

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

## **From the Pastor :**

We know death is a part of life but that does not help us understand it, especially if it comes when we least expect to someone like Ashley Leonard, whose life is just beginning to unfold into her teen years.

The Bishop's mother also died last week. However, she was 97 and was quite healthy and active the day before she died. We might react as if it could be expected at that age. Yet, the Bishop shared with me that he never has felt so heavy the weight of grief. He had grown so accustomed to calling her every day and talking on the phone. He visited here every Thursday. She was always there until suddenly she did not pick up the phone.

It doesn't really matter how young or how old a person is who dies, what changes the experience of death is your relationship with the one who has died and what your expectation is about a relationship beyond this world. It sure helps to have an absolute conviction about life beyond the grave.

I turn to Fr. Ron Rolheiser for guidance in his reflection "Hope at the Time of Death" from the book, Forgotten Among the Lilies, p. 288-9.

*I received the news that a close friend of our family was killed in an industrial accident. Nothing prepares you for that kind of news. Since the phone rang I have prayed. I have prayed for the victim, for his family and loved ones, and I have prayed for faith and hope and for the wisdom to know what to say when I speak at this man's funeral.*

*What does one say in the face of a death of this kind? What feeble lifeline of consolation can be clung to for perspective and courage? In what words lie the seeds of courage?*

*We have the words of our faith: "He is in God's hands! We believe in the resurrection and in life everlasting! Life is changed not ended! Here have no lasting city, we are pilgrims destined for an eternal city!" Rich words, true words, but when spoken in the face of actual death they offer perhaps only an anemic consolation. They can be said too easily.*

*What can be said? Perhaps nothing should be said at all. To the extent that we have faith, we already know God cares, that our final hope lies beyond this life and that we are destined for resurrection. To the extent that we do not have faith, all words are inadequate to offer hope at the time of death.*

*Perhaps the consolation and courage we seek at a time like this are found not in words, but in a simple presence to each other, in the simple gesture of hugging and silently sharing pain and helplessness. Perhaps that says all that needs to be said: "I am here, I care."*

*Fr. Phil Schotzko*



## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**July 1 – 8, 2012**

### **13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 1**

- 9:30 AM Mass (Parish Family)
- 10:30 AM Marriage Video, Dustin's Corner

### **Monday**

- 4 – 7:30 PM +Ashley Leonard Visitation, Church

### **Tuesday**

- 10:30 AM Funeral Mass (+Ashley Leonard), Church

### **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> of July**

- No Service – Building Closed

### **Thursday**

- 9:30 AM Mass (+Theodore & +Rose Welter)
- 10:30 AM Mass at Benedictine LC w/Fr. Clinton
- 1 – 10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel
- 3:30 PM Confessions, Chapel

### **Friday**

- 8 AM Mass (+Bob Boys), Chapel

### **Saturday**

- 5 PM Mass (Parish Family)

### **14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 8**

- 9:30 AM Mass (+William & +Charlotte Walter)

10:30 AM Marriage Video, Dustin's Corner

## Prayer Ministry

Pray for those on the Prayer Chain facilitated by the Catholic Daughters and those listed below in the weekly bulletin. If you have a personal prayer request, please call the church office at 931-1628, Marie Miller of the Catholic Daughters at 931-1936, or submit online at the church's website, [www.churchofstpeter.org](http://www.churchofstpeter.org).

### Chuck Chouanard

In your charity... please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ashley Leonard**, daughter of Bruce & Cathy (Wenner) Leonard who passed away recently. Her visitation will be at the church on Monday, July 2 from 4 – 8 pm with a prayer service at 8 pm and visitation on Tuesday (July 3) 1 hour before the 10:30 am funeral Mass. Our love and prayers are with her family and friends who miss her. May she rest in peace.

## CHURCH OF ST. PETER THRIFT and CONSIGNMENT STORE

(507) 931-9150

### REGULAR HOURS:

Monday–Friday: 9 AM–5 PM

Saturday: 9 AM–4 PM

**TOYS, PUZZLES & GAMES -- ½ price!!**



- ❖ Love Seat
- ❖ Nice assortment of Pictures
- ❖ Brass-like Queen-size Headboard
- ❖ Fourth of July decorations

**The Thrift Store will be closed  
on Wednesday, July 4  
in observance of the holiday.**

## DAILY READINGS

**Monday:** Amos 2:6-10,13-16/Matthew 8:18-22  
**Tuesday:** Ephesians 2:19-22/John 20:24-29  
**Wednesday:** Amos 5:14-15,21-24/Matthew 8:28-34  
**Thursday:** Amos 7:10-17/Matthew 9:1-8 (380)  
**Friday:** Amos 8:4-6,9-12/Matthew 9:9-13  
**Saturday:** Amos 9:11-15/Matthew 9:14-17  
**Sunday:** Ezekiel 2:2-5/2 Corinthians 12:7-10/Mark 6:1-6

## Religious Ed / Faith Formation

### Registration:

Look for the Religious Education registration packet this August in your mailbox.

### Fundraisers:

Thank you for supporting aluminum recycling and Cans for Christ. Please remember to empty cans from plastic bags as the bags hold water, so we are deducted for this at the recycling center. Also, please do not put glass, plastic, or garbage containers in the trailer.

### Questions about Religious Ed/Faith Formation:

\* Preschool – Grade 6: contact Connie Bollum at [connie.bollum@churchofstpeter.org](mailto:connie.bollum@churchofstpeter.org) or 931-3662.

\* EDGE (Gr. 7-8), LifeTeen (Gr. 9-12), and Confirmation Preparation (Gr. 11): contact Heather Gilbertson at [heather.gilbertson@churchofstpeter.org](mailto:heather.gilbertson@churchofstpeter.org) or 931-1628, ext. 143.

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTER REGENTS

Next outing is Sunday, July 22. Meet at the Community Center at 5 pm to carpool!

### Annual Summer Noontime Organ Recital Series continues in Mankato.

The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites all to attend its annual Summer Noon-time Organ Recital Series, held at **12:10 pm on Tuesdays in Mankato**. Recitals are one-half hour long and open and free to all!

The first ½ of the series will be at Grace Lutheran Church, 320 E. Main St. in Mankato.

The second ½ of the series will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 722 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Mankato. The first artist at this location is Br. Theophane (Kraig) Windschitl OSB, a native of New Ulm and a favorite of local audiences.

The schedule of performers is as follows:

July 3: Potpourri of Patriotic and American Music performed by chapter members

July 10: David Lim, New Prague and student at GAC

July 17: Br. Theophane (Kraig) Windschitl OSB, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville

July 24: Dr. Wayne Wagner, New Ulm

July 31: Ron Schilling, New Ulm

August 7: Dr. Ames Anderson, New Ulm

August 14: Chad Fothergill, St. Peter

August 21: Christine Schulz, Crystal Lake



### 9 O'Clock Hour of Power

All are welcome! Join us at Adoration on Thursdays between 9:00 and 10:00 pm. Michael Huber will lead us in Praise and Worship before the Blessed Sacrament.

*"He who sings prays twice!" St. Augustine*

## SUPPORT GROUPS:

### ➤ **Alzheimer's/ Dementia**

#### **Support Group Meetings**

The Benedictine Living Community of St. Peter realizes caring for someone with Alzheimer's or dementia can be more than a full-time job. We are offering people in the area an opportunity to meet with other caregivers and family members each month. Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month from 9:30 – 11 am in the Benedictine Living Community Activity Room. **The next scheduled meeting is Saturday, July 7.** There is no cost to attend meetings. **Questions?** Feel free to contact Molly Wendroth at 934-8277 or Melissa Arch at 934-8274.

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### ➤ **Stroke Support Group Meetings**

River's Edge Hospital & Clinic provides resources and a support group for area residents and caregivers whose lives have been touched by a stroke or a head injury. This new support group (Success Over Stroke – SOS) will be held 12:30 – 2 pm the second Wednesday of each month starting July 11 at the Helen White Conference Center at River's Edge Hospital & Clinic, St. Peter. The support group is free and open to the public. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 934-7638.



## **BAPTISM NEWS...**

The Church of St. Peter congratulates Brian and Angie (Friedrichs) Voss on the baptism of their son, **Alexander John Voss**, on June 24. Angie grew up in St. Peter and works in Mankato Area Public Schools. Brian is from Mankato and works at Kato Engineering. Parker (4) is a proud big brother.

## WHAT'S COMING UP.....

### ● Sunday, July 15

#### ***St. Mary's Church Festival***

LeCenter, MN

Polka Mass at 10 am followed by Roast Beef Dinner served family-style 11:15 am – 1:30 pm in the Social Hall. (Ages 10 & up \$10; ages 5-9 \$5; 4 & under free. Live Music – Wendinger Band from New Ulm. Outdoor Food Court, Country Store & Silent Auction; White Elephant & Hand-made Quilts; Kids Games; Horse-drawn Wagon Rides; Pull Tabs; BINGO; Meat Raffles. Parish Raffle Drawing at 3 pm..

### ● Sunday, July 15

School Sisters of Notre Dame

#### ***Ice Cream Social and Open House***

You are invited to join us in “Celebrating a Century on the Hill” with an Ice Cream Social and Open House from 1 to 4 pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Campus, Mankato. Enjoy delicious frozen yogurt while listening to Warren Streets. Walk the grounds and visit with sisters. Shop for unique handmade crafts. Tour the chapel and experience organ demonstrations. Activities for children include a bounce house and fun with bubbles! For more info, please contact Joyce Prahm at 507-389-4212 or [jprahm@ssndcp.org](mailto:jprahm@ssndcp.org).

### **Good News TV - Channel 7**

#### **The Future Depends on Love**

**hosted by Drs. Angela & David Franks**

Join Drs. Angela and David Franks as they discuss the importance of marriage in society from a Catholic perspective. They host a different guest on each episode, allowing them to look at marriage from a wide variety of angles. Some of the topics include the Theology of the Body, natural family planning, annulments, good preparation programs for marriage, and teaching one's children about marriage.

#### **Episode 9: Chris Godfrey**

Chris Godfrey is a 1987 Super Bowl winner with the New York Giants. He is president and founder of Life Athletes, an organization that seeks to present young people with the Church's teachings on sexuality and chastity through the medium of sports. He talks about how people will flourish as human beings when they practice virtue.

**Wednesday, July 4, 9:00 PM**

**Thursday, July 5, 10:00 AM**

## *Stewardship*

### **Parish Sacrificial Giving Week Ending June 24, 2012**

<b>2012 Week Ending</b>	<b><i>Income</i> Weekly Offertory Env. &amp; Loose Plate</b>	<b><i>Budget</i> Weekly Offertory Env. &amp; Loose Plate</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>June 24, 2012</b>	\$9,087.00	\$10,002.00	(\$ 915.00)
<b>June 17, 2012</b>	\$8,120.34	\$10,002.00	(\$ 1,881.66)
<b>June 10, 2012</b>	\$9,580.83	\$10,002.00	(\$ 421.17)
<b>June 03, 2012</b>	\$8,203.90	\$10,002.00	(\$1,798.10)
<b>May 27, 2012</b>	\$4,750.03	\$10,002.00	(\$5,251.97)
<b>May 20, 2012</b>	\$9,566.72	\$10,002.00	(\$ 435.28)
<b>YTD (7/11-6/12)</b>	<b>\$466,014.43</b>	<b>\$520,104.00</b>	<b>(\$54,089.57)</b>

## **The Church's Teaching on Marriage**

The bishop has asked us to make available two 11 minute videos on the church's understanding of marriage and family. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has produced these materials. We will play them after the 9:30 am Mass in Dustin's Corner on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **The first video is: "Made For Each Other".**

A 12-minute video which introduces in a creative way two aspects essential to the truth of marriage: sexual difference and complementarity.

### **The second video is: "Made For Life."**

A 10-minute video which highlights two aspects essential to the truth about marriage: the gift of children and the indispensable place of fathers and mothers.

*Fr. Phil Schotzko*

## **Peter's Pence Collection**

Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up world-wide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppressions, and natural disasters and others in need of emergency assistance. Pope Benedict XVI has said, "*It is necessary above all that every person be motivated by the authentic spirit of peace*" (Homily, January 1, 2011). Cast the peace of Christ upon the world—please be generous in today's Collection.

Save  
the  
date... **Church of St. Peter  
Harvest Festival  
Saturday,  
September 15, 2012**

Watch for announcements in future bulletins!



### **Birthday Wish**

Fr. Phil is turning "62" on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Isn't that a possible retirement date? Bishop says, "Not a chance!"

He has a wish regarding the need for up-grading a few computers of the parish and school. His computer, the business manager's, and the principal's need to be replaced in order to keep up with advancing technology. Each of these would cost about \$600.00. This would be a special Birthday Blessing.