



CHURCH OF ST. PETER
Roman Catholic Community

Church of St. Peter
2600 N. Margaret St.
North St. Paul, MN 55109
651-777-8304

Merry Christmas!

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH



December 25, 2022 - January 1, 2023

JOHN 1:14

CHRISTMAS 2022



“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone” (Is 9:1).

Christmas is a mystery of light. Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem brings new light and glory to the world and our lives, creating a family, a new home, relationships illuminated by grace. As St. Bernard wrote: “The incarnation teaches us how much God cares for us and what he thinks and feels about us” (Sermo 1 in Epiphania Domini).

The birth of Jesus fulfills Scripture, the cosmos, history, and our hearts. It is the fulfillment of all desire.

After the original sin, Adam and Eve fell into darkness. This darkness is characterized by fear, shame, isolation, and a false image of God as someone who is against us. They were hiding from each other and God: “The LORD God then called to the man and asked him: ‘Where are you?’ He answered, ‘I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid’” (Gen 3:9–10).

Fear, shame, and isolation are the poison that the ancient serpent injected into our hearts. Jesus came to conquer fear with faith, shame with hope, and isolation with love.

Christmas is the proclamation that God comes to rescue us! No more darkness: “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (Jn 1:5)

In a famous sermon, pope Saint Leo the Great said: “Christian, remember your dignity [...] Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God’s kingdom” (Sermo 1 in Nativitate Domini). The encounter with Christ restores our dignity as beloved sons and daughters of God, destroying any false identities. We are free, and we are no more enslaved people!

God’s light heals us from brokenness. The experience of God’s love restores us and gives us a new heart. As we are receptive to God’s light, we are transformed into God’s children: “But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God” (Jn 1:12). Through baptism, we became truly a new creation, and we have received a superabundance of gifts: “From his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace” (Jn 1:16).

The world is in the darkness and needs God’s light. To bring light to the world is the mission of the Church. We are called to build up a family, a home for our hearts, a place with the Holy Family as a model.

May Mary, with her heart filled with love beyond all telling, obtain the grace that the new light of God’s glory shines upon the eyes of our hearts.

Merry Christmas! Fr. Zé

Come and See St. Peter Catholic School!

"Give thanks to the LORD, who is good, whose mercy endures forever." We give thanks for St. Peter Catholic School as a 106-year-old mission at the heart of the Church of St. Peter. Our beautiful preschool - 8th grade community is eager to welcome your family. We are committed to making Catholic Education affordable to all families who desire it for their children. Registration for the 2023-2024 school year will begin at the end of January.



We invite you to learn more on a tour! Contact Anna Heintz, our Enrollment Coordinator, to learn more: aheintz@stpetersnsp.org or (651) 777-3091



Mark your calendars for the 2023 Annual School Gala April 22, 2023

Live and Silent auction items, Wine and Beer tasting, an amazing dinner and more. You won't want to miss this event.

We can't wait to celebrate our wonderful school with all of you at our in person event on April 22, 2023 to share more about how we form critical thinkers, virtuous leaders and living saints.

Hope to see you there!

Catholic Schools Week



Save the date, January 29, 2023, as we kick off our Catholic Schools Week

celebration. Our theme for Sunday is *Celebrate our Parish!* Come to 10:30am Mass as we celebrate the gift of Catholic education, then join us in O'Reilly Hall for coffee and donuts.

We also invite you to our Open House in the school. Grab a punch card with places to visit in the school, visit each room and return the completed card to O'Reilly Hall for a prize!



ST. PETER SCHOOL IS HIRING

St. Peter Catholic School is seeking Christ-centered and mission-driven individuals for the following job openings. Job postings are also on the Archdiocesan Careers page: careers.archspm.org

Morning Extended Day Assistant
(5-8 hours/week)

Afternoon Extended Day Assistant
(5-10 hours/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.

THE GIVING TREE



The families have picked up their gifts. They were very excited and appreciative of everyone's generosity. Thank you for filling these families with joy and hope in the birth of the Christ Child.

Merry Christmas!

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION

at the Church of Saint Peter

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION SUNDAYS

for everyone
2nd Sunday
each month

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
for preschool-grade 4
meets weekly

FELLOWSHIP OF THE KEYS
grades 5-8
Wednesdays
6:30-8pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
preschool-grade 4
July 10-14

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
grades 9-12
Tuesdays
6-9pm

TOTUS TUUS
grades 1-12
July 30-Aug 4

Save the dates for Summer vacations!

Fellowship of the Keys: June 25-29

High School Youth Group: Aug 6-11



CHURCH OF ST. PETER

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



JOIN US
ON SUNDAY!

JANUARY 8

FEBRUARY 12

MARCH 12

MAY 14

FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS

OUR MONTHLY EVENTS
ARE FOR EVERYONE -
PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY EVENT 2ND SUNDAY EACH MONTH

- Lunch provided following Mass (11:30-12:15)
- Separate lessons for children, preK-grade 8, & adults. Event concludes at 1:30pm.
- A take-home packet with materials for the month will be made available each month.

651-777-8403

QUESTIONS? CONTACT JENNIFER AT
JOREGER@STPETERSNSP.ORG

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Join us for an
experience of
belonging,
friendship,
songs,
prayer, and
games
together!

For
9th-12th
Graders

6-6:30 SOCIAL TIME
6:30-8PM MEETING
8-9PM OPEN GYM

Meet in the gym

Every Tuesday, following the school calendar



CHURCH OF ST. PETER

Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm, in the gym

FELLOWSHIP OF THE KEYS

for 5th-8th graders

TO SHARE LIFE THROUGH PRAYER,
GAMES, FOOD, AND LEARNING
ABOUT THE FRIENDSHIP JESUS HAD
WITH ST. PETER & THE APOSTLES
AND THE FRIENDSHIP HE WANTS
TO HAVE WITH EACH OF US.

Our time together is guided by a simple rule
our friendships help us to follow:

- Jesus gives us something in every moment
- If we can't see it, we pray about it
- If we do see it, we share it with each other


 CHURCH OF ST. PETER

Fellowship of the Keys

WINTER STAY-CATION

All 5th-8th graders are invited to join us for a day of winter fun here in our own neighborhood!

Saturday, Feb 4, 2023
noon - 8pm
Church of St. Peter
\$20, includes supper




 CHURCH OF ST. PETER

High School Youth Group

Winter Weekend Adventure

continuing on our journey of discovering friendship and belonging in the beauty of Northern Minnesota

January 13 - 15, 2023
 all inclusive cost = \$150



See parish website for more information & registration

You're Invited!

When: Saturday, January 7th. 4:30 - 6:15 PM
Where: 401 93rd Ave NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433
Who: Anyone age 5+ Teachers, students, parents, grandparents - all are encouraged to join us.

Find out more and RSVP here! E-mail Patti Knecht at pfknecht@gmail.com with any questions.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN





Cana Dinner

"Celebrate Love and Marriage"
Saturday, January 21, 2023
4:00pm - 9:00pm

Come enjoy a beautiful evening with your beloved! Dinner will be catered by Donatelli's of White Bear Lake. There will be a testimony from a couple followed by a special blessing for all couples.

Cost: \$50.00 per couple. **Please RSVP by January 14th**

Schedule: 4:00 Mass in the Church
5:00 Check in and cocktail hour in Fellowship Hall
6:00 Dinner catered by Donatelli's
7:30 Testimony from a parish couple
8:15 couple Blessing in the church



HOLY FAMILY GUILD



- Deliberate Catholic living
- Striving for holiness as individual, couples, children, and families
- Building a growing community of brothers and sisters in Christ.

Families. Together. In Christ.

Holy Family Guild is a community of St. Peter parishioners who desire to build intentional Catholic friendship as we raise our children and strive to grow in holiness. Families gather for monthly family potluck dinners to share a meal, grow in community, and celebrate the liturgical life of our Catholic Church.

Last month at the monthly family dinner, families learned about St. Nicholas and St. John the Apostle. The next family dinner will be **Friday, January 20** and we will celebrate the **Feast of St. Sebastian**.

In addition to gathering as families, there are opportunities for HFG men and women to support, strengthen, and grow together in our life as fathers, mothers, spouses and Christians. The opportunities include book clubs, Advent and Lent prayer groups, retreats, game nights and more. Go to www.churchofstpetersnp.org/hfg for more information and to sign up for our email list or email holyfamilyguild@gmail.com



2ND COLLECTION

THE COST OF SUPPORTING A
Mom & Baby
 LAB QUALITY PREGNANCY TESTING & LIMITED
 OBSTETRIC ULTRASOUND **\$125**
 LIFE COACHING SERIES **\$350**
 ONE-TIME RENT ASSISTANCE GRANT **\$500**
 PREGNANCY & PARENTING EDUCATION PROGRAM
 & BABY SUPPLIES **\$1000**

We will be having a second collection on January 8th for the Women's Life Care Center. Please help support the Mom's who have chosen life. **(this replaces the baby bottle collection.)**

ADORATION CHAPEL



"The modern world's feverish struggle for unbridled, often unlicensed, freedom is answered by the bound, enclosed helplessness and dependence of Christ: Christ in the womb, Christ in the Host, Christ in the tomb." Caryll Houselander, The Reed of God.
Hours of Most Need: Tuesday 3 PM, Thursday 12 PM, 1PM. Contact Krysten Fulcher (krysten.k.fulcher@gmail.com) or Beth Minogue (beth.minogue@q.com) for more information.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Karen Jordan** whose funeral was celebrated this past week.

YOUTH FUNDRAISING THANK YOU



Thank you to all those who support the youth group by buying Tiramisu. We raised over \$550. Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

THANK YOU

The second collection for the Retired Religious was **\$4,956.50.**
 Thank you for your generosity.

HOLY DAY MASS TIMES

SOLEMNITY: MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
 Saturday, December 31: Vigil Mass at 4:00pm*
 Sunday, January 1: 8:00am, 10:30am*, 6:00pm
 *Incense

SOLEMNITY: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 Saturday, January 7: Vigil Mass at 4:00pm*
 Sunday, January 8: 8:00am, 10:30am*, 6:00pm
 *Incense

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of December 24 - January 8, 2023

Saturday: 8:00 AM † Maxine Kaiser
 4:00 PM Parishioners
 6:00 PM All Persecuted Christians
 Sunday: 12:00 AM † Gary Jungmann & Richard, Rosemary & Gary Hill
 8:00 AM † Jennifer Ethier
 10:30 AM † Maria & Dieter Ballack
 Monday: 8:00 AM † Peggy Turcotte
 Tuesday: 8:00 AM † Glenn O'Kane
 Wed: 8:00 AM † Georgine Harper
 Thursday: 8:00 AM † Colin Capistrant
 Friday: 8:00 AM † Nick John
 Saturday: 8:00 AM † Ron Mickus
 4:00 PM † John Joseph Vondrachek
 Sunday: 8:00 AM † Joe Zappa
 10:30 AM † Dan Leko
 6:00 PM Parishioners
 Monday: 8:00 AM † Jeanne Kearney
 Tuesday: 8:00 AM † Mae Jordan
 Wed: 8:00 AM † Kay Reber
 9:30AM † Bernadette Murray
 Thursday: 8:00 AM † Vivian Demuth
 Friday: 8:00 AM For Peace in our World
 Saturday: 8:00 AM † Wilbert Denno
 4:00 PM † Richard Wendel
 Sunday: 8:00 AM † Theresa Danna
 10:30 AM † Anna Marie Gow
 6:00 PM Parishioners

VICTIM/SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE

PROMISE TO **PROTECT** - PLEDGE TO **HEAL**
 A SAFE PLACE TO COME FORWARD
 ARCHDIOCESE VICTIM ASSISTANCE: 651-291-4475

Readings for the week of December 25, 2022

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 **Night:** Is 9:1-
6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,
9-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,
16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13
-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps
128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Readings for the week of January 1, 2023

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk
2:16-21
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-
11 or
Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and
9b/Jn 2:1-11
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see
11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

If you would like to make a donation for the Christmas flowers and Christmas trees that will fill the church this Christmas season, please take one of the flower offering envelopes in the gathering space. If you would like it in memory of a loved one please put their name on the envelope. You can place it in the collection basket.

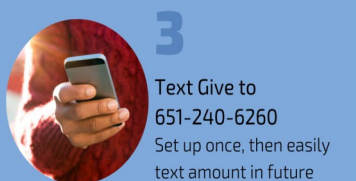


The envelope features a large red poinsettia flower on the left. The text 'Flower OFFERING' is written in a large, elegant script. Below it, there is a section for 'GIVEN IN MEMORY OF' with a dotted line for a name. Further down, there are dotted lines for 'NAME', 'ADDRESS', and 'NO.'. At the bottom right, there is a dotted line for 'AMOUNT \$'.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

With Christmas Eve and Christmas Day falling on a Saturday and Sunday this year, the parish will have one less collection to fund its mission and operations. Since there will not be a regular Sunday collection separate from the Christmas Mass collection, we hope that you remember to bring both contribution envelopes to Mass that weekend. Thank you for your continued support!

Ways to Give



YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION

Remember, if you are planning on making an end of the year donation, your donation will need to be received or postmarked by Saturday, December 31, 2022, in order for it to be included on your 2022 contribution statement.

You can make your year-end donation online at giving.parishsoft.com/stpetersnsp or text Give to 651-240-6260.

Your support to our parish community is sincerely appreciated.



WELCOME

The Church of St. Peter would like to welcome all visitors. We're glad you are here.

Headphones are available to assist with hearing. Please see an usher or greeter if you would like to use a set.

Low Gluten Hosts are available. Please come to the sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.

ServiceMASTER
Locally owned by
Dane Anderson

Carpet & Furniture Cleaning
Floor, Sander, Wax, Repair and More
651-444-3531 • 651-773-0888
www.servicemaster.com

kw
Kelli White, REALTOR
PRIME REALTY

(651) 331-6729
rickhill@kw.com
@ rickhill.kw.com

Polar Family Chiropractic
Donald R. Mandel, D.C.
651-777-3877

2470 N. McKnight Rd, North St. Paul
www.polarfamilychiro.com

~ Long Time Parishioner ~
JAMES "JAKE" KOLLER D.D.S.
Cosmetic & Family Dentistry
2601 Centennial Drive, Ste 102, North St. Paul, MN
651-777-6454
Same day crowns made with a CEREC

PARTY TIME LIQUORS
"Party Delivery Service"
1835 Larpenteur 770-1447
Marvin C. Koppen - par.

HOW CAN I ASSIST YOU?

Your North St. Paul local expert,
I advocate for my clients and take
the trust they place in me seriously.

Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated.

Catholic United Financial

Peter Orme
(651) 235-0065
porme@catholicunited.org

Life Insurance • Annuities • IRAs • Scholarships

Michael Justen, Master Plumber
JUSTEN PLUMBING Inc.
651-665-5825 • www.justenplumbing.com
Licensed, Bonded & Insured

551-770-3805
NORTH ST. PAUL CHIROPRACTIC
Richelle Peterson, DC
Daniel Peterson, DC
2536 East 7th Ave., North St. Paul

Think MN Catholic for ALL your loan needs

Great rates. Easy application process.

- New and Used Auto
- First Mortgages
- Personal
- RVs/Boats
- Home Equity
- Choose Your Reward Visa®

Call Pam at 651.783.5650 for your free loan consultation.
Or apply online at www.mncathcu.com

Pam Stockler
Branch Manager

Bell Bank Mortgage

KEENAN RAVERTY
Mortgage Banker
NMLS #1043049

651-783-5222
www.keenanraverty.com

We care about people and provide insurance

Garry Insurancenter
2555 7th Ave. E, North St. Paul, MN
651-777-8361 www.garryinsurancenter.com

Auto-Owners Insurance
LIFE • HOME • CAR • BUSINESS

Abbey Carpet & Floor
Suburban Floor Coverings
Mike, Bill & Jeff Sonntag
651-779-0365
3598 Linden Ave. • White Bear Lake

NORTH ST. PAUL AUTOMOTIVE
For all your service needs.
2617 Division St. N.
651-777-1701
nspautomotive@live.com

INDIAN HILLS GOLF CLUB

- Golf Memberships
- Banquet Space Available
- Corporate Golf Events

(651) 770-2301 www.igolf.com

The Phoenix Residence, Inc.
230 Marie Ave East, West St. Paul, MN
Phone: 651-294-7959
www.phoenixresidence.org
Employment & Volunteer Opportunities Available

FREE AD DESIGN
WITH PURCHASE
OF THIS SPACE

CALL 800.950.9952

GROW YOUR BUSINESS BY PLACING AN AD HERE!

CONTACT US!

Contact Tom Maakestad
to place an ad today!
tmaakestad@4LPI.com
or (800) 950-9952 x5858

Koves TRUCKING
Looking for a full or part time job?
Koves Trucking is hiring drivers
Class A License required
Flexible scheduling, local,
home every night!

651-248-6792 • North St. Paul

GROW YOUR BUSINESS WHILE SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL PARISH

• BOOKS •

Purchase a bulletin ad today!

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

support our ADVERTISERS

VIRNALA'S Home Repair Service
Home Exterior / Interior
Ron D. Vernala, Owner
651-210-7520 • www.vinalashomerepair.com

Seestedt's
"Minnesota's Oldest Name in Floor Covering"
(651) 224-5474 • www.seestedtsfloor.com
1891 Suburban Ave., St. Paul

PB Premier Banks

Bank Local. Bank Premier.

Maplewood Office
2866 White Bear Avenue
651.777.7700
20 MN Offices | premierbanks.com

Polar Ridge SENIOR LIVING
Independent & Assisted Living, and Memory Care

Right Here in North St. Paul!
St. Peter pick up for Saturday Mass

Call (651) 770-4028 to schedule a tour!

2365 Helms St N, North St. Paul • polarridgeseniorliving.com

Bush Realty
Full Service for LESS!

Gale Bush
Broker/Owner
Realtor® Since 1981
651-777-4432
realgale@tmen.com

Rachel Haselreiter
Realtor® Since 2005
651-283-8239
realrachel@tmen.com

Partnership's Since 1981 & 1979
WIC TITLE

WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES

BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Work-Life Balance
- Paid Training
- Full-Time with Benefits
- Some Travel
- Serve Your Community

Contact us at careers@4lpi.com
www.4lpi.com/careers

Passionate HEALTHCARE SERVICES
651 230 9304 or 651 239 7002
1555 Christie Place St Paul MN 55106

Merles Water Conditioning
Since 1989

Interested in joining an established family business?
No weekends and a generous benefit package.

CALL MERLE'S WATER CONDITIONING
651-777-1349 FOR MORE INFORMATION

SHANGRI-LA #3
Stop in For The Best Chow Mein!
2552 E 7th Ave. North • St. Paul
651-770-1748
Mon-Sat 11am-8pm • Closed Sunday

ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

1-855-225-4251

Furlong's Liquor

Terry Furlong • Dan Furlong
Partners
4777 Geneva Avenue N.
Way 36 & Century • 779-7757
FurlongsLiquor.com

Voted Best Liquor Store
Best Wine Selection
Best Service Past 21 Years
Party Planning and Delivery
Open Late Night 8-10pm
Monday - Saturday

McPhillips Bros. Roofing Co.
2590 Centennial Dr. • Saint Paul
651-770-2062
Res. Bldg. Contractor #BCAT2625
mcphillipsbros.com • Since 1921

Gabriel Flynn Publishers' Rep.

"Great books for great schools"

- Classroom libraries
- School libraries

1030 O'Ryan Trail North
West Lakeland, MN 55082
(651) 303-3460
gabelflynn@yahoo.com

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTERS MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THE LIVES OF PREGNANT AND PARENTING MOTHERS

Women's Life Care Center
651-777-8350
2000 MARSH STREET
SOUTH PAUL, MN 55107
WWW.WOMENSRESOURCECENTER.ORG

Options | EAST
A PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER
651-776-2328
801 WHITE BEAR AVE
ST. PAUL, MN 55105
OPTIONS.EASTMINN.COM