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St. Peter's and St. Paul's Mission Prayer

Heavenly Father, You have gathered us together to be Your visible life to the world.

Here we unite in worship, proclaim Your word, celebrate the Eucharist, and are sent forth by Your love to make disciples.

Lord, we take Your Great Commission seriously and long for our parishes to be so on-fire that we may draw more people to You.

Help us in that mission as we strive to work together. Make our parish community amazing through Your power and Your grace. Amen.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Summer Schedule (May 1st thru September 30th)

Saturday, 4:30 PM at St. Peter Sunday, 8:00 AM at St. Peter Sunday, 10:00 AM at St. Paul

Winter Schedule (October 1 thru April 30th)

Saturday, 4:30 PM at St. Paul Sunday, 8:30 AM at St. Paul Sunday, 10:30 AM at St. Peter

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Main Parish Office/Hours for St. Peter & St. P	aul
at St. Paul's Campus	
Monday—Thursday8:00 AM	1 to 4:00 PM
St. Peter's Welcome Center Hours8:00 AM	
Trustees St. Peter—Mike Woods & Lynn Imholte St. Paul—Chuck Rau & Bernie Quist	
St. Paul Director of Liturgy & Music Ministries Laurie Kremer	
St. Peter Liturgy & Music Coordinators	293-3816
Maintenance St. Peter—Pat Applegate, Noel Jones St. Paul—Gredo Goldenstein, Tom Loehrer	

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December 15, 2019 — Third Sunday of Advent

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." - Mt 11:10-11

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER & CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL

Liturgy Intentions Mon, Dec 16 8:15 am SPE Word/Communion Service Tues, Dec 17 8:15 am SPE Deceased members of the Al Schmitz family Wed, Dec 18 Richard Chmielewski 8:15 am SPA Thurs, Dec 19 8:15 am SPE Arthur Koslowski Fri. Dec 20 8:15 am SPA Josh Garceau 8:15 am SPE Sat, Dec 21 Word/Communion Service 4:30 pm SPA Jackson Roeder Sun, Dec 22 8:30 am SPA For the people of our Area **Catholic Communities** 10:30 am SPE Arthur Koslowski

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

St. Peter (12/8/19) Weekly Collection Goal is \$7,	812.50		
Envelopes			
Simplified Giving (Electronic)	\$1,097.20		
Plate	\$130.00		
Total Regular Contributions			
Sunday Budget as of (12/8/19)	\$(8,730.24)		
Maintenance/Assessment			
Christmas Flowers	\$1,400.00		
Religious Retirement	\$200.00		
Military Archdiocese	\$150.00		
Food Shelf			
St. Vincent De Paul	\$20.00		
Bequest	\$20.00		
Parish Endowment	\$5.00		
St. Paul (12/8/19) Weekly Collection Goal is \$11,538.46			
Envelopes			
Simplified Giving (Electronic)			
Plate			
Total Regular Contributions	\$12,650.50		
Sunday Budget as of (12/8/19)	(\$21,252.95)		
Christmas			
Fall Collection			
Religious Retirement	\$45.00		
Maintenance	\$30.00		



Bulletin deadlines: With the Christmas holiday looming on the horizon, the deadline for submitting articles is changing. For the bulletin that will be published the weekend of December 21st and 22nd, all articles will be due by 8:00 A.M. Monday December 16th. For the bulletin

that will be published the weekend of December 28-29 the deadline for submitting articles is Tuesday December 16th by 9:00 A.M. For the bulletin that will be published the weekend of January 4-5 the deadline for submitting articles is December 23rd.

Wedding Banns



Message from Fr. LeRoy....

This being the **Third Sunday in Advent**, I hope your Advent spiritual journey is going well, that you are finding new ways to discover God at work in your life. This weekend you may see the presiders at Mass wearing pink! Not that I am a fan of 'men wearing pink' but this change of colors is a reminder that although Advent is essentially a penitential season, it is 'softened' by the joy and anticipation that a Savior is coming. Soon to be born to redeem us and manifest God's unconditional love. This is one reason why the Third Sunday in Advent is also called "**Rejoice Sunday"** or "**Gaudete Sunday"** in Latin. It is meant to heighten our awareness of God's presence among us, even in our darkness and that God has a great hope for us all! So, what do you hope for this Advent season? What promise do you hold in your mind and heart? This season I encourage everyone to deepen your awareness of God at work in your life and to get in touch with that hope which only God can fill in our life.

One way to deepen our hope and enrich our spirits is to attend our showing of the "The Francis Impact". This is a documentary film which we will be showing at the Church of St. Peter on Wednesday, December 18th starting at 6:30 pm. in the church proper. This documentary film was made by "Salt and Light Productions" based out of Canada. Some years ago they made a film entitled "The Francis Effect" not long after Pope Francis was appointed our new Pontiff. This film was shown on PBS, national T.V. This second film entitled "The Francis Impact" is meant to be a sequel and to document, in concrete ways, what real impacts Pope Francis has made in our church and in our world. The documentary tells the story of real-life human experiences and focuses on 4 things: 1) Global migration. 2) Environment. 3) Economic trade. 4) Reform of the Annulment process. What makes this so exciting is the fact that members of our own parish at St. Peter are showcased in this international film in regard to the reformed annulment process! The video is about 90 min. long and we will have a short discussion following. All are welcome and invited to attend our showing, so please come and join us and make this part of your Advent journey and experience! See you at the movies!

> Peace! Fr. LeRoy Scheierl



Banns III: Melissa Gebhardt and Brandon Block

Week At A Glance

Monday, December 16

8:15 AM Word/Communion Service at St. Peter's

Tuesday, December 17

8:15 AM Liturgy at St. Peter's

3:00 PM Adoration at St. Peter's

Wednesday, December 18

8:15 AM Liturgy at St. Paul's

5:30 PM Community Meal at St. Peter's

6:15 PM Faith Formation at St. Peter's

6:30 PM Viewing of the "Francis Impact" movie at St. Peter's

Thursday, December 19

8:15 AM Liturgy at St. Peter's

Friday, December 20

8:15 AM ASA Liturgy at St. Paul's

Saturday, December 21

8:15 AM Word/Communion Service at St. Peter's

3:30 PM Confessions at St. Paul's

4:30 PM Liturgy at St. Paul's

Sunday, December 22

8:30 AM Liturgy at St. Paul's

10:30 AM Liturgy at St. Peter's

Beginning in January, the Welcome Center at St. Peter's will be open on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. We are thankful for our dedicated group of 24 volunteers who work two volunteers per shift.

Please feel free to stop in for a visit and a cup of coffee. We can also help you with parish business such as ordering masses, accepting contributions for raffle tickets and other offerings, and joining the parish. (Entry is from the west side of the building. Ring the doorbell located to the right of the door.)

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls invite the public to attend a festive Christmas Eve Mass at Sacred Heart Chapel, St. Francis Convent, Little Falls, on Tuesday, December 24, 7:30 p.m. Christmas hymns will begin at 7 p.m. Fellowship follows Mass. On Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, the Franciscan Sisters invite you to join them for Christmas Mass at 8:30 a.m. Christmas blessings to you from the Franciscan Sisters.

Social Ministry Activities and Invitations to service....

December is our month to provide volunteers at the Catholic Charities food shelf, helping clients select the appropriate quantities from various food groups. The food shelf serves our fellow community members without regard to religion, race, ethnic background, etc. - simply as brothers and sisters in Christ. We are blessed to have this resource in our community.

Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping at the food shelf this month. In particular, thanks to the "regulars" who sign up for several shifts: and thanks to those who contact friends or relatives to also volunteer; and thanks to our parish sponsored Boy Scouts and their leaders who are volunteering during the Christmas holidays. You are all very much appreciated; we are grateful for your service.

Faith Formation

Congratulations!

A special congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. Look for their Reconciliation "Quilts" in the parishes. These art pieces showcase some of what the children learned as they prepared for their first Reconciliation. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they will soon begin to prepare for their First Holy Communion.

Christmas Break Trip for Grades 7-12

Join other youth from our parishes and the St. Cloud Metro on a trip to Feed my Starving Children and Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America on December 30! The trip will begin at 8 am and end at 8 pm. Cost is \$30 with forms due to the Faith Formation Office at St. Paul's by 12/20. Forms are on the faith formation bulletin boards and website.

Mark your Calendars, Junior High Youth Rally!

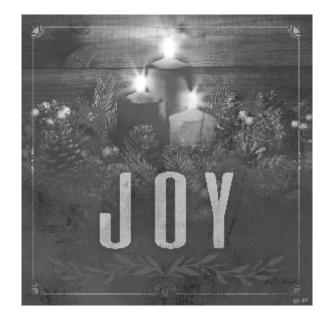
This year's diocesan Junior High Youth Rally for grads 6-7-8 is scheduled for January 26 from 9am-4pm at St. John's Prep. More info to come!

Summer Mission Trip, June 21-26

This year our parishes will be sending youth to A Call to Service, a weeklong service learning experience for youth in grades 9-12. We'll learn about Catholic Social teaching while we serve at a food shelf, in a drop-in house, at a nursing home, and with school children in and around the twin cities. Our days will begin and end in prayer and theological reflection. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.stpetestpaul.org --> Faith Formation --> Youth Ministry. Initial registration cost is \$75 and is due by December 9, a remaining \$75 is due by May 1. For more information, contact Lisa.

Resolve to start your New Year with a TEC Retreat

It's that time of the year when many people make resolutions to improve their physical and spiritual well-being. A TEC retreat may just be a good start for you. Central Minnesota Together Encountering Christ (TEC) is hosting a special New Year's weekend, December 27-29 (Friday – Sunday) and it will be the perfect way to begin your New Year. Why not start the New Year off with other youth (age 16+), young adults and adults looking for further meaning in life, perhaps a little direction, and a closer relationship with God. There will also be a TEC weekend over January 18 -20 and February 15-17. For full TEC schedule and details, go to www.cmtec.org, or call (320) 532-4455.



CHURCH OF SAINT PETER & CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL

Prayer Corner

Please Pray For... Lloyd Buttweiler and all who have received a prayer blanket, that they may receive healing of body, mind and spirit.

Family Members in the Armed Forces—All Powerful God, you always show mercy toward those who love you and are never far from those who see you. Be with our men and women as they serve our nation in war. Shelter them with your protection by day, give them the light of your grace by night and bring them home in safety. We ask this in Your Holy Name. Amen. If you have a family member in the armed service, your parish family would like to know. Please call the Parish Offices for St. Peter's and St. Paul's at 251-4831 Ext. 218.

Due to the limited amount of room in the bulletin (especially when 1 bulletin will serve all 4 parishes) we find it necessary to keep names in the PRAYER CORNER for a 2-week period. After that time, we will be happy to reinstate names as requested.



All parishioners, visitors and guests are invited to the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Liturgy.

The honor of your presence is requested on

Wednesday, January 1st 9:00am Mass Church of Saint Paul

Members of the area churches of St. Joseph, St. Michael, St. Peter and St. Paul

will gather for worship and prayer as we ring in the new year as one area catholic community.

KC Council 5548 Events

The Knights of Columbus are planning to offer a **Consecration to the Holy Family** as part of this Christmas season. This is a great way to prepare your family for Christ's coming into our lives again. Stay tuned for more details.

We had a very good council raffle and cleared over \$4,400 to use for our donations and programs. The winners were Mary Lou (John) Sworski \$500, Lenny Laudenbach \$100, Tom Jamison \$100, Herb Gross \$100, Tom Kellen \$100, Shaun Meling \$50, Joseph Swanson \$50, Joyce Stein \$50, and Mary Zormeier \$50.

Visit the website KofC.org/JoinUs to sign up OR to set up a meeting to discuss our benefits and programs call Tom Jacobs at 252-0126 or Conrad Meier at 260-6945 or for the Ladies Auxiliary contact Corine Meier at 259-5169.

Pastoral Care Ministry

Holidays for Those Who are Grieving

The bereaved often struggle to balance their personal grief and loneliness against the pressure of joyful social obligation.

If anyone asked, they would likely say that they have an emotional "wish list" that would be helpful in getting through this most stressful season: I wish that...

- I could be alone, or with others, only when I choose.
- Others would know instinctively when I wanted or did not want to talk about my feelings. They would know how to show their caring for my situation without awkwardness, uneasiness or embarrassment (for them or for me).
- There would be acceptance of me, just as I am, without criticism or judgment-including an understanding of my feelings, my struggles and my current outlook on life.
- No one would assume that enough time had passed for me to be "over my loss."
- They would not assume they know what's best for me.

If you have questions or need help, we now have a **Center for Life Transitions**, a non-profit, community-based grief center providing resources: support and therapeutic services; education, training and supervision; and outreach to those experiencing major life changes or challenges. Ph: 320-774-1901.

Healthcare Directives Tuesday, December 17th at 11:00a.m., at Whitney Senior Center.

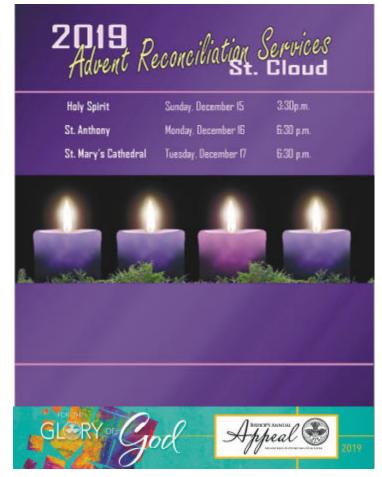
Now through December 31, all donations to *Catholic Charities* Emergency Services *Food Shelf* will be *matched* by the Norman C. Skalicky Foundation as part of *Charity* Challenge 2019.

The Minnesota Department of Health reports regional spread of influenza. Outpatient visits and hospitalizations have increased. Some parts of the US have widespread activity. Check before you travel

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION update. Our babies will be born soon. !! They have been gaining up to half a pound per week. Muscles, skin and bones continue to grow. The babies will need a layer of fat to help the stay warm after they leave the perfect temperature in the womb. The bones in their head are soft and flexible to more easily mold for the journey down the birth canal.

A BABY SHOWER will be held on the first weekend in January. Donations will be given to ELEVATE pregnancy and family center (formerly Birthline).. Greatest needs for the Center; Winter clothes: long sleeve outfits, sizes newborn-24mos. Grooming kits: nail clippers, brushes, syringes, etc. Boys and girls socks: newborn to 12 mos. Amazon or Walmart gift cards for cloth diapers. Swaddler sleepers/wraps. Diapers not needed at this time. Thank you for your loving prayers for our babies, their mothers and fathers that helped to bring them to birth.

Thank you, blessings on your day!!



Bishop's Annual Appeal: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Appeal. As of December 2, the diocese raised \$1,271,681 in gifts and pledges. That is 97.82% of the Diocese's goal of \$1,300,000. This is made possible through the donations of 7,528 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** Join others around the diocese in making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail it to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

"THE FRANCIS IMPACT"



Come join us on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30 pm. at St. Peter Church as we will be presenting a newly released film on Pope Francis entitled the "Francis Impact" produced by Salt and Light Media! If you remember some time ago, a documentary was being filmed here which included members of our parishes: Mark Schwinghammer and Lynn Imholte. The documentary seeks to investigate the effects Pope Francis has had in the areas of Global Migration, Protection of the Environment and Reforms in the Annulment process. The film focuses on very specific experiences and stories of certain people who are affected by his policies. This viewing will be in church during our regular Faith Formation hours on Wednesday night. All parents of Faith Formation students are invited as well as all those interested in these important Social Concerns topics. The film is just over 1 hr. in length and will be followed by lively discussion. Come join us and use this as an important part of your Advent meditation.



PARISH SERVICES FOR ST. PETER'S AND ST. PAUL'S

Weekday Liturgies

St. Peter—Monday & Saturday—Word/Communion Service Tuesday & Thursday—Liturgy 8:15 AM

St. Paul—Wednesday & Friday—Liturgy 8:15 AM

Weekend Liturgies—Effective October 1 through April 30

St. Paul -Saturday 4:30 PM & Sunday 8:30 AM

St. Peter-Sunday 10:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Peter-7:45 AM on Thursday the week of First Fridays

St. Paul-7:45 AM on First Fridays

St. Peter-3:30 PM on Saturdays or By Appointment

St. Paul-By Appointment

Baptism — Required sessions to prepare parents for baptism. Call Carrie Fedor at 251-4831 Ext 211 or email at cfedor@stpetestpaul.org to register for a session or for scheduling a Baptism date. Prefer preparation before child is born.

Marriage — You will need at least 9-12 months to complete the necessary marriage and wedding preparations. Please call Carrie Fedor to set up an appointment at 251-4831 Ext. 211 or email at cfedor@stpetestpaul.org.

New Parishioners

Being registered is part of Parish Life. Call the Parish Office for more information.

Hospital Visits

If you are a patient in the St. Cloud Hospital desiring a visit from one of our parish visitors, please call Mary Dee, our Pastoral Care Ministry person at 320-251-4831 ext. 210. If you are in need of a Priest, please tell the nurse that is caring for you or your family member that you would like a visit from the Hospital Priest.

Prayer Line

St. Peter-Paula Tholl 255-0021

St. Paul-Dianne Janorschke 252-4911

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)—Thinking about joining the Catholic Church, or learning more about it? Through the RCIA process, our parish communities welcome your interest and questions about the Christian Faith as it is lived and celebrated in the Roman Catholic Tradition. For more information contact:

Chris Goenner....251-4831 Ext 201 Bernie Quist....252-9589 Rick Koetter...249-0102

Bulletin Announcements:

Email to Terry at TJancik@stpetestpaul.org

Deadlines: 9:00 AM the Monday prior to the bulletin except for holidays. Watch the bulletin for deadlines.



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