

OUR MISSION

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

Dear Parishioners,

Our deepest sympathy to the Leonard family on the death of Donald Loizeaux, and to the Vetter family on the death of Nancy Vetter. I also continue to ask your prayers for the my aunt Barb Baune (my uncle's wife). May they, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

This week, we are including an attachment in the Bulletin to help with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep it and refer to it. We have extras, too, and copies can be made as needed. There is nothing extravagant in it - just a few hints, ways to examine our conscience, and a guide for how to go.

In our Gospel, we hear of the mercy of the gardener, who longs to help the fig tree bear fruit. He gives it all it needs, but it is up to the tree to produce fruit. So too does the Father gift us in His mercy with all we need to produce the fruits of confession - confession of our sins seeking to live converted lives, and confession of our faith leading others to Him. Or we can turn those goods toward ourselves, our selfish pursuits, like a tree that grows branches and leaves, but not good fruit. We don't know when the Lord will call us, like the people mentioned in the two episodes referred to in the Gospel. We must be producing these fruits always.

The third Spiritual work of Mercy is to admonish the sinner. Notice that this is not to condemn the sinner, nor to confirm the sinner in the sin. It is to call the sinner on the sin, to judge an action, not the person. We recall that a person is not his or her actions. To admonish the sinner is to remind them of their dignity, and present an invitation to conversion, that they would see their actions or inactions were wrong. It is not to hound them. This is based in love, in our desire to help them find the mercy of God. It starts in little ways and with the ones closest to us - perhaps spouses or families.

In Christ,
Fr. Todd J. Petersen

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

February 28 – March 6, 2016

3rd Sunday of Lent, February 28



- 8 AM Mass, Nicollet
- 10 AM Mass (+Buz & Mary Lou Hoffmann), St. Peter
- 10 AM Faith Formation Preschool-Gr 1
- 11:00 AM Coffee & Donuts, SH
- 12 PM Mass at Gustavus (+Walley Zallek)
- 7 PM LifeTeen, Social Hall

Monday

- 8 AM Mass (+Barb Baune), Chapel
- 9 AM Bible Study

Tuesday

- 8 AM Mass (+ Charles Mulloy), Chapel
- 3 PM School Choir, Band Room

Wednesday

- 8 AM Mass, Nicollet
- No JIS Prayer Church
- 10:30 AM Benedictine Mass (+Lois Pettis)
- 6:30 PM FF Grade 2-8
- 6:30 Sanctuary Choir, Band Room

Thursday

- 8:15 AM School Mass (+Gordon A. Erkel), Church
- No Eucharistic Adoration
- No Confessions
- 5:30 PM JI Kdg Roundup
- 6:30 PM RCIA, Family Room

Friday

- 8 AM Mass (+Jim Seitzer), Chapel
- 8:30 AM Year of Mercy Eucharistic Adoration beginning, Chapel
- 8:30 AM Stations, Church
- 11 AM Confession
- 7 PM Penance Service with Bishop LeVoir, Church

Saturday

- 11 AM Confession
- 2 PM Penance Service. End Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction
- 4 PM Mass (+Marty Braunger), St. Peter

4th Sunday of Lent, March 6

- 8 AM Mass, Nicollet
- 8:30-11:30 AM FF Breakfast
- 10 AM Mass (+Parish Family), St. Peter
- 10 AM Faith Formation Preschool-Gr 1
- No Coffee & Donuts
- 2 PM Penitential Service, SP
- 7 PM LifeTeen, Social Hall

DAILY READINGS

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15 / Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43 / Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 / Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28 / Luke 11:14-23
Friday: Hosea 14:2-10 / Mark 12:28-34
Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6 / Luke 18:9-14
Sunday: Joshua 5:9-12 / 2 Corinthians 5:17-21,
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Coffee and Donuts

Please join us on Sunday mornings in the Social Hall as we enjoy community and Coffee & Donuts after the 10 AM Mass.

Volunteers for March 6th: Emily Rezmerski & family

**Make a difference by leaving a gift to
the Church of St. Peter
in your will.**

We are in need of several volunteers for aiding in the decorations, especially during Holy Week. Needed especially are individuals willing to climb ladders, lift and care things, etc. Please contact Fr. Todd.

John Ireland School
Kindergarten Round-Up
Thursday, March 3, 2016
OUT OF THIS WORLD!



1801 W Broadway, St. Peter
5:30 pm Dinner
6-7 pm Tours, Presentation, and More

RSVP or Questions
please call Colleen 507.931.2810 ext. 146



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



February 27, 2016
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Catholic School
Thank you for supporting
Jump Rope for Heart & Pennies
for Patients!



CHURCH OF ST. PETER THRIFT and CONSIGNMENT STORE
(507) 931-9150

50% off: Hanging shirts, pants,
and sweaters.

For Sale: Armoire, TV, couch, and coffee table.

Easter/Spring Decoration Now Available!

We are looking for good, clean used furniture. If you have any to donate that would be greatly appreciated!

St. Peter Public Access TV - Channel 7

- ◆ **Church of St. Peter Sunday Mass:**
Mondays – 7 pm Tuesdays – 9 am
- ◆ **“The Early Church - #13”**

Learn about the history of the early church from host Fr. William Palardy, rector of Blessed John XXIII Seminary. This series of 13 episodes was recorded when Fr. Palardy was teaching patristics (the study of Christian Fathers) at St. John’s Seminary. Each episode presents a different aspect of the teachings of the Church’s founders. Some of the topics include the early Church’s relation with the Jewish faith, Christian apologists, the development of the Church’s doctrine at the ecumenical councils of Nicea and Constantinople, liturgical practices of the early Church, and the theology of St. Augustine.

Wednesday, March 2 @ 9 pm

Thursday, March 3 @ 10 am

Bishop Lucker Lecture

When: Monday, March 7, 2017 @ 7 pm

Where: The Church of St. Catherine in Redwood Falls. Featured Speaker will be John Allen, Associate Editor of The Boston Globe and Crux and Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN. The theme will be “Blessed are Those who are Persecuted: Today’s Christian Martyrs and How We can Respond.” Following the Bishop Lucker Lecture will be the presentation of the Diocesan Distinguished Service Awards for 2016. A social will conclude the evening. This event is free and open to the public.

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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Thanks to everyone who donated to our Birthright Baby Shower this past month. We received so many nice items. Thanks to Marlane Smisek and Mary Grassman for chairing this project.

- Next meeting of CDA is scheduled for March 8th @ 6:30 p.m. Please bring items for the food shelf collection.
- If you have not paid your dues of \$20 please either bring to meeting or send it to Bev Johnson.
- Our Semi-annual salad luncheon is scheduled for April 20th – please mark your calendar and spread the word. More information later on this event.
- The nominating committee is out looking for perspective officers for the next two years...think about serving your Court in some capacity.

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Jubilee Year of Mercy Retreat Days

Plan to join us at the Schoenstatt Shrine for these Jubilee Year of Mercy Retreat Days starting at 10:00 am until 3:00 pm with talks, confession, Holy Mass, lunch, adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet:

March 5, 2016 Saturday and

April 13, 2016 Wednesday

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Baptism Class

Are you expecting or have you recently welcomed your first child. The next baptism class will be on March 1, 2016 at 7:00pm. Contact Mary Grack to register for the class at: mary.grack@churchofstpeter.org. The next baptism class will be in June.

Birthright is in need of volunteers. With more volunteers our office could be open more hours and serve more women. You can work days and hours that fit into your schedule. We are planning a training session in February or March. For more information call 388-4558. Put your prolife beliefs into action.

Free Will Donation Breakfast
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Ham & Egg Breakfast

Sunday, March 6th

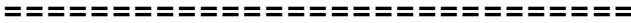


Church of St. Peter

9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Menu: Ham, Eggs, Hash Browns, Fruit, and Donuts

Benefits Youth Faith Formation Programs

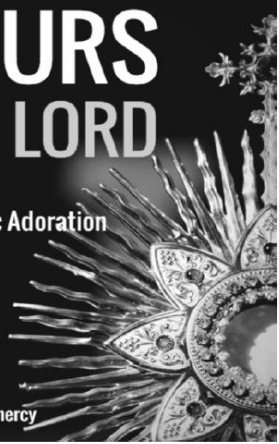


24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration
and Confession...
all over the world.

March 4 - 5, 2016

For more info: dnu.org/yearofmercy



24 Hours for the Lord in Our Area

Location: Church of St. Peter, Chapel

Opening: March 4th following the 8 AM Mass

Closing: March 5th with the 2 PM Penance Service.

Come and pray throughout the day!

Want to commit to an hour? Sign up online at
churchofstpeter.org.



Church of Saint Peter Members:
When: Month of February
For: Birthright girl or boy babies
Donations: Girl or boy, new gently used baby clothing,

blankets, diapers, toys and money donations

Time: Before and after Mass

Location: The Church Narthex

Given By: Catholic Daughters

Monetary donations may be left in the church office or placed in the offertory basket marked CDA birthright.



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Church of Saint Peter, Saint Peter, MN

Stewardship

Treasure: Fiscal Year July 2015-June 2016		
Week Ending: February 21, 2016		
Offertory Envelopes	\$	3,760.21
Electronic Giving-Offertory	\$	5,280.00
Loose Plate	\$	403.86
Initial Offertory	\$	307.00
Total Weekly Offertory Contributions	\$	9,751.07
Each week the offertory budget is \$10,310.00		\$10,310.00
Difference:		(\$558.93)
Please note:		
<i>To meet budgeted expenses, we need</i>		
<i>\$10,310.00/week in adult envelopes.</i>		
<i>Please help as you can. Your support</i>		
<i>is greatly appreciated.</i>		
Year to Date Contributions	\$	348,588.45
Year to Date Budget	\$	350,540.00
Year to Date Difference:	\$	(1,951.55)
Children's Giving:	\$	19.42



The Saint Peter Choral Society and Orchestra will present Bach's masterpiece, the Mass in B Minor (*from the Credo through the Agnus Dei*), on Sunday, March 6 at 2:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel. Tickets are \$15 at the door but may be purchased at Swedish Kontur in advance for \$10. Students are admitted free of charge. There will be a second performance at All Saints Catholic Church in Madison Lake the following Sunday, March 13th also at 2:30 p.m.

This is a rare opportunity to hear what has been called "the greatest musical art-work of all times and all people."

Members of our church who are participating in this monumental undertaking are: Barbara Kachelmeier, Diane Harms and Sue Serbus.

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Jewelry Sales



The weekends of March 5th & March 12th It is our privilege to offer you an opportunity to purchase beautiful imported hand-made Italian, Mexican, and Bethlehem olive wood rosaries, as well as a large variety of Catholic medals, crucifix necklaces, bracelets and other faith inspired necklaces. An assortment of First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA gift items will be included.

Please stop by our display after Mass. Whether you need a new rosary for yourself or as a gift, or want a crucifix to wear, saint medal, bracelet, necklace or other expressive reminder of your faith, we have a variety to meet your needs. Your purchase of these quality items will help send several of our teens to the Franciscan LEAD training in July. Thank you for your support!

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Church of St. Paul

February 28, 2016

Pastor - Fr. Todd J. Petersen

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Parish Office — 507-232-3857

Parish Hall — 507-232-3897

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL SUNDAY COLLECTION

2/21/16 — Adult - \$1,327.00 / Plate - \$26.00

Soup and Sandwich — \$115.00 / Ash Wednesday — \$30.00 / 1st Choice Pregnancy Fundraiser — \$115.00

WEDNESDAY: 5:00 p.m. Soup and Sandwich / 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

THURSDAY: 4:15 p.m. Choir Practice

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Wednesday, 3/2 — 8:00 am — †Thomas Streett

Sunday, 3/6 — 8:00 am — †Harvey Dorn

MINISTRY OF LITURGY

Sunday, March 6

USHERS: Ron Giefer, Ron and Rick Grommersch

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR: Dale Mack

EME: Jay Dorn, Rhonda Ganger, Dale Mack, Bev Mayer, Donna Zins

SACRISTAN: Pat Zins

SERVERS: John Hiniker
GIFTS: Ron and Donna Giefer
GREETERS: Rhonda Ganger

The sick and/or homebound: *God is taking care of you.* Pat Anton, Sister Miriam Ardolf, Pam Bernal, LeAnna Brown, Millie Dorn, Charlie and Dianne Epper, Lisa Hackett Family, Sarah Iverson, Helyna Mack, Whitey Mayer, Herman Mettler, Shirley Michels, Stacy Schultz, Angie and Valerie Weber, Pat Zins, Rob. **We pray for all who are ill or hospitalized.**

Nursing Home Residents: Gene Wenner, Benedictine Living Center, St. Peter; Rose Marie Zins, Oak Hills Living Center, New Ulm.

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

Assisted Living: Fr. Ed Ardolf, Benedictine Living Community, St. Peter. Eddie Bauer, The Wilds of Sand Prairie, St. Peter. Mary Ann Mans, Benedictine Living Community, St. Peter.

PARISH NOTES:

1. MEN'S BREAKFAST & RAFFLE, Sunday, March 13, 9:00 to 11:30 am right here at St. Paul's!! If you would like to make a donation for the raffle, please call Jake Zins – 232-3930, Chuck Gappa – 354-3918 or just drop it by the office. Thank you!

2. World Day of Prayer, Church of St. Willbrord, Gibbon, Friday, March 4, with coffee at 9:30 am and a prayer service at 10:30. Join in the prayer service written by the women of Cuba, which calls us to receive the kingdom of God as little children. If you would like to attend, contact St. Paul's Office – 232-3857 by Monday, February 29.

3. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection: Next Sunday we will take up a collection for CRS. These funds help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees and Christ's love and respect to all people. *Help Jesus in disguise.*

4. Sunday Brunch on Sunday, March 6 at Rapid Rick's Bar and Grill, Nicollet. Tickets: Adults - \$10 / Age 8 & Under - \$5. Advance tickets recommended, available at: Rapid Rick's, ProGrowth Bank, Nicollet Public School Office. Proceeds benefit the 2016 Nicollet High School After-Prom Party.