

APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND BLESSINGS TO ALL WHO ENTER OUR CHURCHES!

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

SEE

So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." —Jn 9:15



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MISSION STATEMENT:

United and inspired by the Holy Trinity, we are disciples guiding disciples.

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Isaiah 65: 17-21 / John 4: 43-54
Tuesday: Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12 / John 5: 1-16
Wednesday: Isaiah 49: 8-15 / John 5: 17-30
Thursday: Exodus 32: 7-14 / John 5: 31-47
Friday: Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22 / John 7: 1- 2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jeremiah 11: 18-20 / John 7: 40-53
Sunday: Ezekiel 37: 12-14 / Romans 8: 8-11 / John 11: 1-45

CHURCH OF ST. PETER THRIFT AND CONSIGNMENT STORE

(507)931-9150

Are you spring cleaning? Remember the Thrift Store. We are always looking for clean quality items! We are in need of furniture!

50 % off: Collectable Dolls, Adult Hanging Shirts, and Winter Coats

Looking for volunteers for: Wednesday AM and Friday PM.

ST. PETER PUBLIC ACCESS TV

Channel 7

Church of St. Peter Sunday Mass:
 Mondays – 7 pm Tuesday - 9 am
Reasons to Believe – Episode 6

“Reasons to Believe” is a clear-sighted contemporary defense of the Catholic faith, providing an in-depth look at the “how’s” and “whys” of Catholicism. Dr. Scott Hahn and co-host Mike Aquilina confront the current crisis of faith head on, showing why it is perfectly reasonable to believe in Christ and the Church. Drawing from a treasury of reason and revelation, they illuminate the truths of the faith with arguments from natural reason, everyday experience, Sacred Scripture, and more. The thirteen-part series is a rock-solid guide for understanding and defending the Catholic faith.

Wednesday, March 29 @ 9 pm
 Thursday, March 30 @ 10 am

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

March 26-April 2, 2017

Sunday **4th Sunday of Lent**
 8:00 am Mass, Nicollet
 10:00 am Mass (+Parish Family), St. Peter
 10:00 am Sunday School
 7:00 pm Divine Mercy Session 2 & 3
 7:00pm LifeTeen

Monday
 7:30 am Confession, St. Peter
 8:00 amMass (+Vince Dumdei), St. Peter
 9:00 amAdult Bible Study

Tuesday
 7:30 am Confession
 8:00 amMass (+Henry & Michael Kirchner), St. Peter
 8:30 amDivine Mercy Session 3
 3:00 pmJl Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 pmSt. Peter Administrative Council

Wednesday
 7:30 am Confession, St. Paul
 8:00 am Mass, St. Paul
 6:30 pmGrade 2-8 Faith Formation
 6:30 pmSanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday
 7:30 am Confession, St. Peter
 8:15 am Jl Mass (+Ken Pufpaff), St. Peter
 1:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
 3:30 pm Confession, St. Peter
 6:30 pm RCIA
 7:00-8:00 pm..... Confession, St. Peter

Friday
 7:30 am Confession, St. Peter
 8:00 amMass (+Bernice Vetter) St. Peter
 8:30 amStations of the Cross
 11:00 pmMidnight Watch

Saturday - Mass Time Change
 12:00-1:00 pm..... Confession, St. Peter
 3:30-4:30 pm Confession, St. Peter
 5:00 pmMass (+Betty Glynn & Michael Smith), St. Peter

Sunday **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
 8:00 am Mass, Nicollet
 10:00 am Mass (+Parish Family), St. Peter
 10:00 am Sunday School
 7:00 pmDivine Mercy Session 4
 7:00pm LifeTeen

A NOTE FROM FATHER

Dear Parishioners,

I ask you prayers for the repose of the soul of my aunt's husband, Jim, who passed away early Monday morning, and whose funeral was this past week. We also ask your prayers for the Meurer family for the repose of the soul of Elaine. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the formation of our newly confirmed members of the Area Faith Community. From Parents to catechists and faith formation, these young men and woman are now fully initiated because of the help you offered. Thanks to Deacon Steve, Tony Grack, Barbara Frank and the choir, Jessica, Matt, and Joanna on instruments, to Becca (the Lector), the ushers, the extraordinary ministers and servers, thank you. It was a beautiful liturgy.

Welcome to Sarah Denn who has begun as our new Administrative Assistant. Please introduce yourself to her as we welcome her to the Church of St. Peter and the Area Faith Community. She comes to us from a similar position at the Church of St. John. Perhaps she can share a little more next week. As in the past, her duties will be to prepare the bulletin for publication, keeping the sacramental records, creating worship aids for our liturgies, and a lot of little but important things. She has a desire to aid in social media, and so we are looking forward to this added element!

This weekend, we read about the man born blind. In that narrative, we hear of the man who regains sight, and begins to see as God would see. Even as we look at the first reading, we might be challenged this week to grow in that ability ourselves - to see as God sees. It takes being rooted in truth, of setting aside our preconceptions and agendas, and to humble our pride. This is our challenge during this Lenten season. As we gather this weekend, we thank God that we are at the half-way mark of Lent. Have we started to see things as God sees them, or are we still seeing with our own eyes? Have we changed our perceptions of who we are and who Jesus is?

In Christ,
Fr. Todd

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CHURCH OF ST. PAUL SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday, 3/19/17 — Adult - \$1,716.00 / Plate - \$32.00
Foodshelf — \$30.00 / Ash Wednesday — \$10.00

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY: 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
THURSDAY: 4:15 p.m. Choir Practice

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Wednesday, 3/29 – 8:00 am — †Ruth Wenner Sunday, 4/2 – 8:00 am — †Bill Hohenstein

MINISTRY OF LITURGY

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Sunday, April 2
USHERS: Mark Zins, Pat Zins, Paul Zins
LECTOR: Kristy Zajac
EME: Jay Dorn, Rhonda Ganger, Barb Holmin, Jeff Zajac, Donna Zins
SACRISTAN: Phyllis Wenner
SERVERS: Dominic and Theresa Rosin
GIFTS: Paul and Donna Zins
GREETERS: Paul and Donna Zins

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, Matt Reichard, Stacy Schultz, Pat Zins, Rob, Scott. 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: Mary Ann Mans, Benedictine Living Community, St. Peter. Fran Renne, Monarch Meadows, North Mankato.

PARISH NOTES

1. Men's Breakfast: We would like to thank the men of our Parish, young and young-at-heart, who worked the Men's Breakfast. To everyone who donated money, meat or groceries — THANK YOU. Without your generosity we wouldn't be successful. We served 164 guests, sold 282 raffle tickets and made \$2,878.76 (Matching Grant included). AND, a big thank you to all who donated to the bucket raffle! The prizes were top-notch!! We would also like to thank Michels Foods, Gaylord for their generous donation of eggs for the Breakfast.

Chuck Gappa and the Men's Breakfast Committee

2. Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign: The St. Peter Area Foodshelf (SPAF) is once again participating in the statewide, month-long campaign to restock our foodshelf. SPAF provides emergency food assistance to persons within the area of the St. Peter School District and all of Nicollet County not served by other foodshelves.

In 2016 SPAF served 2,486 households made up of 8,833 individuals and distributed 195,444 pounds of food and non-edible necessities.

Donations can be made to St. Paul's Church or to SPAF in St. Peter between March 1 and 31. Monetary donations are also welcome. Checks MUST have a March date.

SPAF has a NEW ADDRESS: 201B S. 3rd St., St. Peter MN "When I was hungry, YOU gave me to eat."

COFFEE AND DONUTS

There will not be Coffee & Donuts this Sunday, March 26th. Instead, please support the All Night Graduation fundraiser breakfast at the American Legion, serving 8:30 am to noon.

Volunteers for April 2nd:
Sharon Cooke and Chuck Neiderriter

CONGRATULATION

Congratulations to our those who were newly Confirmed last weekend.

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| Sarah Borgmeier | Hunter Braun |
| Brock Bushaw | Suzanne Dietrich |
| Gavin Dobosenski | Danielle Epper |
| Megan Erickson | Hannah Hansen |
| Katie Hildebrandt | Blake Makela |
| Mathew Meixner | Will Miller |
| Trevor Powers | Carter Schmidt |
| Nicholas Seitzer | Sophia Weelborg |
| Lily Werner | |

AN INVESTMENT WITH ETERNAL REWARDS

This summer we will be sending 5 teens from our parish to attend Franciscan LEAD prior to the Steubenville North Conference. LEAD is a five-day, Christ-centered, sacrament-soaked, prayer-fueled immersion in Catholic teachings on leadership, evangelization, and discipleship. Participants are given practical tools for developing their faith and evangelizing their friends. Many of our teens that have attended this training have come home to be EDGE core members, Eucharistic ministers, daily mass attendees and others have even become full-time missionaries! I am looking for a few generous people, with a heart for our youth, that would be willing to invest in and financially support this wonderful group of teens. Each of these teens will need to raise \$350 for the entire week. Please contact me if you are interested in supporting this worthy cause! heather76may@yahoo.com or 507.317.1882
God's Peace, Heather Gilbertson

ARE YOU SPRING CLEANING?



Remember the Thrift Store. We are always looking for clean quality items! We are in need of furniture!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS

Thanks to Jane Schaus for providing the entertainment for our CDA meeting on Tuesday. Please plan on attending the April meeting as we will be discussing the Salad Luncheon scheduled for April 19th and also receiving information on our May Fun Night with signup sheet for attendance also. Sounds like a great time!

MIDNIGHT WATCH

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

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

SPHS ALL NIGH GRADUATION PARTY

The St. Peter ANGP is sponsoring a breakfast on Sunday, March 16th from 8:30am-12:00pm at the American Legion in St. Peter. All proceeds will benefit the ANGP event following the May graduation.

DIVINE MERCY

IN THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

Featuring renowned speaker Father Michael Gaitley, this 5-week study tells the dramatic story of God's Love and Mercy as interwoven into key events in history to show how God is at work now.

This 5-Week Study Begins in March.

Class Dates and Times

Sun. at 7pm	Tue. at 8:30am
March 12	March 14
March 19	March 21
March 26	March 28
April 2	April 4
April 9	April 11

Church of St. Peter Family Room

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS
"FAMOUS"**

FISH BOIL

**BOILED ICELANDIC POLLOCK,
CARROTS, POTATOES AND ONIONS,
AND PIE**

**ADULTS \$13
YOUTH 6-12 \$5
PRESCHOOL FREE**

Friday April 7, 2017
5:00 - 7:00 PM
Church of St. Peter

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34
Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available Weekends are Apr 21-23, 2017 in Hutchinson, MN and Nov 17-19, 2017 in Windom, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME SEMINAR

The School Sisters of Notre Dame are hosting a seminar titled "Immigration: Just the Facts" Thursday evening, April 6th, 2017, 7:00 - 8:30 PM at Good Counsel Conference Center, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN. The presentation by a staff member at the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota in St. Paul, MN, will provide information on differences in status - refugee, asylum seeker, immigrant, undocumented immigrant; visas, green cards, vetting procedures, etc. The event is free and open to the public.

MARYSBURG'S FISH FRY

The Immaculate Conception of Marysburg, Madison Lake, will host their annual Fish Fry on Friday, April 7: Enjoy fried fish, au gratin potatoes, a vegetable, coleslaw, bread, dessert and a beverage from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Adults: \$11, Kids 6-12: \$3; Tots 5 & Under-Free! Stations of the Cross will be available in the Church at 7 p.m. Confessions available afterward. Located 2.5 miles north of Madison Lake near the 4 way junction of County Road 26, 15 and 16, (8 miles south of Cleveland on County Road 15.)

HOT DISH AND SALAD LUNCHEON

St. Mary's Church — Le Center

Date: Thursday, March 30th.

Time: 11:00 am– 12:30 pm

Cost: \$7.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children.

Check out the Craft, bake and quilt sale.

NEW ULM DIOCESAN CCW CONVENTION

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Church of St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye, MN

The 58th annual New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention will be held on April 29th. The theme for the convention is "Proclaiming the Word of God." The keynote speaker will be Cari Donaldson. Through Cari's remarkable tale of her conversion and the peace she's found as a Catholic, you'll be reminded of the may profound, lifelong blessings God gives you through your Faith, and yes, even through your daily small troubles and unexpected joys! Please register by April 11th. All women 18 years and older are welcome and encouraged to attend.

STEWARDSHIP

Treasure: Fiscal Year July 2016 - June 2017

Week ending: March 5, 2017 (current fiscal year)

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 4,865.10
Electronic Giving-Offertory	\$ 5,500.50
Loose Plate	\$ 425.72
Total Weekly Offertory	\$ 10,791.32
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Year to Date Contributions	\$ 341,434.47
Year to Date Budget	\$ 393,750.00
Year to Date Difference	\$ (52,315.53)

Please note: To meet budget expenses, we need \$10,587.00/week in adult envelopes. Please help as you can. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Online Giving

Want a quick, easy, and safe way to donate to the church online? We now have an option for online giving.

<http://churchofstpeter.weshareonline.org>

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms Contact Mary Grack
 Marriages Contact Pastor as soon as Engaged
 Reconciliation See Schedule or Contact Pastor
 for individual appointments.

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