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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10



The Water that We need

Today's readings talk about thirst. There are two different kinds of thirst: human and divine.

In the first reading, we heard that the people of God were thirsty. They were in the desert. There was no water. They were about to despair. They were saying: "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" (Ex 7:17). They started complaining to Moses. Moses prayed and a miraculous solution came from God: Moses struck a rock with his staff and water flowed profusely. In the First Letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul says: "[...] all drank the same spiritual drink, since they drank from the spiritual rock which followed them, and that rock was Christ" (1 Cor 10:4–5).

We see Jesus as the spiritual rock in today's Gospel.

Jesus was tired from the journey. It was noon. The sun was at its peak. It was very hot. He was thirsty. He was seated by the well. However, he did not have a bucket. The Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus asked her for water: "Give me something to drink" (Jn 4:7). There is another time in John's Gospel when Jesus is thirsty and asks for water. It is on the cross: "I am thirsty" (Jn 19:28). This was Jesus' penultimate sentence. His last sentence was: "It is fulfilled" (Jn 19:30). Jesus' thirst is an identification with our thirst. Thirst is the most ardent and vital desire. We have an intrinsic and ineradicable desire for happiness and fulfillment. Jesus experiences our thirst and our incapacity to quench it, giving us the water that satisfies us. Jesus fulfills our desire: "It is fulfilled." Let us come back to the well. Jesus is seated there, asking the Samaritan woman for water. He does not have a bucket. He needs someone with a bucket to draw water. This detail is very curious. Jesus identifies with our thirst to give us an answer. However, he needs a bucket! What is this bucket? It represents our freedom.

Who is the woman whom Jesus asks for a drink? She is someone who used her bucket to reach the water that she could obtain by herself. She was tired of coming every day to fetch water from the well, water that did not satisfy her. We can understand this when she says: "Sir, give me some of that water, so that I may never be thirsty or come here again to draw water" (Jn 4:15). She was tired and disappointed with life because nothing and nobody could satisfy her thirst.

"Go and call your husband," said Jesus to her, "and come back here." The woman answered, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right to say, 'I have no husband'; for although you have had five, the one you now have is not your husband" (Jn 16–18). She was a collector of husbands!

The Samaritan woman was astonished by Jesus! He knew her life; he had a deep knowledge of her. Jesus knew and understood people. It was one of the most impressive aspects of Jesus' personality.

The Samaritan woman's experience when she met Jesus was finding someone who brought her the water she needed. She realized that Jesus is the Messiah. He is God.

One day, when Jesus was in Jerusalem, he invited everyone to come to him to drink the water that we need. "[...] Jesus stood and cried out: 'Let anyone thirsty come to me! Let anyone who believes in me come and drink!'" (Jn 7:37–38). Jesus cried out. He spoke in a loud voice because he wants us all to listen to him. He is inviting us to receive the water that we need. We are thirsty, are we not? Why are we waiting to obtain this water?

FAITH FORMATION



Save the dates!

Elementary Program:
Students entering 1st -6th grade
Monday-Friday, July 24-28

Teen Program:
Students entering 7-12th grade (graduating seniors may also attend)
Sunday-Thursday, July 23-27

NEW SCHEDULE

FELLOWSHIP OF THE KEYS

*Resumes March 1st, 6:30-8pm.
Enter through the E1 Doors*

*March 1
March 29
April 26
May 10
May 24
June 7*

*Church of St. Peter - North St. Paul
Questions? jcorfas@stpetersnsp.org or hwaldorf@stpetersnsp.org*



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

WE WILL BE MEETING 6:30-8:00

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

TUESDAY, MARCH 7
TUESDAY, MARCH 21
TUESDAY, MARCH 28

TUESDAY, APRIL 4
TUESDAY, APRIL 18
TUESDAY, APRIL 25

TUESDAY, MAY 2
TUESDAY, MAY 9
TUESDAY, MAY 16
TUESDAY, MAY 30

Give thanks to the LORD who is good, whose mercy endures forever.

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Save the date - July 10-14, 2023

Participants aged 3.5-4th grade

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"It felt like a honeymoon... I couldn't wait to get home and see her at the end of the day." - husband who attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

Bring back the honeymoon in your marriage. The next available Weekends are May 5-7, 2023 in Buffalo, MN and Oct 6-8, 2023 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-234-7440.

ADORATION CHAPEL



"Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary Help of Christians and you will see what miracles are." St. John Bosco

Lent is a great time to spend an extra few minutes or an hour with Jesus. Invite a friend or family member so they too can experience the peace and joy that comes from adoring our Lord.

HOUR OF MOST NEED - Tuesday 11pm

Contact Krysten Fulcher (651-245-7936 krysten.k.fulcher@gmail.com) or Mary Sauer (651-246-5748 mary.j.sauer@gmail.com) or our website to sign up: www.churchofstpeter.weadorehim.com.

CATHOLIC WATCHMEN MEN'S CONFERENCE

2023 MEN'S CONFERENCE
Raising the Bar, Men of Faith Walking Together



Men of Faith Walking Together – Raising the Bar

Date(s): Saturday, March 18

Time: 9 a.m. (Walk-in registration at 8:30)

End Time: 3 p.m.

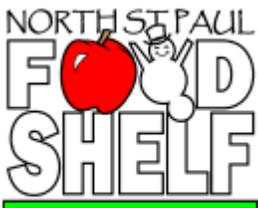
Location: All Saints Catholic

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More Information: [Register online](#)

Join men from throughout the archdiocese at the largest gathering of Catholic men in Minnesota. The keynote speaker will be Devin Schadt, Executive Director of The Fathers of St. Joseph. The day will include Mass celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Hebda at 9:15 a.m., speakers, workshops, adoration, lunch and more.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND



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You're invited! Please join the Holy Family Guild for our next gatherings in April and May!

Wondering who we are?

The 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.

Our next themes and gatherings will be:

Tuesday, April 25 (Feast of St. Mark) 5:30-8 pm

Monday, May 22 (Feast of St. Rita) 5:30-8 pm

Please go to www.churchofstpeter.org/hfg or contact us at holyfamilyguild@gmail.com with questions, to request more information about the upcoming events, or to join our email list.

We hope to see you there!

Pictured: In January, we celebrated the Feast of Saint Sebastian with a dart competition in the gym!



The St. Peter Catholic School 2023 Gala is fast approaching! Our annual gala is **Saturday, April 22, 2023, with a virtual silent auction beginning on Monday, April 17.** All parishioners are invited! The St. Peter Annual Gala is our school's largest fundraiser and provides an opportunity to celebrate our community, reach our financial goals, and provide an excellent faith-based Catholic education for our students. Enjoy an evening with wine tasting, a silent auction, catered dinner, live auction, and raffles. Meet fellow parishioners and families while hearing about our parish school's incredible impact on our children's lives.



Your support matters!

Wish to attend the event? Please consider attending this beautiful community building fundraiser event. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://stpetersnsp.ejoinme.org/gala2023>.

Wish to donate to our silent auction? In the gathering space at church, we will set up a board with a list of items needed for the auction. Donations are always appreciated! As in previous years, please take a card with whatever item you wish to donate, purchase the item(s) and then drop them off in the parish or school office no later than **March 17, 2023.**

Want to participate in our raffle(s)? Purchase raffle tickets after weekend Masses on the following dates: March 18 & 19, March 25 & 26, and April 15 & 16.

- **50/50 Raffle!** \$50/ticket-only 200 tickets sold. Winner keeps half of the earnings.
- **The Famous Booze Bucket Raffle!** \$5/ticket. Winner goes home with a literal bucket of booze sure to stock your fridge for months. You do not need to be present to win.

Have a question? Email us gala@stpetersnsp.org. Thank you to all our parishioners supporting this great cause!

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



Mark your Calendars for our
Spring Craft/Bake Sale
March 25th and 26th after Mass.

Come and buy a delicious baked good to take home
and shop the handmade gifts.

SPEND AN HOUR



On Saturday, March 18th join us on the sidewalk in front of Little Canada Planned Parenthood (91 Viking Drive by Hwy 36 & Rice St). We will meet there from 11:30 am-12:30 pm, and again on the 3rd Saturday of EVERY month.

Through prayer and/or holding signs let's defend the unborn. (Signs provided) If questions call Jan at 651-490-0247.

FALL FESTIVAL



The Festival team will begin planning games for the young and the young at heart at their sub-committee meeting on Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Paul Room. Team members will begin planning for our the children's/youth games offered at this year's event. If you're interested in working (or learning) more about this part of the Festival, please join us.

Other upcoming planning meetings:

Thursday, March 16, 6:30 p.m. St. Paul Room-Raffles/Charitable Gambling

Thursday, March 23, 6:30 p.m. St. Paul Room-Sponsorship packages

Interested in learning more about our biggest "fun-raiser" of the year? Want to learn more about our planning sub-committees? Contact Kari at 651-332-1070 or at kari@umn.edu We'd love to have you share your gifts with us!

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of March 12 - March 19, 2023

Sunday: 8:00 AM † Beverly Jahn & Sonny Carlson
10:30 AM † Rita Girard
6:00 PM Parishioners

Monday: 8:00 AM † Ron Cylkowski

Tuesday: 8:00 AM † Linda Conlin

Wed: 8:00 AM † Ken Corcoran

Thursday: 8:00 AM † Eugene Waldorf

Friday: 8:00 AM † Judith Krug

Saturday: 8:00 AM † Joyce Stein
4:00 PM † Dayton & Josephine Kjonas

Sunday: 8:00 AM † Peg Monn
10:30 AM † Joseph Cicchese
6:00 PM Parishioners

Readings for the week of March 12, 2023

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or
4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

CCW OFFERS CANCER BASKETS

If you or someone you know is going through treatment, the CCW is offering baskets that are filled with soothing and healthy items to comfort those who are going through treatments for cancer. Please call the Office to receive one for yourself or a loved one. 651-777-8304



Mark your calendars
The Lenten Fish Dinners are back!

March 17, 24
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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FALL FESTIVAL



Calling all crafters and artisans! The Fall Festival is hosting an Arts, Crafts, and

Community Market in O'Reilley Hall on September 23 and 24, during our Fall Festival. We are currently accepting applications for space at the event.

Fees for the 2-day event are \$40 per 10-foot space that includes an 8-foot table. The Festival committee will review all applications to make sure we have the perfect mix of vendors and products. Learn more and sign up here:

<https://churchofstpetersp.org/festival-market>

If you are a crafter, please consider joining us. If you know of an area crafter, please let them know about our event! Questions? Contact Kari at kari@umn.edu or at 651-332-1070.

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March 12:

- Family Faith Formation
- Daylights savings time

March 13-17 Spring Break

March 17 and 24

- Knights of Columbus **Fish Fries**
- **7:00pm Stations of the Cross**

March 25/26 CCW Bake and Craft Sale

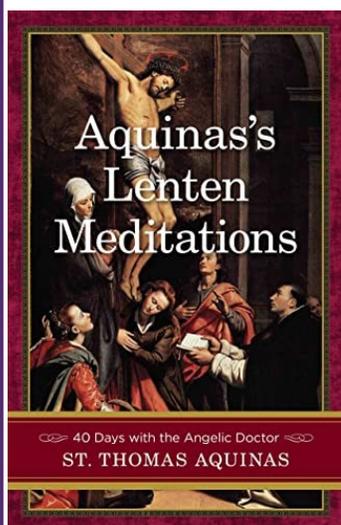
April 1: Spring Marriage Prep Class

The Sacrament of Confession:

Every Saturday from 9:00-11:00am, Tuesday– Friday and Sunday one half hour before Mass



BOOKSTORE



Ash Wednesday has long passed, yet there's still time during the Holy Season for reading the 224 pages of Aquinas's Lenten Meditations: 40 Days With the Angelic Doctor. Now available in the bookstore, included are 63 of Aquinas's Scripture-based sermons specially selected for Lent, such as the 4-fold humiliation on the Cross -- and the 4-fold exaltation it merited Him. Open after weekend Mass or upon request during parish office hours.

BAPTISM



We offer baptism on the first and third Sunday of each month. The first Sunday Baptism is celebrated at noon outside of Mass. The Third Sunday Baptism is celebrated 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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

March 5, 2023

Amount Collected	\$33,329.
Amount Budgeted	\$25,260.
Collected Year To Date	\$924,404.
Budgeted Year To Date	\$896,310.
Amount Above (or Below) Annual Budget	\$28,094.
% Above (or Below) Budget	3.13%

As of February 5, 2023 the Capital Improvement Fund balance is \$35,429.96

We have drawn spiritual and academic life from our parish and Catholic schools. What return will we make of these gifts? As the good steward of the Gospel, shall we give to God sufficient return for our gifts? Consider a life culminating gift through your Will.

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4

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for more details
thengemuhe@stpetersnsp.org

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.

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