

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

**Dear Parishioners,**

Thank you to all who took time to pray and be emerged in the Lord's Mercy this weekend with the "24 Hours with the Lord." I hope that this 'project' will bear fruit in the weeks to come.

This weekend we hear the Parable of the Prodigal Son. In it, we hear the son's realization how far from his father he has gone - from being a beloved son that the father would grant even an insulting request, to someone longing to eat pig food in a distant land far away. But we might miss the other point of the story, too, is that the older son is just as far from his father - he does not recognize the love that the father has for him at all. The point of this parable is to move us to contrition, which is not just a feeling of sorrow for our sins but also a realization of the love of God for us. Contrition means "ground to pieces" and it is when we are truly contrite that God can begin to remake us. Contrition then that is only expressed, only felt as a feeling of sorrow, is empty. Contrition means to get up and go back to the Father. When we do, we find the Father watching and waiting for us, running toward us and restoring the dignity we gave up in our sins. How lovely is that!

The fourth Spiritual Work of Mercy is to bear wrongs patiently. On its first read, this runs contrary to the world. We are called to live justly, and we ought to expect justice. But note that this work is not to allow injustice. The key is 'patiently' - that we treat the wrong doer with mercy, that we have instructed them of the sin, or pointed out the error, but that we endure it patiently - to tolerate the delay of justice with the Lord's aid. This is an act of mercy to the other - it is giving them opportunity to see the injustice and to respond on their own. This work is needed when people say harsh things about us, when the wheels of gossip turn.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd J. Petersen

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**March 6 - 13, 2016**

### 4th Sunday of Lent, March 6

- 8 AM Mass, Nicollet
- 8:30-11:30 AM FF Breakfast
- 10 AM Mass (+Parish Family), St. Peter
- 10 AM Faith Formation Preschool-Gr 1
- No Coffee & Donuts
- 2 PM Penitential Service, SP
- 7 PM LifeTeen, Social Hall

### Monday

- 8 AM Mass (+James Vetter), Chapel
- 9 AM Bible Study
- 7 PM Bishop Lucker Lecture, St. Catherine's Redwood Falls

### Tuesday

- 8 AM Mass (+Pat Schmitz), Chapel
- 3 PM School Choir, Band Room
- 6:30 Catholic Daughters, Social Hall

### Wednesday

- 8 AM Mass, Nicollet
- No JIS Prayer Church
- 6:30 PM FF Grade 2-8
- 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir, Band Room
- 7:00 PM Confirmation, Science Room

### Thursday

- 8:15 AM School Mass (+Bernice Vetter), Church
- 1-10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel
- 3:30 PM Confessions
- 6:30 PM RCIA, Family Room

### Friday

- 8 AM Mass (+Vince Dumdei), Chapel
- 8:30 AM Stations, Church

### Saturday

- 4 PM Mass (+Jim Katzenberger), St. Peter

### 5th Sunday of Lent, March 13

- Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 8 AM Mass, Nicollet
- 9 AM Men's Breakfast & Raffle, Nicollet

- 10 AM Mass (+Lois Pettis), St. Peter
- 10 AM Faith Formation Preschool-Gr 1
- 11 AM Coffee & Donuts, SH
- 5:30 PM Mass (+Parish Family), St. Peter
- 7 PM LifeTeen, Social Hall

**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 2:1, 12-22 / John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday:** Jeremiah 11:18-20 / John 7:40-53  
**Sunday:** Isaiah 43:16-21/Philippians 3:8-14/John 8:1-11

**Coffee and Donuts**

☞ Please join us on Sunday mornings in the Social Hall as we enjoy community and Coffee & Donuts after the 10 AM Mass. ☞

☞ **Volunteers for March 13th:** Bob & Judy Douglas

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

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We are in need of several volunteers for aiding in the decorations, especially during Holy Week. Needed especially are individuals willing to climb ladders, lift and care things, etc.

Please contact Fr. Todd.



**Congratulations  
JI Science Fair 2016  
Participants!**

March 5, 2016  
[www.churchofstpeter.org/ji](http://www.churchofstpeter.org/ji)



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**Thank you  
teachers,  
parents,  
and judges!**





# CHURCH OF ST. PETER THRIFT and CONSIGNMENT STORE

(507) 931-9150

## Spring Cleaning!

**50% off:** Adult & youth shirts, pants, sweaters, craft books and patterns.

**For Sale:** Couch (In neutral colors), table with chairs, secretary/desk.

**We are looking for good, clean used furniture. If you have any to donate that would be greatly appreciated!**

### St. Peter Public Access TV - Channel 7

- ◆ Church of St. Peter Sunday Mass:  
Mondays – 7 pm      Tuesday - 9 am
- ◆ “The Ten Commandments - #1”

Fr. Benedict Groeschel explores the Ten Commandments in this twelve-part series. Founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in the South Bronx, Fr. Groeschel brings his knowledge of Scripture and pastoral experience to the table in each half-hour episode. He does not seek to provide an exhaustive explanation of each of the Commandments, but instead he seeks to give a small sampling of what each of the Commandments mean and how they can impact our lives in the twenty-first century. Episode 1 introduces the series, episodes 2 through 11 examine each Commandment individually, and episode 12 summarizes what has been learned.

**Wednesday, March 9 @ 9 pm**

**Thursday, March 10 @ 10 am**

### **Bishop Lucker Lecture**

When: Monday, March 7, 2016 @ 7 pm.

Where: The Church of St. Catherine in Redwood Falls. Featured Speaker will be John Allen, Associate Editor of The Boston Globe and Crux and Senior Vatican Analyst for CNN. The theme will be “Blessed are Those who are Persecuted: Today’s Christian Martyrs and How We can Respond.” Following the Bishop Lucker Lecture will be the presentation of the Diocesan Distinguished Service Awards for 2016. A social will conclude the evening. This event is free and open to the public.

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### **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

- Next meeting of CDA is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. Please bring items for the food shelf collection.
- If you have not paid your dues of \$20 please either bring to meeting or send it to Bev Johnson.
- Our Semi-annual salad luncheon is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> – please mark your calendar and spread the word. More information later on this event.
- The nominating committee is out looking for perspective officers for the next two years...think about serving your Court in some capacity.

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**We are need of Ushers for Saturday evening mass. If interested, please contact the office @ 931-1628**

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### **Jewelry Sales**

The weekends of March 5th & March 12th

It is our privilege to offer you an opportunity to purchase beautiful imported hand-made Italian, Mexican, and Bethlehem olive wood rosaries, as well as a large variety of Catholic medals, crucifix necklaces, bracelets and other faith inspired necklaces. An assortment of First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA gift items will be included.



Please stop by our display after Mass. 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 have a variety to meet your needs. Your purchase of these quality items will help send several of our teens to the Franciscan LEAD training in July. Thank you for your support!

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Free Will Donation Breakfast  
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

## Ham & Egg Breakfast

Sunday, March 6th



### Church of St. Peter

9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

Menu: Ham, Eggs, Hash Browns, Fruit, and Donuts

Benefits Youth Faith Formation Programs

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### The American Legion Fish Fry

Every Friday during Lent 5:30-8 PM

Cost: \$12.00

Steak fry - available the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month

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**The Saint Peter Choral Society and Orchestra** will present Bach's masterpiece, the Mass in B Minor (*from the Credo through the Agnus Dei*), on Sunday, March 6 at 2:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel. Tickets are \$15 at the door but may be purchased at Swedish Kontur in advance for \$10. Students are admitted free of charge. There will be a second performance at All Saints Catholic Church in Madison Lake the following Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> also at 2:30 p.m.

This is a rare opportunity to hear what has been called "the greatest musical art-work of all times and all people." Members of our church who are participating in this monumental undertaking are: Barbara Kachelmeier, Diane Harms and Sue Serbus.

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On behalf of Birthright of Minnesota, we extend a big thank you to those who donated items to this program. It is because of your generosity and support that these services are available to individuals in our area. Birthright services are provided free of charge and all who work with Birthright are volunteers. They rely solely on donations for the ability to continue to work with moms and their babies. If you would like more information you can reach their office located at 330 Stadium Road, Suite 201B, Mankato, or by calling 507-387-7818.

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### Men's Fish Fry" at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm

Friday, March 18 from 4-8 pm.

Menu: All You Can Eat Batter Fried Cod,  
scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, corn, sherbet, coffee and milk.

Cost: Adults: \$11.00, Children 5-12: \$5.00.

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**St. Anne's Patrons & Alumni** will be sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, March 18 from 4:30-7:30 pm. @ St. Anne's school in Le Sueur.

Located at 511 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Le Sueur.

Menu: Fish, baked potato, coleslaw, green beans, bun and a beverage.

Cost: Adult: \$10.00. Children: 5-12 \$5.00, Children 4 and under: free.

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## Church of Saint Peter, Saint Peter, MN

### Stewardship

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|------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| <b>Treasure: Fiscal Year July 2015-June 2016</b>     |           |                     |
| <b>Week Ending: February 28, 2016</b>                |           |                     |
| Offertory Envelopes                                  | \$        | 4,414.50            |
| Electronic Giving-Offertory                          | \$        | 1,757.25            |
| Loose Plate                                          | \$        | 316.26              |
| Initial Offertory                                    | \$        | -                   |
| <b>Total Weekly Offertory Contributions</b>          | <b>\$</b> | <b>6,488.01</b>     |
| <b>Each week the offertory budget is \$10,310.00</b> |           | <b>\$10,310.00</b>  |
| <b>Difference:</b>                                   |           | <b>(\$3,821.99)</b> |
| <b>Please note:</b>                                  |           |                     |
| <i>To meet budgeted expenses, we need</i>            |           |                     |
| <i>\$10,310.00/week in adult envelopes.</i>          |           |                     |
| <i>Please help as you can. Your support</i>          |           |                     |
| <i>is greatly appreciated.</i>                       |           |                     |
| <b>Year to Date Contributions</b>                    | <b>\$</b> | <b>355,076.46</b>   |
| <b>Year to Date Budget</b>                           | <b>\$</b> | <b>360,850.00</b>   |
| <b>Year to Date Difference:</b>                      | <b>\$</b> | <b>(5,773.54)</b>   |
| <b>Children's Giving:</b>                            | <b>\$</b> | <b>27.30</b>        |

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## Church of St. Paul

March 6, 2016

Pastor - Fr. Todd J. Petersen

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

Parish Office — 507-232-3857

Parish Hall — 507-232-3897

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

### CHURCH OF ST. PAUL SUNDAY COLLECTION

2/28/16 — Adult - \$1,437.00 / Plate - \$59.00

Energy — \$50.00 / SPAF Foodshelf — \$80.00 / 1st Choice Pregnancy Fundraiser — \$79.03

**WEDNESDAY:**

**6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross**

**NEXT SUNDAY (March 13): *MEN'S BREAKFAST AND RAFFLE!!***

**Breakfast will be served 9:00 am to 11:30 am.**

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

Wednesday, 3/9 – 8:00 am – †Margaret and Leonard Pries

Sunday, 3/13 – 8:00 am – †Ron Michels

**MINISTRY OF LITURGY**

**Sunday, March 13, Men's Breakfast**

**USHERS:** Dave Holcomb, Bernie and Justin Laven

**LECTOR/COMMENTATOR:** Kristy Zajac

**EME:** Barb Blashack, Clarice Rosin, Brenda Thompson, Colette Thorson, Jeff Zajac

**SACRISTAN:** Bill Blashack

**SERVERS:** Dominic and Theresa Rosin

**GIFTS:** Keith Rosin Family

**GREETERS:** Dave and Tricia Holcomb

**The sick and/or homebound:** *God is taking care of you.* Pat Anton, Sister Miriam Ardolf, Pam Bernal, LeAnna Brown, Millie Dorn, Charlie and Dianne Epper, Lisa Hackett Family, Sarah Iverson, Helyna Mack, Whitey Mayer, 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. Eddie Bauer, The Wilds of Sand Prairie, St. Peter. Mary Ann Mans, Benedictine Living Community, St. Peter.

**PARISH NOTES:**

**1. MEN'S BREAKFAST & RAFFLE, Sunday, March 13, 9:00 to 11:30 am right here 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. Easter Flowers — an Easter memorial you share.** Would you like to place a memorial lily in the altar area this Easter? Like Mass intentions, you can list any person or family that you want. There is a sign-up sheet on the pulpit in the main entryway. The average purchase price of the lily is \$15.00. You can put your contribution in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. If you have any questions, contact Millie Dorn - 232-3539 or Donna Zins - 232-3808. All contributions, big or small, are welcome.

**3. Sunday Brunch on Sunday, March 6 at Rapid Rick's Bar and Grill, Nicollet.** Tickets: Adults - \$10 / Age 8 & Under - \$5. Advance tickets recommended, available at: Rapid Rick's, ProGrowth Bank, Nicollet Public School Office. Proceeds benefit the 2016 Nicollet High School After-Prom Party.