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# JANUARY 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord



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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

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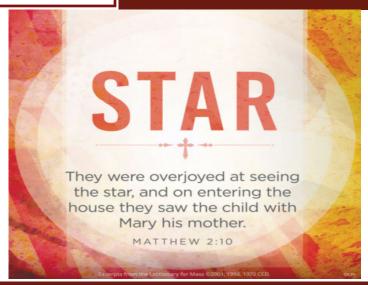
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#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

### **AREA FAITH SCHEDULE**

#### SUNDAY, January 2 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ls 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** 

#### MONDAY, January 3—Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 No School - Christmas Break.

#### TUESDAY, January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

No School - Christmas Break.

7:30am Confession, St. Peter

8:00am Mass, St. Peter †Ruth Miller

#### WEDNESDAY, January 5—St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

7:30am Confession, St. Paul

8:00am Mass, St. Paul †David Michels

#### THURSDAY, January 6—Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

7:30am Confession, St. Peter

8:15am Mass, St. Peter †Fred Pehrson

10:30am Mass, St. Benedictine Chapel

†Dawn Thieman

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

FRIDAY, January 7—Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

7:30am Confession, St. Peter

†Mary Stoffel 8:00am Mass, St. Peter

SATURDAY, January 8

1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Confession, St. Peter 3:00pm

4:00pm Mass, St. Peter **†AFC Family** 

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY, January 9

ls 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Confession, St. Paul 7:30am

8:00am Mass, St. Paul †Carl Betzing 10:00am Mass, St. Peter †Mert Wenner

5:00pm Confession, St. Peter

5:30pm Life Teen Mass, St. Peter †Duke Becker

7:00pm Life Teen

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

## LONG TERM REPAIR / ROOF



YTD Budget

\$1,333,884.44 Pledged \$1,244,712.35 Received

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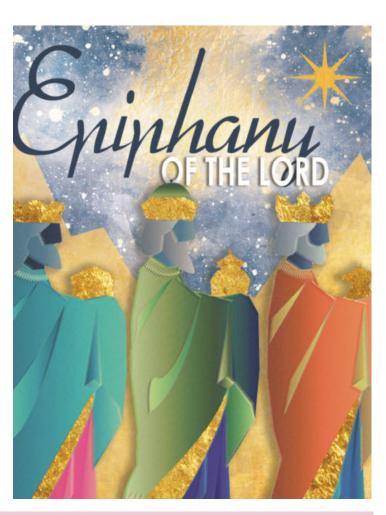
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Update as of 12-21-2021 Total Pledges: 358 The bulletin board in the Narthex is updated on Friday's. To help us verify that checks are for the roof please write "Roof" or "Long Term Repair" in the memo line.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Adult: \$ 15,485.91 226,499.96 242,788.50 Offertory: \$ 535.77 10,674.58 11,778.75 Church of St. Paul 12/19/21 YTD YTD Budget Adult: \$ 965 40,566 31,250 2.717 Offertory: \$ 60 1.682.75 Christmas—\$250; Rent—\$40; Christmas Flowers—\$55

Due to Bulletin publication deadlines the Christmas and December 26th collections will be reported in the January 9th bulletin.





Note from Father Craig Timmerman... You are beloved! Happy New Year! Merry Christmas! Blessed Epiphany! Wow – so much going on this week. Our Christmas season this year is very compacted – Saturday we had the feast of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day), and today already we have the Epiphany. We Three Kings.... This is such a beautiful time of Christmas, to remember that Jesus was born as a light. To all those who live in any darkness whatsoever, Jesus is the Light. When God shines His light into our hearts, it changes us. We focus less on what's wrong, and we instead feel lifted up in His Love, Presence even Joy even in the midst of difficult situations. When God comes, it changes everything. How has your life been changed this year by the Lord? As you begin this new year, how do you want

to draw closer to Him? If last year was a struggle for you in faith, what are you going to do different this year to make this year better? The Wise Men came from a long ways away, but they came and found Jesus. Maybe that's you this year. You've come a long way, but here you are – loving Our Lord. Perhaps this has been a constant growing, deepening of love over many years. Perhaps this is something new for you. Perhaps you are still desiring to fall in love with Him – but here you are. When you encounter Jesus, it always changes you. The Wise Men went home 'by another way'. That's us - we never go home the same as we came. We go home 'another way'. Jesus is setting a new way, a new path, a new growth, a new start. For a Child has been born to us - something new has been born into our world. The world cannot understand our faith - don't expect it to. But don't let the world get you to deny Him, either. O Come, Let Us Adore Him - He is Christ Our Lord! Come all you faithful – be faithful! Give Him gifts – daily, offer your life to Him. When Jesus was praying to His Father He said, "Thank you for those you have given me in the world. They are your gift to me." Your life is a gift to Jesus. Let His life be a gift to you, that you choose to unwrap this year – and not just leave under the tree. Keep celebrating Christmas! One more week until the Baptism of the Lord. Use the time well, and rejoice in the closeness of Our God to you. How could we forget in this special season... You are beloved!

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### Saturday, January 8 St. Peter - 4:00pm

Servers: Lydia Yost, Dominic Yost

**Lector**: Barb Lienemann **EM**: Philly Kauffmann Gifts: Maurice & Carol Ritz

**Usher**: Curt Thelen, Bob Genelin, Mary Ann Harty

### Sunday, January 9 St. Paul - 8:00am

**Servers**: Ruth Brandel **Lector**: Barb Holmin Sacristan: Bill Blashack Gifts: Ron & Donna Giefer

Usher: Randy Dorn, Ron Giefer, Dave Holcomb

#### Sunday, January 9 St. Peter - 10:00am

Servers: Thomas Johnson, Caleb Gilbertson

**Lector**: Kate Aquilar

EM: Joe Kienlen, Eileen Boehm **Gifts**: Rachel Soderlund Family

**Usher**: Maureen Carlson, Dean Steiner, Kathy Steiner

### Sunday, January 9 St. Peter - 5:30pm

Servers: Life Teen Volunteers **Lector**: Life Teen Volunteer

**EM**: Marcy Lorentz

**Gifts**: Life Teen Volunteers **Usher**: Life Teen Volunteers





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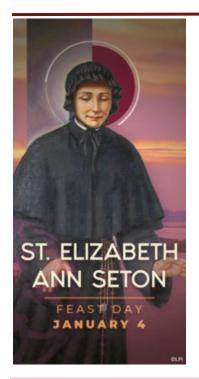
Mark your calendars for our Catholic Schools Week Kickoff on Sunday, January 30th—Mass, Breakfast, and Book Fair!



School resumes on Wednesday, January 5th!



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.



#### ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON | JANUARY 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

#### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

This month, on January 11th, is the Living Rosary at 5:30 with a meeting to 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. Happy New Year to each and everyone.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our next meeting will be January 20th. If you are interested in joining the Knights or have any questions, please contact Bill Leonard at 507-995-9567.



#### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

"Yet, O LORD, you are our father;  $_{
m M}$ 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.

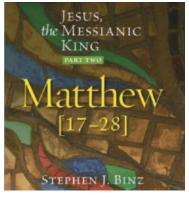
#### SUNDAY HOMILIES ONLINE

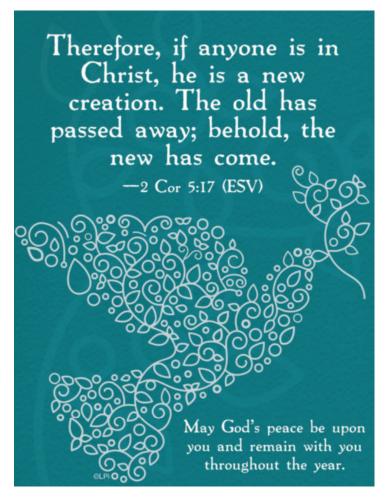
Sunday homilies are now available to listen to on our website. They will be uploaded by Tuesday at apostlespeterandpaulafc.ora.

#### MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Monday Morning Bible Study is a great group of people who gather to study scripture, develop friendships and pray. We are not great scripture scholars, but just people who have an interest in learning more about the Word of God, and in that process, share with everyone how God has helped us in our daily lives. In the process of conversation, needs for prayer arise and in closing our sessions, we pray for those needs. We are open to anyone who would like to join us or check us out. We will meet on

Mondays, from 9-10:30a, starting January 10th. We will meet through mid May. Please join us! We will meet in the Family Room. All CoVID rules will apply.





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

#### 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.

### 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, Cletus and Margie Wenner, Ecumen Prairie Hill, St. Peter.

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

Our Annual Baby Bottle Pro-Life Fundraiser will run until Sunday, January 23. 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! The 2022 Prayer Service for Life as well as the MCCL March for Life are scheduled as live events on Saturday, January 22 in St. Paul. The Prayer Service for Life will begin at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Paul. The attendees will then proceed to the State Capitol to join the MCCL March for Life. Stay tuned for more available parish -sponsored transportation options to the March for Life. For more information, please visit https:// www.dnu.org/marchforlife2022

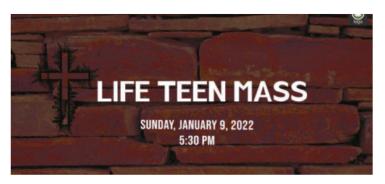
**NEW ULM/CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY:** Departure from Cathedral (605 North State Street); Free Coach bus loads at 7:45 AM with Mass for Life option at 7 AM at Cathedral. Bring lunch, call parish office (507) 354-4158 to reserve a seat. Questions to trip lead Kate Sloot at sloot@newulmtel.net





#### HANDMAIDS IN JANUARY

The Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus will be joining us the weekend of January 9th. Sr. Mary Angela, Sr. Maria Bethany, and Sr. Fiat will be joining us for Coffee and Donuts following the 10am Mass. They will also be hosting an outdoor game at 4pm on Sunday afternoon, weather permitting. If the weather isn't good, they will host a game of basketball in the gym. All are welcome to come





## Home Blessing for the Feast of the Epiphany

It is an ancient tradition to bless our homes at Epiphany with Holy Water and Blessed Chalk, Epiphany means not only the 3 Wise Men, but also the Baptism of the Lord – they used to be celebrated on the same day. Usually the father would write the blessing using the blessed chalk over each and every door going outside: AD 20+C+M+B+22 which stands for "Anno Domini 2022-- Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar" and means "the three Holy Kings, Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar, in the year of Our Lord, 2022" are protecting this house against all evil spirits. The letters C.M.B. also stand for Christus Mansionem Benedicat = May Christ bless this house. This tradition of blessing the doorways (with blessed chalk) symbolizes the family's commitment to welcome Christ into their homes on a daily basis throughout the year.

#### A FAMILY BLESSING OF THE HOME FOR THE EPIPHANY

All gather at the main entrance to the home.

Head of the family: God's peace be in this home. [if desired, he may sprinkle it with Holy Water]

All respond: And in all who live here.

All say: Magi from the East came to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasure chests they presented Him with precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial. Alleluia.

All then pray the Magnificat, [at this time you may go through the home sprinkling Holy Water, if desired]:

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then, all pray the **Our Father** together as a family.

Head of the family: Let us pray. God, Who on this day revealed your only-begotten Son to all nations by the guidance of a star, grant that we who now know You by faith may finally behold You in Your heavenly majesty; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then, all say: Be enlightened and shine forth, O Jerusalem, for your light is come; and upon you is risen the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary.

Head of the family: Nations shall walk in your light, and kings in the splendor of your truth;

All: And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

Head of the family: Bless, O Lord, almighty God, this home so that in it there may be health, chastity, victorious strength, humility, goodness and mildness, obedience to God's laws, and acts of thanks to God the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, and may this Blessing remain upon this house, and upon all who dwell in it. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Meanwhile, he takes the blessed chalk and inscribes on the top of the door frame:

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All conclude with the **Sign of the Cross**.





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