APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND BLESSINGS TO ALL WHO ENTER OUR CHURCHES!

THE HOLY FAMILY

TEACHER

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

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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, December 30 - The Holy Family
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 / Colossians 3:12-21 / Luke 2:41-52
8:00 am ..... Mass, St. Paul
10:00 am ..... Mass (Parish Family), St. Peter

Monday, December 31
New Year's Eve - Parish Offices OPEN!
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 / Luke 2:41-52
7:30 am ..... Confession, St. Peter
8:00 am ..... Mass (+Mary Stoffel), St. Pete
6:00 pm ..... Mass (For the People), St. Peter

Tuesday, January 1
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
New Year's Day - Parish Offices Closed
Numbers 6:22-27 / Luke 2:16-21
8:00 am ..... Mass, St. Paul
10:00 am ..... Mass (+Marty Braunger), St. Peter

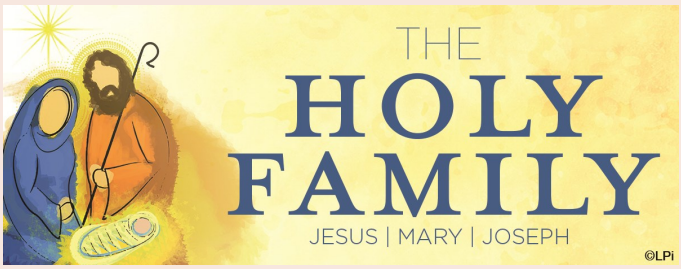
Wednesday, January 2
1 John 2:22-28 / John 1:19-28
7:30 am ..... Confession, St. Paul
8:00 am ..... Mass, St. Paul
10:30 am ..... Mass (+Dawn Thieman), Benedictine

Thursday, January 3
1 John 2:29-3:6 / John 1:29-34
7:30 am ..... Confession, St. Peter
8:15 am ..... JI Mass - Staff (+Adline Johnson), St. Peter
1:00 pm - 10:00 pm ..... Adoration

Friday, January 4
1 John 3:7-10 / John 1:35-42
7:30 am ..... Confession, St. Peter
8:00 am ..... Mass (Sr. Therese Collison), St. Peter
8:30 am ..... Group Retreat
10:00 am ..... Mass (+Elle Willaert), Prairie Hill

Saturday, January 5
1 John 3:11-21 / John 1:43-51
3:00 pm ..... Confession, St. Peter
4:00 pm ..... Mass
(+Jack & Betty Glenn & Michael Smith), St. Peter

Sunday, January 6 - The Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12
8:00 am ..... Mass, St. Paul
10:00 am ..... Mass (Parish Family), St. Peter
10:00 am ..... Sunday School



Ministry of Liturgy Schedule

December 31 - 6:00 pm
SERVERS: Brooklyn Schmidt, Kylie Grack
EME: Bob Genelin, Dcn. Tony Grack, Mike Miner, Susie Miner, Audrey Schmitz
GIFTS: Don & Sue Wolfe
LECTOR: Tim Prachar
USHERS: Jeff Borgmeier, Bruce Leonard

January 1, 2019 - 10:00 am
SERVERS: Evan Walter, Gabe McCarty
EME: Kathy Steiner, Joe Kienlen, Teresa Kienlen, Pat Miller, LeAnn Miller, Kathy Schmidt
GIFTS: Jack & Carol Penning
LECTOR: Judy Pedersen
USHERS: Brad Wenner, Jeff Gilbertson, Steve Wenner

January 5 - 4:00 pm
SERVERS: Michael Thompson, Marshall Gullord
EME: Bob Genelin, Mary Ann Harty, Bill Leonard, Cindy Lynch, Rachel Thompson
GIFTS: Skip & Dorothy Keller
LECTOR: Barb Rodning
USHERS: Curt Thelen, Volunteers

January 6 - 10:00 am
SERVERS: Thomas Johnson
EME: Jeff Borgmeier, Peggy Borgmeier, Gigi Dobosenski, Pat Miller, Audrey Schmitz, Mary Ann Enz
GIFTS: Doug Wenner Family
LECTOR: Brad Schloesser
USHERS: Brad Wenner, Jeff Gilbertson, Steve Wenner

Rosary

January6 Rosary led by the Women's Group.

There is a rosary before weekday Mass at 7:30am in the Chapel.

Coffee and Donuts

There will be no coffee and donuts the weekend of December 30. Join us again on January 6 hosted by the Borgmeier Family.

The Future Depends on Love: Episode 7

St. Peter Access Channel 7
Wednesday, January 2 - 9 pm
Thursday, January 3 - 10 am

A Note From Father

Dear Parishioners,

As we gather this weekend, we continue the merriment of the Christmas season - in fact we are still in the Octave, with eight full days of celebration and joy. As we gather this weekend, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. It was the Eternal Father's plan, from all eternity, to send His Son into a human family. St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother protected, provided, and nourished the Christ Child, and are the model to all families. As we gather to celebrate, know my prayers are for all families, especially those broken by death, divorce, and disease. May the Lord heal all families to make suffering families whole, and good families great.

We are on the verge of the year's end, too. While most in the world celebrate New Year's day on the 1st, in the Church, we mark it with a Holy Day of Obligation - Mary, Mother of God. This feast reminds us that Jesus Christ really became flesh through a human mother, and the Blessed Mother bore Him and became the Mother of the Creator. That is not to say that she gave Him existence - she gave Him flesh. But His humanity and divinity are united in such a way that she is the Mother of God, a title that protects Christ's humanity and divinity.

All the same, Happy New Year to all.

May the Lord bless you with peace and grace.

~ In Christ, Fr. Todd

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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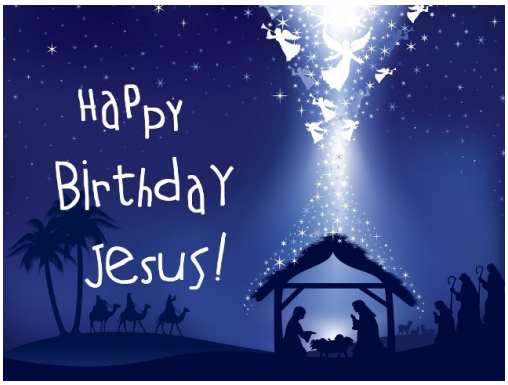


School Resumes on January 2nd

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, 12/16 — Adult - $1,543.00 / Plate - $19.00
Christmas – $125.00 / Holy Day – $10.00
Baby "Bottle" Campaign – $59.20
Votive Candles – $55.50 / Flowers – $60.00

TUESDAY, January 1, 2019! ***HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tues., 1/1/19 – 8:00 am – †Ron Michels
Wed., 1/2 – 8:00 am – †Kathy Mettler
Sun., 1/6 – 8:00 am - †Whitey Mayer

MINISTRY OF LITURGY

Sunday, January 6
USHERS: Mike Holmin, Mark Zins, Paul Zins
LECTOR: Barb Holmin
EME: Barb Blashack, Barb Holmin, Brenda T., Colette Thorson, Donna Zins
SACRISTAN: Bill Blashack
SERVERS: Dominic and Justin Rosin
GIFTS: Paul and Donna Zins
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, Matt Reichard, Pete Reinhart, Betty Wenner, Pat Zins, Richard, Rob, Scott, Troy. **We pray for all who are ill or hospitalized.**

Nursing Home Residents: Mary Gronholz, Pheasant Ridge, St. Peter. Mary Ann Mans, New Perspective, Mankato. 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. Fran Renne, Monarch Meadows, North Mankato. Cletus Wenner, Heritage Meadows Senior Living, St. Peter.

PARISH NOTES:

1. Baby Bottle Campaign, Dec. 9 to Jan. 20, 2019: Baby bottle fundraisers are a way for pregnancy centers to raise money to do their work. All of their services are provided free of charge to their clients because of the generous support of donors like you. **This year you will have the option of First Choice Pregnancy Center, New Ulm or Options, Mankato. Thank you for your support!**

Reflecting with Mary
Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. *—Luke 2:19*

On New Year's Day, it is a natural time to both reflect and envision. Last years monthly planner still slumbers on my desk waiting to remind me of times and places. Before I shelve the history of those 365 days, I ponder once again the days where my journey has been recorded. The new monthly planner invites me to continue writing my story. It gives assurance that I will plan the future and then document the past. The first page offers this exhortation: "It's your life. Take note." I wonder what the coming year has in store. However, this day, I find strength and courage thinking of Mary, for she is a most holy person and this is a holy day. She tells me, as she told the servants in Cana, to do whatever Jesus tells you. Like Mary, I also will travel the hill country, with highs and lows and with mysteries to encounter. Mary proclaims that grace is abundant and faith is abiding. And I will feel the light even when the dawn of the new year is still dark.
—Fr. James McKarns
(Living Faith, Daily Catholic Devotions)

Growing older is mandatory, growing up is optional!

2018 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

Parish Goal: $7,228.34
Portion Received: $3,144.00
Total Cash Received: $786.00
Variance ($3,298.34)
Update as of 12/13/18 Number of Donors: 18

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Happy New Year! Reminder dues will be due in January - $25. If you know of anyone who would like to be a Catholic Daughter now is a good time to join.

Next meeting is January 8 beginning at 6:30 pm with a living Rosary.

Next Regent outing January 20.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

Save the date, January 6, 2019 to attend the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest - ages 9-14 held at John Ireland School Gym. 12:30 Registration 1:00 Contest. No charge. For entry form and registration information contact Ron Bresnahan—934-6538.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS:

We thank you for helping us with the "Stuff-A-Rocket" food drive for the Echo Food Shelf during the month of November. John Ireland School collected over 600 items weighing in at 593 pounds of food for those in need in our community!

We also appreciate your support with the Cookie Dough Fundraiser this month. We sold 105 containers and raised almost $750.00. Student Council uses these funds to help our school with retreats, service learning projects, and celebrations like Catholic Schools Week!

GROWING TOGETHER IN A STEWARDSHIP

Be a Good Steward of Your Talents

Being a Good Steward is using in a quiet way the gifts you have been given. There are many ministries in our parish that could provide you the opportunity to use your talents in a quiet way.

Gift of Prayer:
Faith Formation- both as a volunteer and participant
Prayer Ministry- Members pray for the sick of the parish and those with special intentions. Intentions are spread by phone tree or Email. This is a wonderful ministry for the home bound.

Parish Healing Ministry – praying directly for someone's physical healing

Other countless Gifts of Service:
And after you and your Master are finished with all that He has entrusted to your hands, you will stand before Him in heaven's throne room. On that day, because you asked boldly for greater ministry impact, and because you stepped forward courageously in spite of your fear, you'll experience an eternity of joy enhanced by the knowledge that people are there because you prayed. You'll bask in a reward that we can't even begin to comprehend. And the Lord will smile and say to you, "Well done".

UP-COMING FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

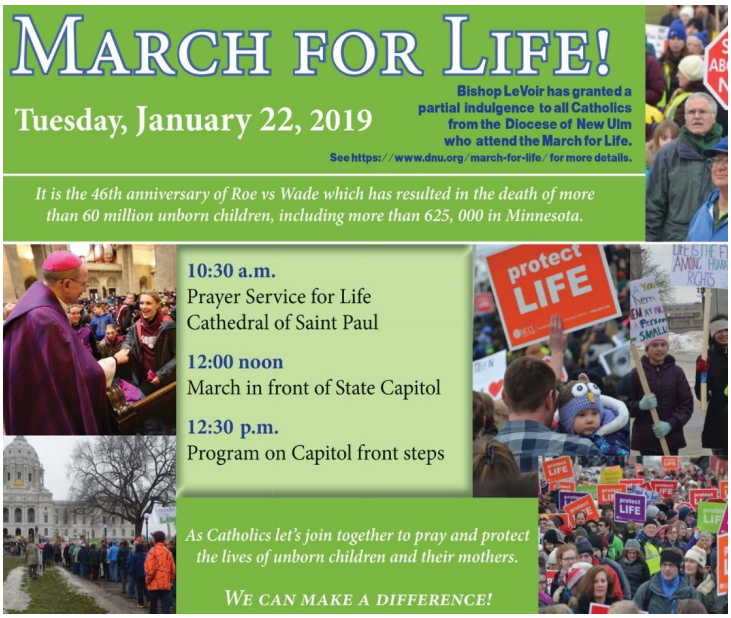
January 2019						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

January	
2	No Class - Core Planning
13	LifeTeen Mass at 5:30 pm
16	Confirmation Class

LifeTeen Christmas Party

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 8-10, 2019 in Windom and Apr 26-28, 2019 in Hutchinson. For more information, call Miki Schultz at 507-227-8229 or visit them at southmnwwme.org.



Church of St. Peter Thrift & Consignment Store

Store Hours: M-F 9 am—5 pm,
Saturday 9 am—4 pm
(507) 931-9150 - 401 S Minnesota Ave
Check out our Facebook Page

*The Thrift Store will be closed
December 31, January 1

*Check Facebook for when there is inclement weather to see if the store is open or closed.

Monday 12/31	Tuesday 1/1	Wednesday 1/2	Thursday 1/3	Friday 1/4	Saturday 1/5
Closed	**Closed**	50% off Office Supplies CD's and Records only 50cents	50% off Bedding, Pillows, Rugs, Table Cloths, Towels, Window & Shower Curtains	50% off Lamps, Frames, Pictures and Shelves	**Donation Day** Bring in a donation and get 50% off your purchase

Stewardship of Disciples

Treasure: Fiscal Year July 2018 - June 2019 Week ending: December 16, 2018 (current fiscal year)	Actual	Weekly Budget
Adult Giving Envelopes	$ 4,735.67	
WeShare & Electronic Giving (ACH)	$ 2,570.00	
Total	$ 7,305.67	$ 9,615.38
Loose Plate / Offertory	$ 243.22	$ 288.46
Children's Offertory	$ 12.15	$ 28.85
Total Weekly Offertory	$ 7,561.04	$ 9,932.69

Parish Trustees: Agnes Stensby & Jeff Borgmeier	Year to Date Contributions	Year to Date Budget
	$ 233,402.93	$243,350.91

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

Due to accelerated bulletin deadlines, the financial numbers for the weekend of December 23 will be in the bulletin for the weekend of January 6.