

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

**Dear Parishioners,**

The recent Pastoral Leader Days were very good. We had two groups of presentations. Tuesday's focused on porn addiction and the damage that it can do to families, as well as the necessary 'talk therapy' for help out of the addiction. Dr. Peter Kleponis was the presenter and has a great website at <http://www.integrityrestored.com/> as well as <http://www.maritalhealing.com/>. There are a number of great resources there. Wednesday morning's presenters were Bruce and Jeannie Hannemann of RECLAiM Ministries (<http://reclaimsexualhealth.com/>), which helps those with addiction physically heal. There is great evidence that online pornography, especially consumed in large amounts, literally causes damage to the brain, leading to a lower intelligence, communication skills, and socialization. This is on top of the spiritual damage as well as the psychological. They have an online course that uses the neuroscience and new understanding of the neuro-plasticity of the brain to help those with problems find healing and hope.

Sadly, the issue with pornography is bigger than I suspect. It is a \$13 billion dollar industry in the US, with 50% of Christian men and 20% of Christian women saying they are addicted to porn, and 56% of divorces have porn as a key component to the breakdown of marriage. The speakers also shared that the stereotypically porn addict is not correct – the average addict is intelligent, sensitive, and spiritual. As Pope John Paul II said about porn, though, is not that it reveals too much of a person, but that it reveals too little. While our culture keeps saying that it is all okay, everything medically, psychologically, emotionally says otherwise. Please, if you have problems, use the sacrament of Reconciliation, or check out the above websites. There is no reason to hide from the Lord – He desires your healing. You are made for more! Our faith offers the very best – we have the sacrament of Reconciliation as well as the Eucharist – the most intimate reception of our Lord who meets our every need and heals our every wound. The presenters even shared that doctors examining a man with profound damage to his brain due to his addiction were able to observe healing after the man said ONE rosary...Imagine the healing that can occur with daily rosaries, the sacraments, talk therapy, and as needed the RECLAiM program!

In Christ,  
**Fr. Todd J. Petersen**

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**February 16 – 23, 2014**



### **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 16**

- 8 AM Mass at Niccollet
- 9 AM – noon CDA Birthright, Narthex
- 10 AM Mass (Parish Family), St. Peter
- No Faith Formation
- 11 AM Coffee & Rolls, Social Hall

### **Monday, President's Day**

- 8 AM Mass, (+Jim Seitzer), Chapel
- Offices Closed – No School

### **Tuesday**

- 8 AM Mass (+Deacon Sy & +Mary Ann Sauer)
- 7 PM Stewardship Com., Family Room

### **Wednesday**

- 8 AM Mass (Special Family Intention), Chapel
- 8:15 AM School Prayer, Church
- 3 PM School Choir, Band Room
- 6:30 – 7:45 PM Faith Formation Grs. 2-6
- 6:30 PM Choir, Band Room
- 6:30 – 8 PM EDGE, Social Hall
- 6:30 PM Faith Formation Sub-Com., Room 127

### **Thursday**

- 8:15 AM School Mass (+Mark & +Kathy Schaus)
- 1 – 10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel
- 3:30 PM Confessions, Chapel

### **Friday**

- 8 AM Mass (Special Intention), Chapel
- 3 PM – 1 AM Scrap Booking, Social Hall

### **Saturday**

- 7 AM – 3 PM Scrap Booking, Social Hall
- 3:30 – 5:30 PM Jewelry Sales, Narthex
- 4 PM Mass (Parish Family), St. Peter
- 5 PM Mass, Niccollet

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 23

- 8 AM Mass, Nicollet
- 9 AM – noon Jewelry Sales, Narthex
- 10 AM Mass (+Marcella Lucas), St. Peter
- 10 AM Faith Formation Preschool – Gr. 1
- 11 AM Coffee & Rolls, Social Hall
- 7 – 8:30 PM LifeTeen, Social Hall

### DAILY READINGS

**Monday:** James 1:1-11 / Mark 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** James 1:12-18 / Mark 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** James 1:19-27 / Mark 8:22-26  
**Thursday:** James 2:1-9 / Mark 8:27-33 (338)  
**Friday:** James 2:14-24,26 / Mark 8:34—9:1  
**Saturday:** 1 Peter 5:1-4 / Matthew 16:13-19  
**Sunday:** Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18 / 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 / Matthew 5:38-48

### Prayer Ministry

Please Pray For: Vicky (Schaus) Carter

### Stewardship

In today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus reveal his attitude toward the Law. His mission is not to reject the Law, but to fulfill it, bring it to perfection. Jesus challenges his followers to live by an even higher standard than the Scribes and Pharisees; to be even more observant of the laws than even the strictest interpretation. Jesus says that if the Law condemns someone for murder, he wants the very roots of the anger, vengeance or insults which can lead to murder removed completely. He goes further to say that one cannot even offer prayer and worship to God if there is unresolved strife with another. One must leave the altar at once to go and reconcile the wrong. Do we trust Jesus enough to be able to conform our attitude to his? ([catholicstewardship.com](http://catholicstewardship.com))

#### Time & Talent:

**Stewardship of Prayer:** Nothing is more important than cultivating a cultivating a closer, deeper relationship with God. Make a new commitment to a time each day to listen to God's voice.

#### Treasure: Fiscal Year July 2012-June 2013

##### *Week Ending: February 09, 2014*

Offertory Envelopes	\$	8,190.00	
Electronic Giving-Offertory	\$	4,160.12	
Loose Plate	\$	274.97	
Initial Offertory	\$	5.00	
<b>Total Weekly Offertory Contributions</b>			<b>\$ 12,630.09</b>
<b>Each week the offertory budget is \$10,194.50</b>			<b>\$10,194.50</b>

Difference: \$2,435.59

Year to Date Contributions	\$	286,505.16
Year to Date Budget	\$	336,418.50
Year to Date Difference:	\$	(49,913.34)

Children's Giving	\$	20.36
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***"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."***

***Matthew 5:20***

Confirmation - Sunday, March 16, 2014 10:00 am Mass  
Luck of the Irish, Johnson Hall, Saturday, March 29, 2014



## Coffee and Rolls

Join your friends and family Sunday mornings after 10 am Mass in the Social Hall!

**Volunteers for February 23, 2014:**

**Emily Rezmerski family**

## **URGENT – PLEASE TAKE NOTE:**

**Volunteers of Church of St. Peter and John Ireland School: it is VERY IMPORTANT that you complete your VIRTUS training immediately or risk being placed on an inactive status. Once inactive, you will not be able to assist in church or school functions. So please, take a few minutes today and complete your training. If you have any problems or questions, please call 931-1628 in the mornings and ask for Helen. Thanks for all that you do.**



## 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**

**Sales Specials:**

Glasses & Stemware ½ price!

☒ Chest of Drawers

☒ Love Seat

☒ Couch

## Visiting Women's Religious Communities in the Twin Cities area

**Saturday, February 22, 2014**

**8 am – 6 pm**

Women will have a chance to visit four different religious communities to meet, learn, share meals, and pray with Catholic sisters. We will visit local communities of Benedictines, Franciscan Poor Clares, School Sisters of Notre Dame, and Sisters of St. Joseph. The event is free. For more information and registration, contact Sister Jill Underdahl, CSJ, [junderdahl@csjstpaul.org](mailto:junderdahl@csjstpaul.org) or 651-696-2873. Please register by February 15.

## **Hospice Volunteer Training**

Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice is looking for volunteers to work in our Hospice and Palliative Care programs. **Volunteer training is scheduled for Feb. 25 & 26 from 9 am – 3 pm and Feb. 27 from 9 am - noon** at the Hospice office in the Madison East Center, Mankato. We are looking for volunteers in all of our service areas. For more info or to request an application, please call Kim Rotchadl at 385-6364 or [Rotchadl.Kim@mayo.edu](mailto:Rotchadl.Kim@mayo.edu).

## St. Peter Public Access TV - Channel 7

### ◆ Church of St. Peter Sunday Mass

Mondays – 7 pm

Tuesdays – 9 am

### ◆ “Discernment of Spirit”

Join Fr. Timothy Gallagher as he examines St. Ignatius of Loyola’s 14 rules for discernment of spirits. Using real-life examples, Fr. Gallagher shows how the 500-year-old rules can be applied to one’s daily life. A member of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, Fr. Gallagher is a sought-after retreat director who has written several books on St. Ignatius’ spirituality, including *“The Discernment of Spirit”* and *“An Ignatian Introduction to Prayer.”*

#### Episode 21:

Wednesday, February 19, 9:00 pm

Thursday, February 20, 10:00 am

## **WHAT’S COMING UP.....**

### ◆ Sunday, Feb.23 (free & open to all!)

**OboeBass! – The Vecchione/Erdahl Duo**

**4:00 pm ~~ First Lutheran Church, St. Peter**

Carrie Vecchione & Rolf Erdahl (Gustavus music faculty) will present a delightful, unusual, & entertaining concert of music from many time periods & in many styles.

Contact 934-3060 for info.

### ◆ Thursday, Feb.27

**“Consider the Conversation”**

A free presentation to learn more about end-of-life communication and preparation.

Sponsored by Mayo Clinic Health System

**6:30 – 8:30 pm ~~~ Jackson Campus Center, Gustavus**

Includes a 60-minute documentary video followed by a question and answer session. Pre-registration is requested. Please call 507-385-6376 to reserve your spot.

### ◆ Sunday, March 2

**SPHS All Night Graduation Party Fundraiser**

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast**

**8:30 am – noon // St. Peter American Legion**

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## **Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice sponsors:**

### **Journey Through Grief**

*An 8-week grief group for families and individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one. Limit of 10 participants.*

**Wednesdays, March 5 – April 24**

10 – 11:30 am

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau St., Mankato

### **Teen Grief Group**

*Six week grief group for junior and senior high school students who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Teens will have an opportunity to gather and share with others and find comfort in knowing that they are not alone.*

**Tuesdays, March 11 – April 15**

5:30 – 6:30 pm Junior high students (limit of 10)

6:45 – 7:45 pm Senior high students (limit of 10)

Mayo Clinic Health System

101 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (Conference Room), Mkt

***There is no charge for either program, but pre-registration is required.*** For more info or to register, please call the Hospice office at 507-385-2989.

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## **Youth Faith Formation**

### **Important Dates:**

Wednesday, February 26: First Eucharist Learning Centers @ 6:30 pm  
Sunday, March 16 – Confirmation Mass at 10 am (NO AM Youth Faith Formation)  
Saturday, May 3: First Eucharist practice @ 9 am  
Sunday, May 4: First Eucharist Mass @ 10 am

### **PLEASE NOTE: (Rescheduled) Sacramental Preparation** (It is important that parents attend w/their child.)

- First Eucharist Learning Centers for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and their parents has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 26 at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall.

**LifeTeen Masses:** Sundays, March 9, April 13, and May 18 at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!

### **No Youth Faith Formation Class:**

- Grades 2-6: Ash Wednesday, March 5
- Preschool, Kindergarten & Grade 1: Sunday, March 16

### **Aluminum Can Recycling:**

Thank you for supporting aluminum recycling and Cans for Christ. Please place your cans into the barrels in front of the trailer. Also, please do not put glass, plastic, or garbage in the barrels. Thank you again for your wonderful cooperation and support of this project to support the youth Faith Formation program!

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## **Host Families Needed for Summer of 2014**

Hosting provides insight into cultural differences and lessons in tolerance challenging people around the world. Enjoy giving a Northern Ireland child a safe and happy environment where there are no boundaries between communities. Plus, loads of summer fun and a lifetime of memories for all! Hosting dates are June 27 to July 31 (arriving/departing MSP airport). For more information, please contact Karol Baumeister, Children's Program of Northern Ireland (CPNI) at 651-405-1108 or [cpni@cpni.org](mailto:cpni@cpni.org).



### **JEWELRY SALES COMING SOON!**

Before and after each weekend Mass the weekends of February 22-23 and March 1-2. We will be selling a large variety of rosaries, Catholic medals, rings, bracelets, and necklaces. Any of these items would make the perfect gift for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Confirmation, Easter or Mother's Day. The money raised during this sale will support our teens attending the Franciscan University Leadership Conference this summer. Thank you for your generosity and support!

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study on Monday, Feb. 17 will meet at 9 am at Sharon Domeier's home (1202 Pine Point Curve) Any one is certainly welcome to join. We read and study the readings for the next Sunday liturgy. You do not need to know a lot about the bible or feel that you have to have great wisdom or insight into scripture. We are all seekers and learners, sharing our love and faith with one another. If you have questions, please call Sister Therese at 931-1628 Ext. 112.

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## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

- ☺ **Monday, Feb. 17:** Offices closed;  
No school. There **will be** Mass at 8 am.
  - ☺ **Ash Wednesday, March 5:** Masses:  
8:00 am - Nicollet  
8:15 am - St. Peter  
5:00 pm - Nicollet  
7:00 pm - St. Peter
  - ☺ **Sunday, March 16:** Confirmation Mass at 10 am.
  - ☺ **Sunday, May 9:** First Eucharist Mass at 10 am.
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