

# Welcome and blessings to all who enter our Churches!

### DECEMBER 5, 2021 2nd Sunday of Advent



CHURCH OF ST. PETER



CHURCH OF ST. PAUL



John Ireland School

### **WELCOME!**

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colleen.wenner@johnirelandschool.org
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#### St. Peter Thrift Store

401 S Minnesota Avenue 507-931-9150 Hours: M-F 9am-5pm/Sat 9am-4pm

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### St. Peter

Daily Mass: T, Th, Fri 8:00am

Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday: 10:00am

#### St. Paul

Daily Mass: Wednesday 8:00am Sunday: 8:00am

#### **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptisms:** (Mary) 507-931-1628 x1421 **Marriages:** Contact Pastor as soon

as Engaged

**Reconciliation:** See Calendar or Call

for Appointment

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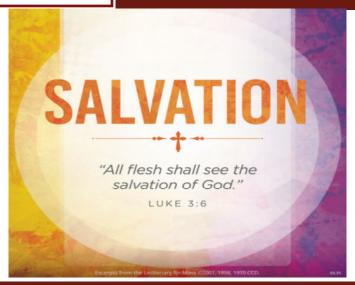
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**SCRIP** The JI office has Family Fresh, Kwik Trip and Hy-Vee cards on hand. Orders placed on Friday by 10am will come in following Thursday.

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

#### AREA FAITH SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY, December 5 **Second Sunday of Advent**

BAR 5:1-9/PHIL 1:4-6, 8-11/LK 3:1-6 7:30am Confession, St. Paul

8:00am Mass, St. Paul †Carl Betzing

9:00am Confession, St. Paul

10:00am Mass, St. Peter †Bill Depuydt

11:00am Confession, St. Peter Emmaus with Handmaids 11:00am 6:45pm Confession, St. Peter

7:00pm Life Teen

#### MONDAY, December 6

IS 35:1-10/LK 5:17-26

#### TUESDAY, December 7—Saint Ambrose, Bishop and **Doctor of the Church**

IS 40:1-11/MT 18:12-14

7:30am Confession, St. Peter

8:00am Mass, St. Peter †Jim Miller

6:00pm KofC, 3rd Degree Mtg 6:00pm Confession, St. Paul

6:30pm Mass, St. Paul †Herbert & Mabel Hoffmann

7:30pm Confession, St. Paul

### WEDNESDAY, December 8—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

GN 3:9-15, 20/EPH 1:3-6, 11-12/LK 1:26-38 7:30am Confession, St. Peter

8:15am Mass, St Peter †Peggy Willaert

6:30pm YFF 2nd-8th Grade, St. Peter

7:00pm Mass, St. Peter †Monica Loch

#### THURSDAY, December 9

IS 41:13-20/MT 11:11-15

7:30am Confession, St. Peter

8:00am Mass, St. Peter †Gerald & Mary Ann Mans

1-10pm Adoration, St. Peter 3:30pm Confession, St. Peter Choir Practice, St Peter 6:30pm

#### FRIDAY, December 10

IS 48:17-19/MT 11:16-19

7:30am Confession, St. Peter

8:00am †Viola & Henry Wulfe-Kuhle Mass, St Peter

#### SATURDAY, December 11

SIR 48:1-4, 9-11/MT 17:9A, 10-13

3:30pm Confession, St. Peter

Mass, St. Peter 4:00pm †George Schmahl

5:00pm Confession, St. Peter

#### SUNDAY, December 12 Third Sunday of Advent

ZEP 3:14-18A/PHIL 4:4-7/LK 3:10-18

7:30am Confession, St. Paul

8:00am Mass, St. Paul †Vernon & Darlene Dorn

9:00am Confession, St. Paul

10:00am Mass, St. Peter †LeRoy Stensby

11:00am Confession, St. Peter 5:00pm Confession, St. Peter

5:30pm Life Teen Mass, St. Peter †AFC Family

7:00pm Life Teen

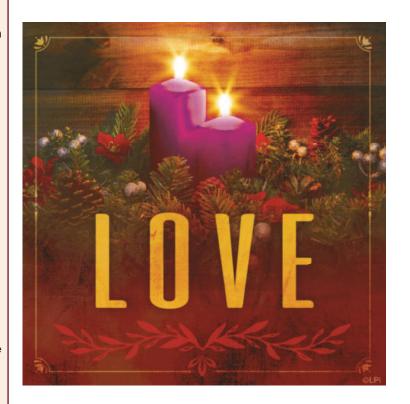
## LONG TERM REPAIR / ROOF



Update as of 12-30-2021 Total Pledges: 358 The bulletin board in the Narthex is updated on Friday's. To help us verify that checks are for the roof please write "Roof" or "Long Term Repair" in the memo line.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

St. Peter's		11/21	11/28	YTD	YTD Budget
Adult	\$	11,547	6,897.25	161,643.91	213,653.88
Offertory	/\$	667.75	527.17	7,260.78	10,365.30
St. Paul's	•	11/21	11/28	YTD	YTD Budget
			<b>11/28</b> 795	<b>YTD</b> 35,951	YTD Budget 27,500



#### THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

Fr. Brian Mullady, OP, offers a systematic approach to the Seven Sacraments of the Church. Gifted in true Dominican spirit with the ability to make his audience understand and appreciate the deepest mysteries of Catholicism, Fr. Mullady examines the nature, number, character and necessity of the Sacraments and their manner of conferring a powerful arace upon us.

Episode 4—"Baptism" will be available on St. Peter Public Access, Channel 7, at 5:30pm and 9pm on Wednesdays and 10am on Thursdays.



Note from Father Craig Timmerman... You are beloved! Last weekend I preached saying that those who love God will be the ones who are prepared for Jesus' coming (His first coming, His coming to us today, and His final coming – may it be soon!). The 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent is always focused on John the Baptist. John prepared the way for the Messiah's first coming, and he shows us the way to prepare for his 2<sup>nd</sup> coming as well: repentance. Repentance is a part of love. Can you imagine any relationship where the two people (husband/wife, father/son, friends, brother/sister) never admit they are wrong? Or never admit that they chose to put other things before this person and this relationship, and that was wrong? That relationship would never grow, and both people would grow apart

because they continue to seek other things, not their relationship. This is part of growing in relationship, because we are not perfect people, and we need second chances to come back and grow. Advent is a very appropriate time to admit where we hurt others, and to say I'm sorry: I got so caught up in this/that and I put our relationship on the back burner – can we come back together go forward again as spouse/family/ friend? Who do you need to reconcile with? John the Baptist tells us to be reconciled to God. People would come to him confessing their sins out loud and getting baptized in the Jordan. They loved God, and wanted to have their hearts prepared by repentance so they were ready for the Messiah's coming. They recommitted to the covenant they made with God (for them, through their circumcision - for us, the covenant of Baptism). So during Advent we also must repent, to be prepared for Jesus' coming. It is not an act of guilt, remorse and fear. It is an act of love - Lord, I love you, but I have put others things before you. I did not give you my time, attention or love first. People came to John the Baptist to repent. The Apostles were given the power to forgive sins (John 20:23) because God wanted them to forgive people's sins. Today we do that action in the Sacrament of Confession (also called Penance, Reconciliation). Perhaps with CoVid you have not come to confession for a long time. I invite you to use this Advent well, and prepare the way for the Lord. Come to confession with true repentance, with a renewed love. There are many extra times - see the bulletin.

Wednesday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is a holy day of obligation, and it is also the patronal feast of the United States of America. Please come not just out of obligation, but out of love for God, desire to be close to Mary, and to pray for our country.

Lastly, support John Ireland! We still need just over \$10,000 to meet our matching grant goal for the Schultz Foundation. We can receive \$25,000 matching grant if we make the goal by Dec. 31st! This is huge for our school. Please give extra to John Ireland if you can. And remember, You are beloved!

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### Tuesday, December 7 St. Paul - 6:30pm

Server: Ruth Brandel Lector: Cyndi Zins

Sacristan: Phyllis Wenner Gifts: Clarice Rosin

Ushers: Dave Holcomb, Bernie Laven, Justin Laven

### Wednesday, December 8 St. Peter - 7:00pm

Servers: Brandon Michels, Cameron Kienlen

Lector: Shawn Schloesser EM: Gigi Dobosenski Gifts: Amber Eustice

Ushers: Dean Steiner, Kathy Steiner, Vol. Needed

#### Saturday, December 11 St. Peter - 4:00pm

Servers: Lvdia Yost, Dominic Yost

Lector: Lorna Bungum EM: Mary Ann Enz

Gifts: Maurice & Carol Ritz

Ushers: Mike Betzing, Pat Skramstad, Bob Genelin

#### Sunday, December 12 St. Paul - 8:00am

Server: John Hiniker Lector: Dale Mack Sacristan: Pat Zins Gifts: Brenda Thompson

Ushers: Chuck Kienlen, Rick Meurer, Pat Zins

## Sunday, December 12 St. Peter -10:00am

Servers: Makayla Crowley, New Server

Lector: Becca Kennedy

EM: Rosie Johnson, Terri Michels Gifts: Brecken Satrom Family

Usher: Bruce Leonard, Steve Boehm, Ken Britz

#### Sunday, December 12 St. Peter –5:30pm

Servers: Life Teen Volunteers Lector: Life Teen Volunteers

EM: Jeff Gilbertson

Gifts: Life Teen Volunteers Usher: Life Teen Volunteers



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- ◆Thank you to those who supported this year's Breakfast with Santa! Thank you for supporting our preschool program!
- ♦ If you want to order gift cards through our scrip program the last day to turn in orders is Thursday, December 9th.
- ♦We will celebrate our school Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Wednesday. December 8th at 8:15 AM. There will be no school Mass on December 9th.
- ◆The Challenge Grant Deadline is Wednesday, December 15th! Thanks to all who have donated!
- ◆You're Invited to our Christmas Program!— Thursday, December 16th at 6:30 PM and Friday, December 17th at 1:00 PM



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### PRAYERS FROM NICOLLET

THE SICK AND/OR HOMEBOUND: God is taking care of you. Millie Dorn, Heidi Hinckley, Helyna Mack, Shirley Michels, Daniel Podol, Pete Reinhart, Betty Wenner, Pat Zins, Richard, Rob, Scott. We pray for all who are ill or hospitalized.

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS: LeAnna Brown, Benedictine, St. Peter, Delores Schwan, Oaklawn, Mankato.

**GROUP HOMES**: Nadine Brown, James Weber. ASSISTED LIVING: Charlie and Dianne Epper, Sand Prairie, St. Peter. Carol Giefer, Oak Hills Living Center, New Ulm. Jack Miska, LeCenter. Pope, Benedictine Living Community, St. Peter. Mary Jo Weber, Oak Terrace, North Mankato. Betty Wenner, Margie Wenner, Cletus Wenner, Ecumen Prairie Hill, St. Peter.

#### **BABY BOTTLE PRO-LIFE FUNDRAISER**

The Annual Baby Bottle Pro-Life Fundraiser will be on Sunday, December 5th and will run until Sunday, January 23rd. All funds raised will be used to support First Choice Pregnancy Center in New Ulm and Options for Women/Mankato in Mankato.

#### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Would you like to place a memorial flower in the altar area this Christmas? Like Mass intentions, you can list any person or family that you would like. There is a sign-up sheet on the pulpit in the main entryway at St. Paul. The average price of the flowers is \$20. You can put your contribution in an envelope and drop it in the collections basket. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Zins at 507-232-3808. All contributions, big or small, are welcome.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE CHORAL INVITATION

There are many wonderful singers in the congregation every Sunday! Maybe you have three or four Thursday evenings in December that you could devote an hour of your time to sing with a choir in preparation for Christmas Eve Mass at 4 pm. If so, contact Barbara Frank by phone: 507-779-4261, or email: bfrank@hickorytech.net, to sign-up so a music packet can be prepared for you. This invitation is open to anyone 14 years old and up. The next rehearsal is this Thursday, at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Thank you for your support!

#### **SHOP WITH SCRIP**

If you are ordering gift cards Christmas consider



ordering through our scrip program which supports John Ireland School! All orders received in the school office by December 9th will be ready for pick up before Christmas break. Order forms can be found in the church entrance or school office. You can also order online at shopwithscrip.com and enter our school code **EELADC9L25212** . Contact the school office if you have auestions.

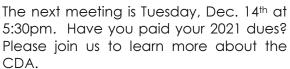
#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

The America Red Cross will have a Blood Drive on Monday, December 6th, 12-6pm at the Nicollet American Legion. If you are an eligible type O, B-, or A- donor, please consider making a Power Red Donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component. Please consider becoming a donor. Masks are required for all Volunteers and Donors, regardless of vaccine status.

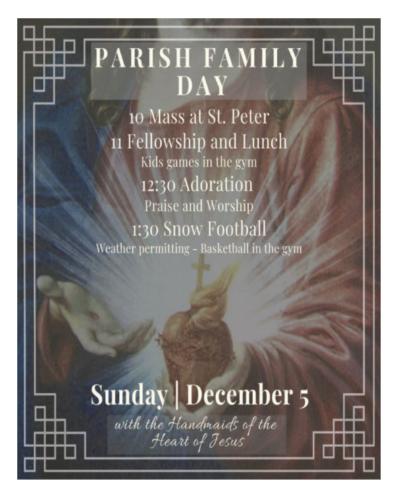
#### THE GIVING TREE

Thank you for supporting the Giving Tree. Please remember to return unwrapped gifts to the Church of St. Peter with the ornament attached by December 11th. You may drop them off in the box by the Parish Office. The Social Concerns Committee wishes you and your loved ones a very blessed Advent Season!

#### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA







### **PARISH FAMILY EVENT**

The first Sunday of each month will be an opportunity for our whole parish family to join with the Sisters from the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus in New Ulm. Here is a Schedule of Events for December 5th:

- After Mass, there will be a time of socializing in the social hall and games available in the gym for kids.
- Lunch will be served from 11:30am-12:15pm. There is a suggested donation of \$3 per person for the meal.
- At 12:30pm we will be having a Holy Hour of Adoration with Praise and Worship Music in the church.
- Following the Holy Hour there will be a game of Snow Football near the JI playground or basketball in the gym, depending on the weather.

Join us for any or all of the day. The day is designed so people can come and go throughout the event to attend whatever works for you. This is open to everyone in our parish and we hope all can attend this event to grow even closer as a parish family.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together but encouraging one another." Hebrews 10:24-25



#### LIFE TEEN FALL RETREAT

The weekend of November 19th-21st, 36 of our high school youth attended our annual Life Teen Fall Retreat. We were able to host at Dunrovin Retreat Center after a year off in 2020. The Retreat helped in building community and deepening our understanding of God's love for us and the need to build up our faith lives through prayer and the sacraments.

#### SUNDAY HOMILIES ONLINE

Sunday homilies are now available to listen to on our website. They will be uploaded by Tuesday at apostlespeterandpaulafc.org.

#### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER -**

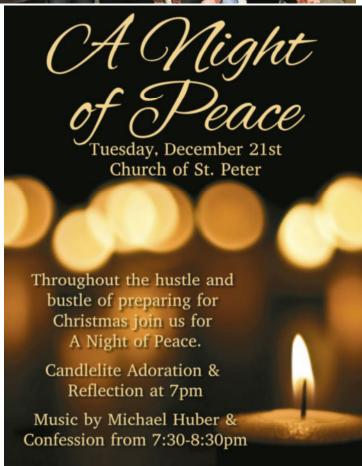
#### CHURCH OF ST. PETER & THE SURROUNDING AREA

The Church of St. Peter Marriage Encounter (ME) community is scheduled to meet Saturday, December 11th, 2021 at 7:00 pm. We will gather at the Church of St. Peter Social Hall.

ME is for couples who have good marriages and want to make their marriage better. Marriage Encounter provides education and support from other couples who also value the sacrament of matrimony.

ME gatherings have social time, prayer, a lesson, individual couple dialogue, and sharing. The evening typically involves approximately two and a half hours of ME community time.

All married couples who have experienced a World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend are invited to join. Please RSVP to LuAnn and Brad Schloesser, cedarpostls@gmail.com or 507-934-4284.



#### IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Walter Fasnacht, brother of Rose (John) Hiniker and Paul Pope, and for their families and friends. May they and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. When we are hurting and seek our Father's care, He gently takes us to His heart and gives us solace there.

#### DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE BREAKFAST

The St. Anne's CCW will be sponsoring a Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast and a Cookie Walk. This will be on Sunday, December 12th at St. Anne's School in Le Sueur. Evervone is welcome!

#### SHEPHERD FIELD GROUP HOLY LAND



A Christian Group from Bethlehem in the Holy Land will be visiting St. Peter on the weekend of December 4th and 5th. They will be selling the olive wood carvings and crafts that are

hand made by the Christians in the Holy Land. This is their main source of income. If you would like to support these people, you may either purchase their beautiful olive wood carvings and crafts or pray for them. We can all do our part to keep our Christian bells ringing in the Holy Land.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our next meeting will be December 7th at 6pm. We will be putting together the fruit baskets. If you are interested in joining the Knights or have any questions, please contact Bill Leonard at 507-995-9567.

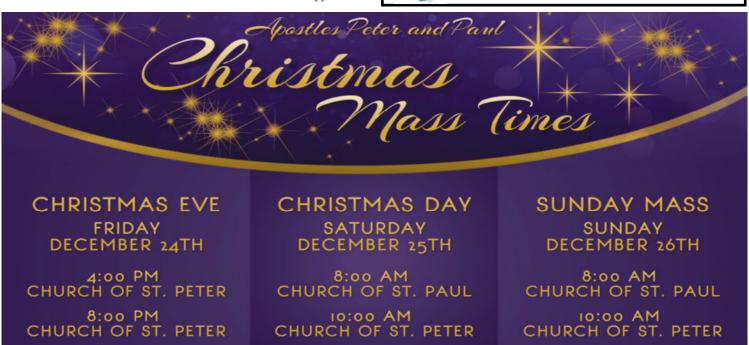
#### YEAR-END GIVING

The end of the year is not far away, and it is time to start thinking of strategies to maximize the tax benefits of year-end giving. Federal tax laws and many state laws make it possible to reduce or eliminate taxes on gifts to charities like your parish, diocese, schools and other ministries. Remember that only aifts made by December 31st can help reduce the amount of taxes you owe next April. Please consult your professional tax advisor for tax strategies for your personal situation.

Life Insurance - If you own life insurance policies that you no longer need, the cash value of these policies may be another source from which to make gifts to your parish, and they may result in significant state and/or federal estate tax savings. You can also name your parish as beneficiary of your life insurance or annuity. For more information about charitable giving through life insurance, please contact the parish office at 507-931-1628.

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized Member Lavla Bethke Son of Alec and Erica

May she grow in grace and favor.



### MARY MOTHER OF GOD

DECEMBER 31ST 6PM CHURCH OF ST. PETER JANUARY IST OAM CHURCH OF ST. PAUL



## SUNDAY MASS

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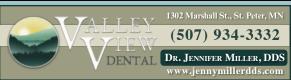
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