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Roman Catholic Community



SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” - Lk 14:13-14

THE THEME OF THE YEAR

The 7th graders of our school choose every year the theme that inspires the life and activities of our parish during the year. They pick it from a verse of the scripture. Last year, the theme was “Behold I make all things new” (Rev 21:5). For the pastoral year of 2022/23, the theme is: **“Give thanks to the LORD, who is good, whose mercy endures forever”** (Ps 106:1). This verse tells us three things: the need of being thankful, God is good, and his mercy is infinite.

“Give thanks to the LORD.” We are not living in easy times. We are leaving the pandemic behind, but its consequences still affect us. There is war in Ukraine, and threats to world peace are in the air. There is a culture that undermines the most basic values of human life. Immorality dominates society, and violence is increasing. The economy struggles, and inflation is high. Although this situation, we are invited to be thankful: “Give thanks to the LORD.”

To be grateful doesn't depend on the circumstances but on our relationship with God. Saint Deicolous was known for always being cheerful. One day someone asked him why and he replied: “Nothing can ever part me from my God.” It is the same idea of St. Paul in the Letter to the Romans: “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Rom 8:31).

The letters of St. Paul often begin and end with thanksgiving, and the Lord Jesus is always present in it: “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”; “Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving” (1 Thess 5:18; Col 4:2.). We cannot be thankful without praying. The prayer of thanksgiving is essential in the Christian life.

“God is good.” We are thankful because God is good. “If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the holy Spirit to those who ask him?” (Lk 11:11—13). We need to recognize the goodness of God in all things.

The first chapter of the Book of Genesis repeats a refrain multiple times; after creating things, God looks at them and finds them good: “God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good” (Gen 1:31).

God is good and what he creates participates in his goodness. Everything comes from the Father's hands and returns to him. Everything is God's gift.

All things are good because God has a good plan that includes even what seems a contradiction. Everything is walking a path towards fulfillment.

“Whose mercy endures forever” The goodness of God is mercy. God is not only the creator, but he is also the redeemer. He creates and recreates all things in Christ. The paschal mystery is a new creation: “Behold, I make all things new” (Rev 21:5)

In Christ, all things are renewed. As St. Paul says, “So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come” (2 Cor 5:17). The encounter with Christ restores us entirely. It brings to our lives: forgiveness, healing, and deliverance.

Our Mission as a parish is to build up the kingdom of God. We do it by building up a community and relationships based on faith. Faith in Christ creates friendship.

When I ask people about what they love in our parish, the answer is that it is a welcoming place, and there is a sense of reverence in the liturgy. God's presence creates community. We need to work together so that our parish might be more and more a place where people can experience God's goodness and mercy. A place where people can find meaning in life and healing for their wounds.

“Give thanks to the LORD, who is good, whose mercy endures forever.” In Mary's Heart, we see this verse of psalm 106 lived perfectly. These words synthesize Mary's song: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. [...] the Almighty has done great things for me [...] He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation [...] He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever” (Lk 1: 46-55).

May the Immaculate Heart of Mary obtain all the graces and blessings we need the most for our parish during the pastoral year of 2022/23.

“Give thanks to the LORD, who is good, whose mercy endures forever” (Ps 106:1)

During this pastoral year, let us be thankful, recognize God's goodness and experience his infinite mercy. Let us live it as a community and proclaim it to everyone!



Festival Check List

Help us get ready for our biggest “fun-raiser” of the year
September 16, 17 & 18

- Turn in your raffle tickets and money to the Parish Office or at the Festival on September 17 & 18.
- Purchase a chance to win an all-inclusive vacation
- Donate an item, gift card, or special experience to the Silent Auction
- Create a handmade item for the Boutique
- Donate bottles or jars filled with goodies for our Bottle Lotto
- Bring in 2-liter pop bottles for the Bottle Toss
- Make a delicious treat (or two!) for the Bake Sale
- Bring in cookies, cupcakes, cakes, or other sweet treats for the Bake Walk
- Sign up to volunteer at the event
- Pray for our event, our volunteers, and our guests, and for good weather the weekend of September 16, 17 and 18.
- Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family to join us September 16, 17 & 18



SCAN ME

Learn more at churchofstpetersp.org/festival

IMPORTANT DATES

- Bring Silent auction donations to the Parish Office by September 9
- Bring boutique items to the Parish Office by September 16
- Bring all baked goods to O'Reilley Hall on September 17 from 9-1
- All raffle tickets need to be turned in by 3:00 Sunday, September 18
- Pop Bottle and Bottle lotto donations can be brought to the parish office any time, or to the volunteer tent at the Festival

Countdown to Festival Fun

Thanks to everyone who brought in bottles for our Bottle Blitz weekend. If you forgot, or if you can help with more items please bring them to the Parish Office during the week or to the Festival table in the Gathering space after all weekend Masses. We appreciate all of your help!

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction team is busy collecting items for our event. If you can help us with the donation of a theme basket, gift card, handmade item, experience, or an item from our Silent Auction "wish list" that would be terrific! If you need some ideas, visit the Festival display in the Gathering Space or check out our list online at <https://churchofstpetersnsp.org/silent-auction> Silent Auction items can be brought to the Parish Office during the week or to the Festival display after all weekend Masses. We need all Silent Auction donations brought to the Parish Office by Friday, September 9. The online auction will open on Monday, September 12.

We need you!

Check out the many volunteer opportunities available throughout the weekend. The tasks are easy, training is provided and you get a free t-shirt too! Sign up online at churchofstpetersnsp.org/volunteer or contact Meri Jo Tepe, our Volunteer Coordinator at 651-341-7350. She'll help you find the perfect spot.

Hold the Dates

The Fall Festival begins on Friday, September 16 with the opening of the International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Festival fun kicks off on Saturday, September 17 from 5-9 PM and Sunday, September 18 from 9 -3.

Questions? Let us know, we're happy to help. Contact Kari at kari@umn.edu or at 651-332-1070.

St. Martha and St. Mary Pray for us!



BAPTISM



We offer baptism on the first and third Sunday of each month. The first Sunday is at noon outside of Mass. The Third Sunday is during the 10:30 Mass.

If this is your first child, you will need to attend a baptism class with Fr. Pietro. This class is offered on the first Tuesday of each month. To make arrangements for the class or schedule a baptism please call Connie at 651-894-6141 or email her at croering@stpetersnsp.org.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Marion Huerth and Michael Auer whose funerals were celebrated this past week.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

Do you enjoy talking with people and have some free time?

We are looking for people to volunteer at the Front desk of the parish office. Morning or afternoon for 4 hours once a week or even once a month. All it requires is your willingness to visit with people and do a few small tasks for the staff.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Connie at 651-777-8304 or croering@stpetersnsp.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish office will be closed Monday, September 5th for the Labor Day Holiday. We will resume our regular office hours of 8:30 to 4:30 on Tuesday, September 6. **We wish all a blessed and safe holiday. Please pray for the students and teachers for a blessed school year!**

A FACE TO CONTEMPLATE

High Youth School Group



This past August 7 to 10 the St Peter Youth Group went on vacation in Wisconsin along with the motto "Contemplating the Face of Christ" through nature, beauty, sacraments and people/saints.

Here are a few witnesses from the youth and Jennifer Greger-Faith Formation Coordinator.

From Murielle:

Thank you so much parishioners for helping us to go on this beautiful trip to contemplate more about myself and see the world from a different perspective. It was truly an unreal experience and by far the most beautiful thing I have witnessed. I am so very thankful I was able to witness every second of it and I couldn't have done it without the help of you.

From Molly:

Thank you for this amazing trip. On this trip I got to see many beautiful things and got to get closer to God. One big thing I learned was empathy. This trip wouldn't have been possible without all the planning and money raised. I can't wait for more trips! Thanks again!

From me:

"Is it not the task of the church to reflect the light of Christ? Our witness, however, would be hopelessly inadequate if first we do not contemplate His face." We first read this quote outside the church in the National Shrine of St JPII in Washington DC during our pilgrimage there in May. Since that time, we have wondered together what it means to contemplate the face of Christ. I have personally been invited to answer His question again: "Who do you say that I am?" How can I know that without first encountering Him and being helped to see Him in my life? On this vacation to the beautiful Driftless Region of Wisconsin, we sought His face in nature, in poetry and lyrics, in the lives of St Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe, and in the faces of each other. I am forever thankful for the help given to me by these kids and the other adults on this trip that enabled me to receive the blessing of recognizing His face and growing in certainty of who He is so that I might be able to reflect His light better. We could not have had this experience without the fundraising efforts of the kids and the generous support of our church.



Thank you! Jennifer Greger

Church of St Peter

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2022-2023

2nd Sunday each month
10:30-1:30pm

Join us for 10:30 Mass,
stay for lunch & lessons

September 11, 2022

October 9, 2022

November 13, 2022

December 11, 2022

January 8, 2023

February 12, 2023

March 12, 2023

May 14, 2023

Register today at
www.chuchofstpetersnsp.org
Faith Formation

RCIA



We are seeking those interested in participating in the RCIA program. If you are Catholic and have not received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, or Confirmation.

Or if You are interested in learning about our Catholic faith or are considering joining the Catholic Church, please consider participating in the RCIA small group process which addresses these needs. Your marriage situation will be part of the RCIA process.

Our parish RCIA instruction sessions will begin again this Fall. For more information or to schedule a meeting with Fr. Zé please contact Connie in the parish office. 894-6141

ST. PETER SCHOOL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

St. Peter's School is in search of a few good folks to join our team! St. Peter is seeking Christ-centered and mission-driven individuals for the following job openings this coming 2022-2023 school year. (Job postings are on the Archdiocesan Careers page: careers.archspm.org)

Third Grade Teacher (Full Time)

Kitchen Staff (20-25 hours per week)

Kitchen Staff Assistant (10-15 hours per week)

Extended Day Assistant (8-10 hours per week)

If you or someone you know is interested, send a resume (including professional references) and cover letter to Principal Dennis Rankin (drankin@stpetersnsp.org).

Thank you for your consideration! **Please pray that the Holy Spirit sends us great individuals for these important roles!**

God bless.

Dennis Rankin, *Principal*

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MARRIAGE PREP

Dear Engaged Couple,

Planning for your upcoming wedding is a beautiful time. Your wedding day is the beginning of your marriage and commitment to each other for as long as you both shall live.

If you are planning of celebrating your marriage here at Saint Peter, you should let us know at least 9 months in advance.

To assist you at the start of this vocation, you are required to attend three pre-marriage information sessions here at Saint Peter. There is a substantial amount of information that will be beneficial and therefore we request both of you to be present.

We will cover:

- Overview of Theology of the Body with an introduction to Natural Family Planning (NFP)
- Overview of the Catholic view on the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony
- Requirements and paperwork to be filled out
- Pre marriage retreat information
- Pre-marital inventory information

Present a personal witness of married life



If you have any question please
e-mail: wedding@stpetersnsp.org

These are the dates of the next three sessions:
Saturday, September 24, 2022, 12:30-5:00 (4pm Mass)
Saturday, October 8, 2022, 1:30-5:00 (4pm Mass)
Saturday, October 22, 2022, 1:30-5:00 (4pm Mass)

CCW OFFERS CANCER BASKETS

Cancer Baskets are a new ministry offered by CCW. Baskets are filled with soothing and healthy items to comfort those who are going through treatments for cancer.



Please call the Office or Marlene Walters at [651-770-9241](tel:651-770-9241) to receive one for yourself or a loved one.

SENIOR LUNCHEON



The first Senior Luncheon of the year is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 14th** in Fellowship Hall. On the Menu for September is a Chicken dinner. Come and Join us and meet

Fr. Ze who will be our speaker!

The price of the meal is \$12.00. Please call Cathy Evans at 651-481-1012 or Cherie Jepson at 651-270-9632 to register. Deadline to register will be Monday, September 12.

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of August 28 - September 4, 2022

Sunday: 8:00 AM † Fern Simonson
 10:30 AM † Nick John
 6:00 PM Parishioners
 Monday: 8:00 AM † Jeremiah Murphy
 Tuesday: 8:00 AM † Malaguias Sabania
 Wed: 8:00 AM † Steve Hovey
 Thursday: 8:00 AM † Carol O'Shea
 Friday: 8:00 AM † Richard Moody
 Saturday: 8:00 AM † Sean Patrick Lyons
 4:00 PM † Peg Turcotte
 Sunday: 8:00 AM † Alvina Bever
 10:30 AM † Maria & Dieter Ballack
 6:00 PM Parishioners

Readings for the week of August 28, 2022

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Week of August 13- August 21, 2022

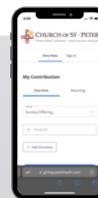
Amount Collected for Week of July 24th - July 31st	\$27,648.
Amount Budgeted for Week of July 24th - July 31st	\$27,340.
Collected Year To Date (starting July 1, 2022)through June 30	\$179,989.
Budgeted Year To Date (starting July 1, 2022)through June 30	\$185,165.
Amount Above (or Below) Annual Budget	(\$5,176)
% Above (or Below) Budget	-2.80%

As of August 22, the Capital Improvement Fund balance is \$24,752.82 after fully funding the church lighting and audio system project.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WELCOME

The Church of St. Peter would like to welcome all visitors and anyone who has recently moved to our community.

- If you are interested in **joining our parish**, there are information packets in the rack in the gathering space. Or contact the parish office at 651-777-8304.
- **Headphones** are available to assist with hearing. Please see an usher or greeter if you would like to use a set.
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