

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

Dear Parishioners,

Please keep in your prayers the Team and Teens on the annual youth retreat this weekend. I am pleased to be able to join them for this retreat, offering Mass and Reconciliation. Welcome, Fr. Germain Rademacher, who is here this weekend as a result.

These last weeks, I have used these notes to help us think about various elements around death. This week, I recommend pre-planning. Death is hard on everyone, but I notice that for families when the loved one had prepared not only for the process of dying but also the funeral plans and settling estate issues, they have the ability to deal with their grief a little more easily. Pre-planning has several angles. First, financial planning: Having a will, and letting family know where it is, is wise. Even for those with little, it helps make clear their wishes for their estate. As you consider your will, have you considered giving a portion to the Church, School, Diocese, or other easily overlooked organizations that you like to support currently? Also, pre-planning your funeral arrangements is not unwise – funeral directors are willing to help you through this process, too, and to help you make some final decisions based on the amount of funds you foresee having. Selecting a funeral home, and making that desire known, will aid your family. Finally, planning your funeral liturgy can be done. Selecting readings, prayers, and even places for the various prayers helps tremendously. You can buy a cemetery plot and maybe even the headstone. Yes, I know that some see this as a little morbid, but I have most of these done for myself. I have made known the insurance policy which is to be used for final expenses. My grave is purchased, and my will and the location of the grave is given to the Diocese. I am even in process of planning the music and readings for my funeral.

On Monday, my mom was airlifted St. Cloud hospital (she lives in Willmar) due to an abdominal aneurysm that had ruptured. They performed surgery immediately, and she has been improving steadily. Barring complications, she is expected to make a full recovery. Prayers are appreciated; this Friday, Nov.20, is her 66th birthday, so I will definitely be celebrating with her!

In Christ,

Fr. Todd J. Petersen



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

November 15 - 22, 2015

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Nov. 15

- 8 AM Mass, Nicollet
- 10 AM Mass (+Doug Pyan), St. Peter
- 10 AM FF Preschool – Gr. 1: FR, DC, MPR
- 11 AM Coffee & Donuts, Social Hall
- NO Life Teen

Monday

- 8 AM Mass (+Suzanne Putz), Chapel
- 9 AM Bible Study, Family Room
- 7 PM St. Paul's Administrative Council, Nicollet

Tuesday

- 8 AM Mass (+Henry & +Michael Kirchner), Chapel
- 3 PM School Choir, Band Room
- 6:30 PM RCIA, Dustin's Corner

Wednesday

- 8 AM Mass in Nicollet
- 8:15 AM School Prayer, Church
- 5:45 Confessions, Chapel
- 6:30 – 7:45 PM Faith Formation Grs. 2-6
- 6:30 – 8 PM EDGE, Social Hall
- 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir, Band Room

Thursday

- 9:30 am School Mass (+Terry Walter), Church
- 1 – 10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel
- 3:30 PM Confessions, Chapel
- 4 – 8 PM School Conferences, JIS
- 7 PM KC Memorial Mass (+Jim Seitzer), Chapel

Friday

- 8 AM Mass (+Bud, +Jenny & +Travis Staley), Chapel

Saturday

- 3 PM Confessions, Chapel
- Diocesan Ministries Appeal Commitment Weekend
- 4 PM Mass (Parish Family), St. Peter

Christ the King Sunday, November 22

- 8 AM Mass, Nicollet
- 10 AM Mass (+Bud Wolfe), St. Peter
- 10 AM FF Preschool–Gr. 1, FR, DC, MPR
- 11 AM Coffee & Donuts, Social Hall
- 12 noon Mass (+Kathy Schaus), GAC
- 7 – 8:30 PM LifeTeen, Social Hall

DAILY READINGS

Monday: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63 / Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31 / Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Maccabees 7:1,20-31 / Luke 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29 / Luke 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37,52-59 / Luke 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13 / Luke 20:27-40
Sunday: Daniel 7:13-14 / Revelation 1:5-8 / John 18:33-37



Prayer Warriors Needed

Please consider being a prayer warrior for our Parish Mission with Deacon Ralph Poyo – January 10-13th. How do you become a prayer warrior? All you need to do is add the Parish Mission to your daily prayers and add in the specific intention each week. This week's intention is: *That those members who feel at home in our parishes would continue to reach out to those who have not felt that sense of community.*

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 November 22:

Christina Simonette & family

**Jl fourth graders joined
the rest of the fourth graders
in the district for a Kindness Retreat!**



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

November 14, 2015
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**St. Nick Celebration
for PreK children
Friday, December 4th
9-10:30 am**



Catholic School



**Sixth graders made mosaics
during Social Studies class.**



LEGO education in Science class!



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Episode 4– The Sea of Galilee, Tabgha, and Mount Tabor

Wednesday, November 18 @ 9 pm

Thursday, November 19 @ 10 am

2015 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday for the 2015 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Watching the video today, we are reminded of the good work the DMA is doing in ministries too big for parishes to do alone, but ministries that are important to us. Remember, in supporting the DMA, we contribute to those important ministries in the diocese, but we also support our parish project of reducing the parish debt. As we reflect on what our pledge should be, prayerfully keep in mind God's generosity to you. Recognizing that generosity, the DMA offers a great opportunity to return to God some of that generosity we have received. This year with the theme “Blessed are the Merciful,” Bishop LeVoir and the Holy Father invite us to show mercy toward the needs of others.



In the last couple of years, efforts to strengthen our parish's relationship with Gustavus students has evolved into a mentor-ship program. At this time, we are looking for families willing to partner with a student who has requested a more personal connection with our parish. Those families are asked to contact their student, pray for them and continue to build the relationship through having them over, going to dinner on campus, inviting them for donuts after Mass and sending them a care package, just to name a few ways of interacting. The church also hosts two events each year which students and families are encouraged to attend. Please consider joining in this effort to make a stronger church community for our current families and the students that make this their home during the school year. Contact Jessica Yost if interested @ 507-382-4109.



Catholic Daughters

CDA meeting on November 10th was held with about 30 members present. Many important issues were discussed and action taken. Thanks to Jane Schaus and Janice Chouanard and their crew for serving refreshments.

The Gummi Bear report was given by Kim Kaveney and, with some remaining, it was unanimously passed that we donate them to Meals on Wheels as a little treat.

The Mass scheduled for the 10th will be rescheduled.

December 8th Meeting is our “Christmas Potluck”, so mark your calendar.

Regents next outing is November 22nd – meet at the Community Center at 5 pm for carpooling.

COMING UP:

● Monday, August 16

**Gustavus Artist Series presents
Voz en Punto**
(Mexico's premier vocal ensemble)
Jussi Bjorling Recital Hall, Gustavus
7:30 pm

Reserve your tickets for this outstanding vocal group online at gustavustickets.com or by calling 507-933-7590. Tickets will also be available at the door one hour prior to the concert.

● Saturday, November 21

Celebrate San Lucas
Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato
6 pm – 10:30 pm -- Dinner @ 7 pm

RSVP at friendsofsanlucasmision@gmail.com, or by calling 651-454-0981. Tickets \$50 each. Funds will benefit the San Lucas Mission, Guatemala.

● Sunday, November 22

28th Annual Men's Ham Dinner
Church of St. Mary, New Ulm
10:30 am – 1:00 pm

Ham, Corn, Potatoes, Coleslaw, Beverages (Hams prepared at *The Backerei* with special rye dough.) Adults \$10; ages 12 & under \$5. Take outs available. Don't forget to check out the Bake Sale, Homemade Pies & Raffle.

Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra
and
Minnesota Valley Chorale
present
Felix Mendelssohn's
Hymn of Praise
A Sacred Cantata

Saturday, November 14

3:00 pm

Martin Luther College Aud.
New Ulm

Sunday, November 15

3:00 pm

Trinity Chapel, Bethany
Mankato

Friday, November 20

7:30 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Saturday, November 21

7:30 pm

Christ Chapel, GAC

Tickets: \$10 at the door or from any Chorale or Minnesota Area Youth Symphony Orchestra member.



DIOCESAN COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CCHD Collection.



You are warmly invited to the annual ecumenical Thanksgiving service, sponsored by the St. Peter Area Ministerium, held this year on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7 PM at Union Presbyterian Church, 3rd & Locust Sts., St. Peter.

Birthright of Mankato is celebrating its 43rd anniversary in November. For 43 years they have been helping girls and women in unplanned pregnancies. In that time, they have worked with thousands of women in Mankato and the surrounding area, always with the pro-life philosophy that “It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born.” Birthright volunteers thank everyone who has helped financially and with your prayers during those years, and hope you will continue so they can continue their mission.

Birthright is in need of volunteers. Please give serious consideration to giving a few hours a month to helping with this vital service to save lives. For more information, call Lois at 507-388-4558.

Stewardship

Treasure: Fiscal Year July 2014-June 2015

Year to Date Contributions	\$ 461,166.09
Year to Date Budget	\$ 529,100.00
Year to Date Difference:	\$ 67,933.91)

Treasure: Fiscal Year July 2015-June 2016 NEW FISCAL YEAR

Week Ending: November 08, 2015

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 12,913.10	
Electronic Giving-Offertory	\$ 4,380.00	
Loose Plate	\$ 394.10	
Initial Offertory	\$ -	
Total Weekly Offertory Contributions	\$ 17,687.20	
Each week the offertory budget is \$10,310.00	\$10,310.00	
Difference:	\$7,377.20	

Please note:

To meet budgeted expenses, we need \$10,310.00/week in adult envelopes. Please help as you can. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Year to Date Contributions	\$ 171,378.43
Year to Date Budget	\$ 195,890.00
Year to Date Difference:	\$ (24,511.57)

Children's Giving:	\$ 28.98
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As Karen Reyelts retires at the end of the year, we are seeking a receptionist. The position requires good communication skills, basic computer skills (data entry and keyboarding and use of Office) and organization skills. The position involves sacramental record keeping, bulletin editing, scheduling of rentals and building usage, as well as liturgical ministers. The position is approximate-ly 35 hours, from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, with shortened hours on Friday. Ideally, we would have paid on-the-job training the last two or three weeks of December. A full job description and application will be available in the office – contact Barb Hansen or Fr. Todd.



If you haven't already done so, **PLEASE** return your Harvest Festival raffle tickets. The Church of St. Peter must account for every ticket – sold or unsold. You can drop them in the Sunday offertory basket, return them to the Church office, or mail them (1801 West Broadway, St. Peter, MN 56082). If you have misplaced your tickets, please let the Church know via either letter or email (office@churchofstpeter.org)

THANK YOU for your cooperation!!

Church of St. Paul

November 15, 2015

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Parish Office — 507-232-3857
Parish Hall — 507-232-3897

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

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL SUNDAY COLLECTION

11/8/15 — Adult - \$1,661.00 / Plate - \$51.50
Social Concerns — \$25.00

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Wednesday, 11/18 – 8:00 am – †Dick Renne
Sunday, 11/22 – 8:00 am – †Bill Hohenstein

MINISTRY OF LITURGY

Sunday, November 22

USHERS: Dave Holcomb, Randy Renne, Clete Wenner

LECTOR/COMMENTATOR: Richard Mayer

EME: Barb Blashack, Jay Dorn, Rhonda Ganger, Barb Holmin, Bev Mayer

SACRISTAN: Pat Zins

SERVERS: Ruth Brandel

GIFTS: Paul and Marion Pope

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, 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. **2015 Diocesan Ministries Appeal (DMA)—“Blessed are the Merciful”:** Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday. Watching the video today, we are reminded of the good work the DMA is doing in ministries too big for parishes to do alone, but ministries that are important to us.

2. **Dear Parishioners, when the Rectory was sold on July 2, money was deposited to our savings account and some was used to pay off the balance of the 5th Street Assessment in July.** Through an oversight, the envelope for this was not deleted from the November packet. Anything that has been recently donated for 5th Street will be added to your Sunday collection. ce

3. **Church of St. Mary, New Ulm, 28th Annual Men’s Ham Dinner,** Sunday, November 22, 10:30 to 1:00 pm. Hams are prepared t the Backerei with special rye dough. Tickets: Adults - \$10 / Children age 12 and under - \$5. Don’t forget to check out the bake sale, homemade pies and raffle. Take-outs available.

4. **First Lutheran Church, Lafayette, Fall Bazaar,** Saturday, November 21, 9:30 to 1:00 pm. Coffee Hour serving egg coffee 9:30 to 10:30 am. Dinner served 10:30 to 1:00 pm.

