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**DECEMBER 25, 2022** 



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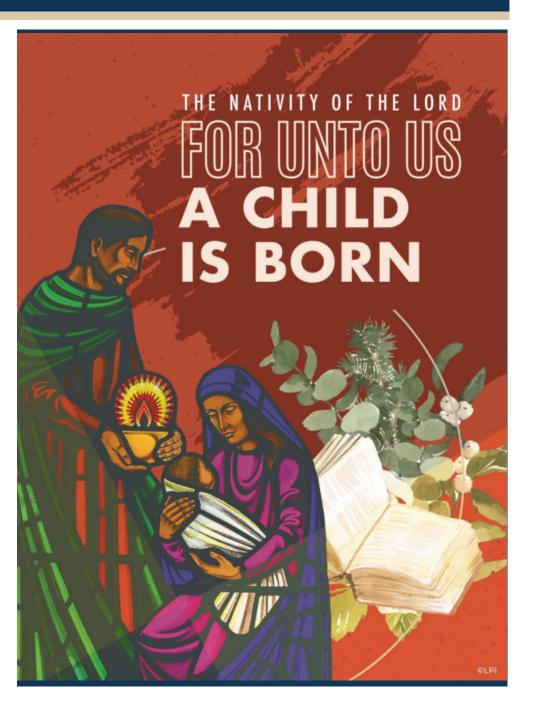
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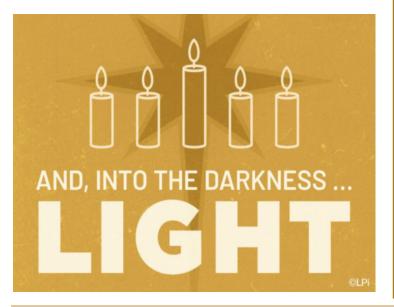




## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CRAIG

You are beloved! Merry Christmas! Christ is born for us, a babe in a manger. It's something amazing, attractive. It is so humble, and so tender. This is how our God approaches us – humbling coming to save us. Tenderly coming to give us His Love. Even making himself totally vulnerable to us! Think of that – God, all-powerful

Creator of EVERYTHING, makes Himself completely vulnerable to us. He shows us how deeply He cares, loves. God is with us - Emmauel! It is such a joy to celebrate Christmas with you here at the Apostles Peter and Paul Area Faith Community. Joy is the perfect word! When we keep Christ in Christmas, not as a political slogan, but as a way to live these days, we are filled with hope and joy. Yes, the world can be dark and scary. So was the world when Jesus was born. Not much changes from the world's point of view! But Jesus entered that world and today He enters our world anew. When you come to celebrate the Mass of Christ (Christmas, get it?!), you are here with Jesus, Mary and Joseph. You are one of the shepherds coming to adore the newborn Savior, the Son of God. Joseph and Mary invite you to enter into the manger and even give you the child to hold in your own arms – you are there. Jesus is here. Yes, Jesus was born 2022 years ago - but the Church is here so you can receive Jesus today! I wish you and your families the greatest blessings of this awe-filled season of Christmas, unity and peace in your homes, joy and love in all your gatherings, light that shines in all areas of mourning loved ones or whatever your personal struggles are this time of year. Jesus enters into all of that and brings the warmth of God's tenderness to you. He is with you -Emmanuel. Merry Christmas! You are beloved!



## AREA FAITH COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:40am Confession, St. Peter **9:00am** Mass, St. Peter

AFC Family

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 SAINT STEPHEN

No School, Offices Closed

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 SAINT JOHN

#### No School

7:30am Confession, St. Peter

8:00am Mass, St. Peter †Stanley Muellerleile

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS

#### No School

7:30am Confession, St. Paul

8:00am Mass, St. Paul †Eddie & Lydia Bauer

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 No School

7:30am Confession, St. Peter

8:00am Mass, St. Peter †Michael & Anna Ecker

1-10pm Adoration

#### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30**

#### THE HOLY FAMILY OF IESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

#### No School

7:00am Mass, St. Peter †Margie Cummings

7:30am Confessions, St. Peter

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00am Confessions, St. Peter 3:00pm Confession, St. Peter

4:00pm Mass, St. Peter AFC Family

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

7:30am Confession, St. Paul

8:00am Mass, St. Paul †Fr John G Berger

9:40am Confession, St. Peter

10:00am Mass, St. Peter †Evelyn Alger

Please visit our website for Calendar updates. Daily readings can be found in *The Word Among Us*.

If you would like to receive text messages for updates to the Daily Mass schedules text 81010 and message @83f479.



#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 ST. PETER - 4:00PM

Servers: \*3 Volunteers Needed

**Lector**: Becca Kennedy **EM**: Denise Attenberger **Gifts**: Mary Ann Harty **Ushers**: Volunteers Needed

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 ST. PAUL - 8:00AM

**Servers**: Ruth Brandel Lector: Dale Mack Sacristan: Bill Blashack Gifts: Phyllis Wenner

Ushers: Justin Laven, Rick Meurer, Randy Renne

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 ST. PETER - 10:00AM

Servers: \*3 Volunteers Needed Lector: Volunteer Needed

**EM**: Kathy Steiner

Gifts: Volunteers Needed

Ushers: Kathy Steiner, Dean Steiner, Volunteers Needed





In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Walter and for her family and friends.

> May she 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.

#### PRAYERS FROM NICOLLET

#### THE SICK AND/OR HOMEBOUND

God is taking care of you. Carol Hillesheim, Helyna Mack, Shirley Michels, Daniel Podol, Pete Reinhart, Richard, Rob, Scott. We pray for all who are ill or hospitalized.

#### NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Delores Schwan, Oaklawn, Mankato.

#### **GROUP HOMES**

Nadine Brown, James Weber.

#### ASSISTED LIVING

Millie Dorn, Pathstone, Mankato. 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. Cletus and Margie Wenner, Ecumen Prairie Hill, St. Peter. Clifford (Skip) Wenner, Oak Terrace, North Mankato.



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#### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING! WED. JANUARY 4TH, from 6:30-8:00 PM.

All 4th grade and up students are invited to participate in the Mass as altar servers. We will have practice for new servers on Wednesday, January 4th, 6:30-8:00, since there is no Religious Ed that night. They may serve at Saturday and/or Sunday Masses throughout the year, and could assist when needed at funerals or weddings as well. This can be a deeper experience of the Mass for our students, as they grow in prayer and a greater understanding of what the Mass is about. If they cannot make the training, but would like to serve, Father will gladly make up the training at another time. Just show up, but you will need to sign a form before your child begins serving.

#### INCLEMENT WEATHER

When there is inclement weather and the St. Peter Area schools are closed, the church and school will also be closed. However, mass will always be offered at the Church of St. Peter, please use your discretion if it is safe to travel.

#### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF **AMERICA**

Thanks to everyone who made our December meeting and to Carol Ritz & Crew for serving. Also, thanks to Sue Connor for the game and prizes and to Joan Werner for leading us in song! Our next meeting is January 10th starting with the Living Rosary. Have a great holiday season.

#### ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

St. Anne's Church in Le Sueur is seeking to hire a fulltime Faith Formation Director to coordinate and oversee its Youth and Adult Faith Formation programs. The position is 32 hours per week, with full-time benefits. Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. Chris Shofner

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

If you are interested in joining the Knights, this is a great opportunity to learn more. Please contact Bill Leonard at 507-995-9567 if you have any questions. The 4th Degree will be meeting on January 19th.



#### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we marriage are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." As we Encounter begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 17-19, 2023 in WINDOM, MN and Mar 25-26, 2023 in Owatonna, MN. For more information, call Schultz at 507-227-8229 or visit at southmnwwme.org.

#### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

#### **Church of St. Peter and Surrounding Area**

The Church of St. Peter Marriage Encounter (ME) community is scheduled to meet Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm. We will gather at Doug and Nancy Wenner's home on Lake Washington. Address is 1220 Baker Bay

Marriage Encounter is for couples who value the sacrament of matrimony and want to continue to grow in their marriage. Monthly gatherings have social time, prayer, a lesson, individual couple dialogue, and sharing. The evening typically runs approximately two and a half

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.

### SAVE THE DATE! AREA FAITH COMMUNITY MISSION

Father Brendan Rolling is coming to the churches of St. Peter and St. Paul January 14th through the 17th to join us at Mass, Adoration, Mission, and Fellowship. Schedule to be posted soon!

#### Here is a little bit about Father Brendan:

Brendan Rolling grew up Minnesota. During college, he attended World Youth Day where St. John Paul II inspired him to follow Jesus Christ as a Catholic priest. After serving in higher education for fifteen years, Father was assigned to be a National Chaplain with The Fellowship of Catholic University Students, FOCUS, where he preached retreats and cared for the lay missionaries leading bible studies

on campuses across the U.S. and now in Europe. Father Brendan is assigned to serve in the Christ the King Area Faith Community in the Diocese of New Ulm.



#### The Giving Wreath (Formerly the Giving Tree)



Thank You to everyone who supported The Giving Wreath through your generosity and/or prayers! This year's Giving Wreath was a HUGE success!

Approximately 100 individuals will feel blessed by our parishioners from our Area Faith Community. The Community Outreach Committee wishes you and your loved ones a very blessed Christmas Season!



#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

<u>St. Peter</u>		12/11/22	YTD	YTD Budget
Adult:	\$	11,700	204,100.05	235,384.62
Offertory: \$	ţ	260	7 269 18	10 523 08

St. Paul 12/11/22 **YTD** Adult: \$ 1,241.50 34,428.59 Offertory: \$ 42 2,714.80

Due to early publication deadlines, the numbers for December 18th will be reported in the January 1st bulletin.

**AMAZON SMILE** Support the Church of St. Peter/John Ireland School by shopping at smile.amazon.com. Search and select "Church of St. Peter" in St. Peter.

RAISE RIGHT (SCRIP) The scrip program has formally changed its name to Raise Right. It is the same program, and you can continue to purchase online during school break.

REMEMBER US IN YOUR WILL

#### 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.

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 donated them to your parish and deduct their full current value, even if it far exceeds your original cost.

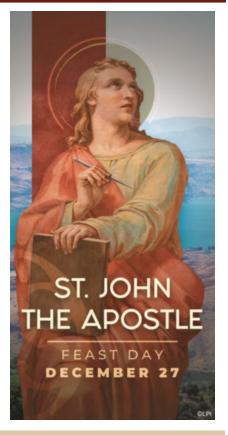
Congress has provided that in addition to regular tax savings, you also do not have to pay capital gains tax when these assets are given to a qualifying charity. This "extra" tax savings is another reason why some choose to make their gifts this way.

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.

Please contact Jennifer at the parish office for more information.

#### SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE | DECEMBER 27

Saint John was one of the Twelve, part of Jesus' inner circle, among the few that witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of Jarius' Daughter, and the Agony in the garden at Gethsemane. He and his brother James were the sons of Zebedee and Salome. When Jesus called them, they left their father mending nets and followed him. Jesus called the brothers "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder" they were passionate in their faith and lesus had to rebuke them for their fiery zeal on more than one occasion. John, the younger brother, possibly the youngest disciple, was the only one present at Jesus' death. Saint John the Apostle is traditionally thought to be the author of the fifth Gospel, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. However, there has been some debate among scholars from antiquity to the present. Tradition also gives him the title Beloved Disciple and John's Gospel sees him seated next to Jesus at the last supper and the one to whom Jesus gives the care of Mary at the crucifixion. Although Church tradition says that John survived the other disciples, living a long life, much of it is steeped in myth and legend. Some say he retired to Ephesus after the crucifixion with Mary and remained there until he died. But in other traditions he is more active. For a time he remained in Jerusalem with the other disciples, then founded churches in Asia Minor. In a legend of his persecution, during the reign of the Emperor Domitian, John is taken to Rome and thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil but preserved from death. He is then exiled to the island of Patmos where the Book of Revelation was written. Most accounts agree that after his exile and the Assumption of Mary he returned to Ephesus where he died sometime after 98, during the reign of the Emperor Trajan.



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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday-Thursday ......9:00am-Noon

#### **CHURCH OPEN HOURS**

Every Day ......9:00am-7:00pm

#### AREA PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr. Craig Timmerman Sharon Steffen Dcn Steve Spilman Chuck Gappa

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#### **SACRAMENTS**

Baptisms	Danielle Pierce
<b>-</b>	ocia@johnirelandschool.org
Marriage	Fr. Craig Timmerman Contact as soon as engaged.
Reconciliation	See Calendar

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Sunday	9:00am-7:00pm

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