

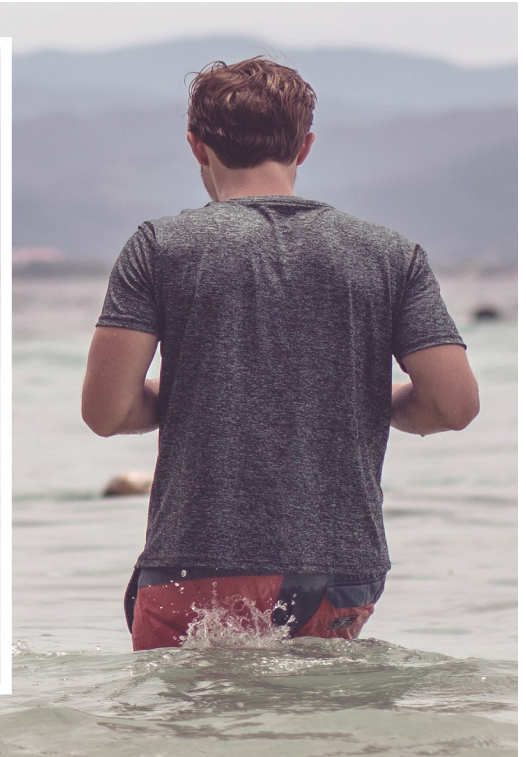
# APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND BLESSINGS TO ALL WHO ENTER OUR CHURCHES!

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

# FORGIVEN

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b



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Baptisms (Mary) ..... 507-931-1628 X 112  
Marriages ..... Contact Pastor as soon as Engaged  
Reconciliation ... See Schedule or Contact for appointment

## MISSION STATEMENT:

United and inspired by the Holy Trinity, we are disciples guiding disciples.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULES

### Sunday, April 7 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21 / Philippians 3:8-14 / John 8:1-11

8:00 am ..... Mass, St. Paul  
10:00 am ..... Mass (+Bill Depuydt) , St. Peter  
10:00 am ..... Sunday School  
4:30 pm ..... Confessions  
5:30 pm ..... Mass LifeTeen (+Lorie Siebels), St. Peter  
6:30 pm ..... Confessions  
7:00 pm ..... LifeTeen

### Monday, April 8

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / John 11:1-45

7:30 am ..... Confessions, St. Peter  
8:00 am ..... Mass (+Paul Zallek), St. Peter  
9:00 am ..... Adult Bible Study  
7:00 pm ..... APC Meeting

### Tuesday, April 9

Numbers 21:4-9 / John 8:21-30

7:30 am ..... Confessions, St. Peter  
8:00 am ..... Mass (+Frank & Elsie Smisek), St. Peter  
6:30 pm ..... Catholic Daughters Meeting

### Wednesday, April 10

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / John 8:31-42

7:30 am ..... Confessions, St. Paul  
8:00 am ..... Mass, St. Paul  
6:00 pm ..... Confessions  
6:30 pm ..... Grades 2-8 Youth Faith Formation  
6:30 pm ..... Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, April 11

Genesis 17:3-9 / John 8:51-59

7:30 am ..... Confessions, St. Peter  
8:15 am ..... JI Mass - Gr. 6 (+Dorothy Willaert), St. Peter  
1:00 pm - 10:00 pm ..... Adoration

### Friday, April 12

Jeremiah 20:10-13 / John 10:31-42

7:30 am ..... Confessions, St. Peter  
8:00 am ..... Mass (+Bob & Nathan Bruns), St. Peter  
8:30 am ..... JI Stations - Gr. 3, St. Peter  
6:30 pm ..... Stations of the Cross with Adoration  
and Confession

### Saturday, April 13

Ezekiel 37:21-28 / John 11:45-56

4:00 pm ..... Confessions, St. Peter  
5:00 pm ..... Mass (+James Rheume), St. Peter

### Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40 / Isaiah 50:4-7 / Philippians 2:6-11 /  
Luke 22:14-23:56

8:00 am ..... Mass, St. Paul  
10:00 am ..... Mass (Parish Family) , St. Peter  
10:00 am ..... Sunday School  
6:30 pm ..... Confessions  
7:00 pm ..... LifeTeen

## MINISTRY OF LITURGY SCHEDULE

### April 13 - 5:00 pm - Palm Sunday

SERVERS: Joseph Connor, Liam Schloesser  
EME: Bert Connor, Mary Ann Enz, Mary Ann Harty, Bill Leonard, Lisa Cumminskey  
GIFTS: Francis & Ginny Miller  
LECTOR: Deacon Tony, Dennis Millner  
USHERS: Bob Genelin, Mike Betzing

### April 14 - 10:00 am - Palm Sunday

SERVERS: Emily Winnett, Isabelle Mish  
EME: Mark Krzmarzick, Sue Krzmarzick, Terri Michels, Judy Pedersen, Kathy Steiner, Cody Winnett  
GIFTS: Kate Moelter Family  
LECTOR: Tim Prachar, Charles Niederriter  
USHERS: John & Sharon Allen, Amy Frey, Kim Rice

## ACCELERATED BULLETIN DEADLINES

April 21 – Bulletin Material due noon Thurs., April 11  
April 28 – Bulletin Material due noon Thurs., April 18

## ROSARY

April 13th Rosary led by the Catholic Daughters.  
April 14th Rosary led by the Men's Group. There is a rosary before weekday Mass at 7:30 am (when there is 8 am Mass).

## COFFEE AND ROLLS

Please join us Sunday, April 14 after Mass for Coffee and Rolls in the Social Hall hosted by the Simonette Family.

Next Up: May 5 - John & Sharon Allen

## SEARCH & RESCUE: EPISODE 2: DON'T MAKE EXCUSES

St. Peter Access Channel 7

Wednesday, April 10 - 9 pm

Thursday, April 11 - 10 am

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), "How to Give" link on the left.



## A NOTE FROM FATHER

**Dear Parishioners,** Next week, we start Holy Week. In this last week of Lent, we should 'double-down' on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Let the Lord remove from our hearts all bitterness, anger, fear, envy, hatred, dissension, and discord. Let Him help open our hearts to His truth and love, that we may prepare to receive Him again with joy and gratitude.

Some have asked why the Easter Vigil is scheduled for **8:45 pm** on April 20th. The Easter vigil is the "Mother of all vigils" according to the Roman Missal. The Church gathers at night, ie, after sundown, in prayer to hear the story of salvation and anticipation of the Lord's Resurrection. We wait, like the virgins of old did for the Bridegroom, with lighted lamp. Because of the character of it being at night, the Church stresses we need to wait until after sundown, which this year is after 8:30 pm. It is a little later this year as Easter is 3 full weeks later than last year.

Last week was the 14th anniversary of the death of St. John Paul II. His reliance on Divine Mercy and the Blessed Mother was powerful, and he remains perhaps the strongest witness of a life dedicated to Christ and the Blessed Mother than certainly I have ever known. His writings, especially on the Eucharist, rosary, mercy, and the theology of the body form the backbone of my understanding of the Catholic faith and my task as your pastor. I invite you to continue to ask his intercession for our parishes and school, as we strive to live the new evangelization that he and the other recent popes have proclaimed and invited. This new evangelization in a nutshell is summarized in our AFC mission statement: disciples guiding disciples!

~In Christ, Fr. Todd

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 14 ~ St. Paul 8 am, St. Peter 10 am

Holy Thursday, April 18 ~ St. Peter 7 pm

Good Friday, April 19 ~ St. Paul Noon, St. Peter 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 20 ~ 8:45 pm

Easter Sunday, April 21 ~ St. Paul 8 am, St. Peter 10 am

## JOHN IRELAND/LITTLE ANGELS NEWS



**John Ireland**  
Catholic School

We are a Catholic community welcoming students of all faiths, devoted to Gospel Values, Academic Excellence, and Christian Service.

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Go to our website to register for  
2019-2020 or contact us for a tour!



# Why JI?



### Special Opportunities ...

- ◆ STEM classes with engineers in the work force
- ◆ Art Class with Art Specialist
- ◆ Service Projects like Pennies for Patients which helps those with Cancer and their families
- ◆ Walk/Jog/ Run Program to promote good health and fitness
- ◆ AND SO MUCH MORE!

We are a school readiness program focused on faith and service which nurtures the whole child embracing individual talents and abilities in a welcoming, caring, and safe environment.



**Little Angels**  
Preschool



## CHURCH OF ST. PAUL SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday, 3/31 — Adult - \$656.00 / Plate - \$55.00

**WEDNESDAY: 1:00 pm Church Cleaning**

**5:00 pm Soup and Sandwich / 6:00 pm Stations**

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Wed., 4/10 – 8:00 am – For the Sick

Sun., 4/14 – 8:00 am - †Wendell Z & Anna Wenner

## MINISTRY OF LITURGY

**Sunday, April 14, Palm Sunday**

**USHERS:** Chuck Kienlen, Randy Renne, Pat Zins

**LECTOR:** Cyndi Zins

**EME:** Jay Dorn, Keith Rosin, Colette, Cyndi, Donna Z

**SACRISTAN:** Pat Zins

**SERVERS:** Brianna Michels, Marissa Rosin

**GIFTS:** Keith Rosin Family

**GREETERS:** Paul and Donna Zins

**The sick and/or homebound: God is taking care of you.** Pam Bernal, LeAnna Brown, Millie Dorn, Charlie and Dianne Epper, Lisa Hackett Family, Sarah Iverson, Helyna Mack, Shirley Michels, Daniel Podol, Pete Reinhart, Tom Schuck, Betty Wenner, Pat Zins, Richard, Rob, Scott. **We pray for all who are ill or hospitalized.**

**Nursing Home Residents:** Mary Gronholz. Rose Meurer, Oak Terrace, North Mankato. Rose Marie Zins, Oak Hills, New Ulm.

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

**Assisted Living:** Carl Betzing, Monarch Meadows, North Mankato. Paul Pope, Benedictine Living Community, St. Peter. Cletus Wenner, Heritage Meadows Senior Living, St. Peter.

## PARISH NOTES:

**1. I want to personally thank all who helped with the last funerals we have had. I know it's been difficult and I really appreciate it. Cyndi Zins**

**2. Thank you so very much** for being there for Mom, Dad and me in Mom's last minutes and for her funeral service. Thank you also for an absolutely wonderful soloist and the women who provided lunch for us afterwards.

~Very sincerely, The Family of Marion Pope

**3. Thank you to everyone** who blessed our family with a salad or dessert for Mary Ann's funeral lunch and a very special thanks to everyone who prepared and worked at the meal or helped with clean-up: Cyndi Zins, Donna Giefer, Phyllis Wenner, Clancy Rosin, Heidi Hinckley, Donna Zins and Jake Zins. We appreciate everything you did to make this difficult day brighter.

~The Family of Mary Ann Mans

**4. Red Cross Bloodmobile: St. Paul's Church will be hosting the Bloodmobile Tuesday, April 9, 1-7 pm at the Nicollet Legion Hall.** We will need food donations: sandwiches (each half must be individually bagged in a sandwich bag), salads and bars.

We need volunteers to work two shifts: 1-4 and 4-7 pm, two to four people (preferably men) around 11:30 am to help set up tables and unload the bloodmobile trucks. We also need four guys to come around 7 pm to help take down the chairs and tables.

There is a sign-up sheet on St. Paul's bulletin board. Please look it over and volunteer your time or food donations. Feel free to give me a call 507-380-1337 or email [peg.gappa@gmail.com](mailto:peg.gappa@gmail.com). Peggy Gappa, Bloodmobile Chair.

**5. St. Paul's Parish Rummage Sale: April 26-27:**

Please start saving your treasures for our third annual parish rummage sale. We cannot accept clothes, large appliances and furniture, or electronics such as computers, televisions, etc. If you need something picked up for the sale, or have a question about an item, please contact Buffy at 507-359-1291 or [bjspilman@gmail.com](mailto:bjspilman@gmail.com). **Drop off times at the Church — Tues., 4/23 through Thurs., 4/25, 4-7 pm** and item pick-ups will be scheduled for the week prior to the sale.

**Parish Festival 2019 is June 9! The deadline for Big Raffle donations is Monday, April 15. If you wish to make a donation, please call Jake Zins - 232-3930. There will be early ticket sales for the Big Raffle and Hog Roast/BBQ Chicken Dinner during the rummage sale.**



**CHURCH CLEANING**  
**Wednesday, April 10**  
**1:00 pm**

Update as of 4/2/19



Parish Goal: \$7,228.34  
Received: \$6,830.00  
Variance (\$398.34)  
Number of Donors: 25

### AN INVESTMENT WITH ETERNAL REWARDS

This summer we will be sending 5 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 are given practical tools for developing their faith and evangelizing their friends. Many of our teens that have attended this training have come home to be EDGE core members, Eucharistic ministers, daily mass attendees and others have even become full-time missionaries! I am looking for a few generous people, with a heart for our youth, that would be willing to invest in and financially support this wonderful group of teens. Each of these teens will need to raise \$375 for the entire week. Please contact me if you are interested in supporting this worthy cause! [heather76may@yahoo.com](mailto:heather76may@yahoo.com) or 507.317.1882 ~God's Peace, Heather Gilbertson

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Save the Date:


Tuesday, April 9 - Meeting

Sunday, April 14 - Regents Outing

Wednesday, April 24 - Salad Luncheon

Tuesday, May 14 - May Fun Night Out

**Catholic Daughters**  
**St. Peter #1601**



**Salad Luncheon**

**Wednesday, April 24**

**11 am - 1:00 pm**

**Church of St. Peter**

All you can eat: Salads, Hot Dish, Bread, Deviled Eggs, Bars & Beverages Adult \$8 Carry outs available

### GROWING TOGETHER IN A STEWARDSHIP

**Contemplatio** Josef Pieper once stated that artists teach us how to see the world in a new way, with a gaze of love. This is the perhaps a great definition of Contemplation. "I gazed upon you in your sanctuary, beholding your glory and your strength" (Psalm 63:2). When we contemplate the scriptures in Lectio Divina, we gaze with Love the Lord who speaks to us. The French priest and patron of all priests, St. John Vianney, recounts a conversation with an old man who was found daily in Eucharistic Adoration in front of the Tabernacle. St. John Vianney asked what he does when he kneels before the Eucharistic Lord. The old man responded, "I look at God and he looks at me, and that is enough". This man only needed to be in the presence of the Beloved. St. Teresa Avila described the experience of contemplation as brief initially, but over time the experience is elongated with perseverance in prayer and the moral life. Contemplation is an experience of presence—not about what we say or do, action is irrelevant. It is a response to the Psalm's invitation: "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

To review, Lectio/meditatio/oratio is the work of obtaining water from a well; but contemplatio is more the patient reception of a gentle rain from heaven.

### A Life-Changing Study for the Whole Parish!

#### Week Five — Contemplatio

The desire of the Christian's heart is to see God. In *contemplatio* we rest at the pinnacle of the ladder of prayer, gazing upon God in love.

This week, login to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and watch *Into the Desert*, Episode 5.

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Saturday 9 am—4 pm  
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Check out our Facebook Page  
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Spring Cleaning Time  
Are you trying to declutter? Looking for a place to get rid of your gently used items?  
Need to sell some furniture?  
Accept donations during business hours.

Monday 4/8	Tuesday 4/9	Wednesday 4/10	Thursday 4/11	Friday 4/12	Saturday 4/13
50% off Clothes	50% off Vases & Wicker Baskets	50% off Purses, Wallets, Cosmetic Bags, Backpacks, & Luggage	50% off Shoes for the entire Family	Bag of Books \$1	50% off Clothes

## TO RAISE A SAINT

My name is Jennifer Schmidt and my husband Colby and I have three daughters. Brooklyn is 10. Rosie is 6 and Adalyn is 2. When Brooklyn was in preschool, we started looking at our options for primary school. We were renting our home at the time and were open to moving to a new community for the "right school."

Because she was our first kiddo, I wanted everything to be perfect. We looked at a variety of schools from Henderson to Janesville. Some schools were public, some were charter schools and some were Christian. After touring (more schools than necessary) we decided on three major criteria.

The Pledge of Allegiance must be recited daily

The class size must be small

We wanted faith based learning to reinforce what we were teaching at home.

It seems silly looking back because today I would reverse the order of this criteria.

As a Mom, my goal is to raise happy kids. My goal is to have them be faithful adults and ultimately, I'd like to raise a Saint.

Since there isn't a handbook titled, "How to raise a Saint" Colby and I are just winging it. We attend mass (just about) every week, expose the kids to volunteer opportunities, and meet with a Small group bible study monthly. Our bible study began during Lent about three years ago following a visit from Deacon Ralph and has truly changed our lives. The biggest change we have made is sending the kids to John Ireland School. Looking back it is pretty sweet how we ended up here.

A friend of mine from work simply said, "Have you heard of John Ireland?" He did not push or boast about how wonderful of a school it is. He did not mention that his children were alumni. It was very natural and casual. Just a mention, a sweet invitation and that was it. I often wonder if more folks would simply mention John Ireland, simply invite, how many more seats would be filled and how many more kids would benefit from the positivity of the school.

After the initial invitation, Fast- forward a few weeks. Finally, I brought the kids to Mass. Colby was working. I was running solo. I was so nervous because I grew up in an Evangelical Lutheran Church community and wasn't familiar with the Catholic order of service. For almost ten years Colby went to Catholic mass and I attended the Lutheran service. We would flip a coin to see who "got to bring the kids."

That Sunday, My kids were the loudest, wildest, craziest kids in the whole church. I swear they ganged up on me. They were so naughty, I was sure we could not come back. That's when the Holy Spirit stepped in. He stepped in as the form of another parent. He saw my struggle. He welcomed us. He gave me a quick run-down on where the bathrooms were located and that there were donuts in the social hall following Mass. He invited us back. Most

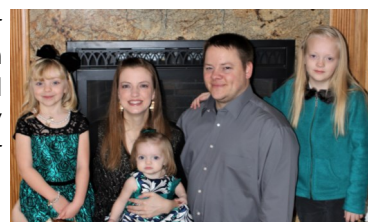
importantly, He invited us back.

Since that day, I realized what was missing from all of the other schools and church communities we visited. Here we were wanted. I challenge you to welcome, introduce and invite back families you don't recognize. It really makes all the difference.

On Brooklyn's first day of Kindergarten, I felt like I was throwing her in to the Lion's den. She was a quiet kid and I was scared for her. Throughout the day, I received pictures via text and saw her smile on Social media. I exhaled but did not realize the family we gained. I did not realize that the other families in the school would become like her aunts and uncles, her peers more like cousins. I did not realize the teachers were like sweet grandmothers encouraging everything from numbers and letter as well as encouraging her Faith. Her teachers led by example saying the rosary daily. She saw her teachers pray for us and our well-being as a family. Her teachers introduced me to the RICA program and helped me become in full communion with the Catholic faith. They gently led our family to unity. One faith, one religion. While studying with the RICA program I came to know a better understanding of my own faith and as a result, I am a better mother.

Obviously, committing to a Catholic education has its challenges. For our family, it is harder both financially and requires more volunteer hours than public education. Financially, it isn't a 7 year commitment. It isn't 7 years of tuition times the number of children we are blessed with. For us, it is giving to the school and scholarship program even after our kids are grown. It is prayers for the well-being of the school and staff. It is doing all that we can do to keep the school, our school, John Ireland successful. We won't offer our time, finances or prayers based on a requirement. Supporting John Ireland isn't a "Pass go" or "get to Heaven free" card. It is a Thank you. It is a Thank you to John Ireland for helping me to keep my kids humble. It's a thank you for teaching them how to be the best human they can possibly be. It is a thank you for helping me be the best mom I can be. I know Colby and I cannot do this alone, but together we can raise a saint. ~ Jennifer Schmidt

Jennifer wrote this for Catholic Schools week in 2018 and has been asked numerous times for a copy of it. Thank you Jennifer for sharing your story with us!



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# Enroll Today!

## STEWARDSHIP OF DISCIPLES

Treasure: Fiscal Year July 2018 - June 2019

Week ending: March 31, 2019 (current fiscal year)

	Actual	Weekly Budget
Adult Giving Envelopes	\$ 4,994.10	
WeShare & Electronic Giving (ACH)	\$ 2,203.75	
Total	\$ 7,197.85	\$ 9,615.38
Loose Plate / Offertory	\$ 261.62	\$ 288.46
Children's Offertory	\$ 24.82	\$ 28.85
Total Weekly Offertory	\$ 7,484.29	\$ 9,932.69
Parish Trustees: Agnes Stensby & Jeff Borgmeier	Year to Date Contributions \$ 370,275.57	Year to Date Budget \$392,341.26

### **AMAZING OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW JI STUDENTS**

Due to a generous donation, we are able to offer 10 newly enrolled children at all levels (Kindergarten through Sixth Grade) of John Ireland School \$500 per child for tuition for 2019-2020. This is an AMAZING opportunity for families for are considering John Ireland School! Call 507-931-2810 for more information.

### **Online Giving/WeShare**

Want a quick, easy, and safe way to donate to the church online? We have an option for online giving. Contact Jennifer at the parish and she would love to step you through the process.

507-931-1628 ext 101.

<http://churchofstpeter.weshareonline.org>



Update as of  
4/2/19

Parish Goal: \$35,338.53  
Total Received: \$34,486.40  
Remaining: (\$852.13)  
Number of Donors: 112