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JANUARY 29, 2023



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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." Mt 5:10-12a



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER CRAIG

You are beloved! This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week! I want to take a chance to honor John Ireland Catholic School. John Ireland School is a ministry of our parish of St. Peter - in fact, there is no other ministry that touches more families and lives than JI. Our parish gladly supports JI in every way! Think of all the families who walk in our doors because they got connected through JI. There are so many students and families, Catholic or not, who experience the Catholic faith in a positive way, through caring teachers, prayer services in Church, fun faith filled programs, adoration in the chapel, priest visits, Sisters' visits, learning how to pray regularly throughout the day, etc. This daily experience of turning to God teaches our students and families such an important truth: God is that close to us every day. I recently was talking to a student who graduated from JI. I asked how it was going, and this student said that it was harder to stay close to God because God is not a part of the daily schedule in public school. I am so proud of John Ireland!

In the Gospel today Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount. It says that "when he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. And He began to teach them...." Jesus is a teacher. He is THE Teacher! Often, his disciples simply called Him, 'Teacher'. He teaches us truth, real truth, because He is God speaking. In Catholic School, we take this very seriously - our teachers receive their teaching authority from Him! It is a great privilege to teach in a Catholic School, and know you are taking on the authority of Jesus, the Teacher. There is a saying that you've probably heard before that I love. "Let it be known to all who enter here that Jesus Christ is the reason for this school, the unseen but ever-present teacher in all its classes, the model of its faculty, and the inspiration for its students." That is the reason John Ireland exists, because Jesus is the greatest teacher that ever lived, and He is here.

Can I ask you a favor this week? Please stop and thank our principal, our teachers, our paras, our secretaries and business manager, our custodians, our lunch managers and assistants, our tutors, our school nurse, our priest, not to mention all our volunteers who fill the classrooms daily with Christ! I am so proud of our school! There are so many great things going on!

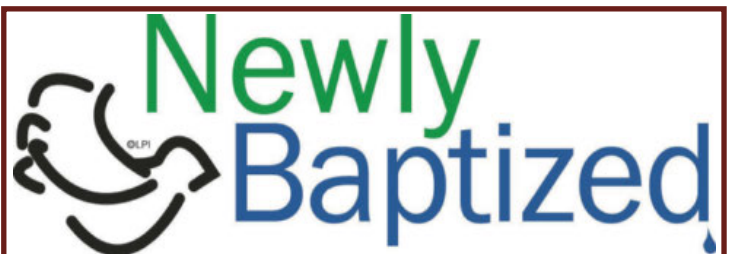
Once again, our students numbers are up! Our family participation is excellent! Our fundraisers are up as well! We have been able to increase funding to support higher salaries and bonuses for our staff! Our students are head and shoulders above the state average, especially after a couple years of CoVid. And for the first time - we started a middle school 6-8th grade! This is truly amazing! Things are going so well in so many areas. But as you know, this has been a particularly difficult year to find teachers. Our school is so blest by our teachers! They truly go over and above. We had teachers come back to keep teaching, just to make sure our students have good teachers. We have teachers adding more time and energy and going outside the box to provide the best possible! We have had college students and graduates step up to take part-time positions to fill in the gaps. Above all our principal, Colleen Wenner, is stepping into the middle school classroom to teach again, to make sure our students have the best education we can provide! I am so grateful for them and all of you who have stepped in to help out, even if for a few hours when we needed a fill-in. God bless you for your generosity. God will grant you His reward, truly.

The point is this - it is Christ who is there, teaching our students at JI, and there is no more important education they can receive than this. So thank you, thank you, thank you! And if you or someone you know could help us in the classroom this semester - let us know! There is no greater joy than to bring Christ to people, right here in the daily life of our students and families. You are beloved!



In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Miller, 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.*



Congratulations to our Newly Baptized Member into the family of God and St. Peter's Parish:

Kadyn Timmerman
Daughter of Shaun and Jaide.

May she grow in grace and favor.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 ST. PETER - 4:00PM

Servers: *Elijah Yost, Dominic Yost, Julia Nienow
Lector: Barb Rodning
EM: Bob Genelin
Gifts: Maurice & Carol Ritz
Ushers: Carol Ritz, Maurice Ritz, Nancy Zins

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 ST. PAUL - 8:00AM

Servers: John Hiniker
Lector: Jake Zins
Sacristan: Bill Blashack
Gifts: Phyllis Wenner
Ushers: Randy Dorn, Mark Zins, Tim Zins

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 ST. PETER - 10:00AM

Servers: *Brianna Michels, Brandon Michels, Natalie Salfer
Lector: Mandy Salfer
EM: Eileen Boehm, Kathy Steiner
Gifts: First Communion Family
Ushers: Cathy Britz, Ken Britz, Joe Kienlen, Doug Wenner

JOHN IRELAND CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Catholic Schools Week Kick-off

Sunday, January 29, 2023

1801 W Broadway Ave.
St. Peter, MN 56082

Mass 10:00 AM
Book Fair 8:30 AM-Noon
Coffee and Rolls After Mass-Noon
Open Gym After Mass-Noon

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AREA FAITH COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Catholic Schools Week Kickoff

7:30am	Confession, St. Paul	
8:00am	Mass, St. Paul	†Ron Michels
9:40am	Confession, St. Peter	
10:00am	Mass, St. Peter	AFC Family
7:00pm	Life Teen	

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00am Morning Bible Study

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

SAINT JOHN BOSCO

7:30am	Confession, St. Peter	
8:00am	Mass, St. Peter	†Dorothy Willaert
6:30pm	Admin Council Meeting, St. Peter	

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:30am	Confession, St. Paul	
8:00am	Mass, St. Paul	†Don & Gerry Leonard
8:15am	Jl Prayer Service	
6:30pm	Youth Faith Formation	

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

7:30am	Confession, St. Peter	
8:15am	Jl Mass, St. Peter	†Sue Radtke
1-10pm	Adoration	
6:30pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00am	Mass, St. Peter	†Margie Cummings
7:30am	Confession, St. Peter	

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00am	Confession, St. Peter	
3:00pm	Confession, St. Peter	
4:00pm	Mass, St. Peter	†AFC Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30am	Confession, St. Paul	
8:00am	Mass, St. Paul	†Harvey Dorn
9:40am	Confession, St. Peter	
10:00am	Mass, St. Peter	†Pat Schmitz
11:00am	Coffee & Donuts	
7:00pm	Life Teen	

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.



We are a Catholic community welcoming students of all faiths, devoted to Gospel Values, Academic Excellence, and Christian Service.

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Today we kick off Catholic Schools Week!

Here are some things the middle schoolers love about John Ireland—small classes, two recesses, great teachers, Mass and religion classes, all school retreats, school activities, Adoration, it’s a happy place, PE and music classes, we learn lots, friendly people, and good friends.

Here are some things the middle schoolers love about Catholic Schools Week—dress up days, pjs and movie day, Sunday Mass, service projects, and crazy hair day.

We are excited to begin a special week where we get to celebrate all the great things about our school and what makes us unique. Thank you to all those who support our school through prayers, service, and financial giving.

We are blessed and truly grateful for the opportunity to attend and work in a Catholic school!



Please join us on Sunday, January 29th as we kick-off our Catholic Schools Week. Help us celebrate what a special gift our school is to our community!

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.



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A NOTE FROM THE HANDMAIDS

Jan 16, 2023

Dear Friends at St. Peter,

May the Lord’s peace reign in your hearts! It was a joy to be present at your parish this weekend and be with you all. We hope you are having a fruitful mission this week where the Lord is bringing hope and healing to areas of darkness. We wanted to thank you for your intentional gifts you gave us for Christmas from your Giving Wreath. It was such a lovely surprise and we were so honored that you thought of us! Know of our continued prayers for all of you!

Grace and Peace,
The Handmaids



FREE VACCINE CLINIC

Flu shots and COVID-19 Bivalent Booster for Seniors and Adults will be available on Tuesday, January 31st at:
Nicollet Catholic Church—8:30-10am
Courtland Community Center—11-12:30pm
Lafayette Community Center—2-3:30pm

AFC MISSION

Thank you to everyone who attended or helped make our parish mission possible. We especially thank Father Rollins for leading us! May we take heart to what we learned about how Christ sets us free and wants to fill us with Living Hope. How the Holy Spirit is our Life Giver, our Guide, and our Advocate!

If you were not able to attend or you want to relisten to a night, you can access the audio on the parish website: www.apostlespeterandpaulafc.org and go to the worship tab and select homilies. All of the nights are uploaded!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

We will be sponsoring the "Baby Shower" during the month of February and ask for the parish to participate in this event also. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 14th at 5:30pm. The annual dues of \$30 should be paid by the end of January.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

If you are interested in joining the Knights, join us at a meeting to learn more. Please contact Bill Leonard at 507-995-9567 if you have any questions. The 4th Degree will be meeting on February 16th.



OLD PALMS

As we prepare for Lent, please return your last years blessed palms to either parish.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

A page has been created for the Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of New Ulm: dnu.org/eucharistic-revival. Stay tuned as news, events, and resources come out in the following weeks regarding the Eucharistic Revival in the diocese.

PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY

Come along Oct. 24 to Nov. 3, 2023, to some truly beautiful and holy places during a **Pilgrimage to Greece and the Greek Isles: "In the Footsteps of St. Paul"**! We'll visit many of the great sites where St. Paul wrote his Epistles, including Athens, Corinth, Crete, Santorini, Ephesus, Thessaloniki and more. We'll also take a three-day cruise to the Greek Isles. Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,399 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, St. Mary's Parish, 307 - 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

Little Angels and John Ireland School

OPEN HOUSE

ADVENTURE AWAITS

Thursday, February 9, 2023

5:30-7 PM



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Finding God Through Faith and Reason

Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D., lends insight into evidence gathered from the fields of contemporary philosophy and physics, which supports proof for the existence of God. The universe itself connotes the existence of a Creator, and the principle of intelligent design leads to a logical conclusion about the nature of God.

Episode 1 - Finding God Through Faith & Reason
St. Peter Public Access, Channel 7
5:30pm and 9pm on Wednesdays
10am on Thursdays

On Thursday, February 2nd, you are invited to bring a candle from home to be blessed during the 8:15 JI Mass.

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John Ireland School invites you to ...

Luck of the Irish
Saturday, March 11, 2023

Run, Eat, Drink, Celebrate

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

<u>St. Peter</u>	<u>1/22/23</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Adult: \$	16,292	278,517.47	294,230.77
Offertory: \$	240.09	10,667.28	13,153.85

<u>St. Paul</u>	<u>1/22/23</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Adult: \$	535	39,816.59	37,500
Offertory: \$	30	2,899.80	1,719.30

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.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT #1601

BABY SHOWER

YOU ARE INVITED!

DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "BABY SHOWER".

BRING A NEW BABY ITEM OR MONETARY DONATION AND PLACE IN THE NARTHEX.

"GIFTS" STAY IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.



Church of St. Peter February 12th

LIFE TEEN

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Drop off your donations at either parish or in the weekend collection baskets through the month of February. All donations received through the parish will be matched. **Checks should be written out to "Church of St. Peter" with "Options" in the memo line or on the outside of the envelope.**



SUNDAY MASS HOMILIES AVAILABLE ONLINE

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Tuesday-Thursday9:00am-Noon

CHURCH OPEN HOURS

Every Day 9:00am-7:00pm

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms Danielle Pierce
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Marriage Fr. Craig Timmerman
Contact as soon as engaged.

Reconciliation See Calendar

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Thursday.....7:30am-10:00pm
Saturday10:00am-5:00pm
Sunday9:00am-7:00pm

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