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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "all these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." Mt 4:8-9



A MESSAGE FROM FR CRAIG

I just finished my 8 days of retreat. Thank you for all of your prayers. It was a wonderful time experiencing the closeness of Jesus. I prayed for you much. Remember, you are loved!

PRAYERS FROM NICOLLET

THE SICK AND/OR HOMEBOUND

God is taking care of you. Carol Hillesheim, Rosemary Hiniker, Helyna Mack, Shirley Michels, Daniel Podol, Pete Reinhart, Greg, 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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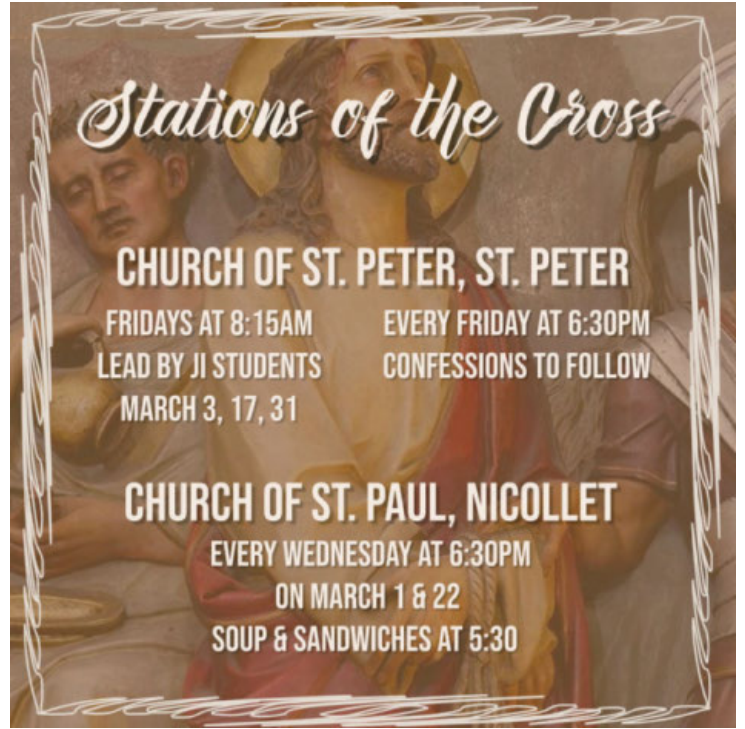
You are invited to spend time with our Lord.

Church of St. Peter

Thursdays 1pm-10pm
Confessions 3:30pm



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Stations of the Cross

CHURCH OF ST. PETER, ST. PETER

FRIDAYS AT 8:15AM

LEAD BY JI STUDENTS

MARCH 3, 17, 31

EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:30PM

CONFESSIONS TO FOLLOW

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, NICOLLET

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:30PM

ON MARCH 1 & 22

SOUP & SANDWICHES AT 5:30

GOSPEL MEDITATION -

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

FEBRUARY 26, 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: "He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry." Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word "fast" means to "hold firmly." We still use it that way when we say, "I held fast to my original decision." We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. "Man does not live by bread alone," he says, "But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

— Father John Muir ©LPI



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Servers: *Michael Thompson, Julia Nienow, Nick Rykhus

Lector: Barb Rodning

EM: David Thompson

Gifts: Maurice & Carol Ritz

Ushers: Deb Hilligoss, Mary Ann Harty, Volunteer

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

Servers: John Hiniker

Lector: Barb Holmin

Sacristan: Ruth Brandel

Gifts: Ruth Brandel

Ushers: Ron Giefer, Mike Holmin, Chuck Kienlen

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

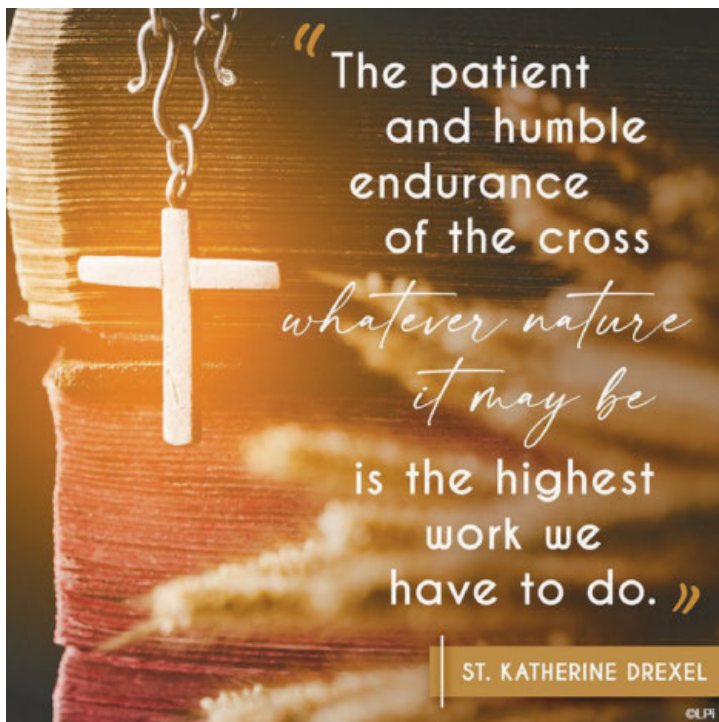
Servers: *Olivia Mish, Makayla Crowley, Michael Crowley

Lector: Jill Mish

EM: First Communion Family

Gifts: First Communion Family

Ushers: Don Wolfe, John Bethke, Steve Boehm, Audrey Schmitz



AREA FAITH COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

*8:00am Mass, St. Paul †Lawrence & Alice Zins
 *10:00am Mass, St. Peter AFC Family
 11:00am Coffee and Donuts, St. Peter
 *5:30pm Life Teen Mass, St. Peter †Ed Schaus
 7:00pm Life Teen
 8:30pm Confession, St. Peter

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00am Morning Bible Study

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

*8:00am Mass, St. Peter †Burt Johnson

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

*8:15am Mass, St. Paul †Dec. Family & Friends
 6:00pm Confessions, St. Peter
 6:30pm Youth Faith Formation
 6:30pm Stations of the Cross, St. Paul
 7:00pm Confirmation Session
 8:00pm Confessions, St. Peter

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

*8:15am JI Mass, St. Peter †Barb Stangler
 10:30am Mass, Benedictine Chapel †Dawn Thieman
 1-10pm Adoration
 3:30pm Confession, St. Peter
 6:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

7:00am Mass, St. Peter †Ignatia Family
 7:30am Confession, St. Peter
 8:15am JI Stations of the Cross
 6:30pm Stations of the Cross, St. Peter

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

8:00am Lenten Morning of Reflection, St. Peter
 9:00am Confession, St. Peter
 *4:00pm Mass, St. Peter AFC Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

*8:00am Mass, St. Paul †Carl Betzing
 *10:00am Mass, St. Peter †Peggy Willaert
 11:00am Coffee and Donuts, St. Peter
 6:30pm Confession, St. Peter
 7:00pm Life Teen
 8:30pm Confession, St. Peter

***Confession is available before & after Mass**

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



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UNITED FOR LIFE

February 28th - Plan to join Bishop Chad Zielinski and people from around the diocese for a day of education and advocacy at the Capitol on February 28, from 10:00-2:30. The day will include educational speakers, as well as, opportunities to talk with your elected officials and advocate for the protection of the unborn.

Go to dnu.org to register for the event and the bus. Both registrations are free. Lunch options include the cafeteria in the Capitol, as well as cafeterias in the surrounding state buildings.

Check your dnu.org for bus routes and pick-up times. The bus is being provided by the Diocese free of charge. Please register now to avoid change/elimination of any of the three bus routes. We want our buses to be full. We hope to see you there. Let us make our pro-life voice heard.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA



On a cold and wet evening 22 CDA members showed up for our Feb. meeting and we welcomed two new members, Barb Rodning and Chris Thompson. Thanks to the serving committee for the lunch. A date for the Salad Luncheon has been set for April 21st.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Please join us in the Social Hall this Sunday for coffee, donuts and socializing after Mass.

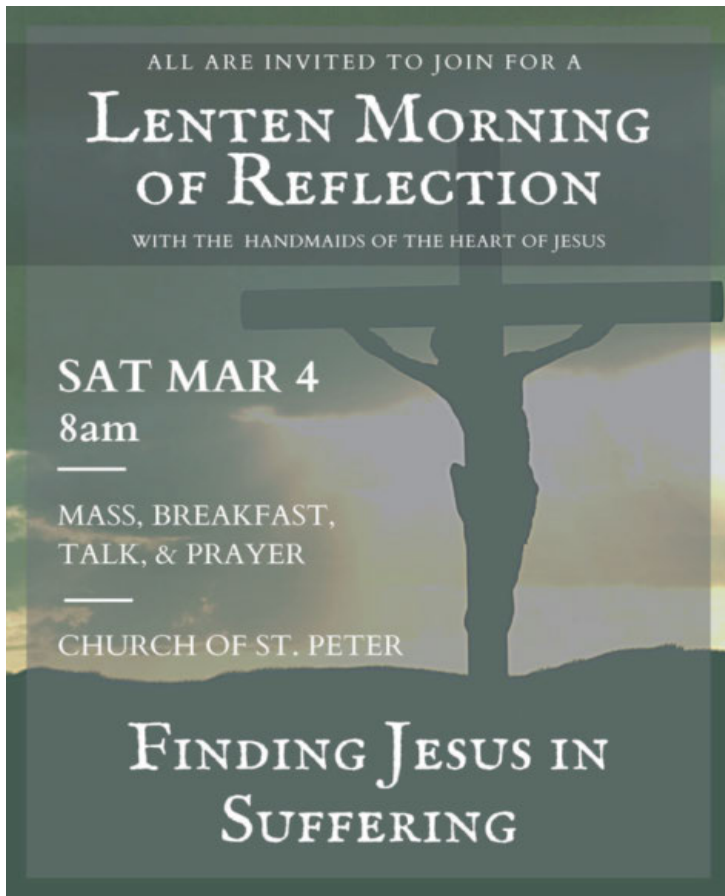


MINNESOTA FOODSHARE CAMPAIGN

The St. Peter Area Foodshelf (SPAF) is once again participating in the statewide, month-long campaign to restock our foodshelf. SPAF provides emergency food assistance to persons within the area of the St. Peter School District and all of Nicollet County not served by other foodshelves.

Donations can be made to St. Paul's Church in an envelope marked "Foodshelf" or to SPAF in St. Peter. Checks must have a March date.

"When I was hungry, YOU gave me to eat."



SACRED ARCHITECTURE

Beauty will save the world

The diocese invites you to an exciting event at the Cathedral, where award-winning architect, James McCrery, will be giving a presentation on the importance of Beauty and Sacred Architecture. James is the founder of McCrery Architects in Washington D.C. and also a professor at the Catholic University of America, and he will speak on the symbolism and significance behind the beautiful architecture within the Church's tradition. All are invited to this free event in order to learn more about how the beauty of the space around us can help us to better encounter the God of Beauty who dwells with us and in us .

Details:

Friday, March 10th at 6pm
 New Ulm Cathedral—Leifeld Hall
 Presentation will follow after the
 5:15pm Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper.

FEELING LUCKY?

Raffle tickets are a great way to support the Luck of the Irish, even if you can't make it!

You can buy a raffle ticket (or two) from any JI Family, the school office, or after mass each weekend leading up to the event.

**\$30.00 Church of St. Peter
 John Ireland Catholic School
 Luck of the Irish Raffle**

**Grand Prize: \$1,000
 Two \$500 Cash Prizes
 Ten \$100 Cash Prizes**

Saturday, March 11th, 2023
 LOI Raffle Drawing: 8:45 p.m.
 Johnson Hall • Nicollet County Fairgrounds
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 Need not be present to win. Must be 18 or older to
 purchase a ticket or win a prize.
 Winner responsible for any applicable fees or taxes.

LENTEN FISH DINNER SCHEDULE

- March 3 @ St John's The Baptist Church from 5:00-7:00
- March 10 @ SSPP Church (547 Shrimp Dinner) from 4:30-7:00
- March 17 @ SSPP (901 Fish Dinner) from 4:30-7:00
- March 24 @SSPP (Newman Center Fish Dinner) from 4:30-7:00
- March 31 @ SSPP (5551 Fish Dinner) from 4:30 -7:00

BABY BOTTLE UPDATE

St. Paul's Baby Bottle Campaign ended Jan. 22, 2023, thank you for your support. Baby bottle fundraisers are a way for pregnancy centers to raise money to do their work. All of their services are provided free of charge to their clients because of the generous support of donors like you. TOTAL DONATED to the Dec. 2022 thru Jan. 2023 campaign = \$1,223.94.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Church of St. Peter Collections totals will be reported in next week's bulletin.

St. Peter	2/19/23	YTD	YTD Budget
Adult: \$	5,462.00	330,544.47	333,461.54
Offertory: \$	424.75	12,140.53	14,907.69
Options for Women—\$2,371.00			

St. Paul	2/19/23	YTD	YTD Budget
Adult: \$	700	45,326.59	42,500
Offertory: \$	99	3,313.30	1,988.54
Baby Bottle Campaign Total—\$1,223.94			

AMAZON SMILE Support the Church of St. Peter/John Ireland School by shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.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.



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This is the LAST WEEK!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS COURT #10

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.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen or delivering the meals. Please call Susan Erickson to learn more information. She can be reached at 507-934-8850 or 507-779-0151. Thank you.

FAMILY FRESH RECEIPTS

John Ireland and other area non profits will no longer be collecting Family Fresh receipts. They have ended this program. Please spread the word. We ll continue to collect and add Hy-Vee receipts.

CALLING ALL JI ALUMNI

An All School Reunion is being planned. Please contact the JI Office with your contact information.



Options | MANKATO
for Women

Options for Women/Options Mankato empowers people with the resources and information to make life-affirming decisions regarding pregnancy, relationships and health, and it is done with care and compassion.

This is the last week to drop off your donations! You may do this at either parish or in the weekend collection baskets through the month of February. All donations, up to \$2,500, received through the parish have been matched! We are so close, will you helps us reach our goal? **Checks should be written out to "Church of St. Peter" with "Options" in the memo line or on the outside of the envelope or you can give online through WeShare, just scan the QR Code!**



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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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Sunday9:00am-7:00pm

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