

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Growing In Faith Together (G.I.F.T.)

From the Pastor--

Bits and Pieces....possibly important

1. A reminder to the **hard of hearing**: We have at our church the built-in capacity to bring a clear signal of word and song directly to your ear with a switch on a little battery pack with which **you** control the volume. If you are having a hard time understanding all that is said over our sound system, at least give this a try. Talk to Father or one of the sacristans for more information. It is a free service.
2. For family members who are homebound or for yourself when you are sick and miss a Sunday mass: If you have cable TV, you can catch the re-broadcast of our Sunday Mass on local access Channel #7. It is broadcast every Monday at 7 pm and on Tuesday mornings at 9 am. I want to especially thank Mike Theissen for the generosity of offering his time, equipment and skills to record, edit and deliver the recordings of the Mass to the local access office. I hear that the quality is now excellent.
3. An additional reminder that every week, also on local access Channel 7, we provide up-to-date adult Catholic, continuing education opportunities. The announcement of this week's program is always in the bulletin along with the times it is being shown. For example, this coming week a new 13-part series on the Seven Sacraments begins and will be presented on Wednesday, February 8th at 9 pm and on Thursday, February 9th at 10 am. Here is another way you can enrich your faith and continue to grow in wisdom and grace your whole life long. (To check out programming on Channel 7, go to www.saintpetermn.gov and click on "public access".)
4. In regards to the Christ Our Life Capital Campaign for the Diocese of New Ulm and Church of St. Peter Parish, we have reached 80% of our goal with 21% of our members participating. We trust that more of you are still intending to pledge and donate to this campaign. A new incentive has emerged from Catholic Extension Society which is offering \$1 for \$2 matching grant up to \$165,000 in matching funds. This we hope will get some to act who are on the fence or have just not gotten to it yet. (More on this later.)
5. A word of gratitude to all of you volunteers in all of our ministries who keep alive our mission of growing in faith together. Whether it is on committees, at the Thrift Store, in liturgical ministries, funeral choir and lunches, as catechists or fundraisers or prayers – you all serve a vital purpose in the active and alive flow of parish life. I am amazed at how you continue to show up and are ready to listen and respond with hearts of service. Thank You again and again!

Father Phil Schotzko



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

January 29 – February 5, 2012

Sun., Feb. 5–5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9 – 11 AM Luck of the Irish Ticket Sales
- 9:30 AM Mass (Parish Family)
- 9:30 AM Religious Ed Preschool–Gr. 1, Social Hall
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Rolls, Social Hall
- 3 – 4:30 PM LifeTeen, Social Hall ****NOTE TIME CHANGE!!**

Monday

- No Service
- 9 AM Bible Study, Family Room
- 3 PM JIS Choir, Band Room
- 5 PM Worship Committee, Room 127

Tuesday

- 8 AM Mass (+Timothy Kowal), Chapel
- 6:30 PM Stewardship Committee, Family Room

Wednesday

- 8 AM Mass (+Marty Braunger), Chapel
- 8:15 AM JIS Prayer, Church
- 3 PM JIS Choir, Band Room
- 4 PM & 7 PM Choir, Band Room
- 6:30 – 7:30 PM Religious Ed Grs. 2-6
- 6:30 – 8 PM EDGE, Social Hall
- 7:30 PM Catechist Meeting, Room 127

Thursday

- 10:45 AM JIS Mass (+Betty Westerman), Church
- 1 – 10 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel
- 3:30 PM Confessions, Chapel
- 5 – 7 PM Little Saints Preschool Open House

Friday

- 8 AM Mass (+Ginny Stamps), Chapel

Saturday

- 2 PM Wedding (Lisa Carlson & Nick Witte)
- 3:30 – 5:30 PM Luck of the Irish Ticket Sales
- 4 PM Mass (+Fritz Powers)

Sunday, Feb. 12 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9 – 11 AM Luck of the Irish Ticket Sales
- 9:30 AM Mass (Parish Family)
- 9:30 AM Religious Ed Preschool – Gr. 1, Social Hall
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Rolls, Social Hall
- 7 – 8:30 PM LifeTeen, Social Hall

DAILY READINGS

Monday:	1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13/Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30/Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kings 10:1-10/Mark 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kings 11:4-13/Mark 7:24-30 (332)
Friday:	1 Kings 11:29-32;12:19/Mark 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kings 12:26-32;13:33-34/Mark 8:1-10
Next Sun:	Leviticus 13:1-2,44-56/1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1/Mark 1:40-45

Coffee and Rolls

Join us again next week as we resume Coffee & Rolls in the Social Hall after the 9:30 am Sunday Mass.

Volunteers for February 12:

Judy Pedersen, Shawn & Deanna Schloesser





An assortment of **Valentine cards** & treats, as well as other all occasion cards are available in the church office during office hours. Check it out sometime this week!

CHURCH OF ST. PETER THRIFT and CONSIGNMENT STORE

(507) 931-9150

REGULAR HOURS:

Monday–Friday: 9 AM–5 PM

Saturday: 9 AM–4 PM



Valentine Items -- 50% off!!

Jewelry Sale - 25% off!!

Prayer Ministry

Pray for those on the Prayer Chain facilitated by the Catholic Daughters and those when listed in the weekly bulletin. If you have a personal prayer request, please call the church office at 931-1628, Marie Miller of the Catholic Daughters at 931-1936, or submit online at the church's website, www.churchofstpeter.org.

Please Pray For:

Dustin Connor

Amber Rosenwinkel

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IN YOUR CHARITY, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gerald Willaert**, whose funeral was here on Friday; for **Florence Meyer**, mother of Joan Walter, whose funeral was Saturday in LeSueur; and for **Margaret Paukert**, mother of June Hoffmann. Our love and prayers are with their families and friends who miss them. May they rest in peace.

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Catholic Daughter News

Reminder to the Catholic Daughters of St. Peter Court 1601, the next meeting will be on February 14th at 6:30 pm. February is our Birthright baby shower month, so remember to bring your items for the babies! We also have arranged very special entertainment, so pass the word and bring a friend or neighbor.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to William and Debra (Sapp) Weber on the baptism of their son, **William Francis Weber, Jr.** William was baptized on January 1. Bill and Debra are both from Le Center. Bill works at Sysco Foods and Debbie stays at home with Heidi (6), Julie (4) and Molli (2).



ALL MEMBERS OF THE MINISTRIES

Soon the new schedule for March through May will be prepared. If you need to make some changes or you will not be available to serve during a certain time, please let Karen know before Monday, February 6. Thank you!

OLD PALM BRANCHES

If you have old palm branches, please bring them in so we can burn them and use the ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

Please leave them in the box by the table in the Narthex no later than February 6.

Thanks to all!



John Ireland School

Congratulations and Thank You to the John Ireland parents and students who made our Catholic Schools Week Mass and Breakfast such a delight last Sunday. The breakfast was so delicious! It took many hands to make it just right. It was so nice to see our students giving Christian Service in the Social Hall. Thank you, moms and dads, for setting the example they need to be Good Stewards in the future.

Our JI children's choir, under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Frank, received many, many compliments. The following choir members helped make our worship very meaningful: Aubree Volk, John Borgmeier, Xavier Schugel, Nathaniel Dickie, Ella Gilbertson, Sarah Borgmeier, Molly Jurewicz, Amelia Dickie, Abby Jurewicz, Nicole Schilling, Abby Fry, Grace Gleisner, Emily Salfer, Madison More, Caitlin Salfer, and Ryan Braun. Kevin Pollock, a member of the choir and unable to participate, read the introduction for the Mass. The following JI students participated as server, readers and gift bearers: Hunter Braun, Casey Osborne, Hannah Hansen, Noah Klaseus, Jami McClintock, Lexi Johnson, Kaiden Schmitz, MacKenzie Reuter, Mia Hansen, Ryder Palluck, Mackenzie Moline, Tyson Schmitz, Drew Simonette, and Nathan Jurewicz. These children are our future leaders. We prepare them well at John Ireland Catholic School.

The Celebration of Catholic Schools Week was, of course, a big success. Many of the children really get into the spirit of the week and make it fun for all of us. Faith, Academics, Service was the theme, which we carry out throughout the year through our Mission Statement: *"John Ireland Catholic School is a Catholic community, welcoming students of all faiths, devoted to Gospel Values, Academic Excellence, and Christian Service."*

And now, we look forward to Kindergarten Roundup on March 22nd when we will welcome and introduce new children and families to the excellent education and countless opportunities John Ireland students enjoy each year. If you have a child of Kindergarten age and are interested in learning about Kindergarten at JI, please join us for an interesting, fun, and rewarding evening. If you know of someone who has a child of kindergarten age encourage her/him to consider Kindergarten at JI. Call Brenda at 931-2810 for information.

WHAT'S COMING UP.....

● Sunday, February 5

Confirmation Breakfast, Church of the Nativity, Cleveland 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Serving pancakes, sausages, eggs, donuts, beverages. Adults \$5; K—6th grade \$3. Proceeds go to *Kids Against Hunger*.

● Thursday, February 9

Little Saints Preschool OPEN HOUSE

Located at, but unaffiliated with Church of St. Peter, 1801 W. Broadway, St. Peter

5 – 7 pm

(Snow date: February 16)

We welcome all parents interested in preschool for children ages 3-5 for the 2012-13 school. Please use east school entrance. Phone #931-4314.

● Saturday, February 11

Sweetheart Dinner at First Lutheran Church, St. Peter

Seating from 5 – 5:30 pm

Candlelight Dinner & Live Entertainment from 5:30 – 7 pm

Fundraiser for youth attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2012. Tickets (\$15/person) can be purchased M – F from 8 am – 4 pm at First Lutheran Church or at the door.

● Sunday, February 12

Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast hosted by St. Peter Lion's Club

Senior Center @St. Peter Community Center

Serving 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Tickets are \$7.50 for those over the age of 5 and free for ages 5 and under and are available at the door. Advance tickets are \$6.50 and are available from Lions Club members, or you may call 934-3715 to reserve your tickets at the advance sale price. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit the Friends of Learning Back to School Project, which provides backpacks stuffed with school supplies for approximately 250 students in St. Peter schools.

● Sunday, February 19

Hymn Festival "Fling Wide the Door" at First Lutheran Church, St. Peter

4 pm

Come celebrate the completion of new construction, and in particular, a new Gathering Space. Leading the festival will be the FLC Sanctuary Choir and the FLC Carillon Handbell Choir, with Director of Music Chad Winterfeldt at the organ and piano. All are welcome to this festive event. A free-will offering will benefit a music scholarship fund.

Religious Ed / Faith Formation

- ♥ ***LifeTeen time change – February 5th: LifeTeen will be meeting from 3:00 – 4:30 pm for food, fun and a little Super Bowl Competition. Don't miss it!**
- ♥ Our website is currently under construction. If you are looking for information about RE/Faith Formation, you will find calendars and other information on the kiosks in the church Narthex. We will let you know when the website is up and running. Thank you for your patience!
- ♥ *Congratulations to the 2nd Grade students who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and are preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist, which will be on Sunday, April 22nd. Please keep them in your prayers.*
- ♥ Wednesday, February 15th will be First Communion Learning Centers for 2nd Grade students and parents at 6:30 pm.
- ♥ **Attention Parents and teens in the Confirmation Preparation Class: CHANGE OF DATE: Confirmation Mass will be on Saturday, March 31 at 11:30 am. Rehearsal will be at 10 am that morning.**
- ♥ Questions about Religious Ed/Faith Formation for Preschool – Grade 6: contact Connie Bollum at connie.bollum@churchofstpeter.org or call 931-3662.
- ♥ Questions about Religious Ed/Faith Formation for EDGE (Grs. 7 & 8), LifeTeen (Grs. 9 – 12), and Confirmation Preparation (Gr. 11): contact Heather Gilbertson heather.gilbertson@churchofstpeter.org or call 931-1628.
- ♥ Thank you for supporting aluminum recycling and Cans for Christ. Please remember to empty cans from plastic bags, which hold water; we are deducted 20# at the recycling center when there are bags in the trailer. Also, no glass containers in the trailer, please.

Good News TV - Channel 7

The Seven Sacraments with Fr. Brian Mullady, OP

Join Fr. Mullady, a Dominican priest of the Western Dominican Province in the United States, as he explores the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. He uses Sacred Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and writings of Church theologians to explain what the sacraments are and why they are so important. Episodes 1 thru 3 examine what the sacraments are, and episodes 4 thru 13 examine each sacrament individually. Fr. Mullady spends 3 episodes teaching about the Holy Eucharist (as the real presence of Jesus Christ, as a sacrament, and as a sacrifice), and he looks at the Sacrament of Marriage during the final 2 episodes.

Wednesday, February 8, 9:00 PM

Thursday, February 9, 10:00 AM

Position Open at JI

Amy Jurewicz, our Food Service Manager, is resigning her position as Head Cook at JI effective February 24, 2012. This position requires someone who feels confident in cooking for a large group, complying with Federal and State Regulations, and able to maintain daily reports and records on the computer. Ability to work well with others and complying with Diocesan and Church mandates regarding Safe Environment is required. Attending a ServSafe Workshop and meeting state requirements is also required. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be interested in this position, please contact Sr. Therese Collison at 931-2810 or stop in and visit.

CEMETERY CARETAKER POSITION OPENING

Calvary Cemetery has an opening for a part-time seasonal caretaker with responsibilities for mowing and complete upkeep of the cemetery grounds, graves, trees, and shrubs, etc. For a complete job description with needed job qualifications, please contact the parish office at 931-1628 or Dave Vetter, Cemetery Secretary at 931-6215.

We are also looking for a **volunteer** who would be a back-up to the Cemetery Secretary. This person would be trained to stake a grave if the Secretary is unavailable, transfer records to a second set of books, and be on the Cemetery Committee (meetings twice a year).

JOB SEARCH TRAINING

Wednesday, February 8

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion (located on Hwy 169 just north of Broadway Ave., St. Peter) will offer a day-long job search training event on Feb/ 9 from 10 am to 3 pm.

You can learn an easy six step program to find the job you've been looking for. This could hold the key to your success. Program and lunch are a gift from the church to anyone looking for a new job.

For more info or to register, call Tom Harries 934-2542 or email PastorTom@HolyCommunionStPeter.org.

BISHOP LUCKER LECTURE SERIES

"Sowing Seeds of Hope in a Distracted World" will be the topic of the 2012 Bishop Lucker Lecture on **Sunday, March 18** at the Church of St. Catherine, Redwood Falls from 7 – 8 pm. The featured speaker is Jim Ennis, the executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. Come and hear about ways Catholics are making an impact in their communities! Following the presentation, the 2012 Diocesan Distinguished Service Awards will be presented. This event is open to the public and free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

Stewardship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Week Ending January 29, 2012

2011/2012	<i>Income</i>	<i>Budget</i>	
Week	Weekly Offertory Env.	Weekly Offertory Env.	
Ending	& Loose Plate	& Loose Plate	Difference
Jan 29, 2012	\$ 8,765.15	\$10,002.00	(\$1,236.85)
Jan 22, 2012	\$ 9,207.41	\$10,002.00	(\$ 794.59)
Jan 15, 2012	\$ 7,360.72	\$10,002.00	(\$2,641.28)
Jan 08, 2012	\$23,424.55	\$10,002.00	\$13,422.55
Jan 01, 2012	\$ 8,541.35	\$10,002.00	(\$1,460.65)
Dec 25, 2011	\$ 11,492.06	\$10,002.00	\$1,490.06
YTD	\$292,755.48	\$310,062.00	(\$17,306.52)
(7/11-6/12)			
Christmas 2011	\$ 13,223.17	\$ 16,000.00	(\$2,776.83)

FEBRUARY Food, Fellowship & Fun

Join us for a Parish Potluck & "Rediscovering Catholicism" Book Discussion
Saturday, February 25th after 4pm Mass in the Social Hall

Come and fill your stomach and soul! If you were unable to join a book study group but still want to discuss the book, this is a great opportunity for you! Father Phil will be available for questions as well. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the narthex for what dish you'd like to bring. (ex. main dish, side, dessert) Beverages & paper products will be provided.

We want YOU!

Would you like to help with various parish events? The Stewardship Committee is looking for additional members. We meet once a month to plan Food-Fellowship-Fun events and spearhead other parish projects. If you are interested in volunteering to work at events and/or help plan the events, we want you!

Contact Mandy Salfer 934-5450 or Jeff Gilbertson 380-8278.