

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Growing In Faith Together (G.I.F.T.)

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! We formally end the Octave of Easter this weekend, celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday.

This last week, it was formally announced that I will be released from Vocations Ministry at the end of June. After knowing for 2 months that Bishop was inviting me to resign, it is a little bittersweet. These last 12 years I have served at 20% of my time in that ministry, with weekly (or more) trips into the Pastoral Center, setting up and taking down the displays, and other 'menial' tasks I am ready to divest, but I also think about the countless meetings or contacts with young men discerning a vocation, as well as getting to know our seminarians has been a great joy! I do entrust to your prayers my successor, as well as our seminarians and young men and women who are discerning a vocation.

This week, I and many priests of the Diocese of New Ulm will be on retreat. Please keep us in prayer! This weekend, as well, we will see the canonization of St. John XXIII and St. John Paul II. I had the profound honor of meeting St. John Paul II in September of 1997 (I have the photo of this encounter in my office). Both of these pope saints remind me of the tremendous duties of pastoral charity that all priests are called to have.

Back to Divine Mercy Sunday: St. John Paul II, in his canonization of St. Faustina (a fellow Polish saint) remarked that the message Christ gave her of the immeasurable mercy of God is of utmost importance in the world. She was asked to request a feast of Mercy on the second Sunday of Easter, which Pope John Paul II formally recognized. On this day (if possible, at 3 pm), we are asked to pray for mercy, and perhaps the best way is through saying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Here's how (prayed on Rosary beads):

Make the Sign of the Cross

Pray the "Our Father", the "Hail Mary" and the Apostles' Creed

On the Our Father bead before each decade, pray: *"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. Amen."*

On each of the Hail Mary beads in each decade, pray: *"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

After you have prayed all five decades of the Chaplet, pray three times: *"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

End with the Sign of the Cross.

In Christ,

Fr. Todd J. Pøtzersøn



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

April 27 – May 4, 2014

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27

- 8 AM Mass at Nicollet
- 9 – 11:30 AM KC Breakfast, Social Hall
- 10 AM Mass (+Pat Schmitz), St. Peter
- 10 AM FF Preschool – Gr. 1 (last class)
- No Coffee & Rolls
- 7 – 8:30 PM LifeTeen, Social Hall

Monday

- No Service
- 9 AM Bible Study, Family Room
- 4:30 PM Baptism Class, Family Room
- 6:30 PM John Ireland School Open House

Tuesday

- 8 AM Word and Eucharist, Chapel

Wednesday

- No Service
- 8:15 AM School Prayer, Church
- 3 PM School Choir, Band Room
- 6:30 PM Faith Formation Grs. 2-6 (last class)
- 6:30 PM EDGE, Social Hall
- 6:30 PM Choir, Band Room

Thursday

- No Service
- 1 – 10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel
- No Confessions

Friday

- 8:15 AM School Mass (+Marty Braunger), Church

Saturday

- 9 AM First Eucharist Practice, Church
- 5 PM Mass (+Chris Kienlen), St.Peter
- 5 PM Mass, Nicollet

3rd Sunday of Easter, May 4

- 8 AM Mass, Nicollet
- 10 AM 1st Eucharist Mass (First Communicants), SP
- 11 AM Coffee & Rolls, Social Hall
- 7 – 8:30 PM LifeTeen, Social Hall (last class)

DAILY READINGS

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31 / John 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37 / John 3:7-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26 / John 3:16-21
Thursday:	Genesis 1:26—2:3 / Matthew 13:54-58 (559)
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42 / John 6:1-15
Saturday:	1 Corinthians 15:1-8 / John 14:6-14
Sunday:	Acts 2:14,22-33 / 1 Peter 1:17-21 / Lk 24:13-35

Coffee and Rolls

Please join us on Sunday mornings in the Social Hall at 11 AM as we enjoy coffee & rolls with family & friends.

Volunteers for May 4, 2014:

Sharon Cooke, Marian Determan

ALL MEMBERS OF THE MINISTRIES

Soon the new liturgical schedule for June thru August will be prepared. If you need to make some changes or you will not be available to serve during a certain time, please let Karen know before Fri., May 9. Thank you!

CHURCH OF ST. PETER THRIFT and CONSIGNMENT STORE

(507) 931-9150

401 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter

REGULAR HOURS:

Monday–Friday: 9 AM–5 PM

Saturday: 9 AM–4 PM

Books 1/2 off!!

- Couch
- Love Seat Sleeper
- Shelving

We are seeking volunteers (men & women) who want to help an hour or two each week at the Thrift Store. Please call Barb K. for details at 931-9150.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as home missions. The *Catholic Home Missions Appeal* will take place this weekend to support these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this Appeal and share your resources to **strengthen the Church at home.**

Alzheimer's Association

Monthly Caregivers Meeting is held the first Saturday of each month from 9:30 am – 11 am at Benedictine Health Center, 1907 Klein St., St. Peter. The next meeting is May 3, 2014.



Treasure: Fiscal Year July 2012-June 2013
Week Ending: April 20, 2014

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 5,656.00	
Electronic Giving-Offertory	\$ 4,790.12	
Loose Plate	\$ 763.26	
Initial Offertory	\$ -	
Total Weekly Offertory Contributions		\$ 11,209.38
Each week the offertory budget is \$10,194.50		\$10,194.50
Difference:		\$1,014.88

To meet budgeted expenses, we need \$10,194.50/week in our Adult Envelopes. Please help as you can. Thank you!

Year to Date Contributions	\$ 368,507.85
Year to Date Budget	\$ 438,363.50
Year to Date Difference:	\$ (69,855.65)
Children's Giving:	\$ 64.36

Easter 2014 will be reported next week.

St. Peter Public Access TV - Channel 7

- ◆ Church of St. Peter Sunday Mass
Mondays – 7 pm Tuesdays – 9 am
- ◆ “Mother Teresa: All for Jesus”

Host Sean Brown interviews Fr. Leo Massburg, the former translator, confessor, and spiritual advisor to Mother Teresa about his 7-year involvement with her and the Missionaries of Charity during their global outreach in the 1980s.

Episode 4: All for Jesus through Mary

Wednesday, April 30, 9:00 pm

Thursday, May 1, 10:00 am

Catholic Daughters

You are cordially invited to attend

“Our Special Night Out”

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Gustavus Adolphus College

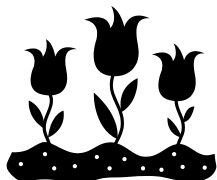
5:30 pm Social Hour

6:00 pm Dinner

Cost is \$15 per person – bring a guest!

Please call Lisa Cummiskey (380-0719) or Geri Mondloch (934-9034) to reserve.

Send payment to Lisa C., 828 Spruce Pl., St. Peter.



WHAT'S COMING UP.....

◆ Sunday, April 27

Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Church of St. Peter, St. Peter
9 - 11:30 am

All proceeds go towards helping teens attend the Steubenville North Youth Conference in July. Invite your family and friends!

◆ Sunday, April 27

Home Concert
CHOIR of CHRIST CHAPEL
Brandon Dean, Conductor
Christ Chapel, Gustavus - St. Peter
7:30 pm

◆ Sunday, May 4

OPEN HOUSE
Realife Cooperative
2 - 4 pm
500 W. Jackson St., St. Peter
1 & 2 bedroom units 934-2902
www.realifecoopstpeter.com

Thank You

from
John Ireland Catholic School

The John Ireland School Community would like to express our deepest gratitude to all who donated, supported and attended our Luck of the Irish Run/Walk and Fund-raiser on March 29th. Many working together made the load light and the events enjoyable!

Special thanks to the parents, grandparents and staff of John Ireland. Thanks to the Church of St. Peter! Thanks to the John Ireland Alumni, St. Peter and surrounding communities. Many businesses donated to the events, and we truly appreciate their support.

Special thanks goes out to the following:

Family Fresh Market, KFC, Hy-Vee, Mary's Flowers, Pepsi, Tow Distributing, Kwik Trip, Culligan-Mayer, Nicollet County Bank, First National Bank, LJP, Mayo Health Syst-ems, Shopko, Traverse Farmers Elevator, Hager Family, and LSEngineers.

Please mark your calendars – our 14th Annual Luck of the Irish will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2015!** The day will begin with a run/walk starting at the school, and the day will end at the fairgrounds with dinner, games, silent and live auctions!

Blessings to you!
John Ireland Students and Staff

Admin Prof Day!

A special thanks to Brenda McHugh...we are very grateful to have her on our staff at JI!

John Ireland School is a Catholic community welcoming students of all faiths, devoted to Gospel Values, Academic Excellence and Christian Service.

Watch your children grow academically as well as spiritually in a safe, caring and Christian environment with small class sizes!

Alleluia!

Contact us TODAY to register, visit with our staff, receive a tour or learn more about our fantastic school!

931-2810 or colleen.wenner@churchofstpeter.org



Open House

Monday, April 28th
from 6:30-7:30 PM

Everyone is invited to come and explore our school. Please come and see what the students have been working on and learning about. For those interesting in joining our JI family, come and check out the place. If you are just plain curious, please stop by. Hope to see you there!



HAPPY EASTER!

4-26-14

Youth Faith Formation

Important Dates:

Saturday, May 3: First Eucharist practice @ 9 am and **Sunday, May 4:** First Eucharist Mass @ 10 am

Last Class Dates:

Preschool, Kindergarten & Grade 1: Sunday, April 27
Grades 2-6: Wednesday, April 30
LifeTeen: Sunday, May 4
EDGE: Wednesday, May 7

LifeTeen Mass: May 18 at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Operation Rice Bowl

Thank you to all families for participating in Operation Rice Bowl. We will give the final amount of money collected when all bowls have been turned in.

Did you know?

This summer we will be sending 4 teens from our parish to attend Franciscan LEAD prior to the Steubenville North Conference. LEAD is a five-day, Christ-centered, sacrament-soaked, prayer-fueled immersion in Catholic teachings on leadership, evangelization, and discipleship. Participants will be given practical tools for developing their faith and evangelizing their friends. These teens will return to serve our entire parish, but more specifically will be witnesses and leaders to our youth. I am looking for a few generous people, with a heart for our youth, who would be willing to financially support this wonderful group of teens. Each of these teens will need to raise approximately \$400 for the entire week. Please contact me if you are interested in supporting this worthy cause! heather76may@yahoo.com or 507-317-1882.

God's Peace, Heather Gilbertson

Help!!

The Church of St. Peter Thrift Store is in need of volunteers. They are looking for people who could donate two or more hours a week – Monday thru Saturday. Enjoy fun and great company while providing community service. All funds raised are used for educational purposes, such as John Ireland, Adult Ed, Faith Formation. Please consider a donation of your time and talents! Please call the Thrift Store at 931-9150 this week!!

From the Calvary Cemetery Rules and Regulations:

LANDSCAPING, PLANTING, AND FLORAL REGULATIONS

1. No trees, shrubbery, plants or flowers shall be planted in or transplanted into the Cemetery for decorative, memorial or any other purposes whatsoever, except by the cemetery management. Any of the above so planted will be removed by the cemetery caretaker.
 2. Small bronze vases are permitted, but these must be set in cement at the same time as the marker. The cement collar will also extend three (3) inches around the base of the vase and will be part of the marker foundation. One vase will be allowed for individual markers and two for double markers. Vases may be used around monuments also.
 3. Vases, urns, flower pots, plants, boxes, glass jars, cans, etc. will not be permitted on lots or graves, except that these or other appropriate decorations may be placed on lots or graves, (but not set into the ground), for Memorial Day or for such special occasions as may be designated by the cemetery management. However, all such containers and all other decorations must be removed within ten (10) days following Memorial Day or other designated occasions, after which the cemetery caretaker will dispose of all those remaining except all so-called permanent type urns or plant holders which must be incorporated within the wash of the monument or marker.
 4. A three (3) day limit after each burial when all bouquets, decorations, etc. shall be removed from the grave.
 5. Local cemetery management will not be liable for floral pieces, baskets, misplaced or broken flower vases or flag standards or other forms of memorials or decorations.
 6. The cemetery management/caretaker will remove all floral designs, flowers (natural or artificial), or decorations of any kind from the cemetery grounds as soon as, in their judgment, these plantings and arrangements have become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental, or do not conform to the regulations.
 7. No objects under 3/8" in diameter are to be placed in the ground.
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John Ireland Catholic School is Looking for Head Cook / Food Manager

We are seeking a dedicated self-starter to be a part of our staff for the upcoming school year, 2014-15. Candidates should enjoy working with children, being creative with their cooking, be organized and able to handle situations with clarity and professionalism.

For more information and details, please contact

Colleen Wenner, Principal

PO Box 522

St. Peter, MN 56082

or email colleen.wenner@churchofstpeter.org.

Church of St. Paul

April 27, 2014

Pastor - Fr. Todd Petersen
Priest in Residence - Fr. Ed Ardolf
Parish Administrative Assistant -
Deacon Steven Spilman

Parish Office — 507-232-3857
Rectory / Parish Hall — 507-232-3897
Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL SUNDAY COLLECTION

4/20/14 — Adult - \$2,314.00 / Plate - \$263.00
Holy Land — \$130.46 / Christ Our Life — \$812.50

Easter has arrived! The Lord is Risen! It was a great Easter Celebration!

Thanks to all who helped in any way with the beautiful liturgies over the Triduum and Easter Celebrations. Many of you participated in the Area Faith Community liturgies on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday at St. Peter. I'd like to give a special thank you to Barbara Frank and the members of the choir who did a fantastic job of leading our music. A special thanks also to Paul, Jack, and Donna Zins, Millie Dorn, and Trish and Dave Holcomb for decorating the church. Our decorations included four candelabras that I'm sure were from the old churches. We also used a pale blue fabric at the baptismal font that was originally from the Church of the Visitation.

How many Zins's does it take to change a lightbulb? Three plus a part time deacon when the bulbs are the high ones at St. Paul's and you need a large extension ladder to do it. Thanks Pat, Jake, and Mark for doing that and helping to get the hooks down for the decorating hoop. Thanks to the many ministers who served as lectors, ushers, EME, sacristan, altar servers. Thanks also to Fr. Todd and Fr. Ed. for leading the celebrations. We all came together for the glory of God.

Be sure to sign up for a shift to work in the kitchen or the dining room for our festival. We need to pull together to make it a fun and successful event.

As we read about Thomas this weekend, it's a reminder that even the most faithful of people can have doubts. What's important is to keep seeking the truth when we have doubts. Never settle for a lie. If you keep seeking the truth, you'll always end up with Jesus because, as he told us, He is the way, **THE TRUTH**, and the life.

This past Monday was the second anniversary of our diaconate ordination. A lot has changed for me and my family since that time. I have enjoyed being a member here at St. Paul's and getting to know many of you. I look forward to many more years serving as a deacon here, God willing.

Please come and help with the grounds clean up activity on May 3 if you can. Bring a rake, gloves, shovel, leaf blower or whatever you think will be useful as we clean out the flower beds and prepare for some spring planting later in May.

TUESDAY: 4:30 p.m. Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY: Religious Education Classes K - 9
NEXT SUNDAY (May 4): First Holy Communion for our 2nd Grade Class! Coffee and rolls will be served in their honor. Everyone is invited to join the celebration! Hostesses will be: Amanda Kuttner, Chmn., Jill Maas, Kelly Mans, Janet Mans and Pat May.

MASS SCHEDULE / INTENTIONS

Monday, 4/28 – NO Mass

Tuesday, 4/29 – 8:00 am - † Greg Hoffmann

Wednesday, 4/30 – 8:00 am - † Alice Portner

Thursday, 5/1 – 8:00 am – † Michael and Anna Ecker

Friday, 5/2 – 8:00 am - † Marlene C. Wenner

Saturday, 5/3 – 5:00 pm - † Marcus & Madeline Brandel

Sunday, 5/4 – 8:00 am – Wendell Z. and Anna Wenner

MINISTRY OF LITURGY

Saturday, May 3

USHERS: Dana Potter, Mark Zins, Pat Zins

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR: Brenda Thompson

EME: Buddy Honken

SACRISTAN: Phyllis Wenner

SERVERS: Jon and Riley Mans

GIFTS: Barb and Kevin Christenson

GREETERS: Dana and Cathy Potter

Sunday, May 4

USHERS: Randy Dorn, Ron and Tim Giefer

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR: Dale Mack

EME: Dale Mack, Ann Schwartz, Colette, Marlys Wenner

SACRISTAN: Dcn. Steve

SERVERS: Wallace Michels

GIFTS: First Communion Class

GREETERS: Paul and Donna Zins

The sick and/or homebound: *God is taking care of you.* Fr. Ed Ardolf, Sister Miriam Ardolf, Pam Bernal, LeAnna Brown, Harvey Dorn, Charlie Epper, Lisa Hackett Family, Sarah Iverson, Helyna Mack, Gerald and Mary Ann Mans, Whitey Mayer, Herman Mettler, Rich Meurer, Shirley Michels, Wally Molitor, Donna Pittman, Stacy Schultz, Tyler Thompson, Angie and Valerie Weber, Gene Wenner, Rob. **We pray for all who are ill or hospitalized.**

Nursing Home Residents: Rose Marie Zins, Oak Hills Living Center, New Ulm; Rich Meurer, Pheasant's Ridge, St. Peter.

Group Homes: Nadine Brown, James Weber, Mary Jo Weber.

Assisted Living: Eddie Bauer, The Wilds of Sand Prairie, St. Peter. Lucy Kozitza, Monarch Meadows, North Mankato. Gerald and Mary Ann Mans, Benedictine Assisted Living.

PARISH NOTES:

1. COMING UP:

- **Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 pm — Joint Parish Council Meeting at St. Paul's**
- **Monday, May 12, 7:00 pm — Administrative Council Meeting**
- **Sunday, June 15 10:00 am Mass to kick-off St. Paul's 2014 Parish Festival**

2. **Red Cross Bloodmobile:** **Thank you** to everyone from St. Paul's Parish who donated food and volunteered their time and help for the Bloodmobile. Also, to the students who came from Nicollet High School to set up and unload.

3. The Bloodmobile Supervisor said we had 87 pints of blood donated. She commented on how extremely smooth everything went that day. There were no incompletes and no deferrals. That has not happened for a very, very long time. She also complimented the generous cooks, awesome meal, and wonderful hospitality. That credit goes to all of you. Thanks again, Peggy Gappa, Chair

4. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES:

- **The Junior High Festival (grades 6-8) — *Life. Accept the Challenge!* — will be held Sunday, May 4, 1-7 pm at the Marshall Middle School.** There will be skits and mixers, keynote speakers, a dance, an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Sunday Mass with Bishop LeVoir at 5:45 pm. **If you are interested, please speak to your teacher or Deacon Steve.**