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**JANUARY 2, 2022**

## **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

# YEAR END THANK YOU

Dear parishioners,

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2022!**

**First of all, on behalf of the Fraternity of Saint Charles Borromeo, I would like to thank you for your prayers, friendship and genuine charity throughout the past four and a half years.**

As we celebrate the Holy Christmas season and embark on the New Year 2022, I continue to be evermore amazed by your charity and commitment in every aspect of our mission at St. Peter's Church, especially in these unusual years of pandemic. **Thank you!**

I am grateful for our dedicated parish staff members who untiringly work to carry out the mission of our parish with love and generosity:

**Thanks** also to our parochial vicars Fr. Pietro Rossotti, Fr. Stefano Colombo, and Fr. Paolo DiGennaro, and Deacon Eric Cooley.

**Jeff Peterson** in the role of **Chief of Staff**, serving as the pastor's liaison to employees and parishioners to ensure all issues are addressed properly and efficiently.

**Tricia Hengemuhle** in the role of **Finance and HR Manager**, and **Mike Fellrath, Accountant**.

**Connie Roering, Assistant to the Pastor** supporting the pastor and assisting clergy with Sacramental preparations.

**Jennifer Greger, Faith Formation Coordinator**, in this time of pandemic within the "*behold, I make all things new*", she has started a new middle group with other adults and teenagers called "**The Fellowship of the Keys**" following the everlasting and moving relationship between Jesus Christ and St Peter.

**Barb Waldorf, CGS Program Coordinator**, her leadership has upgraded class spaces, teachings and grades for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. **Thanks** to the catechists of CGS!

**Timothy Roy, Music Coordinator**, working with the choirs and cantors.

**Patti Teachout, Liturgy Coordinator**, working closely with the clergy during this unprecedented time of COVID with millions of policies and changes to keep the church safe and functional.

**Claire Jensen, Receptionist**, assisting staff members, answering phones, and being flexible to work with us in any need.

**Dave Hagen, Maintenance Supervisor**, working smoothly and happily in the parish offices, church and school along with **Joseph Gabel** and **Mark Winn**.

**I also thank the extraordinary work of ushers, environmental volunteers, wedding and funeral servers-coordinators, receptionists and all the parish volunteers' groups and choir members who help with different tasks in our church's liturgy/activities and building facilities, and help fulfill the vision of a parish with dignity, safety and beauty.**

Thanks to **Dennis Rankin, school principal** and all of the teachers and school staff for their daily dedication to keep the school open and conduct in-person classes in the best possible environment. We should all take pride in our parish school.

I am grateful to the members of the **Trustee, Financial and Pastoral Councils** who are wise and hardworking men and women dedicated to the mission of this parish and to the truth of the Catholic Faith.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many parishioners who made donations through the years and for those parishioners who continue to support with donations to the work of the church.

**May God fulfill your heart's wishes.**

Your pastor Fr. Ettore Ferrario, F.S.C.B



Fellowship



of the Keys

**WINTER  
VACATION**

Feb 11 - Feb 13  
2022

QUESTIONS? CONTACT  
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ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

## **Winter beauty and fellowship at Camp Koronis**

All 6th-8th graders are invited to join the Fellowship of the Keys return to Koronis for a winter weekend vacation! We will be bussing from the parish at 4pm on Friday, February 11th and returning around 4pm on Sunday, February 13th.

There will be so many fun activities including; ice skating, ice fishing, games, bonfires, music, and more! It will be a great time to grow in faith, pray, eat, and have fun together!

Cost is \$200 and includes travel, lodging, and food.

## FAITH FORMATION SUMMER EVENTS

### JUNE 12 - 16

Fellowship of the Keys Summer Vacation. Middle school students are invited to join us for our annual summer vacation, full of fun, faith, and friendship!

### JUNE 27 - July 1

Totus Tuus for children and youth, from grades 1-12. This experience will be held at our parish and led by team of college students and seminarians, who are bursting to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our children.

### JULY 11 - 15

For children ages 3.5 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The annual week-long faith centered program will return with music, games, snack, crafts, bible stories, and time to encounter God in prayer and service.

### JULY 31 - Aug 5

High School Youth Group Summer Vacation



## SEVEN SISTERS

### Women of St. Peter's! REJOICE! EASY and Valuable Volunteer opportunity!

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the **sole intention of a specific priest** or bishop—a “holy wasting” (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for the deeper conformity to Christ.

St. Peter's is so blessed with many priests. Women of the parish! We are called to pray for them in a specific way through the Seven Sisters Apostolate! This Apostolate started in our archdiocese and is now spread throughout the world. Wouldn't you love to be a part of such a valuable group? You know that prayer is the biggest weapon we carry to support, defend and protect our faith. Praying just one hour a week on a day of your choice will ensure our priests are covered in grace!

Currently, our three priests at St. Peter's all have a Seven Sister praying for them, but we always have room for more praying women! A church our size could easily have multiple women praying every day.

**Fr. Paolo has arrived and I am gathering women of faith to pray for our newest priest. Please consider volunteering to pray just one hour a week!** If one hour is too much for you to consider, consider sharing with a friend! The mission is to pray, pray, pray!

Email me for more information about the Seven Sister Apostolate. I am Mary Pokorny at [rmpokorny@gmail.com](mailto:rmpokorny@gmail.com)

Men, feeling left out? Never fear! Fasting for our priests is an option too. Check out <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/> for more information.

# TRIBUNAL QUESTIONS

## WHAT IS THE TRIBUNAL?

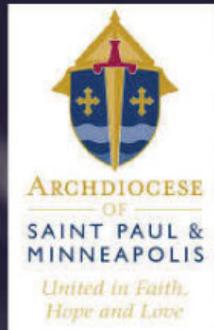
The Tribunal is a diocesan office staffed by persons appointed by the archbishop who have received special preparation to resolve judicial proceedings for marriage cases and other matters of Church (canon) law.

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal serves the Church community and individuals in the protection and defense of rights as prescribed in canon law.

Regarding marriages, the Tribunal assists people who request an investigation of their prior marriage(s). After gathering as much information as possible, the Tribunal makes a human decision under the guidance of the Holy Spirit regarding the status of the marriage bond.

Either the marriage will be upheld as valid and binding, or it will be determined that no sacramental marriage bond existed due to certain conditions that render the marriage null.



## HOW DO I START A MARRIAGE CASE?

Contact your parish priest, deacon or tribunal parish liaison who will assist you with information about preparing a marriage case, and can explain the appropriate Church process involved. You may also contact the Metropolitan Tribunal directly by calling (651) 291-4466 or email [tribunal@archspm.org](mailto:tribunal@archspm.org).

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## WHAT IS A DECLARATION OF NULLITY?

A declaration of nullity, commonly known as an annulment, is a statement issued by the Tribunal that one of the essential elements of marriage was not present at the time the Parties' exchanged matrimonial consent. This declaration does not assign moral judgment or blame to either of the Parties nor does it deny that a legal bond existed.

## WHY SEEK A DECLARATION OF NULLITY?

A person seeks a declaration of nullity in order to obtain a definitive statement on the sacramental nature of his/her prior marriage(s). This statement clarifies whether a person, Catholic or non-Catholic, is free to marry in the Catholic Church. Any divorced person who seeks possible remarriage in the Catholic Church must have each prior marriage examined by the Tribunal.

## DOES A DECLARATION OF NULLITY AFFECT THE LEGITIMACY OF CHILDREN?

Children are a gift from God and are entitled to the love and support of parents and the faith community. If a marriage is declared invalid, children of that marriage are not considered illegitimate.

## MUST THE TRIBUNAL CONTACT THE OTHER SPOUSE?

Yes. The other spouse must be notified that a marriage case has been submitted to the Tribunal, since both Parties can exercise certain rights given in Church law. The person initiating the process must make every effort to provide an accurate, current address for their former spouse. Online databases, some of which charge a small fee, are often helpful in locating former spouses.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF THE FORMER SPOUSE REFUSES TO PARTICIPATE?

It is advantageous for both Parties to participate fully. However, if the former spouse either refuses to participate or decides not to respond after being notified, the Tribunal may proceed with the process.

## CAN ANYONE BE A WITNESS?

Witnesses should be persons who knew one or both of the spouses before or at the time of the wedding, or during the early years of marriage. If possible, it is best to include a mixture of family, friends, and even counselors. Children born of the marriage are never asked to be witnesses for their parents.

## ARE CASES ALWAYS DECIDED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE?

Only when the Tribunal reaches moral certitude about a marriage's invalidity can an affirmative decision be issued.

## IF A DECLARATION OF NULLITY IS ISSUED, ARE THE PARTIES FREE TO MARRY?

Yes. However, in some cases, certain conditions may be placed on one or both Parties before they can marry in the Church, especially if serious psychological or relational difficulties were evident in the former marriage.

### DOES A DECLARATION OF NULLITY HAVE ANY CIVIL EFFECTS?

Marriage cases that have been declared invalid through the Church process have no civil effects in the United States. Issues such as child support and visitation, property rights and alimony are not affected by this process. A copy of the final divorce decree must be submitted to the Tribunal for each prior marriage.

### ARE WITNESSES NECESSARY?

Yes, witnesses are asked to provide statements regarding their observations of the Parties' marriage. This helps the Tribunal have a fuller picture of the relationship.

### DOES THE PROCESS BRING HEALING?

It is designed to be a fact-finding process with the goal of discovering the truth about the validity of a marriage. The process provokes introspection, which many find challenging; other people find that the process brings healing and leads to closure.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Several Saturday's ago, parishioners had the opportunity to attend the 4:00pm Mass followed by the daily Novena. What a beautiful late afternoon to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent.

Shortly after the completion of the Novena, many parishioners including children gathered in the gathering space to light their vigil candle for our evening of caroling in the neighborhood.

Led by Fr. Pietro, we began a trek down 16<sup>th</sup> St. and began singing all together to the delight of many homeowners who greatly enjoyed our singing. Children brought cards with ours mass times for Christmas and invited them to celebrate with us the birth of Jesus. The evening ended with hot chocolate and cookies along with fellowship with the parishioners.



## CANA DINNER



Come enjoy a beautiful evening with your beloved!  
**Saturday, January 22nd, 2022 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.**  
Dinner will be catered by Donatelli's of White Bear Lake.

There will be a testimony from a couple as well as a piano concert.  
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For more information and to RSVP, go <https://churchofstpetersnsp.org/cana-dinner>  
or pick up a flyer from the rack in the Gathering Space  
Questions? Contact [Wedding@stpetersnsp.org](mailto:Wedding@stpetersnsp.org)

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Dear Engaged Couple,

Planning for your upcoming wedding is a beautiful time. Your wedding day is the beginning of your marriage and commitment to each other for as long as you both shall live. If you are planning to celebrate your marriage here at Saint Peter, you should let us know at least 9 months in advance. To assist you at the start of this vocation, you are required to attend three pre-marriage information sessions here at Saint Peter. There is a substantial amount of information that will be beneficial and therefore we request both of you to be present.

**These are the dates of the next three sessions:**

- Saturday, March 12, 2022, 7:45 am-1:00 pm (lunch provided)
- Saturday, April 2, 2022, 8:00 am - 11:00 am
- Saturday, April 23, 2022, 8:00 am - 11:00 am

\*If you have any questions or to learn more and check available dates, e-mail: [wedding@stpetersnsp.org](mailto:wedding@stpetersnsp.org)



## MASS INTENTIONS

Week of January 2 - 9, 2022

Sunday: 8:00 AM †Charmian Daun  
10:30 AM †Henry Fox  
6:00 PM Parishioners  
Monday: 8:00 AM †Eric Nordling  
Tuesday: 8:00 AM †Molly Mahoney  
Wed: 8:00 AM †Fr. William Gamber  
Thursday: 8:00 AM †Peggy Turcotte  
Friday: 8:00 AM †Richard Wendel  
Saturday: 8:00 AM †Michael Mrozinski  
4:00 PM †Jim Pihart  
Sunday: 8:00 AM †David Joseph Hadden  
10:30 AM †Dan Leko  
6:00 PM Parishioners

## ADORATION CHAPEL

Reopens Monday, January 3 at 9:00am.

## KC KORNER COUNCIL 4967

### Recent Charitable donations

72 winter coats from the KC Coats For Kids program were donated recently to:

Church of St Peter, Salvation Army, North St Paul Toy Shelf, Phalen Village Clinic, and St Andrews Church, also Donations to North St Paul Food Shelf, Maplewood Food Shelf, 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank, St Peter Fall Festival.

### General Membership Meetings

Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month in Fellowship Hall Rosary 6:30, Business meeting 7:00 PM

Visit us on Facebook: Knights of Columbus North St Paul



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Anna Gow & Jodi Wardell whose funerals were celebrated this past week.

## BEAUTY OF CHRISTMAS ENVIRONMENT

A huge, heartfelt thank you to the Environment Team: Al Weber, Dave Tepe & Greg O'Connor along with Kris O'Kane, Jean Glass, Janice Diebel, and Mary Pokorny for the beautiful environmental preparation to encourage hopeful waiting, conversion and joy during the Advent season and the transformation into the beautiful celebration of Christmas.

A very special "thank you" to Walter Pechan & Countryside Christmas Trees for the generous donation of all the Christmas trees in the church, gathering space and outside the main entrance of the church.

The dedication and hardwork of all those involved is a demonstration of stewardship: giving freely of the gifts that have been given to you!

## WELCOME

The Church of St. Peter would like to welcome all visitors and anyone who has recently moved to our community.

- If you are interested in **joining our parish**, there are information packets in the rack in the gathering space. Or contact the parish office at 651-777-8304.
- **Headphones** are available to assist with hearing. Please see an usher or greeter if you would like to use a set.
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