am and 4pm

Thurs. Mar. 28th Holy Thursday :7pm (Adoration until 11pm)

Mar. 29th Good Friday: 12noon & 3pm

Sat. Mar. 30th—Easter Vigil :8pm

Mar. 31st Easter Sunday:9am; 11am and 1pm

Fri. Apr. 26th 7:30pm until Sun. Apr. 28th—retreat by Fr. David Bellusci, OP @Westminster Abbey :

**“St. Thomas Aquinas:
Truth as the way to Love”**
[More info to follow](#)

Talks on the Faith (RCIA)
Tues. Feb. 6th 7pm in the Church
with the series “Symbolon”.

These nights are shared with anyone who would like to know more about the Faith; Catholic and Non-Catholic alike.

The topics:
Holy Spirit & the Life of Grace
Why Do I Need the Church? The Mystery of the Catholic Church

Father shares an overview with each nightly presentation. As each night stands on their own (they are also found on Formed.org; if you are not there in person) ;

Click On Formed for Parishes;
click on Watch now;
click on Programs;
choose Youth Programs;
then find the Symbolon

You are invited to attend the evenings that you able.



Building Fund

We are moving forward with having our own Parish Centre, this massive project will take the efforts of many people to support. If you can please consider giving to the Building Fund, every cent of the Building Fund will go towards this Parish Goal.

A big Thank-You to all parishioners for their support in this effort!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

An update on our New Parish Centre Project to be built on the west side of the Church: (1450 W 38th and 1449 W 39th and the lane in between these): Virtually, the city has given necessary approval to move ahead. Our challenge now is to finance this. The total construction cost is estimated at 14.5 Million. We have an offer to purchase Cartier Hall for 8.5 Million. This means that we still need to raise 6.5 Million to pay for this project. Our present parish cash flow only covers operating expenses. Extra donations are required; including by contributions to the Parish Building Fund & Project Advance. An overview of the entire New Centre Building (one long one going from 38th to 39th): the 38th side (2 stories) would be the Great Parish Hall (named after Sts. Peter & Paul) with a connecting kitchen (named after St. Andrew the hospitality apostle). Nearby (on the Church side) would be the Conference Hall (named after St. James the Great) towards 39th would be the Adoration Chapel (named after St. John the Beloved). West of these (towards the neighbour: 1459 W 39th) would be the Office Wing (named after St. Matthew the tax collector). Upstairs on the 39th side would be more meeting rooms (named after all the other Apostles). Below all this would be underground parking and elevators throughout. These 12 rooms would be dedicated by the donor as they so pleased. If you might be interested in doing this, please let me know. I can't help but to remember that this Centre was Fr. John Horgan's dream; thus the Chapel of Adoration will be named after his patron. In the meantime, also, our Project Advance campaign for 2023 continues to assist this project, pledge forms for this are next to the bulletin. Our gratitude for your kind consideration in these matters that can bring about the needed growth to our parish life.

Blessings to you and yours!
Fr. Ron Thompson, Pastor



“Churches are smart. They make you come inside to enjoy their windows.”