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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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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:

United and inspired by the Holy Trinity, we are disciples guiding disciples.

AREA FAITH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, December 26 The Holy Family

7:30am Confession, St. Paul
 8:00am Mass, St. Paul †Harvey Dorn
 10:00am Mass, St. Peter †AFC Family

MONDAY, December 27—St John, Apostle & Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Offices Closed. No School - Christmas Break.

TUESDAY, December 28—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
 No School - Christmas Break.
 7:30am Confession, St. Peter
 8:00am Mass, St. Peter †Deceased CDA

WEDNESDAY, December 29—5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
 No School - Christmas Break.
 7:30am Confession, St. Paul
 8:00am Mass, St Paul For the Sick

THURSDAY, December 30—6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
 No School - Christmas Break.
 7:30am Confession, St. Peter
 8:00am Mass, St. Peter †Rita Bresnahan-Kellen
 1-10pm Adoration, St. Peter
 3:30pm Confession, St. Peter

FRIDAY, December 31—7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, Saint Sylvester I, Pope

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
 Offices Closed. No School - Christmas Break.
 7:30am Confession, St. Peter
 8:00am Mass, St Peter †Margie Cummings
 5:30pm Confession, St. Peter
 6:00pm Mass, St Peter †Tom Muellerleile

SATURDAY, January 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 8:30am Confession, St. Paul
 9:00am Mass, St. Paul †Tom Fitzsimmons
 3:00pm Confession, St. Peter
 4:00pm Mass, St. Peter †Marty Braunger

SUNDAY, January 2 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 7:30am Confession, St. Paul
 8:00am Mass, St. Paul †Dick & Fran Renne
 10:00am Mass, St. Peter †AFC Family

Please visit our website for Calendar updates.
 Daily readings can be found at Bible.USCCB.org.

LONG TERM REPAIR / ROOF



\$1,332,414.44 Pledged

\$1,242,727.35 Received

Update as of 12-16-2021 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

Church of St. Peter 12/12/21 YTD YTD Budget

Adult:	\$ 18,429	211,014.05	233,076.96
Offertory:	\$ 1,171.46	10,138.81	11,307.60
		Immaculate Conception—\$793.31	

Church of St. Paul 12/12/21 YTD YTD Budget

Adult:	\$ 2,265	39,601	30,000
Offertory:	\$ 218	2,657	1,615.44
		Immaculate Conception \$160; Gift \$300, Christmas Flowers \$80; Sacramental Offering \$225	

Due to Bulletin publication deadlines the December 19th collection will be reported in the January 2nd bulletin.



SUNDAY HOMILIES ONLINE

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

DAILY READINGS

The website for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has a page for the daily readings. On this page, you can listen to the podcast of the daily reading, view a reflection video, sign up for daily readings delivered to your email, or view the calendar. The readings are also available in Spanish. Please visit Bible.USCCB.org to learn more.



Note from Father Craig Timmerman... You are beloved – a beloved son/daughter of God! Actually, that is what Jesus is. Jesus, the beloved Son of God became man and became also the son of Mary. Because Jesus was born of Mary, as one of us, and then lived, died and rose from the dead to give us eternal life... now we, human sons/daughters can become sons/daughters of God! MERRY CHRISTMAS!! This is the gift of Christmas – the child given to us is Christ! That means your real family is the family of God – the Church! When you come to Church on Christmas AND on Sunday (Feast of the Holy Family), you are gathering with your family – the Church. Jesus came to make us all brothers and sisters. Those here in Church today are your family in the truest sense. They will be the ones with you in heaven.

Jesus even said ‘Those who do the will of God are my brothers, sisters and mothers.’ We are His family. And this is because Jesus entered a family when He was born. Mary was His virgin mother. Joseph was his foster father. The reading on Sunday says, “Jesus went home and was obedient to them....” We can never underestimate how important family life is to our faith. Our families are the image of God’s family (Church). That is why the Church is so concerned about family life and strives to promote, protect and build up our families. The best way to do this is to come HERE!, to the Church, YOUR family. Here you learn how to live as God teaches us to live. I love being a spiritual father to all of you – it is such a blessing. I really do love you as my own family, because this is what you are. I want you here every week so we can be together as God’s family, worshipping Him with all our lives and hearts. Jesus makes us His family on Christmas – the Commandment to Honor the Lord’s Day (Sunday) is both for our salvation, and also to build up the family of God here. God bless you all and I wish you the most Blessed Christmas Season (it’s just beginning!). You are soooo beloved!

This week we celebrate various holy days: Christmas!; The Lord’s Day – Sunday, Feast of the Holy Family; Jan. 1st is Holy Day of Mary, Mother of God – it is a holy day but is not a day of obligation this year, since it falls on a Saturday; Next week Sunday, Jan. 2nd, Epiphany!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Friday, December 31 St. Peter - 6:00pm

Servers: Volunteers Needed

Lector: Susie Miner

EM: Mike Miner

Gifts: Volunteer Needed

Ushers: Lisa Cumiskey, Nancy Zins, Audrey Schmitz

Saturday, January 1 St. Paul - 9:00am

Server: John Hiniker

Lector: Dale Mack

Sacristan: Phyllis Wenner

Gifts: Ruth Brandel

Usher: Ruth Brandel, Chuck Kienlen, Mark Zins

Saturday, January 1 St. Peter - 4:00pm

Servers: Sam Barnick, Nora Barnick

Lector: Barb Rodning

EM: Bill Leonard

Gifts: Ron Bresnahan Family

Usher: Curt Thelen, Bob Genelín, Mary Ann Harty

Sunday, January 2 St. Paul - 8:00am

Servers: Damian Reyes, Theresa Rosin

Lector: Jake Zins

Sacristan: Pat Zins

Gifts: Keith and Jennifer Rosin Family

Usher: Ruth Brandel, Pat Zins, Tim Zins

Sunday, January 2 St. Peter - 10:00am

Servers: Norah Born, Kellan Junso

Lector: Chuck Niederriter

EM: Jeff Borgmeier

Gifts: Deb Geldner Family

Usher: Jeff Gilbertson, Levi Gilbertson, Brad Wenner



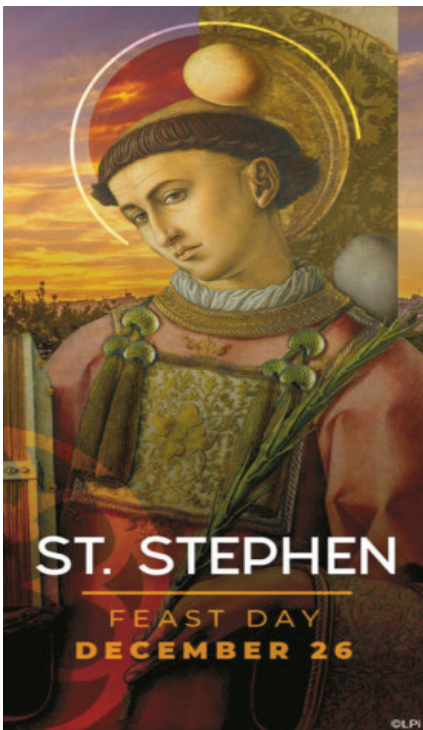


Our Christmas break is from December 22nd through January 4th!

We are a school readiness program focused on faith and service which nurtures the whole child embracing individual talents and abilities in a welcoming, caring, and safe environment.



**Little Angels
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The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

Thanks to all who attended our meeting on the 14th and to Lois Hillesheim and her crew for serving soup and chili. A short meeting was held; a dice game was played and everyone went home with a smile. Thanks to Regent Sue for planning the entertainment. Next month, January is the Living Rosary at 5:30 with a meeting to follow. Planning will begin for our 70th anniversary so if anyone has ideas on how to celebrate this event, please come to the meeting and share your ideas. Dues of \$30 will also be due. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and everyone.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



"Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." Let us strive to become the work of his hands

by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN and Feb 18-20, 2022 in Windom, MN. For more information, call Miki Schultz at 507-227-8229 or visit them at southmnwwme.org.

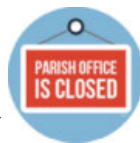
THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

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 grace upon us.

Episode 7—"The Eucharist as a Sacrament" will be available on St. Peter Public Access, Channel 7, at 5:30pm and 9pm on Wednesdays and 10am on Thursdays.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

The Parish Office for the Church of St. Peter will be closed on Monday, December 27th and Friday, December 31st.



THE GIVING TREE

Thank You to everyone who supported The Giving Tree through your generosity and/or prayers! This year's Giving Tree was a HUGE success! More than 100 individuals will feel blessed by our parishioners from our Area Faith Community. The Social Concerns Committee wishes you and your loved ones a very blessed Christmas Season!

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 gifts 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.

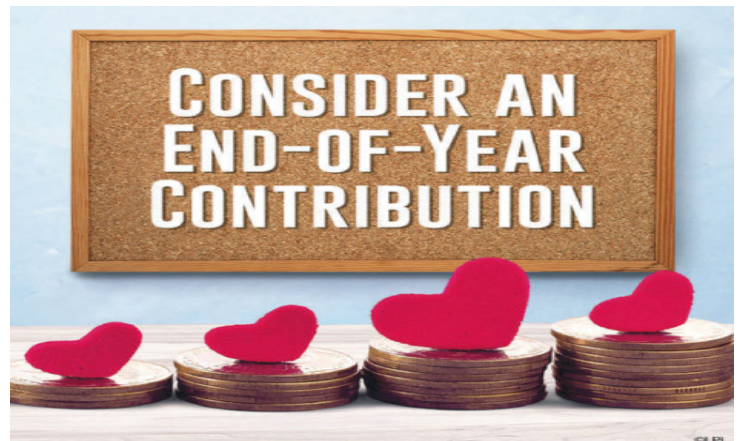
GIFTS OF GRAIN Farmers can qualify for income and self-employment tax savings on raised grain if the unsold grain is gifted to your parish. The grain must be delivered to an elevator and the actual storage ticket should be given to the parish. In order to qualify for the tax savings, it's critical that the parish sells the grain and not the person gifting the grain.

SECURITIES & APPRECIATED ASSETS gifts of stock, bonds, mutual funds, and certain other property that have increased in value can result in even greater tax savings than gifts of cash. If you have owned such investments for longer than one year you can generally donate them to your parish and deduct their full current value, even if it far exceeds your original cost.

Congress has provided that in addition to regular tax savings, you also do not have to pay capital gains tax when these assets are given to a qualifying charity. This "extra" tax savings is another reason why some choose to make their gifts this way.

You can also give assets to your parish that have decreased in value. You may receive a tax deduction of the incurred loss. The total amount of your loss and the charitable deduction may actually be more than the current value of the donated asset.

For more information about Gift of Grain or Securities & Appreciated Assets, please contact Jennifer at the parish office.



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, 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. Mary Jo Weber, Oak Terrace, North Mankato. Betty Wenner, Margie Wenner, Cletus Wenner, Ecumen Prairie Hill, St. Peter.

PAUL POPE FUNERAL

We cannot begin to know how much planning and preparation goes into making lunch for so many people, but your crew absolutely nailed it with the lunch served after Dad's funeral. Thank you all so very, very much. ~ The Pope Family

BABY BOTTLE PRO-LIFE FUNDRAISER

The Annual Baby Bottle Pro-Life Fundraiser 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.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Your presence does make a difference! Join the Prayer Service for Life and the 49th Annual MCCL March for Life in St. Paul on Saturday, January 22. The Prayer Service begins at 10:30 at the Cathedral of St. Paul, followed by the MCCL March for Life at the Capitol.

The March for Life takes on special significance as the Supreme Court takes up the Mississippi court case that would ban most abortions after 15 weeks. Let us give a strong witness to the dignity of every human life through our presence and/or our prayer for the life of the unborn.

Check out the Family Life page <https://www.dnu.org/marchforlife2022> for updates on the March for Life, as well as transportation opportunities.

BABY BLANKETS NEEDED


It's time to replenish our supply of baby blankets for our newborns. Currently, we only have 4 left! Please help with our winter project and bring new handmade blankets to the Parish Office. Hats are not needed at this time.



Apostles Peter and Paul

Holy Day Mass Times

MARY MOTHER OF GOD
 DECEMBER 31ST
 6PM CHURCH OF ST. PETER
 JANUARY 1ST
 9AM CHURCH OF ST. PAUL



SUNDAY MASS
 JANUARY 1ST
 4PM CHURCH OF ST. PETER
 JANUARY 2ND
 8AM CHURCH OF ST. PAUL
 10AM CHURCH OF ST. PETER

ALL IN THE FAMILY

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

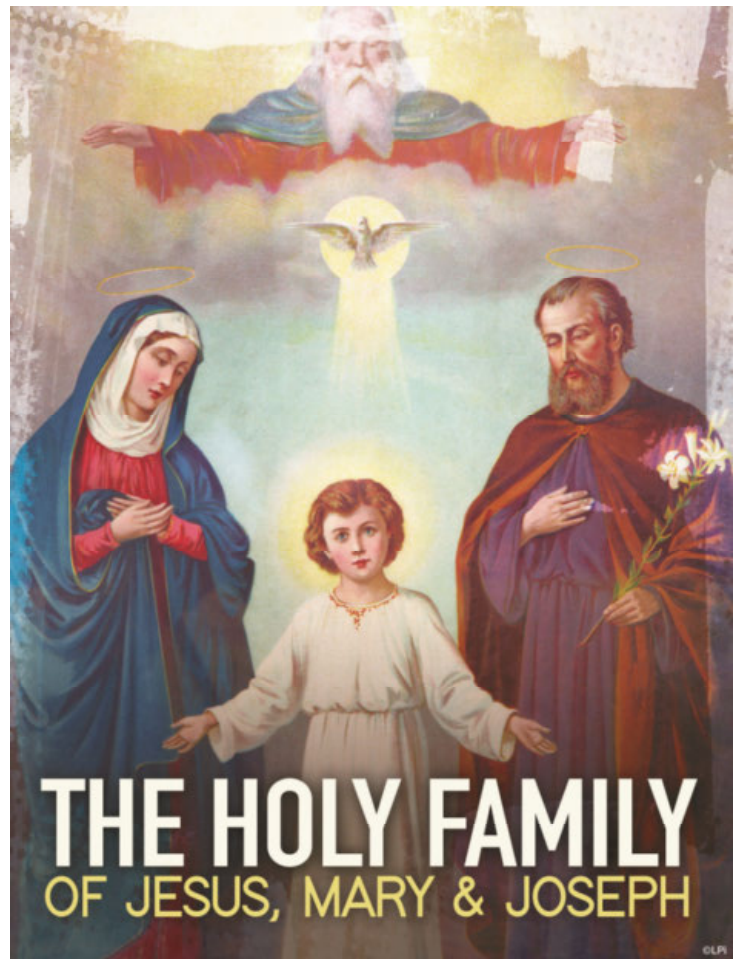
You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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