

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

FROM THE PASTOR:

This Thursday, October 11, the Year of Faith officially opened on the 50th anniversary of the opening of the **Second Vatican Council** and the 20th anniversary of the **Catechism of the Catholic Church**. During the Year of Faith we are asked to study and reflect on our faith and the treasure that it is. This will help renew our faith as we live it in a more informed and authentic manner.

This year will be a summons to renewed conversion to the Lord and to a deeper relationship with him. Always at the center of our faith is our walk with Jesus Christ. However, that relationship cannot be separated from our understanding of, and relationship with, the Church, the People of God. The Church is the Body of Christ.

Therefore, this weekend we will symbolically light the "Year of Faith" candle underneath the crucifix as a symbol of our desire to fan into flame the fire of faith and love during the coming year.

This is the last weekend I will be here before I visit the San Lucas Mission in Guatemala. October 17th I fly down there on behalf of the Bishop and all who seek to continue to support the people and projects in San Lucas.

It is a challenging time of transition brought on by the death of Msgr. Greg Schaffer. I ask your prayers for guidance, for courage and for ears to hear and a tongue to speak in a language that I no longer speak fluently. We are trying to establish a structure and a plan for years to come. With so few resources there, it is a difficult task. Please pray that there may be a way to go forward with God's grace, many generous hearts and willing hands.

Finally, I plug again the need for each person to fill out and return the ministry survey from the bulletin last week. Hopefully you have thought and prayed about it and are ready to commit again to some ministries or to try some thing new that will help you grow in your sense of service to the community. I truly believe that we are all called to serve in some way. Prayer is one of the most important works of faith. I would encourage many of you to sign up for an hour of adoration a week. That is a great place to start to connect with the mission of Christ in today's world. God bless you. See you in a couple weeks. I will be back the 26th of October.

Father Phil Schotzko



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

October 14 – 21, 2012

28th Sunday / Ordinary Time, October 14

- Ministry Fair, Narthex
- 10 AM Mass (+Pat Schmitz)
- 10 AM Faith Formation Preschool – Gr. 1
- 11 AM Coffee & Rolls, Social Hall
- 5:30 PM Mass (+Ashley Leonard)
- 7:00-8:30 pm LifeTeen , Social Hall

Monday (note scheduled Mass)

- **8 AM Mass (+Ed Beer), Chapel**
- 9 AM Bible Study, Family Room

Tuesday

- No Service

Wednesday

- 8 AM Mass (+Francis Osborne), Chapel
- 8:15 AM School Prayer, Church
- 11 AM – 1 PM CDA Salad Luncheon, Legion
- Early Releast
- No Faith Formation – MEA Break
- 6:30 PM Choir, Band Room

Thursday – Building Closed

- No Service - No School – MEA Break
- No Eucharistic Adoration - No Confessions

Friday – Building Closed

- No Service – No School – MEA Break

Saturday

- 5 P Mass (+Francis & +Louis Beer) – Visiting Priest

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 21

- 10 AM Mass (+Bernie Depuydt) – Visiting Priest
- No Faith Formation – MEA Break
- 11 AM Coffee & Rolls, Social Hall

DAILY READINGS

Monday:	Galatians 4:22-24,31-5:1/Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Galatians 5:1-6/Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Galatians 5:18-25/Luke 11:42-46
Thursday:	2 Timothy 4:10-17/Luke 10:1-9 (661)
Friday:	Ephesians 1:11-14/Luke 12:1-7
Saturday:	Ephesians 1:15-23/Luke 12:8-12
Sunday:	Isaiah 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mark 10:35-45

Prayer Ministry

Please pray for...

Barb Kotasek

The church offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 18-19 for carpet cleaning throughout the building. There will also be no Eucharistic Adoration or Confessions on Thursday, Oct. 18.





Next weekend Fr. Cyrus Gallagher, a Capuchin Priest, will be with us at all Masses, to present information about the work of the **Christian**

Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA), which sponsors deserving children and elders overseas, and to ask for our participation. We invite and encourage the participation of all the members of our Parish.

CHURCH OF ST. PETER THRIFT and CONSIGNMENT STORE

(507) 931-9150

REGULAR HOURS:

Monday–Friday: 9 AM–5 PM

Saturday: 9 AM–4 PM



Pictures & Frames – ½ price!

(excluding consignment items)

- ✪ Howard Miller Wall Clock (battery-operated)
- ✪ Several Suitcases
- ✪ Wooden Magazine Rack
- ✪ 4 Coffee Tables ✪ 2 Dining Room Chairs
- ✪ Oak Wall Shelf Unit (4 shelves)
- ✪ Cobalt Blue Glass Dishes
- ✪ Check out the **1/2 price Table!!**
- ✪ Dark wood framed Mirror (approx. 30x36)
- ✪ Still have several Halloween Costumes!

Good News TV - Channel 7

“Becoming Catholic”

hosted by Fr. Edward Krause, CSC

Join Fr. Edward Krause as he discusses the basic teachings of the Catholic faith. Topics include the person of Jesus Christ, the sacraments, the Ten Commandments, and the end of time.

Episode 2: “The Second Commandment”

Wednesday, October 17, 9:00 PM

Thursday, October 18, 10:00 AM

Faith Formation

Registration:

F.Y.I. Faith Formation or FF are the words and abbreviation we use when we refer to what was formerly called Religious Education.

Please register your child/children before they begin class. The tuition fee for Grades 2-12th is \$75.00 per person if paid before the child/children begin/begins their first class or \$80.00 per person if paid after your child/children have started their class.

Food Shelf Service Project

Kudos to the children and families in grades 2-6 who collected a whopping 158 pounds of food for their first service project. The food collected goes to our local food shelf in St. Peter.

Fundraisers

Thank you for supporting aluminum recycling and Cans for Christ. Please place your cans into the barrels in front of the trailer. Also, please do not put glass, plastic, or garbage in the barrels. Thank you again for your wonderful cooperation and support of this project to support the Faith Formation program!

LifeTeen Mass

The next LifeTeen Mss will be October 14th at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome!

Class Schedule

- ▶ Preschool-1st: Class begins in the church during the 10:00 a.m. Mass
- ▶ Grades 2-6: Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- ▶ EDGE: Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- ▶ LifeTeen: Sundays 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Questions about Faith Formation:

- Preschool – Grade 6: contact Connie Bollum @ connie.bollum@churchofstpeter.org or call 931-3662.
- EDGE – Gr. 7 & 8, LifeTeen – Gr. 9-12 and Confirmation Preparation – Gr. 11: contact Heather Gilbertson @ heather.gilbertson@churchofstpeter.org or call 931-1628 ext 143.

Marriage Workshops... A Look at Marriage

Are you interested in strengthening your marriage? Are you planning marriage in the future? Dr. Kelley Brigman, educator, author, and marriage therapist, will be presenting two workshops at Union Presbyterian Church; the first on Sunday afternoon Oct. 21 from 3-5 pm entitled “Marriage: A Simple Guide to Success,” and Sunday afternoon Oct. 28 entitled, “Happy Marriages and Strong Families: A Spiritual Journey.” I, along with two couples from our parish, attended these workshops several weeks ago in Mankato. Dr. Brigman offers outstanding suggestions and guides on how to live and maintain healthy, happy relations in marriage. If you are interested in learning more about these workshops or wish to register, you may call Dr. Brigman at 507-420-9572 or email him at Kelley.brigman@mnsu.edu.

Sister Therese

WHAT'S COMING UP.....

➤ Sunday, October 14

Annual Roast Beef Dinner
St. Michael's, Morgan, MN
10:30 am – 1 pm

Also Bingo, Country Store and Raffle. Dinner: Adults \$8; ages 5-12 \$5; preschool \$2.

➤ Monday, October 15

National Pregnancy and Infant Loss
Remembrance Day Service
First Congregational United Church of Christ
150 Stadium Court, Mankato
7 pm

This service offers family and friends a time to unite and reflect on the meaning and value of those lives lost. Free and open to the public.

➤ Wednesday, October 17

Catholic Daughters Hot Dish & Salad Luncheon
St. Peter American Legion, St. Peter
11 am – 1 pm

Serving hot dish, salads, sweet breads, deviled eggs, bars, beverage. Adults \$7; ages 5-12 \$3.
Also available for sale: craft items (dish towels, kitchen towels, pillow cases, dish rags, crocheted caps, etc.).

➤ Friday and Saturday, October 19-20

5th Annual Bake & Craft Sale,
Silent Auction and Bingo & Quilt Raffle.
Red Men Club, 412 S. 3rd St., St. Peter

Friday 4 – 8 pm; Saturday 9 am – 7 pm. Bingo at 4 pm.
All bingo proceeds support Alzheimer's Research w/other proceeds supporting local charities.

➤ Saturday, October 20

Dr. John McKay Recital
First Lutheran Church, St. Peter
7 pm

Dr. McKay, Professor Emeritus of Music at Gustavus will present a recital of piano works by Mozart, Chopin, and Ravel. A free-will offering will benefit a mission of the church.

Catholic Daughters

CDA Sunday is Oct. 21st so mark your calendar to attend 10 a.m. Mass.

CDA REGENTS: Next outing scheduled for October 21st
Meet at Community Center at 5 p.m. for carpooling.

VIRTUS 2012

REMINDER #1

Thank you to those volunteers who responded to the email messages sent from the diocese and from the Church of St. Peter and completed their 2012 annual Safe Environment Online Training. If you have not done so, PLEASE do it as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call 931-1628.

REMINDER #2

If you attended the training session on September 18, please look through the packet you received and find sheets "A" and "B", as well as the Investigative Consumer Report. These are to be completed and returned to the church office as soon as possible in order for the 2012 records to be completed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sister Vincent Marie

MINNESOTA MARRIAGE PROTECTION AMENDMENT

Be informed;

The November 6th election ballot will include a ballot question asking "Shall the Minnesota constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota". Voting "Yes" means you want to preserve the definition of marriage as between one man and one woman. If you leave this ballot question blank, it counts as a "No" vote against preserving the traditional definition on marriage. Remember to vote "Yes"!

Also, "Vote Yes" lawn signs are available in the parish office.

Catholicism: Adult Faith Formation

As we begin the Year of Faith and Evangelization, we will be offering an opportunity to our adult parishioners to grow in their understanding of the Catholic Church and the Faith that we profess as a Christian Community. So that many of you can participate, we are holding these sessions on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Family Room. This program explains not only what Catholics believe and why, but also displays in visual detail the richness of the Church's global culture. During each lesson, we will listen to a presentation of the Church's essential teaching by Father Robert Barron and travel with him around the globe to see the Faith in the depths of its beliefs and practices. Our first session will be on Wed. evening, Oct. 24, in the Family Room. We will not meet every Wed. night, but will set future dates at our first session. St. Paul's parish in Nicollet will also offer this program to their parishioners. If you want information about *Catholicism* or if you want to be a part of this Wed. night group, you may call Sister Therese at 931-1628 Ext. 112, stop in to visit with her at her parish office, or email her at therese.collison@churchofstpeter.org.

**2012 Church of St. Peter
Ministry Fair**

The Ministry Fair is here!

Please remember that we are encouraging **ALL Parishioners** to check out the Ministry Fair and fill out a **Volunteer Ministry Survey**. We are compiling the information into a volunteer database that the church and ministry heads can utilize. Surveys will be available at the Ministry Fair, in the church office, and on the table by the door in the Narthex. We would like all surveys dropped off by October 31st.

Thank you for your participation!!

The Stewardship Committee

Coffee and Rolls



Come and join us from 11 am – noon in the Social Hall on Sundays for coffee, conversation and donuts!

Volunteers for October 21:

Mike & Victoria Steinhaus

YEAR OF FAITH

The Diocese of New Ulm is sponsoring a workshop on *Awakening Faith: A Look at a Process for Returning Catholics for Your Parish or AFC*. This will take place on Saturday, October 27 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Church of St. Catherine in Redwood Falls. Presenter will be Fr. Frank DeSiano, CSP of Paulist Evangelization Ministries.

The Year of Faith officially began October 11 and will last through November 24, 2013, which is the Feast of Christ the King. What are you doing to “open the door of faith” that you were initiated into by your baptism?

The Social Concerns Committee will meet on Monday, October 22 at 2:30 pm in Room 127. New members are always welcome!

Stewardship

Jesus offers a hard lesson regarding wealth & possessions in today's Gospel. The rich man whom he encountered could not part with his possessions as a condition to becoming a disciple of Jesus. Would our response be the same as the rich man? Do we place our trust in our money & possessions instead of trusting in God's generosity? Do we seek security in our possessions? Good stewards realize that their possessions must not possess them, lest those possessions block their relationship with the Lord. (catholicstewardship.org)

Time & Talent:

As we celebrate the kick-off of the Year of Faith, Pope Benedict XVI stresses 3 important areas in our life of faith; 1)to better understand our faith; 2)to take some action to give witness to our faith; and 3) to share our faith with others. Our faith leads to action. Challenge yourself to exchange one hour of time spent in front of the tv or computer each week with an hour spent with others who are in need of your unique gifts.

Treasure: Fiscal Year July 2012-June 2013

Week Ending: October 14, 2012

Offertory Envelopes	\$	6,887.00
Electronic Giving-Offertory	\$	3,885.00
Loose Plate	\$	241.62
Initial Offertory	\$	-
Total Weekly Offertory Contributions		\$ 11,013.62
Each week the offertory budget is \$10,002		\$10,002.00
Difference:		\$1,011.62
Year to Date Contributions	\$	134,776.58
Year to Date Budget	\$	150,030.00
Year to Date Difference:	\$	(15,253.42)

Children's Giving \$ 21.27

How can I repay the Lord for all the blessings He has bestowed upon me? Psalm 116:12

Upcoming Stewardship Committee Events:
October 13th-14th, 2012—Ministry Fair
November 2012—FFF: Advent Wreath Making

Church of St. Paul

October 14, 2012

Pastor - Fr. Philip Schotzko
Priest in Residence - Fr. Ed Ardolf
Parish Administrative Assistant -
Deacon Steven Spilman

Parish Office/Rectory - 507-232-3857
Parish Hall - 507-232-3897
Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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CHURCH OF ST. PAUL SUNDAY COLLECTION

10/7/12 - Adult - \$1,114.00 / Youth - \$0 / Plate - \$89.50

Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

The late Stephen Covey wrote a number of self-help books that were built around fundamental principles on how to live. One of the first principles is to "begin with the end in mind". This principle is helpful as we began the "Year of Faith" on Thursday, Oct 11. It is good to reflect on the end that we're working for. Our ultimate end in mind is eternal life with God. Our end in mind for the next year might be to strengthen our faith enough to be able, and comfortable, sharing our faith with our children, our spouse, our neighbor. Our AFC (Area Faith Community) will be offering activities through the year to help us do that. Later this month, St. Peter will start presenting the Catholicism series and we'll be starting it in Nicollet in January. Starting times are being staggered because we have one set of materials for the AFC and because we wanted to offer it at different times to maximize your opportunity to attend. You are free to attend at either parish.

This week you should start to see some construction activities around the parish and rectory to repair and replace items that were damaged as a result of the 2010 hailstorm. The church roof incurred minor damage at the ridge and on the lower flat area on the north side. However, we will not be repairing that damage now because we are in the process of filing a warranty claim with the manufacturer of the current shingles that was discovered during our hail damage inspections. It makes sense to see the outcome of that claim before making any roofing decision on the church building.

Next Sunday, we will have a visiting priest from the CFCA (Christian Foundation for Children and Aging) celebrating our Sunday Mass. There will be an insert in the bulletin about supporting them rather than a second collection. Please pray for our Pastor, Fr. Phil as he travels to the San Lucas mission in Guatemala this week to help with the Diocesan efforts to continue supporting the mission after the death of Msgr Greg Schaffer.

In Christ, Deacon Steve

TUESDAY: 4:00 p.m. Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY: No Religious Education Classes due to MEA Break

***During the month of October come early for Mass and pray the Rosary:
4:40 p.m. Saturday / 7:40 a.m. Sunday***

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MASS SCHEDULE / INTENTIONS:

Monday 10/15 - NO Mass	Friday 10/19 - 8:00 am - Joan Bollum
Tuesday 10/16 - 8:00 am - Michael and Anna Ecker	Sat. 10/20 - 5:00 pm - Pearl Betzing
Wednesday 10/17 - 8:00 am - Catherine Bense	Sunday 10/21 - 8:00 am - Ashley Leonard and Vernon and Darlene Dorn
Thursday 10/18 - 8:00 am - Mildred and Noreen Mayer	

MINISTRY OF LITURGY

Saturday, October 20

USHERS: Ruth Brandel, Virgil Grunst, Pat Zins

LECTOR: Kelly Holmin

EME: Sharon Steffen

SERVERS: Anna Holmin

GIFTS: Dale and Sharon Hiniker Family

GREETERS: Sharon Steffen

Sunday, October 21

USHERS: Bernie and Justin Laven, Rick Meurer

LECTOR: Richard Mayer

EME: Bernie Laven

SERVERS: Justin Rosin

GIFTS: Paul and Donna Zins

GREETERS: Bill and Barb Blashack

The sick and/or homebound: Sister Miriam Ardolf, Pam Bernal, LeAnna Brown, Joann Dalrymple, Harvey Dorn, Charlie Epper, Lola Freundl, Lisa Hackett Family, Darwin Havemeier, Sarah Iverson, Darla Laven, Helyna Mack, Gerald Mans, Whitey Mayer, Herman Mettler, Barb Meurer, Shirley Michels, Arlene Miska, Wally Molitor, Stacy Schultz, Tyler Thompson, Ila Vogel, Angie and Valerie Weber, Rob.

Nursing Home Residents: Rose Marie Zins, Oak Hills Living Center, New Ulm.

Group Homes: Nadine Brown, James Weber, Mary Jo Weber.

Assisted Living: Eddie Bauer and Lyman Irrgang, The Wilds of Sand Prairie, St. Peter. Lucy Kozitza, Monarch Meadows, North Mankato. Jerome Weber, Pheasant Ridge, St. Peter.

TODAY! October 14th St. Aloysius Church in Olivia is holding their Fall Festival and Bazaar. There will be guitar music performances. Country Fried Chicken meal served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets are Adult \$9.50 and ten and under \$5.00.

PARISH NOTES:

1. ***“Living Faith”*** daily devotions booklets for October through December are near the main and east entryways. Please feel free to take one for your personal meditation.

2. **Volunteers to lead the Rosary are needed. A sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board.**

3. **COMING UP:**

Sat./Sun., (Oct. 20/21) - World Mission Sunday

All Saints Day (a Holy Day of Obligation)

St. Paul, Nicollet - Thursday, November 1, 8:00 am and **6:30 pm**

St. Peter, St. Peter - Wed., October 31 - 6:30 pm and Thurs., November 1 - 10:45 am School Mass

4. **Saint John’s Abbey:** On All Souls Day, November 2, and throughout November, the monks of Saint John’s Abbey will pray for those deceased loved ones and friends that parishioners and others have asked the monks to remember in their common prayer and daily masses. To request the monks to remember your deceased loved ones or friends, please send their names to Saint John’s Abbey. Please include the name of your parish, your own name and address, and mail to: **Office of the Abbot, All Souls Remembrance, Saint John’s Abbey, PO Box 2015, Collegeville, MN 56321.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES:

I’m looking for a half-time Religious Education teacher to share duties with our 1st grade class. If you are interested in helping, please contact me.

I’m also looking for an 8th Grade catechist to help four young people of our parish understand the meaning of Catholic Morality. The written material exists and we’re looking for a practitioner of Catholic moral living to witness to these four young people who are eager to learn. Deacon Steve

Senior High Youth Rally will be held at Cathedral High School, New Ulm, Sunday, October 28, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

THEME: *“Go and make disciples of all nations!”* (Matthew 28:19)

COST: \$20 per youth if registered by October 18 or \$25 after that date. Adults are \$10 if registered by October 18, \$13 thereafter. Please contact Deacon Steve or St. Paul/AEs office.

WHAT: THIS WILL BE A DAY OF FUN AND INSPIRATION - join us for lunch, meet hundreds of other youth and celebrate Sunday Mass with Bishop LeVoir. We have some awesome speakers: Jason Evert and Megan Morgan. DJ Bill Lage and NET Team #7 will join us for the day.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Bring non-perishable food items for the New Ulm Area Emergency Food Shelf.