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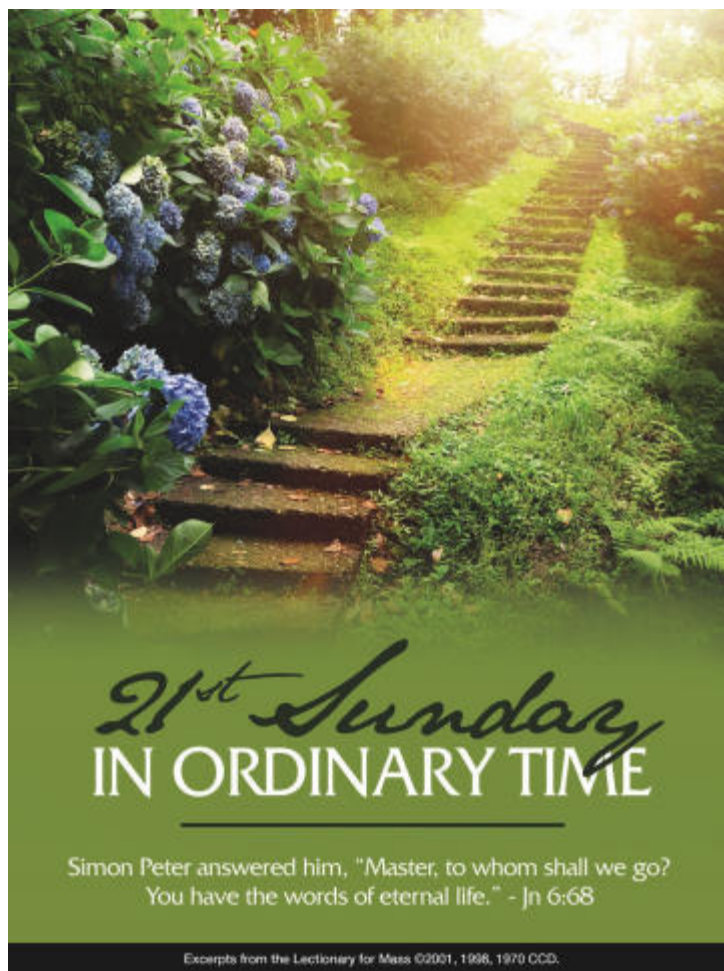
**AUGUST 22, 2021**

# STS. PETER & PAUL

## CHURCH

391 Conn Street  
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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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### MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

(The rosary is prayed 1/2 hour before every Mass)

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 23

St. John's: +Beaty Engels ..... NO MASS

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

St. John's: -Dianne Allmaras ..... 5:00pm

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

St. John's: +Francis & Dorothy O'Connor ..... 7:00am

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

LHGS: +Jim Ferguson ..... 9:00am

St. John's: Morning Prayer: Liturgy of the Hours ... 9:00am

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

St. John's: +Agnes Jenrich ..... 7:00am

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

St. John's: +Rita Schaefer ..... 5:00pm

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

St. John's: -Parishioners ..... 8:30am

St. Peter & Paul: -Mandy Becker ..... 10:30am

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

Sts. Peter & Paul: Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession .8:10am

St. John's: Adoration ..... 6:30 - 8:30pm

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

St. John's: Adoration ..... 5:30 - 10:30pm

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

St. John's: Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession .....4:30pm

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

St. John's: Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession .....8:10am

St. John's: Adoration ..... 6:30 - 8:30pm



**"A PARISH EXISTS TO LEAD ITS PEOPLE TO A DEEP INTIMACY WITH THE BLESSED TRINITY." ST. JOHN PAUL II**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION: DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

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### God's Gift Appeal:

St. John's: \$26,015.00; 82.88% of our goal.  
Sts. Peter & Paul's: \$3,696.00; 90.79% of our goal.

### "Offertory Gifts for August 15, 2021"

Adult Envelopes:	\$ 2,012.00
Children Envelopes:	\$ 1.40
Plate:	\$ 122.75
Total:	\$ 2,136.15
Online Giving:	\$ 150.00

### August Offertory Collection Counters:

Jeff Hitz & Dianne Allmaras

Thank You and God Bless You!!!

### Responsorial Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
(Psalm 34)

### Stewardship Moment

*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord,  
decide today whom you will serve...  
As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."  
~ JOSHUA 24:15*

When we commit to serve the Lord,  
we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord.  
A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day,  
joyfully participates in charitable works, and generously  
supports their local parish and Church mission.

If we say we serve God,  
we must actually do something  
and not merely talk about it!

### St. John the Evangelist

### Catholic Church Web Page / Facebook:

Weekly Bulletin, Schedule of Ministers,  
REFF Class Schedule, Caring Hearts Booklet,  
and various links are now  
available on the City of New Rockford Website.  
The address is [www.cityofnewrockford.com](http://www.cityofnewrockford.com).

Just click on Organizations>Churches>

St. John Catholic Church.

Like us on Facebook at:

[www.facebook.com/stjohnsnr](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnsnr)

### "Caring Hearts"

**Group 1** – Chairpersons: Ed & Kathy O'Connor –  
Dave & Karen Rieger.

**Group 2** – Chairpersons: Gary & Bonnie Hilbert –  
Nyle & LaVonne Myhre.

**Group 3** – Chairpersons: Jake & Lisa Engels –  
Ben & Gerri Makay.

### Please keep our parishioners in your prayers:

Val & Megan Weisenburger, Dan Lies, Joe Schmaltz, Troy Lowe  
Family, Tessa Tabler, Tony Schafer, Paul Reis, Doug Bichler, Mike  
Bybee, Mary Jo Bartlett, Jerry Valdivia, Janice Ridge, Jacob Sogge,  
Gordon Anderson, David Jenrich, Rick Harris, Cam Pierson, Neto  
Alcala, David Eversvik, Bob Eversvik, Edward Schmidt, Jeff Pate  
Family, Gwyn Johnson, Randy Reisenauer, Joe Seiler, Pete & Mary  
Kuntz, Donald & Eleanor Schafer, Clark & Mary Jo Wallace, Wanda  
Bouret, and the Kulsrud Family.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Challenge of Stewardship

What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose?

### "Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service"

"Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference." Everyone in our parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

In order to assess, expand, and better communicate resources to local pregnant moms and families in need, our parish is joining a nationwide effort entitled:

### "Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service."

We invite all parishioners to join us as we embark on this Year of Service.

For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact Jodi Guler at 701-653-5325. Thank you for helping support moms and their children!

## Becoming Catholic

Are you or someone you know  
interested in becoming Catholic?

Let's talk.

There is no obligation in exploring  
whether God is calling you  
to be open to this important  
life changing decision.

Please call Father Reese Weber  
at 701-947-5325.

### SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS

Date	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers	Lector	Pianist	Sacristan
<b>Saturday August 28 5:00pm</b>	Andrea Salazar	Taylin Jacobson Bailey Jacobson Hunter Jacobson	Fred Allmaras Jamie Allmaras Jake Engels Jeff Hitz	Annamaria Salazar	Heather Klocke	Jo Ann Gaffrey
<b>Sunday August 29 8:30am</b>	Gary Geisinger	Kenzie Allmaras Cade Helseth Joie Helseth	Todd Allmaras Kenny Ames Todd Koepplin Joe Seiler	Gerri Makay	Annette Hovey	Althea Gronos
<b>Saturday Sept. 4 5:00pm</b>	Mary Gehrtz	Alex Knatterud Connor Knatterud Paige Knatterud	John Graham Levi Kouba Leroy Krueger Jerry Schuster	Andrea Salazar	Heather Klocke	Bart Salazar
<b>Sunday Sept. 5 8:30am</b>	Angie Hopfauf	Porter Granger Kendrick Hopfauf Kyle Thompson	Brian Hopfauf Jordan Reis Kenny Reis Scott Reis	Preston Meier	Annette Hovey	Lisa Engels



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