

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

Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend, we will be hosting Fr. Irenaeus and Fr. Cornelius, who are currently serving our Diocese for 5 years while speaking about the mission of their home diocese in Nigeria. We will have a second collection for our annual Mission cooperative, and your generous support is appreciated. I was originally scheduled to be directing a retreat next weekend, but it has been cancelled due to lack of other team and retreatants, so I will be at St. Peter's Masses and a meeting.

Our readings this weekend speak about prayer. It is a timely message, especially as we see so much chaos around us. We have terrorists using guns, bombs, and trucks to kill and maim. Instead of waiting for the facts, and making reasonable and appropriate responses, some have redefined 'justice' into vengeance, which they then take into their own hands. We assume the worst of intentions into tense interactions. We allow minute differences to define away all commonalities. We demonize others, all the while holding ourselves above criticism.

In the end, the only thing that will change all of it is a conversion of hearts which begins in encountering the Lord in prayer. We must start assuming charity on the part of others, which comes only when we know the Lord has been so good to us, which is affirmed in prayer. It continues when we realize that there is evil in the world, but to battle it, we do not battle flesh and blood, and certainly not with weapons of death, but that our battle is with the prince of lies, Satan Himself. The weapons that win that battle are spiritual - the Rosary, Scripture reading and rote prayers, contemplation and adoration, blessed medals and scapulars (not worn as talismans or magic charms, but as reminders that our strength is in God alone). Yes, the battlefield is our hearts, and the war is waged in prayer. Are we heeding this call? Are we praying for our world, country, state, counties, cities, neighborhoods, homes and families? Are we, especially men, following the example of Abraham and Moses in standing in the breach between God and humanity pleading for clemency? In the coming months, men of our parishes will be invited to discern their place in the battle against Satan through the Catholic Watchmen. I invite and encourage all men to join us in adoration on Friday evenings at 11 pm (we just rescheduled it for then). I am sure that some might label me as reactionary or over-the-top, but I am more convinced that until we understand Satan's tactics and attacks, we will see greater atrocities. There is no better time than in this Year of Mercy than to beg for that mercy to be poured out.

In Christ,

Fr. Todd J. Petersen



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

July 24-31, 2016

Sunday, 17th Ordinary Time July 24th

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

- 8 AM Mass (+James & Nancy Vetter), Chapel
- 6:30 PM Administrative Council, St. Peter

Wednesday

- 8 AM Mass, Nicollet

Thursday

- 8 AM Mass (+Dorothy Mae Ritz), Chapel
- 1-10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel
- 3:30 PM Confession
- 6:30 VBS Training
- 7:00 PM KCs 3rd Degree Dustin's Corner
- 9-10 PM Summer with the Son, Chapel

Friday

- 8 AM Mass (+Frank & Elsie Smisek), Chapel
- 11-12 AM Midnight Watchmen, Chapel

Saturday Mission Appeal Weekend

- 5 PM Mass (+Marty Braunger), St. Peter

Sunday, 18th Ordinary Time July 24th

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

Prayer Ministry

Please Pray for Heather Giefer.

Please pray for the 43 teens and 9 chaperones that are attending the Steubenville on the Lake Conference this weekend. Pray that the seeds planted will take root and bear fruit in their lives, in the lives of their families and in our parish community. Pray also for safe travel on the way home today (Sunday). YOU are welcome to join us for a time of sharing in the chapel upon their return.... around 7:00pm Sunday evening.

Thank you for all of your prayers and your generous financial support!

DAILY READINGS

Monday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 / Matthew 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jeremiah 14:17-22 / Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21 / Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday: Jeremiah 18:1-6 / Matthew 13:47-53

Friday: Jeremiah 26:1-9 / John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

Saturday: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24 / Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23/ Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 / Luke 12:13-21

HELP!

We are looking for someone to video the 10 AM Mass each week. For more information contact Mike Thiessen at 931-1619.

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



**Supply List
& Calendar
available
on our website!**



Catholic School

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

Enrollment is up for the 2016-2017 school year, but we still have room for more. Thanks for your prayers!

**It's not too late...
ENROLL today!**

www.churchofstpeter.org/ji



July 23, 2016



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

50% off

Active wear, swimsuits, men's jackets and shorts.
Candles and candle holders.

FOR SALE

- Wood file cabinets
- Dresser

On **Wednesday** spend \$20.00 or more and get 20% off!

St. Peter Public Access TV - Channel 7

- ◆ Church of St. Peter Sunday Mass:
Mondays – 7 pm Tuesday - 9 am
- ◆ **Finding God Through Faith and Reason - #9**

Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D., lends insight into new evidence gathered from the fields of contemporary philosophy and physics, which supports proof for the existence of God. The universe itself connotes the existence of a Creator, and the principle of intelligent design leads to a logical conclusion about the nature of God.

Wednesday, July 27 @ 9 pm

Thursday, July 28 @ 10 am



Stuff A Bus

The St. Peter Friends of Learning will be accepting donations at our local Family Fresh Market and Arrow Ace Hardware store during the weekend of July 22nd – 24th. Please stop by and support local students in need through donation of school supplies or cash donations. Cash donations can also be mailed to FOL, PO Box 156, St. Peter, MN 56082.

Friends of Learning provides backpacks stuffed with school supplies that are grade appropriate for students of Nicollet County whose families have limited resources. Beginning June 27th – July 22nd, supplies can be dropped at several convenient locations including First National Bank MN, Nicollet County Bank, Hometown Bank, Wells Federal Bank, River's Edge Hospital & Clinic, Gustavus Adolphus College, the Nicollet County Government Center, the Community Center and Family Fresh Market.



Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival is planned for September 24-25, 2016.

The silent auction event is looking for vintage or new items to be donated for this portion of the festival. Items may be brought to the church office during business hours. Theme baskets, sports memorabilia etc. are some examples.

Also – volunteers for set up on Friday and clean up on Sunday are also needed. Call the Church office at 931-1628 to sign up to help.

Next meeting is July 31 after 10 am mass.



Where: Church of St. Peter
When: August 1st - 4th 6:00 - 8:30 PM
Who: Kids Age 4 - Entering 5th Grade
Registration Available at: churchofstpeter.org
Register by June 1st to guarantee a t-shirt!

VBS Needs

Please check out the Kiosk of Needs in the Narthex. It has cards with various items needed for Vacation Bible School. Please take a look at it, take a card or two, and purchase or donate toward those items. See the Kiosk for more information.

VBS is also looking to borrow a few items. These items will be returned to you after VBS. We need:

- Black Lights
- Purple or Blue Rope Lights

Items can be brought to the parish office or contact Mary Grack (507-327-8621).

Catholic Watchmen

Every Friday night, Catholic men are meeting for the Midnight Watch to pray for their families. Join us this Friday from 11pm – 12 am.

Questions: Contact Tony Grack, Cody Winnett, or Fr. Todd.

Summer with the Son

Join us at Adoration on Thursdays between 9:00
and 10:00pm where we will lift our voices in Praise
& Worship before the Blessed Sacrament.

ALL are welcome!

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

DID YOU KNOW?

The Church of St. Peter has been partnering with The Kitchen once a month. For those of you who aren't familiar with The Kitchen, a group of people serve a free meal every Monday evening at Trinity Lutheran Church to help those in need. It is a wonderful program that has been serving about 80-100 meals every Monday for the last several years.

For the last year our church has been helping out one Monday a month by cooking, serving, cleaning, etc. We have been asking different groups to help out each time we serve and for our next meal we would like to invite anyone in our parish to help. Our next meal will be July 18th.

Would you like to help? You can sign up for either the early or the later shift:

~~Early Shift (4:45-6:45) - Set Up and Serving - FILLED~~

Late Shift (5:20-7:20) - Serving and Cleanup

Who can help? We are looking for people going into 2nd grade through adults. We do ask anyone under the age of 13 have an adult with them.

It is truly a rewarding experience. If you are able to help, please let Mary Grack know how many in your family are able to help and which time slot you will be able to help with.

Catholic Daughters

No meeting in July and August: Reception of New Members in September.

Regents next outing is August 21st

N.A.P.S.

Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors Sponsored by Second Harvest. Call 1-800-365-0270, to pre-qualify, Pick up food at the Senior Center on Thursday, August 4th between 3-4 pm.

AARP Driver's Safety Classes

A 4 hour class will be offered on Thursday, August 25th from 1-5 pm, at the St. Peter Community Center. Register by contacting Community and Family Ed. @ 934-3048.

St Peter Summer Celebration and Night to Unite

Date: August 2, 2016

Time: 5:00-8:00 pm

Location: Veteran's Memorial Park

Sponsored by the St. Peter Recreation and the St. Peter Police Departments. Free games, pool admission, dunk tank and activities for all ages. Come see the Mayo One Helicopter; safety demonstrations and tour rescue vehicles. Kiwanis will sell hot dogs and walking tacos. There will be a free shuttle service from the Community Center to Vets Park and back, Sponsored by the American Legion.

Please support the St. Peter Food Shelf by bringing a donation to the event. See you in August!

FREE OUTDOOR BAND CONCERT

The Mankato Area Community Band will be performing a free outdoor concert at Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery on Sunday July 24 at 1:00 PM. Bring the whole family to enjoy marches, show tunes, big band, and pop music. Chankaska will have chairs set up, but feel free to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Water bottles allowed, but no other outside food or drink, please.





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## Summer Organ Recital Series

Bethlehem Lutheran, 720 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Mankato  
 Every Tuesday at 12:10 pm  
 Free Admission

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| July 26  | Kraig Windschitl |
| August 2 | Wayne Wagner     |
| August 9 | Christine Schulz |

## Church of Saint Peter, Saint Peter, MN

### Stewardship

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| <b>Treasure: Fiscal Year July 2015-June 2016</b>                                                                                            |             |                       |
| <i>Previous Fiscal Year:</i>                                                                                                                |             |                       |
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| <b>Year to Date Contributions</b>                                                                                                           |             | <b>\$ 503,114.22</b>  |
| <b>Year to Date Budget</b>                                                                                                                  |             | <b>\$ 536,120.00</b>  |
| <b>Year to Date Difference:</b>                                                                                                             |             | <b>\$ (33,005.78)</b> |
| <b>Treasure: Fiscal Year July 2016-June 2017</b>                                                                                            |             |                       |
| <b><i>Week Ending: July 17, 2016 (current fiscal year)</i></b>                                                                              |             |                       |
| Offertory Envelopes                                                                                                                         | \$ 4,431.10 |                       |
| Electronic Giving-Offertory                                                                                                                 | \$ -        |                       |
| Loose Plate                                                                                                                                 | \$ 209.00   |                       |
| Initial Offertory                                                                                                                           | \$ -        |                       |
| <b>Total Weekly Offertory Contributions</b>                                                                                                 |             | <b>\$ 4,640.10</b>    |
| <b>Each week the offertory budget is \$10,587.00</b>                                                                                        |             | <b>\$ 10,587.00</b>   |
| <b>Difference:</b>                                                                                                                          |             | <b>(\$5,946.90)</b>   |
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| <b>Year to Date Contributions</b>                                                                                                           |             | <b>\$ 24,090.73</b>   |
| <b>Year to Date Budget</b>                                                                                                                  |             | <b>\$ 31,761.00</b>   |
| <b>Year to Date Difference:</b>                                                                                                             |             | <b>\$ (7,670.27)</b>  |
| <b>Please note:</b>                                                                                                                         |             |                       |
| <i>To meet budgeted expenses, we need \$10,587.00/week in adult envelopes. Please help as you can. Your support is greatly appreciated.</i> |             |                       |

# Church of St. Paul

July 24, 2016

Pastor - Fr. Todd J. Petersen

E-mail: [stpaulccnicollet@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulccnicollet@gmail.com)

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Parish Office — 507-232-3857

Parish Hall — 507-232-3897

## CHURCH OF ST. PAUL SUNDAY COLLECTION

7/17/16 Sunday — Adult - \$937.00 / Plate - \$88.25

Catholic Charities Tornado Relief — \$195.00

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Wednesday, 7/27 — 8:00 am — †Margaret Wenner

Sunday, 7/31 — 8:00 am — †Vernon and Darlene Dorn

## MINISTRY OF LITURGY

Sunday, July 31

**USHERS:** Mike Holmin, Chuck Kienlen, Bernie Laven

**LECTOR/COMMENTATOR:** Barb Holmin

**EME:** Barb Blashack, Barb Holmin, Dcn Steve, Jeff Zajac, Donna Zins

**SACRISTAN:** Dcn Steve

**SERVERS:** Justin and Theresa Rosin

**GIFTS:** Keith Rosin Family

**GREETERS:** Bernie Laven, Rick Meurer

**The sick and/or homebound:** *God is taking care of you.* Pat Anton, Sister Miriam Ardolf, Pam Bernal, LeAnna Brown, Mary Deneffe, Millie Dorn, Kevin Ellsworth, Charlie and Dianne Epper, Heather Giefer, Lisa Hackett Family, Sarah Iverson, Helyna Mack, 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. Mary Ann Mans, Benedictine Living Community, St. Peter. Fran Renne, Monarch Meadows, North Mankato.

## PARISH NOTES:

### 1. COMING UP:

Monday, August 15, 6:30 pm — Mass for Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 16, 7:00 pm — St. Paul's Administrative Council Meeting

Monday, August 22, 7:00 pm — AFC Joint Parish Council Meeting at St. Paul's

2. **Church of the Japanese Martyrs, Leavenworth, Summer Festival**, Sunday, July 31 beginning with a 9:30 am Polka Mass. There will be a chicken and ham dinner served 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Tickets: Adults - \$11 / Ages 6-12 - \$5 / Ages 5 and under - \$1. Enjoy games for all ages, live music, softball tournament, kids pedal pull from 2:30-3:30 and much more!

3. **Holy Trinity Church, Litomysl, rural Owatonna, Litomysl Summer Festival**, Sunday, July 31 with a Polka Mass at 10 am. There will be outdoor food booths or an inside sit-down lunch. Enjoy live music, country and used-a-bit stores, silent auction, etc. For directions see the poster on St. Paul's Bulletin Board or [www.litomysl.webs.com](http://www.litomysl.webs.com)