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Living in the Presence of God

ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER ~ HANKINSON, ND


Join us for some time away for yourself...
Nurture your spiritual life,
Deepen your awareness of the
Indwelling Trinity,
Meet & grow with other
women of faith!

Our presenter,
Sr. Mary Ruth Huhn
will share reflections to help us
grow in awareness of our Lord's
presence in our hearts and lives.
She is an experienced spiritual
director and retreat leader.

For more information,
contact Sister Christina at
gfacwomen@gmail.com
or 701-746-9401 or register
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Cost: \$15 if sharing a room,
\$15 discount available for our members

Sept. 22-24
Brought to you by the Grand Forks
Area Catholic Women's group

ARETREAT FOR WOMEN



PETER'S PRIMACY, A BIBLE STUDY. According to Pope Benedict (Jun 7, 2006), at the first meeting between Jesus and Simon, our Lord "looked at him and said, 'So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas (which means Peter)'" (Jn 1:42).

This is the only time Jesus changes someone's name. In the Bible, a name-change means a new mission (for ex, Gn 17: 5; 32: 28).

Peter often speaks on behalf of the others: asking about a difficult parable (Mt 15:15), or the meaning of a precept (Mt 18:21), or the promise of reward (Mt 19:27). Peter steps in when Jesus, saddened by a misunderstanding crowd after the Bread of Life discourse, asks, "Will you also go away?", Peter answers for all, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:67-69).

To Jesus' question: "But who do you say that I am?", Peter says: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt 16:15-16). Jesus then declares Peter's role once and for all: "And I tell you: you're Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.... I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (Mt 16:18-19).

The three metaphors Jesus uses are clear: Peter will be the *rocky* foundation on which he

will build the Church's structure; he will have the *keys* of the Kingdom to open or close as he sees fit; lastly, he'll be *able to bind or to loose*, that is, establish or prohibit whatever's necessary for the life of the Church. But it always remains Christ's Church, not Peter's.

Peter's primacy is at work after the Resurrection too. Jesus charges the women to announce the news especially to Peter (Mk 16:7); it is to Peter and John that Mary Magdalene runs to say the stone's been rolled away (Jn 20:2), and John stands back to let Peter enter first when they arrive at the tomb (Jn 20:4-6). Peter's pastoring role (Jn 20: 3-10) in the group of Apostles will continue in the community of the Church, as seen in the Acts of the Apostles (1:15-26; 2:14-40; 3:12-26; 4:8-12; 5:1-11, 29; 8:14-17; 10; 15). Paul, too, recognized Peter's *leadership* (I Cor 15:5; Gal 1:18; 2:7, etc.).

During the Last Supper, Christ conferred on Peter the ministry of strengthening his brethren (Lk 22:31), a vital service for the whole Church. This is why Francis has called the great Synod, for which we've been preparing for 2 yrs. To follow the Synod is to hitch our wagon to the star of Peter's mission—alive and well in our Church today.

Religious Education

**St. Anthony's, Mooreton,
Aug 27—registration.**

**Sept 17 we will be changing
the St Anthony Sunday
Morning Mass to 10:45 am.**



Religious Education

What: St Mary Magdalen Court 117 of the 1891 Financial Life will hold an aluminum can drive for Alzheimer's Research. 1891 Financial Life will match up to \$513.00 of funds raised.

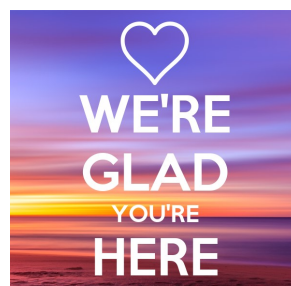
When: Sundays in August

Where: Sts Peter and Paul's Catholic Church

WELCOME to our community

**Aarika (Brezicka) & Bryce Orth
(Mooreton) and their baby girl Lennyn.**

**Haley (Wittenburg) & Zachary Lutt
(Barney) and their children Kennedy,
Myken, and Austyn**



**Keeping God's House Beautiful,
August**

Sts PP: *Bev Waxweiler, Marietta Pellman, Denise Hejtmanek, Pam Foertsch

St A: *Aimee Flaa, Alexis Peltier, Yvonne Ward, Ronna Althoff, Kari Callenius, Lisa Mauch

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:

**Cindy Reiland, Allen Lingen,
Amanda Lingen, Cindy Speller-
berg, James Griffith, Mark Heuer**

Nick & Kari Foertsch



UPCOMING EVENTS:

**SEP 9-13, FR. MICHAEL'S DAD & SISTER CATHY
COME FOR A VISIT**

SEP 9, SAT AFTER MASS, ST. ANTHONY COOK OUT, SEE THE POSTER

SEP 10, MASS TIMES SWITCHED FOR THIS SUNDAY ONLY

SEP 17, ST ANTHONY BEGINS 10:45 MASS TIME