

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

Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations and welcome to Fr. Matthew Schmitz LC, who is offering a Mass of Thanksgiving this Saturday evening, and welcome to his family and friends!

Next weekend, a number of youth and chaperones will be attending the Steubenville Conference in St. Paul. We offer our prayers for them and all others attending, that the Lord would be able to move powerfully in their lives.

This coming week is the Diocesan Boys' Camp. The past 6-7 years I was asked to be a spiritual director, meaning that I was there for the camp. This year, however, due to both my release from vocations ministry and the relocation of the camp to Sleepy Eye (where there are 8 priests closer than me), I am not needed. Due to this, I will be here this week and offer morning Masses and confessions as normal.

Speaking of confessions, there is a case in Louisiana regarding the seal of confession. Apparently, a victim of abuse shared with a priest in confession issues around the abuse, and the priest is now facing a contempt of court charge for not even divulging the fact of the confession. The victim alleges that the priest told her to not share (perhaps the worst pastoral advice one could give). Now, ultimately, they are trying to show the priest negligent or a conspirator in the abuse. Under no circumstances, either to save her life, convict the abuser, or even under court-approved violation can he violate the seal. I must admit that I doubt that the priest would be so careless as to give the advice she claims, but it is possible. It is quite possible, though, that he reminded her of her only option regarding him – tell him or someone outside the sacrament of confession. If a confessor revealed what was shared in the confessional, he is automatically excommunicated – forbidden from the sacraments, and, as a priest, from celebrating them. This puts his whole livelihood on the line; this is how important the Church sees the necessity to provide a safe and confidential confession. As a confessor, I can honestly share that I do not remember what is shared in the Confessional. Some is that there are more important things to remember, the other is the sheer numbers. There is a grace, I believe, that comes with the seal – that we do forget. Besides all that, my only goal as a confessor is to help the penitent experience God's mercy. If God forgives us so thoroughly that we stand before Him sinless after the sacrament, who am I to remember. Also, I am humbled by the humility of those who take part in the sacrament, and it causes me to repent myself!

I really do hope that all would take opportunity to receive God's mercy in Reconciliation.

In Christ,

Fr. Todd J. Pøtzrsøn

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

July 20 – July 27, 2014



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 20

- 8 AM Mass, Nicollet
- 10 AM Mass (+Bernice Vetter), St. Peter

Monday

- 8 AM Mass (+Henry & +Michael Kirchner), Chapel

Tuesday

- 8 AM Mass (+Vince Dumdei), Chapel

Wednesday

- 8 AM Mass (+Fritz & +Jane Powers), Chapel

Thursday

- 8 AM Mass (+Kathy Schaus), Chapel
- 1 – 10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel
- 3:30 PM Confessions, Chapel
- 7 PM Knights of Columbus, Dustin's Corner

Friday

- 8 AM Mass (+Nicholas & Marian Koos), Chapel

Saturday

- 5 PM Mass (+Mark Schaus), St. Peter
- 5 PM Mass, Nicollet

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 27

- 8 AM Mass, Nicollet
- 10 AM Mass (Parish Family), St. Peter

Prayer Ministry

Please Pray For: Clint Peters

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Micah 6:1-4,6-8 / Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday: Micah 7:14-15,18-20 / John 20:1-2,11-18
Wednesday: Jeremiah 1:1,4-10 / Matthew 13:1-9
Thursday: Jeremiah 2:1-3,7-8,12-13 / Mt 13:10-17 (398)
Friday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 / Matthew 20:20-28
Saturday: Jeremiah 7:1-11 / Matthew 13:24-30
Sunday: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12 / Romans 8:28-30 / Matthew 13:44-52

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



50% off:

*** All Clothing, excluding jeans**

- Crop in Style Organizer / suitcase-style
- Large TV Armoire
- Two Matching Twin Headboards

Always accepting good used furniture to sell either as a donation or on consignment. Please call Barb K. to find out how easy it is at 931-9150.

From the Office of Vocations of the Diocese of New Ulm:

Discernment Retreat with Bishop LeVoir

and the seminarians of the diocese

When: Friday, August 15 from 1 to 7 pm

Where: Schoenstatt on the Lake (27762 County Road 27), Sleepy Eye, MN

There is no cost. The day will include Mass, prayer, presentations on discernment, and time to enjoy interacting with the seminarians. For questions or to register, please call Fr. Matthew Wiering or Jeovana Michels at 507-359-2966 or jmichels@dnv.org.



From the Office of the New Evangelization, Diocese of New Ulm:

Free distance education is available at www.nikacatholic.com. There is no registration required and the site is administered by Dr. Matthew Tsakanikas of our diocese's Office of the New Evangelization. Visit the website and click the 'Free Distance Education' tab. There you can watch a video and PowerPoint presentation on the 'Theology Behind the Fourth Plan for Parishes' which is endorsed by Bishop LeVoir. It was created to assist people to understand the importance of participating in Jesus as priest, prophet, and king. More links to presentations are available and coming.

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 Noontime Organ Recital Series, held at **12:10 pm on Tuesdays in Mankato at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St.** Recitals are one-half hour long & free & open to all!

- July 22 – Mark DeGarmeaux
- July 29 – Wayne Wagner
- August 5 – David Mertesdorf
- August 12 – Christine Schultz



ITEMS FOR SALE: The Diocese of New Ulm has several items for immediate sale on a first-come, first-serve basis. They include a pool table from the Youth Center in Renville (\$500), a decorative upright piano (\$400), and a combination booklet maker and collator (free for the taking!). Please see www.dnu.org/admin/itemsforsale.html for details.



DID YOU KNOW.....?
 St. Peter Area Food Shelf has been given a matching grant that will double any donations that are made to the food shelf before the end of July. Send a donation to St. Peter Area Food Shelf, 201B S. 3rd St., St. Peter, MN 56082, or place it in a separate envelope and place in the collection between now and July 27th.

WHAT'S COMING UP.....

◆ Sunday, July 27

SUMMER FESTIVAL
Church of the Japanese Martyrs
30881 County Road 24, Sleepy Eye, MN

9:30 am Polka Mass followed by buffet chicken and ham and homemade dressing dinner w/all the trimmings served
 11 am - 1:30 pm. Bingo, Raffles, Games, Food & Beer Stand, Live Music, Country Store, Softball Tournament; Kids' Pedal Pull from 2:30 - 3:30 pm.

Come and enjoy Breakfast with Bishop LeVoir. The first annual Breakfast with the Bishop – A Benefit for Catholic Schools will be on Saturday, September 13 from 8:30 to 10 am on the lower level of the newly dedicated diocesan Pastoral Center in New Ulm. Bishop LeVoir will assist in serving breakfast and greeting supporters of Catholic schools. Donations will be accepted to benefit the diocesan endowments supporting Catholic schools and scholarships. Reserve by Aug. 28 by calling Cindy Blickem at 507-359-2966 or e-mailing cblickem@dnu.org.

The next **Riverbend TEC retreat** is scheduled for August 2-4 in New Ulm. Information/application forms can be found at www.riverbendtec.org. For more info, please contact Fr. Denny Labat at 320-523-1271 or email riverbendtec@gmail.com.



You are invited to an Open House for the new Diocesan Pastoral Center on Friday, August 1 from 1 to 4 pm. The new building is located at 1421 6th Street North in New Ulm, near the old building. Please join the diocesan staff for tours of the new building and refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend.



The Church of St. Peter now has a mailbox on site. Please discontinue using the PO Box for mailing purposes and all mail should be addressed to:

Church of St. Peter,
1801 West Broadway Ave.
St. Peter, MN 56082.

Thank you!

7-19-14



Catholic School



Alumni Open House



Check out our website...
www.churchofstpeter.org/ji

WANTED

Would you like to make a difference in a child's life? Are you 55 years of age or older? Do you have 15 hours a week to volunteer at a local school? Would you like to earn a tax-free stipend plus transportation allowance? If you answered 'yes' to these questions, become a Foster Grandparent Volunteer, mentoring and tutoring children one-on-one in the classroom. Join a program that makes a positive difference in the lives of youth in your community. For more information, contact Gail Sumerfelt at 507-337-0382 or 507-530-2295 or email gail.sumerfelt@lssmn.org

St. Peter Public Access TV - Channel 7

- ◆ Church of St. Peter Sunday Mass
Mondays - 7 pm Tuesdays - 9 am
- ◆ "First Comes Love"

Episode 8: Rock-Solid Assurance

Dr. Scott Hahn delves into the heart of mankind's quest for a sense of belonging - belonging to a family. In this series, Dr. Hahn and Mike Aquilina guide us to the understanding of marriage and family life as inspired, conceived, and sustained by God. Joined by Kimberly Hahn, the trio shares insights into the biblical foundation of marriage, the domestic church.

Wednesday, July 23, 9:00 pm
Thursday, July 24, 10:00 am

REGENTS NEXT OUTING: Sunday, July 27. Meet at the Community Center at 5 pm for carpooling. Please let one of the gals know if you cannot make it.



Treasure: Fiscal Year July 2014-June 2015

Week Ending: July 13, 2014

Offertory Envelopes	\$	5,567.00	
Electronic Giving-Offertory			
Loose Plate	\$	271.40	
Initial Offertory	\$	-	
Total Weekly Offertory			
Contributions			\$ 5,838.40
Each week the offertory budget is \$10,194.50			\$10,175.00
Difference:			(\$4,336.60)

Please note:

To meet budgeted expenses, we need \$10,175.00/week in our Adult Envelopes. Please help as you can. Thank you!

Year to Date Contributions			\$ 17,646.07
Year to Date Budget			\$ 20,350.00
Year to Date Difference:			\$ (2,703.93)
Children's Giving:			\$ 18.67



SAVE THE DATE

PARISH FESTIVAL

CHURCH OF ST. PETER, ST. PETER, MN

SAT. - SUN., SEPT. 27-28, 2014

SATURDAY

Silent Auction 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

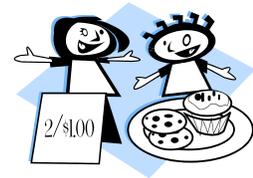
Bake Sale & Candy Shop 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

MASS 5:00 p.m.

Café – Hot Beef Sandwiches 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wine and Beer Garden with hors d'oeuvres

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



SUNDAY

Breakfast 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

(French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit, Beverage)

MASS 10:00 a.m.

Raffle Drawing – 12:00 Noon



Gambling License #01527

Church of St. Paul

July 20, 2014

Pastor - Fr. Todd Petersen
Priest in Residence - Fr. Ed Ardolf
3897

Parish Administrative Assistant -
Deacon Steven Spilman

Parish Office — 507-232-3857
Rectory / Parish Hall — 507-232-

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

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL SUNDAY COLLECTION

7/13/14 — Adult - \$1,052.00 / Plate - \$76.25

Landscaping/Maintenance — \$130.00

Happy Birthday Fr. Ed! July 20

July 20th is a famous day. It's not only famous because it is Fr. Ed's and Fr. Phil Schotzko's birthday. Fr. Phil was born the day Fr. Ed became a teenager. It is also the anniversary of the day Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon. As a boy who grew up in the sixties, the astronauts were big heroes of mine. They stretched the imagination of many young people and helped create a positive vision for our future. It seems like it was easy to have heroes as a boy. Baseball players were my heroes back then too. When baseball cards were sold with a stick of gum for one penny, I walked around with a pocket full of heroes in one pocket and a pocket full of fuzzy gum in another pocket. One hero in particular was Roger Maris. He was the New York Yankee who broke Babe Ruth's single season homerun record by hitting 61 home runs in 1961. I had doubles of his baseball card the following year. Last weekend, I was in Fargo, ND to attend a concert by Paul McCartney who wrote many songs that I enjoy. As a member of the Beatles, he was another hero of mine from the sixties. Now at 72, he has amazing energy as he performed non stop for two hours and forty five minutes without a break or even so much as stopping for a drink of water that I could see. On Sunday, I visited Roger Maris' gravesite in the Catholic cemetery to pay my respects to one of my heroes. I was struck by the simplicity of his grave among the many other graves there. It was not in a special area that is often the case for famous people. In fact, there is a grave for a Judge Davis nearby who had ruled in a famous civil rights trial in Arkansas in the 1950's. It caused me to take pause and realize how we all have different gifts to share with this world but that we are all equal as we come face to face before God in the next. All glory belongs to God. We take none of it with us when we die. It also made me think how important it is in this life to live in a way that uses those gifts and is consistent with God's plan for us. Living according to God's plan for us maximizes the benefit from our gifts and is the key to true happiness.

Summer is in full swing around the church. The giant sunflowers are getting tall along the building and the melons are starting to blossom. The Annabel Hydrangeas have flowers on them and the Strawberry Sundae Hydrangeas are forming their flowers as well. The parking lot resurfacing has been done and now what's left is to paint the lines and repair some of the curb areas. Thanks to everyone who helps keep the grounds looking so nice with their time and their donations.

We had a festival wrap up meeting last week to review what went well and what we want to change for next year. This year's festival was another successful one and brought in almost \$9000 for the parish, which is comparable to past festivals. We had many volunteers to make it come together. Thanks to all. D.S.

SATURDAY: *Dustin and Sara Dauer were married at St. Paul's Church on Saturday, July 19, 2014. Congratulations to you and may God bless you with many happy years!*

MASS SCHEDULE / INTENTIONS

Monday, 7/21 – NO Mass

Tuesday, 7/22 – 8:00 am - † Margaret Pries

Wednesday, 7/23 – 8:00 am – † Alice Portner

Thursday, 7/24 – 8:00 am – † Greg Hoffmann

Friday, 7/25 – 8:00 am – For the Sick

Saturday, 7/26 – 5:00 pm - † Marcus & Madeline Brandel

Sunday, 7/27 – 8:00 am – † Vernon and Darlene Dorn

MINISTRY OF LITURGY

Saturday, July 26

USHERS: Dana Potter, Mark Zins, Pat Zins

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR: Mary Wels

EME: Dana Potter

SACRISTAN: Phyllis Wenner

SERVERS: Jackie and Jill Thompson

GIFTS: Kevin and Barb Christenson

GREETERS: Marlene Wilking

Sunday, July 27

USHERS: Dave Holcomb, Jerome Peters, Jake Zins

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR: Kristy Zajac

EME: Ann Schwartz, Colette, Marlys Wenner, Cyndi

SACRISTAN: Dcn. Steve

SERVERS: Wallace Michels

GIFTS: Paul and Donna Zins

GREETERS: Dave and Trish Holcomb

The sick and/or homebound: *God is taking care of you.* Pat Anton, Fr. Ed Ardolf, Sister Miriam Ardolf, Pam Bernal, LeAnna Brown, Harvey Dorn, Charlie Epper, Lisa Hackett Family, Sarah Iverson, Helyna Mack, Gerald and Mary Ann Mans, Whitey Mayer, Herman Mettler, Shirley Michels, Wally Molitor, Stacy Schultz, Tyler Thompson, Angie and Valerie Weber, Gene Wenner, Rob. **We pray for all who are ill or hospitalized.**

Nursing Home Residents: Rose Marie Zins, Oak Hills Living Center, New Ulm.

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

Assisted Living: Eddie Bauer, The Wilds of Sand Prairie, St. Peter. Gerald and Mary Ann Mans, Benedictine Assisted Living.

PARISH NOTES

1. **St. Paul's Parish wishes to thank the family of Richard J. Meurer for the memorials that were given to St. Paul's Parish in his name. We purchased an industrial-strength can opener that came in very handy for the Festival. God bless you for your thoughtfulness.**

2. **MASS INTENTIONS:** If you would like to have Masses said for anyone either during the week or the weekend, please contact Chris in the office, put an envelope in the collection with contact information, or call 232-3857. The current Mass stipend is \$10

3. **A delivery of 74.9 pounds of food was made to the St. Peter Area Foodshelf from St. Paul's Church on Friday, July 11. Thank you for your donations.**

4. **Benefit Concert, dinner and silent auction for Dave Uherka, Thursday, July 24, 5:00 pm at the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. Proceeds will go for medical expenses related to his recent kidney transplant. For tickets email kidney4dave@yahoo.com or call 507-362-4029. Modern Woodmen Chapter 9658 will match \$2,500 of the proceeds raised. Redhead Express from Nashville will be performing.**

5. **ICE CREAM SOCIAL — Everyone is welcome!**
Trinity Lutheran Church, Nicollet, Wednesday, July 23, 4:30 to 7:00 pm.

6. **Open House Bridal Shower for Julia Owens, fiancée of Joe Blashack, Saturday, July 26, 11:30 to 1:30 pm. She is registered at Kohl's and Target or Lowe's gift cards.**

7. **Holy Trinity Church, Litomysl, rural Owatonna, Summer Festival, Sunday, July 27 with a Polka Mass at 10:00 am to begin the day. There will be lunch in the church basement 11 am to 2 pm or outdoors 11 am to 5 pm. Everyone is invited to the Czech community of Litomysl for a fun-filled day with activities for all ages.**