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*Feed your Faith - and your
fears will starve to death.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- June 29 – SS Peter & Paul Feast Day
Celebration after Mass
- Jul 3 – Adoration & Confession after 9am
Mass
- Jul 7-11 – Totus Tuus (Mass daily at 11:15am)
Gr 1-6 Mon-Fri 9am-2:30pm
Gr 7-12 Mon-Thur 7pm-9pm
- July 13– St. Anne's Meeting 9:00am
- July 13 – Spanish Mass –2:00pm
- July 17 – Diocesan Holy Hour after 9am Mass
- July 20 – Adoration Before Mass 9:30-10:20am
- July 26-27 – Diocesan Mission Appeal
Weekend



**Summer Office Hours
Memorial Day—Labor Day**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
8:00am—1:00pm

La Misa en Español

13 de julio de 2025



Diocesan Holy Hour
Thursday, July 17th after the
9:00am Mass. This is a great
opportunity for adoration &
confession!



A Grace-Filled Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion

Monday, June 23, 2025, hearts were lifted in faith and joy as I had the privilege of journeying with parishioners from Sacred Heart & Saints Peter & Paul on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, the only approved Marian apparition site in the United States. Just an hour and fifteen minutes from our parishes, this sacred place holds deep spiritual significance, not just for our diocese but for the entire nation.

In 1859, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared here to a humble woman named Adele Brise, entrusting her with a mission to catechize and call others to conversion and prayer. That same message continues to echo today inviting us all to deepen our trust in Jesus, live out our faith more intentionally, and become instruments of hope and healing in the world.

This year, as the Church celebrates the Year of Pilgrims of Hope, our pilgrimage takes on an even greater meaning. The shrine has been designated as one of the churches of pilgrimage in our diocese, offering a unique opportunity to receive grace, indulgence, and renewal. As we prayed, walked, laughed, and reflected together, we experienced a beautiful sense of unity, peace, and the gentle presence of Our Lady guiding us closer to her Son.

To visit this holy ground, to light candles with heartfelt intentions, to kneel before Our Lady with gratitude and hope, it is a joy that words can scarcely capture. We returned home spiritually refreshed, hearts uplifted, and more deeply connected as a community of faith.

May Our Lady of Champion continue to intercede for us and our parish families.

May we, like Adele, respond with courage, faith, and love to the call of God in our lives.

Our Lady of Champion, pray for us.

Mother of Hope, walk with us always.

Blessings,

Fr. Kris



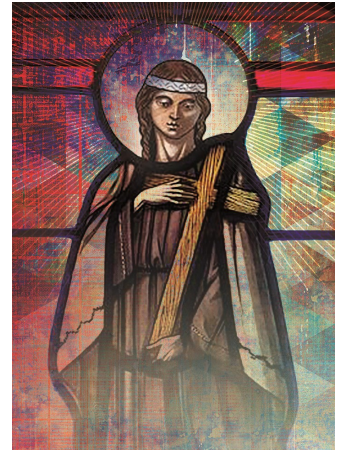
ST. ANNE'S NEWS

St. Anne's will meet on Sunday, July 13th at 9:00am. From here on, they will be meeting the 2nd Sunday of every month at 9am. Contact Terry Zabel with questions.



ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

On July 14th, we celebrate the feast of the "Lily of the Mohawks." St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American woman to be canonized. Orphaned by a smallpox outbreak, Kateri survived with severe scarring and impaired eyesight. Despite tragedy, she was a devout girl at a young age, often building crosses from sticks in the woods. When she was 18, she began secret instruction in the Catholic faith with French missionaries. Her commitment to Christianity and vow of virginity was misunderstood and ridiculed by her fellow villagers. She escaped to a nearby mission, where she attended daily Mass, taught the children, and cared for the sick and the elderly. Sometimes the greatest misunderstandings can come from those closest to us. Like St. Kateri, God invites us to be faithful to our commitments of faith and to always respond in love.



SAVE THE DATE: ROSARY COAST TO COAST



Join in simultaneously praying a Rosary with a multitude of prayer warriors worldwide!

When: Sunday Oct. 5th

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: SS. Peter & Paul Parish

Waupaca County Fair - Pro Life Booth

The Waupaca County Fair is coming! Please save the date: August 20-24, 2025.

We will have a Pro-Life Booth and will need people to staff it.



The fair starts at Noon on the 20th and goes until 6:00pm on the 24th, please consider a two-hour time to help us. For more information contact Pat Shaw at 920-538-0543 or the office at 920-867-2179. Free fair passes will be provided. Thanks and God Bless!



If you know of someone in need of prayers, or you would like to be a Prayer Warrior (on the prayer chain) Call the church office at 920.867.2179

To have someone (or yourself) remembered in prayer during General Mass Petitions, sign the book on the narthex stand.

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2025

**Bringing HOPE
to the world**

As of June 24th,

SS. Peter & Paul has
contributed \$18,576.72.
Thank you for helping us
reach our goal!!



99%

Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church Financial Statement

May 2025

May-25 Statement of Activity

Revenue

Church Support	15,680
Liturgy and Worship	100
Other Revenue	266
Faith Formation & Youth	1,561
Fundraising	0
PPP Loan Forgiveness	0
Total Revenue	17,607

Operating Expenses

Salaries and Wages	4,262
Payroll Taxes, Insurance Benefits	1,804
Liturgy and Worship	369
Pastoral Care and Outreach	90
Faith Formation & Youth	2,121
Buildings and Grounds	1,595
General Office	872
Diocesan Assessment	0
Other Payments+CapEx	672
Total Payments	11,785

Restricted Donation Revenue	0
Restricted Donation Expense	0

Net Excess(Deficit)	5,821
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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR FREEDOM

Freedom is enshrined in our US Constitution. The First Amendment of our constitution protects our freedom of speech. However, our speech may not infringe upon another's freedom. Freedom does have its limits. And we must protect everyone's freedoms, not just ours. On this 4th of July, let us remember from whom all our freedoms originate, our good and gracious God.

Let us pray...

God, giver of all good gifts,
Help us to be thankful for rest and food,
and remember that, in all we do or say,
you are with us, here this day.
We are thankful for all you do and for everything you have given us.
But above all we are thankful for our freedoms
and the ability to protect others' freedom.

We are free because of you.
We ask for your continued blessing on all your creation.
Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



TOTUS TUUS
TOTALLY
YOURS

Totus Tuus Summer Youth Camp

What: Totus Tuus is a weeklong "parish mission" for youth in grades 1-12 (similar to a Vacation Bible School for the kids and a retreat for the teens). They will have a blast growing in faith through prayer, games, teachings, witness talks, worship, skits, music, and more!

When: July 7-11, 9:00-2:30 (gr. 1-6) and
July 7-10, 7 pm- 9 pm (entering gr. 7-12)

Who: It is Catholic, but we encourage youth of all faiths or no faith to attend. (Please bring friends! This is a great way to help others experience God's love!).

Register: Contact Steph Hansen at 920-277-8844 (call or text) or hansensteph@yahoo.com to get a brochure and sign up or pick up a brochure at the church entrance.

Cost: \$10 per person (\$20 family max)
or scholarships are available if needed.

Transportation: If you need help, let us know.
We'll make it work.



July 20-26, 2025
Is this year's
Natural Family
Planning week!

See the insert in
this newsletter
or visit:
[https://
www.ournaturalfamily.com/](https://www.ournaturalfamily.com/)
for more information!

Steubenville Youth Conference

Please pray for all the travelers heading to Steubenville Ohio on July 24-27. They will be attending the Youth Conference, where the teens will have an opportunity to experience a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ that ignites their faith, strengthens their prayer life, and empowers them to live on mission long after the conference ends. Pray for safe travels and an enlightening experience for them all!



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LOVE BEYOND MEASURE

Natural Family Planning...
supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage

Married Love and the Gift of Life

By Rev. Robert R. Cannon, MA, JCL



Married love is a sacred gift beyond measure. As Pope Francis writes, “Love is more than a mere feeling” its fruitfulness “allows us to experience the happiness of giving” (*Amoris laetitia*, 94). The unique giving of self by the spouses reflects God’s love—love beyond measure!

In the book of Genesis, from the very beginning of creation, God designed marriage to image His love in the world—love that is permanent, faithful, total, and fruitful. God created marriage to be a covenant of shared love to unite a man and a woman for the whole of life, to become one flesh. “That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body” (Gen 2: 24). Between a baptized man and a baptized woman, marriage is a sacrament instituted by Christ (see *Code of Canon Law*, c.1055, §1, §2).

Marriage as envisioned by God has a richness and depth far different from the typical secular approach to marriage. The bishops of the United States

expressed this uniqueness very simply in this clear teaching about the purpose of marriage which is:

[M]ore than a civil contract; it is a lifelong covenant of love between a man and a woman. It is an intimate partnership in which husbands and wives learn to give and receive love unselfishly, and then teach their children to do so as well. (*Married Love and the Gift of Life*, p. 3).

At the heart of marriage lies the gift of human sexuality. The two-fold powers of love and life shared by spouses expresses a “nuptial” hope-filled quality. Love comes to life in the one flesh union of spouses. By its very nature and purpose, married love is meant to be a total gift of oneself. When a husband and a wife give themselves entirely to each other, their sacrificial love imitates the saving love of Christ poured out for our salvation.

One virtue often not mentioned regarding marriage is marital chastity. Chastity of mind, heart, and body supports fidelity in married love. Chastity empowers spouses to honor these gifts. It fosters a selfless, generous love, and reverence for each other. The virtue of chastity strengthens spouses to reject anything that would harm the dignity and sanctity of their marriage. It is a powerful antidote against a secular culture that undermines the sacred nature of marriage and family. An important aid to marital chastity are the methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP).

Today we are fortunate to have ethical methods of NFP which can aid a married couple in their desire to become pregnant or postpone a pregnancy. By understanding the signs of fertility and infertility a married couple can better cooperate with God's plan for their marriage. The methods of NFP help spouses to act responsibly in stewarding the gift of fertility they both share. Chastity is an essential element in NFP as spouses embrace God's design for marital love. That is because the NFP means to postpone or avoid pregnancy is periodic sexual abstinence. When the couple discerns that God is not calling them to have another child, they then do nothing to harm God's design of love and life. They simply abstain from the marital embrace during their time of fertility. Through marital chastity, husband and wife learn how to express their love through the wisdom of restraint—meaning that they will discover and live those little ways of expressing tenderness, respect, and consideration to each other. Then when they move into the infertile time of their fertility, husband and wife can be free to express their love as only they can in marriage.

If you are married or getting engaged to be married, consider learning a method of NFP. The practice of an NFP method will be a blessing in your marriage. NFP can help you and your spouse to embrace God's gifts of human sexuality, fertility, marital love, and parenthood. If a husband and a wife want to nourish their love and grow their family, NFP methods can become a practical and ethical support of their marital union.

Learn More

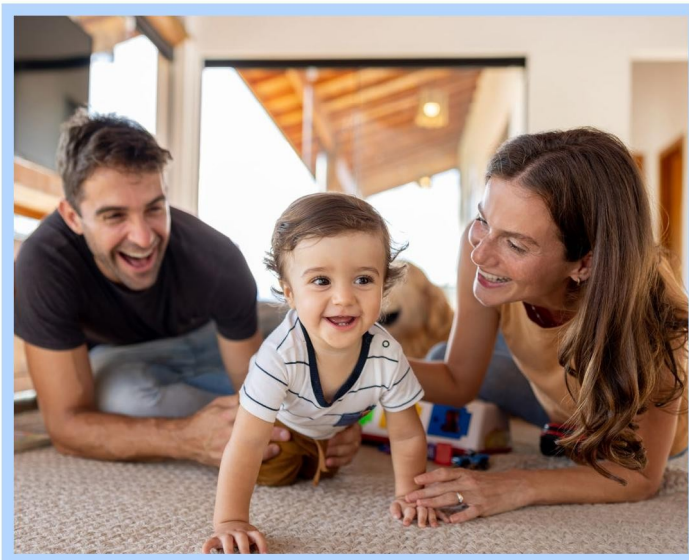
The US Bishops' NFP Program has good information for your marriage at usccb.org/nfp.

To learn more about Catholic teaching on marriage, married love and responsible parenthood, see usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/church-teaching.

Read the US bishop's document *Married Love and the Gift of Life* at usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/catholic-teaching/upload/Married-Love-and-the-Gift-of-Life-English-version.pdf.

To learn more about NFP see usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/what-natural-family-planning.

Want to learn a method of NFP? Visit usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/nfp-national-providers.



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