



# SS. PETER AND PAUL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER  
STAFFED BY PRIESTS OF THE INSTITUTE OF THE INCARNATE WORD



December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

WELCOME  
TO OUR PARISH  
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We are grateful you have chosen to join us in worship today. Do you have questions about our parish faith community? Please call the parish office at (507) 388-2995 to talk with one of our priests, religious, or staff members. You can also find more details at our parish website.

¡Bienvenidos a nuestra comunidad parroquial! ¿Son nuevos en la zona? Llaman a la oficina parroquial (507) 388-2995 o visiten a nuestro sitio web para ver en que podemos servirles. ¡Que la Virgen María bendiga su hogar, le guarde y proteja siempre!



## MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: 7:00 am Monday to Friday  
Saturday: 8:00 am  
Sunday: 5:15 pm (Vigil)  
7:30 am & 9:30 am  
11:30 am TLM @ Loyola Campus  
1:00 pm (Español)



Rosary is prayed 1/2 hour before every Mass

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8:45 am, 11:00 am & 4:00 pm  
Daily: 7:45 am

## ADORATION

Monday - Friday: 7:45 am - 9:00 pm

Holy Hours for Priests/Vocations:

- Mondays @ 10:00 AM
- Tuesdays @ 9:00 AM
- Wednesdays & Thursdays @ 2:00 PM
- Fridays Hispanic @ 5:00 PM

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VOCATIONS**

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## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Helga Nefzger, Paul Scheurer, Betty Sohler,  
Margaret Brewer, Rose Morris, John Janc, Leslie &  
Martha Allen, Dennis McCabe, Richard and Mary  
Keltgen, Liliana Jones, Darlene Mocol,  
Mary Willaert, Fr. Tom Schloemer, SJ,

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS AND CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 24

MASS INTENTIONS

- 7:30 am - †Lai Nguyen Joshep: *Family*
- 9:30 am - offered for the Intentions of the Parishioners
- 11:30 am - Loyola "Chapel: Mary Kodel: Chuck Kodel
- 1:00 pm - (en español) Special Intention
- 4:00 pm Christmas Eve - Souls in Purgatory

### Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

MASS INTENTIONS

- 12:00 am (Midnight) - † Bill Pestka : *Shirley Pestka*
- 7:30 am - Souls in Purgatory
- 9:30 am - offered for the Intentions of the Parishioners
- 1:00 pm - (en espanol ) Mary Kodel: *Chuck Kodel*

### Tuesday, December 26

• 7:00 pm - Women of Jerusalem Jesuit Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

- 7:00 am - †Teresa Rodriguez: *Mallory Hoffman*
- 11:00 am - (@ Mankato Lodge) †Richard Vetter: *Family*

### Wednesday, December 27

- 9:00 am - Missions Quilters in the Upper Room
- NO Class this week with Leo's Discussion Group

MASS INTENTIONS

- 7:00 am - Intentions of the Freeberg Family: *Judy Freeberg*

### Thursday, December 28

- 6:15 pm - Spanish Legion of Mary in Room 302 Xavier Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

- 7:00 am - †Khuou Nguyen: *Lisa Nguyen*
- 11:00 am - (@ Oaklawn) †Rita Masberg: *Don and Joanne Kvasnicka*

### Friday, December 29

- 8:00 am - Legion of Mary in Room 302 Xavier Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

- 7:00 am - † Anna Minh Tran: *Family*

### Saturday, December 30

- 11:00 am - Confessions

- 4:00 pm - Confessions

MASS INTENTIONS

- 8:00 am - †Lucy Joseph: *Family*
- 5:15 pm - †Tony Bauer: *Jan Bauer and Family*

### Sunday, December 31

- 3:00 pm - Reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus in Church

MASS INTENTIONS

- 7:30 am - †Anniv. of Herb Herz: *Sanftner Girls*
- 9:30 am - offered for the Intentions of the Parishioners
- 11:30 am - Souls in Purgatory
- 1:00 pm - (en español) †Socorro & Faustino Marrtinez: *Family*
- 5:15 pm (Vigil of Holy Day) - † Khuou Nguyen: *Lisa Nguyen*

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



OUR PARISH STAFF  
IS HERE TO HELP

You're invited to SS. Peter and Paul Youth Group's

### Mary Mother of God New Year's Party!



Come be part of the fun!

Join our youth group as we welcome in the new year and celebrate Mary's Divine Motherhood with an all-night prayer vigil filled with many hours of fun, food, and friends. Let's start the new year right by taking time to prayerfully consider and rejoice in all the graces we have received this past year. At the same time, we can ask for the help we need to boldly persevere in the future. Following a long tradition in the Church we will pray the Divine Office and sing the ancient hymn the Te Deum, at midnight. Then, we will take turns spending time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for the entire night. When not adoring our Lord, we will have plenty of time for games, sports, snacks, and friends. We'll end our time together with the Holy Mass in honor of Mary Mother of God on New Year's Day.

#### PARTY DETAILS

**WHO:** Youth (6th grade-12 grade)-*please note that after midnight, the activities for boys and girls will be held separately until Holy Mass in the Church.*

**WHERE:** Ss. Peter and Paul Parish - Upper Room  
(4th Floor)

**WHEN:** December 31st, 7:30pm

**PICK-UP:** The event will end after Holy Mass at 6 am on January 1. (Parents are welcome to join for Mass)

**Please RSVP to Sister Sophia at**  
**[c.theodoreguerin@servidoras.org](mailto:c.theodoreguerin@servidoras.org)**

*A pizza party dinner will be provided - bring a favorite cookie or dessert to share.  
You can bring a sleeping bag if you think you might want to rest, but sleeping is not required. ... :)*

Please contact Sr. Sophia or Fr. Andrew with any questions you may have. We hope to see you there!

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### SACRAMENTS AND PASTORAL CARE

Please contact the Parish Office at 507 388-2995 for the following Pastoral needs:

- Anointing of the Sick
- Home Bound Communion
- Prayer Requests
- Marriage Preparation
- Baptism Preparation
- New Member Registration

*For the greater glory of God, and the salvation of souls*

## NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

### Christmas Schedule

#### Masses:

- December 24 - 4:00 pm
- December 25 - Midnight, 7:30 am, 9:30 am, & 1:00 pm (en español)
- December 31 - 5:15 pm Vigil of the Holy Day
- January 1, 2024 - 9:30 am and 1:00 pm Spanish



### Merry Christmas!

Dear Parishioners,

May the Lord in His love and mercy bless you and your family throughout the Christmas Season! We look forward to seeing you as often as you can come to Mass for the celebration of the Octave of Christmas. Though the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is not observed as a holy day of obligation this year as January 1st falls on a Monday, I encourage you all to come and celebrate Mary's Divine Motherhood. Commend the Year of Our Lord 2024 to the care of Mary and thank the Lord for all of the blessings you have received in 2023.

God bless you,  
Fr. Andrew

### Christmas Flowers

If you would like to help pay for the **Christmas Flowers** you can do so by putting money in an envelope marked "**Christmas Flowers**" and drop it into the collection basket or mail your check to Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 105 North 5th St. Thank You.

### Parish Photo Directories

The Parish Photo Directories are here! If you had your picture taken or submitted a photo, stop by the Parish Office and pick up your copy.



## FINANCIAL REPORT

### IN OUR GENEROSITY WE IMITATE GOD

	Dec. 17 2023	YTD Giving	YTD Budget
ADULT ENV	\$11,719.00	\$219,986	\$276,442
E-TRANSFER	\$2,768.60	\$56,311	
PLATE COL	\$2,033.28	\$33,558	\$30,288
CHILDREN	\$6.00	\$189	\$481
TOTAL	\$16,526.88	\$310,043	\$307,212
OLG Flowers,	\$1,194.46		
2023 CMA	Gifts Received	Goal	% of Goal
	\$44,304	\$48,623	91.12%
	(128 families)		

### Parish Offices Closed

The Parish offices will be closed on  
Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st  
in observance of Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary.

### PRO-LIFE SIDEWALK MINISTRY TRAINING JANUARY 15, 7:00 PM

This free seminar trains ordinary men and women in peaceful, legal methods of saving children from abortion and helping their families. To register for the Sidewalk Ministry Training please contact Thomas Wilkin at [Thomas.Wilkin@plan.org](mailto:Thomas.Wilkin@plan.org) or call (651) 395-9312

### NEW IN THE GIFT STORE



Give the Gift of a "Rosary Prayed" for a loved one  
(for any reason)

*Para la mayor gloria de Dios y la salvación de las almas*



## NEWS FROM



## OUR COMMUNITY

### Loyola Catholic School

For those who are 70½ years or older, making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to support Loyola Catholic School is a meaningful way to contribute to the advancement of learning within a faith-based community. This method not only allows you to fulfill your charitable goals while enjoying the tax benefits, but also provides valuable assistance to our school, promoting a nurturing environment that combines academic excellence with religious values. If you have questions about including Loyola in your end-of-the-year contributions, please call us at 507-386-5392.

### Celebrate the Gift of Life

WITH A PARISH WIDE BABY SHOWER

January 27th 12:30-2 PM Jesuit Hall

**How to Participate:** Join us for the special occasion as we celebrate the miracle of Life and support our beautiful growing families of Ss. Peter and Paul. A light lunch and beverages will be served!

\*Gifts: We are accepting cash and check donations that will then be distributed via gifts according to age and gender of the families who register their unborn baby-6 month old. Checks can be made payable to Ss. Peter and Paul Church.

Please send in donations or volunteer to help by or before January 13th

Expecting Parishioners or Parents of Newborns - 6 months may register by contacting Courtney Schaefer at 507-382-0231 or joyfulmamajoyfulbaby@gmail.com

All families and ages are welcome!



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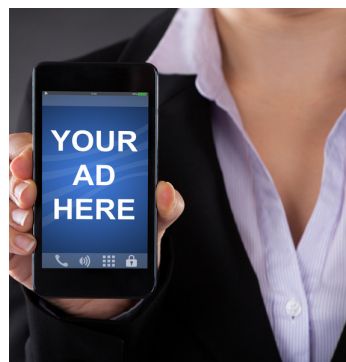
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