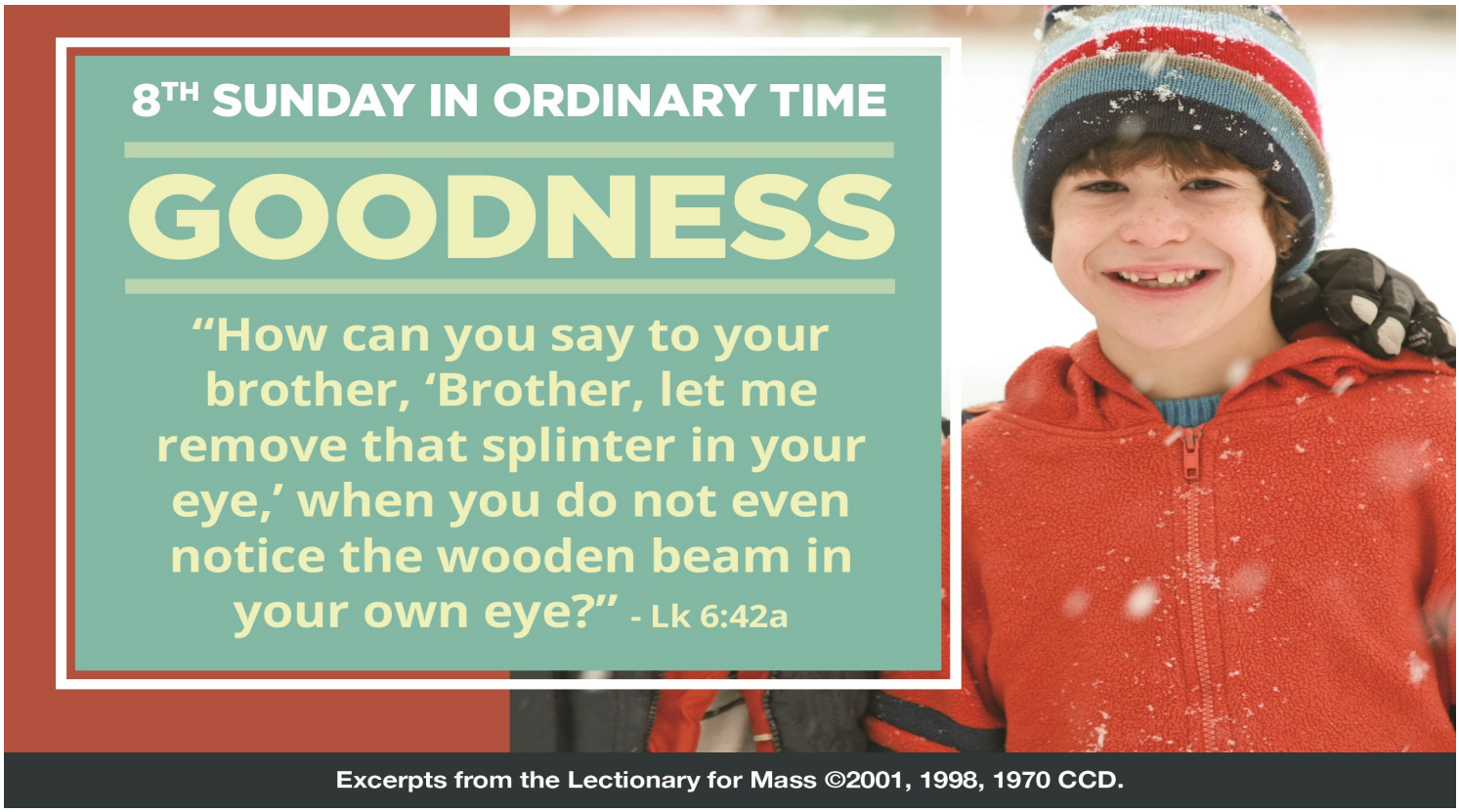
APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND BLESSINGS TO ALL WHO ENTER OUR CHURCHES!



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CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

St. Peter - Monday Noon
St. Paul - Tuesday 9:30am

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Marriages .....Contact Pastor as soon as Engaged
Reconciliation ... See Schedule or Contact for appointment

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

Upcoming Schedules

Sunday, March 3 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 27:4-7 / 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 / Luke 6:39-45
8:00 am ..... Mass, St. Paul
9:00 am .....Vacation Bible School Breakfast
10:00 am .....Mass (+Special Intension) , St. Peter
10:00 am .....Sunday School
6:30 pm ..... Confessions
7:00 pm .....LifeTeen

Monday, March 4
Sirach 17:20-24 / Mark 10:17-27
7:30 am ..... Confessions, St. Peter
8:00 am .....Mass (+Kitty Littig), St. Peter
9:00 am ..... Adult Bible Study
7:00 pm .....Baptism Class

Tuesday, March 5
Sirach 35:1-12 / Mark 10:28-31
7:30 am ..... Confessions, St. Peter
8:00 am .....Mass (+John Borgmeier), St. Peter

Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:12-18 / 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 / Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
7:30 am .....Confessions, St. Paul
8:15 am ..... JI Mass (+Laurie Knight), St. Peter
5:00 pm .....Mass, St. Paul
6:30 pm .....Grades 2-8 Youth Faith Formation
7:00 pm ..... Mass (For reparation of sins), St. Peter

Thursday, March 7
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 / Luke 9:22-25
7:30 am ..... Confessions, St. Peter
8:00 am ..... Mass (+Peggy Willaert), St. Peter
1:00 pm - 10:00 pm ..... Adoration
3:30 pm ..... Confessions

Friday, March 8
Isaiah 58:1-9 / Matthew 9:14-15
7:30 am ..... Confessions, St. Peter
8:00 am .....Mass (+Mickey McGuire), St. Peter
6:30 pm .....
Stations of the Cross with Adoration and Confession

Saturday, March 9
Isaiah 58:9-14 / Luke 5:27-32
3:00 pm ..... Confessions, St. Peter
4:00 pm .....Mass (+Wayne Willson), St. Peter

Sunday, March 10 - First Sunday in Lent
Deuteronomy 26:4-10 / Romans 10:8-13 / Luke 4:1-13
8:00 am ..... Mass, St. Paul
9:00 am .....Vacation Bible School Breakfast
10:00 am .....Mass (Parish Family) , St. Peter
10:00 am .....Sunday School
4:30 pm ..... Confessions
5:00 pm LifeTeen Mass (+Mark & Kathie Schaus), St. Peter
6:30 pm ..... Confessions
7:00 pm .....LifeTeen

Ministry of Liturgy Schedule

March 9 - 4:00 pm
SERVERS: Liam Schloesser, Mike Steffen
EME: Denise Attenberger, Eileen Attenberger, Bert Connor, Mary Ann Harty, Bill Leonard
GIFTS: Maurice & Carol Ritz
LECTOR: Shawn Schloesser
USHERS: Volunteers

March 10 - 10:00 am
SERVERS: Addison Epper, Emily Winnett
EME: Joe Kienlen, Teresa Kienlen, Terri Michels, LeAnn Miller, Deane Peterson, Diane Peterson
GIFTS: Kellen Junso Family
LECTOR: Charles Niederriter
USHERS: Don Wolfe, John Bethke, Marty Braun, Charlie More

March 10 - 5:30 pm - LifeTeen
SERVERS: Luke Gilbertson, Jared Gleisner
EME: Gigi Dobosenski, Amber Eustice, Pat Miller, Brian Salfer, Heidi Wenner

Liturgical Schedules

The Liturgical schedules for March, April and May have been emailed/mailed out. Please take a close look at it. March is double sided and April has a separate section for Holy Week. Please contact Sarah if you did not receive the schedule or if you have any questions. Thank you!

Rosary

March 3 led by the Women's Group. There is a rosary before weekday Mass at 7:30am (when there is 8am Mass).

Coffee and Rolls

Join us in the social hall after Mass for Knights of Columbus breakfast to support Vacation Bible School.

Next up: March 10 - Brian Link Family

The All Night Graduation Party breakfast has been postponed until March 24.

The Future Depends on Love: Episode 16

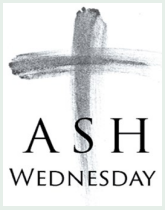
St. Peter Access Channel 7
Wednesday, March 6 - 9 pm
Thursday, March 7 - 10 am

Reminder to change your clocks Sunday, March 10!

A Note From Father

Dear Parishioners, With all the snow, blizzards, ice, and impassible roads, I am ready to say welcome Spring! I am sure that I am not alone in the sentiment. Spring is coming, I have been informed! Just a reminder that the Lord does not hold us accountable to make it to Mass on Weekends if the roads are impassible, the weather is horrid. While the obligation is lifted in those extreme circumstances, you can always find the readings at usccb.org and you can be a good steward be making an offering online at churchofstpeter.weshareonline.org.

In a few short days, we enter the solemn season of Lent. We are aware that there are special things during this season, especially fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and abstinence on all the other Fridays of Lent. This rule is as follows: Those who are 18-59 are to fast (one normal meal and perhaps 2 small ones) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, while those who are over 14 are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday of Lent. During this Lenten season, as I said last weekend, I encourage each of us to seek the gift of reconciliation with someone. The Sunday Readings lend themselves to this, and Lent is a prime time. After all, how can we expect the Lord to be merciful to us if we are not merciful with others? In addition to this, as we will hear on Ash Wednesday, we should commit ourselves to the three traditional Lenten activities: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. While there are other times that we preform those, Lent is a prime time to work on each. Every Sunday of Lent, if we could plan out when will we fast (either a traditional food fast, or at least going without a meal or some other pleasure), or pray a little more (Like praying the rosary or Chaplet of Divine Mercy if we are not accustomed) or give alms (giving to a crisis pregnancy center or abused women's shelter, for example). All these things help us open ourselves to the Lord and prepare our hearts for the good things He is preparing to give to us.



Mass Times

8:15 am St. Peter
5:00 pm St. Paul
7:00 pm St. Peter

John Ireland/Little Angels News

John Ireland Catholic School

We are a Catholic community welcoming students of all faiths, devoted to Gospel Values, Academic Excellence, and Christian Service.

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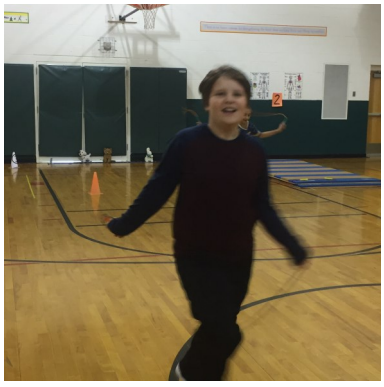

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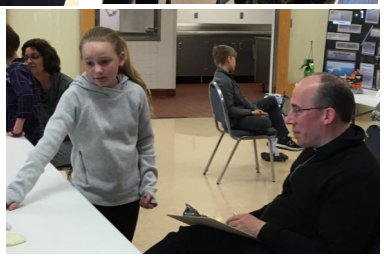

Jump Rope for Heart

Registration for 2019-2020 opening soon for Preschool-Sixth Grade!

We are a school readiness program focused on faith and service which nurtures the whole child embracing individual talents and abilities in a welcoming, caring, and safe environment.

Little Angels Preschool

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday, 2/24 — No Mass

WEDNESDAY: 5:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass
The fast is proclaimed; the people are gathered to return to God with whole hearts.

NEXT SUNDAY (3/10): MEN'S BREAKFAST & RAFFLE — Serving 9:00-11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Ash Wed., 3/6 – 5:00 pm – †Whitey Mayer
Sun., 3/10 – 8:00 am - †Harvey Dorn

MINISTRY OF LITURGY

Sunday, March 10, Men's Breakfast
USHERS: Mike Holmin, Chuck Kienlen, Bernie Laven
LECTOR: Barb Holmin
EME: Barb Blashack, Rhonda Ganger, Barb Holmin,Clarice Rosin, Brenda Thompson
SACRISTAN: Phyllis Wenner
SERVERS: Ruth Brandel
GIFTS: Clarice Rosin, Brenda Thompson
GREETERS: Rhonda Ganger

The sick and/or homebound: ***God is taking care of you.*** Pam Bernal, LeAnna Brown, Millie Dorn, Charlie and Dianne Epper, Lisa Hackett Family, Sarah Iverson, Helyna Mack, Shirley Michels, Daniel Podol, Pete Reinhart, Tom Schuck, Betty Wenner, Pat Zins, Richard, Rob, Scott, Troy. **We pray for all who are ill or hospitalized.**

Nursing Home Residents: Mary Gronholz, Pheasant Ridge, St. Peter. Mary Ann Mans, New Perspective, Mankato. Rose Meurer, Oak Terrace, North Mankato. Rose Marie Zins, Oak Hills, New Ulm.
Group Homes: Nadine Brown, James Weber, Mary Jo Weber.
Assisted Living: Carl Betzing, Monarch Meadows, North Mankato. Paul Pope, Benedictine Living Community, St. Peter. Cletus Wenner, Heritage Meadows Senior Living, St. Peter.

PARISH NOTES:

1. MEN'S BREAKFAST & RAFFLE, Sunday, March 10, 9:00 to 11:30 am, 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. Church of St. Mary, Sleepy Eye, Men's Sausage Dinner & Raffle, Sunday, March 3, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Serving family-style: Country style sausage, old -fashioned sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, etc. Tickets: Adults - $12 / Children 6-12 - $4 / Preschool - $1. Adult take-out orders available beginning at 9:30 am.

USDA inspected sausage and other meats for sale: Saturday, March 2 9:00 am to 2:30 pm at the school garage and March 3 at the dinner.

3. Mankato Knights of Columbus Annual Lenten Fish Feed:

Friday, Mar. 8 – St. Joseph the Worker, 5 to 7
Fri., Mar. 15–SS Peter & Paul, (shrimp) 4:30-7
Friday, Mar. 22 – St. John the Baptist, 4:30-7
Friday, Mar. 29 – Newman Center, MSU, 4-7
Friday, Apr. 5 – SS Peter & Paul (fish) 4:30-7
Friday, Apr. 12 – Holy Rosary, 4:30-7

4. Men's Lenten Retreat – *The Faithful Steward*, March 8-10, Abbey of the Hills Inn and Retreat Center, Marvin, South Dakota. Leaders will be Dan Gallagher and Wade Van Doer with Spiritual Leader Fr. Tim Anderson and Speaker Mary Jo Gallagher. It begins with Friday 6:00 pm supper and concludes Sunday with lunch.

To register please visit the website at www.abbeyofthehills.org or call 605-398-9200.

5. Women's Retreat – *Faith and Trust*, Saturday, March 16, Holy Rosary Church, North Mankato. Jackie Cesario will be the presenter to help us grow in our relationship with the Lord. A $5 donation for lunch is payable with the RSVP to Holy Rosary Parish Office, 525 Grant Ave., North Mankato 56003, 387-6501 **by March 8.**

2018 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

Update as of 2/19/19

Parish Goal: $7,228.34
Received: $5,180.00
Variance ($2,048.34)
Number of Donors: 22

JEWELRY SALES

Come check out the Jewelry sale this weekend. It is our privilege to offer you an opportunity to purchase beautiful imported hand-made Italian and Bethlehem rosaries, as well as a large variety of Catholic medals, crucifix necklaces, bracelets and other faith inspired jewelry. Please stop at our display after Mass and see what we are offering. 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 will have a variety to meet your needs. Your purchase of these quality items will help send a group of our teens to the Franciscan LEAD conference in July. Thank you for your support!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Next CDA meeting is Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m. March is food shelf month so please bring an item or two to the meeting. Thanks to Mary Grassmann for chairing the baby shower last month and thanks to all who participated. There was really some nice stuff donated.

GROWING TOGETHER IN A STEWARDSHIP

Lenten Opportunity

If 100 parishioners were asked if they thought of Lent in the context of Stewardship, assuredly there would be 100 responses of, "No". Lent is a new beginning for us. It is a chance for us to reevaluate how we are doing in various aspects of our spiritual and communal life and then to make a commitment to improve. The pillar chosen for reflection today is that of hospitality. It was chosen because of recently voiced complaints about the lack of hospitality in our parish, and specifically at Sunday Mass. Whether the criticism is correct, fair or just is irrelevant because there is a perception that we are not hospitable. Why? What is missing?

How do you feel when you celebrate Mass at other than your usual time, where you know most of the people? How do you feel when celebrating Mass at another parish? What makes you feel more "at home" or "connected"?

We have the opportunity to look at how we are hospitable. Do I greet people, or do I just enter and leave church without "making contact"? How do I greet people? Do I look at the person I am greeting, or am I looking past them for the next person? Do I smile? Am I sincere? Do I greet people by their name? Do I know their name? Do I introduce myself to the "new face" I see in church? Do I invite people outside my usual group to sit with me at the Knight's breakfast? . . . You know the questions to ask yourself. It comes back to: can you do for others what would make you feel welcome if you were a newcomer or a very shy person?

At heart, most of us are shy, insecure, and in need of sincere welcoming. Christ shows us the way. We just need to follow the path he made. At the end, he waits to greet us each with loving, out stretched arms of welcome.

BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS

Thanks to the everyday generosity of thousands of Christ's faithful people across the United States, the three organizations of the Black and Indian Mission Office are able to help build the Church in Native American and African American communities. The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help diocesan communities to build up the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska people of God. There are envelopes in your packets for March10 to support this mission.

Information

Minnesota FoodShare

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 food shelves. In 2018 we served 2,699 households made up of 9,732 individuals distributed 261,888 pounds of food and non-edible necessities.

In March, your donations of food items and money earn us for purchasing credits at Second Harvest in St. Paul, of which SPAF is a member. All of your donations remain with our local foodshelf, but the weight tallies and dollar amount are established for SPAF. Cash/checks can be mailed to SPAF 201B S. Third Street, St. Peter, MN 56082.

YAC (Young Adult Catholics) Mankato

A ministry for young adults (20s/30s, married/single, kids/no kids) in the Mankato area!
Disciples' Night: Thursday, March 7th, Mass 5:30pm, Dinner 6:00pm, Talk 7:00pm
Location: Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
Speaker: John Bishop, FOCUS
Topic: As humans, our identity is based on the fact that we are made in the image and likeness of God. In this three part series, we will breakdown what it means to bear God's image particularly as it relates to human sexuality. Three speakers with very different backgrounds will help each of us believe, understand, and live bearing the image of God. John Bishop will speak on Sexual Authenticity in part two of this series.

Cost: The cost of dinner/talk is $10 with an RSVP, $15 without an RSVP. If you are not eating dinner, the cost of the talk is $5. RSVP by March 3rd via Facebook or email mankatoyac@gmail.com

Women's Retreat

"Help Us Grow in our Relationship with God"
Saturday, March 16, 2019
9 AM – 2 PM Registration starts at 8:30 AM
Unfortunately, Sister Therese will not be able to be our retreat facilitator due to health issues. Jackie Cesario has graciously accepted our invitation to lead our retreat. She will help us grow in our relationship with God. There will be an opportunity for discussion following each session. A $5 donation for lunch is payable with the RSVP to Holy Rosary Parish Office, 525 Grant Ave, North Mankato, 387-6501 by March 8.

Church of St. Peter Thrift & Consignment Store

Store Hours: M-F 9 am—5 pm,
Saturday 9 am—4 pm
(507) 931-9150 - 401 S Minnesota Ave
Check out our Facebook Page
https://www.facebook.com/stpetertreasures

Spring at the Thrift Store
Check out the Easter items.

Monday 3/4	Tuesday 3/5	Wednesday 3/6	Thursday 3/7	Friday 3/8	Saturday 3/9
Bag of Shoes $5 (plastic bag)	50% off Jewelry *Greeting cards 5 for $1	50% off Craft Supplies & Material *Bag of Books $1	50% off CDs and Records	50% off Dinner plates, luncheon plates, bowls, saucers	**Donation Day** Bring in a donation and get 50% off your purchase *Does not include consignment

STEWARDSHIP OF DISCIPLES

Treasure: Fiscal Year July 2018 - June 2019
Week ending: February 24, 2019 (current fiscal year)

	Actual	Weekly Budget
Adult Giving Envelopes	$ 2,964.91	
WeShare & Electronic Giving (ACH)	$ 4,310.25	
Total	$ 7,275.16	$ 9,615.38
Loose Plate / Offertory	$ 91.00	$ 288.46
Children's Offertory	$ 31.36	$ 28.85
Total Weekly Offertory	$ 7,397.52	$ 9,932.69

Parish Trustees: Agnes Stensby & Jeff Borgmeier

Year to Date Contributions
$ 324,398.52

Year to Date Budget
$342,677.81

Online Giving/WeShare

Want a quick, easy, and safe way to donate to the church online? We have an option for online giving. Contact Jennifer at the parish and she would love to step you through the process.
507-931-1628 ext 101.
http://churchofstpeter.weshareonline.org

2018 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

Update as of 2/19/19

Parish Goal: $35,338.53
Total Received: $31,703.20
Remaining: ($3,635.33)
Number of Donors: 99