



# Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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**January 1, 2012**

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. - Lk 2:16-17

**Liturgy Intentions**

Mon, Jan 2	8:15 am SPE	Word/Communion Service
Tues, Jan 3	8:15 am SPE	Matthew, Kim & Autumn Zenzen
	5:30 pm SPE	Adoration
Wed, Jan 4	8:15 am SPA	Loretta Flynn
Thurs, Jan 5	8:15 am SPE	George & Dorothy Waletzco
Fri, Jan 6	8:15 am SPA	Mary Stangler
Sat, Jan 7	8:15 am SPE	Word/Communion Service
	4:30 pm SPA	Phyllis Kaufmann
Sun, Jan 8	7:30 am SPE	For the People
	9:00 am SPA	Michael McMahon
	10:30 am SPE	Kate Barthelemy

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**

In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, parishioners and visitors made a return to the Lord of the following gifts in the Sunday offering:

**St. Peter (12/18/11)**

Adult .....	\$6,092.00
Plate .....	\$124.55
Youth/Children.....	\$5.50
Electronic.....	\$1,769.25

**Total Regular Contributions ..... \$7,991.30**

Amount needed per Sunday to meet budget....	<b>\$10,963.60</b>
Christmas .....	\$1,565.00
Focus on Facilities.....	\$4,742.47

**St. Paul (12/18/11)**

Adult .....	\$9,129.00
Plate .....	\$191.00
Electronic.....	\$3,991.23

**Total Regular Contributions ..... \$13,311.23**

Amount needed per Sunday to meet budget....	<b>\$13,957.00</b>
Children .....	\$30.29
Christmas .....	\$5,878.00
Maintenance.....	\$140.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$835.00
Food Shelf.....	\$15.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$155.00
Church of the Week.....	\$25.00

**St. Peter's and St. Paul's Year End Contributions need to be in the Parish Office on January 3 to be credited to 2011. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

Beginning in the new year, the Diocese of St. Cloud is suggesting an offering of \$10.00 for a Mass stipend. As always, any amount will be accepted and we are happy to join in prayer for your special intentions.

**Parish Office Will Be Closed**  
**January 2**

**From Fr. Alan...**

**Though some have already begun taking down the Christmas tree and crib....**packing them away for another year.....the faith community continues our grand Christmas celebration for another week. Hang in there! It's an immense celebration and our "Happy New Year" greetings mark only the half way point as we continue reveling in God's love.

**Today we honor Mary's motherhood** and through her, we honor the love and sacrifice of every mother for her child. We pray for those who are giving birth and parenting under difficult or stressful conditions. May we find ways to offer support. (Thanks to all who are participating in the "Baby Shower" at St. Peter's this weekend!) We pray for the unborn, for the health and wellbeing of the mother and safe delivery of each infant.

We also recall, on this **World Day of Prayer for Peace**, Mary's honored role as *Queen of Peace*. How much more peaceful our world can be as each of us turns to Mary and her Son and commits oneself to their teaching and example of peace-making, mercy, compassion and forgiveness. Each day of the New Year we might in a special way lift up to Mary some troubled corner or part of the world, as we hear of war and violence, and through Mary's intercession pray for peace.

Father Edward Hays in his book, Prayers for the Domestic Church offers this **Blessing Prayer for a Sacred Image of the Mother of God**. (Do you have a crucifix, and a worthy image of the Blessed Virgin Mary displayed in your home? It is a beautiful Catholic tradition.)

*Come, God of Heaven and Earth,  
and be present with us  
as we bless this image of Mary,  
the Mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ.  
By placing this image of the Blessed Mother  
here as a shrine in our home,  
we hope for her special intercession  
before You and all the court of heaven.  
May the honor we give to this image of Mary  
increase our love for You, our God,  
and for her Son, Jesus Christ.  
May she, who took to heart  
the predicament of a young couple  
and asked Jesus to perform His first miracle  
of changing water into wine,  
be an intercessor to her divine Son  
for our daily needs as well.  
May the divine blessing of Your name,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Be upon this sacred image now and forever.  
Amen.*

**A very Blessed and Happy New Year to all, and again, many thanks from the staff and myself for all of the Christmas kindness and love shown to us this wonderful season.**

## Week At A Glance

### Monday, January 2—No School-Office Closed

8:15 AM Word/Communion at St. Peter's

### Tuesday, January 3

8:15 AM Liturgy at St. Peter's

6:30 PM Sister Parish Mtg at St. Peter's

6:30 PM Bible Study at St. Peter's

### Wednesday, January 4

8:15 AM Liturgy at St. Paul's

6:30 PM Faith Formation at St. Paul's

6:30 PM Children Preschool through 3rd Grade with Parents—Faith Formation

### Thursday, January 5

8:15 AM Liturgy at St. Peter's

9:00 AM Bible Study at St. Paul's

7:00 PM Lay Apostle Prayer Group at St. Paul's

### Friday, January 6

8:15 AM Liturgy at St. Paul's

### Saturday, January 7

8:15 AM Word/Communion at St. Peter's

11:30 AM Saturday Meal at St. Paul's

4:30 PM Liturgy at St. Paul's

### Sunday, January 8

7:30 AM Liturgy at St. Peter's

8:30 AM Parish Breakfast at St. Peter's

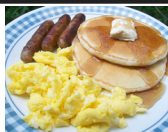
9:00 AM Liturgy of the Word with Children at St. Paul's

10:30 AM Liturgy at St. Peter's

10:30 AM Sunday School

### Parish Breakfast at St. Peter's Sunday, January 8

Serving from 8 AM to 12 PM  
St. Peter's Parish Center



Menu: Ham, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Pancakes with Fruit Toppings, Freshly Baked Caramel Rolls, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Juice & Milk

Adults: \$7.00 Children (ages 6-12) \$3.00  
Children (under 6) free

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**



*Fr. Alan  
and the staff for  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
parishes  
wish you all a  
Happy New Year!*

## Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

**Faith Formation information** is published in a monthly newsletter that is inserted into the bulletin. Newsletter copies are also available in the Gathering Space or Narthex by the Faith Formation bulletin boards. If you wish to receive email notices or access to our website, please contact the Faith Formation office at 251-4831 Ext 212.

**Confirmation Celebration**—The Bishop has assigned us the date for Confirmation at April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

**Faith Formation Classes**—no All Saint's Session in January. January 4, 6:30 PM: Classes for grades pre-10. Children in preschool, grade 1-2-3 and PARENTS will meet in the dining room for a family based evening of learning about our church worship space. Grades 4-10 will be in classrooms.

**First Eucharist Preparation** meeting for parents and children preparing for First Eucharist this Easter Season will be on Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 PM in St. Paul's Dining Room.

**Junior High Youth Rally** for youth in grades 6-7-8 and adults is January 15. Please take a registration form from the Faith Formation displays at either parish to register.

**Castaway Retreat** for youth in grades 9-12 and the adults who companion them will be March 23-25. Please take a registration form from the Faith Formation displays at either parish to register.

**Confirmation Candidates**—You should have received an updated information sheet with dates to be mindful of your preparation. Be sure to return your preparation session reservation sheet by January 10 to GERALYN. Your sponsor form is due by January 30th.

**A Continued Merry Christmas!** Last weekend every family and visitor were given the gift of the book titled REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM, written by Matthew Kelly. We believe that this book has great possibilities for us as individuals, families as well as for our parishes. We have already heard from people who read the preface and could not put the book down! If you have not yet done so, please take a few minutes to read the preface—we trust you will want to continue!

Sixteen of our parishioners were so enthused about it, they volunteered to cover the entire cost of all these books, so that they would not have to come out of our parish budgets.

We invite anyone who did not receive this gift to take one from one of the baskets in our church entrances. This is a great gift to share the love of our faith with others. In the coming weeks you will be invited to gatherings led by Fr Alan, Deacon Dave and GERALYN as well as others to discuss this book and several others as well.

**Stewardship & Social Justice**

**Stewardship Message** — “*And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.*” - Luke 2:19

How lightly Mary held Jesus. She did not clutch Him to her but held Him out for the world to know. She knew that He did not belong to her alone. From the moment of His birth she was called upon to share Him with strangers who flocked to see Him. In the same way, we are also called to hold our blessings lightly, being willing to share what God has given to us with those whom God may lead to us. As this New Year begins, let us look to Mary as a grace-filled model of sharing all that God might ask of us.

**Choose Life-** —“How like King Herod today’s abortion providers are. First, he pretends he wants to worship the new born Baby Jesus, but hidden behind his deceitful words is a heart set on destruction of the Child. The magi, wise men that they were, saw in a dream Herod’s true intentions and did not report the child’s location to the destruction-minded king. Today’s Herods tell women that they have their best interests at heart, meanwhile planning the destruction of their unborn children.



*That our celebration of the birth of the Christ Child and the gift of a new year may renew commitment to protect the lives of all unborn children, we pray.*

**SAVE the DATE:** St. Peter’s will be hosting the homeless March 12-18 rather than January this year. Volunteers are needed for this opportunity to serve.

**St. Peter’s Prayer Line** is looking for some prayerful, dedicated people “to stand in the gap” for those in need of prayer. (Ezekiel 22:30) If you have a passion for prayer, God may be calling you to this wonderful ministry. If interested, please call Dcn Bill or Linda Ritchie at 252-0211.

**St. Paul’s Christian Women’s Muffin Sale** raised \$350 for the parish Military Outreach Program. Thank you for your support and generosity.

**Honoring Marriage Day** is set for Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 1 PM at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud. An invitation from Bishop Kinney will be sent to couples celebrating 5, 25, 40 and 50 years of marriage in 2012.

Please call the Parish Office at 251-4831 Ext 201 with your name, address and number of years you have been married. We will forward this information to the Diocese.

**Fully Engaged Sponsor Couple training** will be Saturday, January 21, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pastoral Center in St. Cloud. Registration for couples (name, address, phone number, parish, and email address) by calling (320) 258-7616, at least one week (January 12) before the training. The parish will be billed \$100 per couple for the cost of the training (which includes Fully Engaged supplies). The next scheduled training at the Pastoral Center is Saturday, March 3, 2012.

**Parish Nurses**

**An Opportunity to Become a Lifesaver**

If someone was having a heart attack, would you know what to do? We have arranged to have a certified trainer from the St. Cloud Hospital conduct a class for up to 30 people:

Where: St. Peter’s gym  
When: January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Time: 7:00 PM

This class is NOT for certification and will last about one hour. For registration call 251-4831 ext. 201. We really encourage ushers and greeters and anyone from either parish interested in learning current CPR techniques to register before January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**If you are not able to get to mass, and would like to receive communion, please call the Parish Office at 251-4831 Ext. 210. Please leave your name and phone number and we will get back to you.**

**SPPM News**

All Saints Academy is holding an **Open House for prospective kindergarten families** at the St. Cloud Campus (formerly Sts. Peter, Paul & Michael School) for the 2012-2013 school year on January 11th. More information will follow for these families. Anyone else considering All Saints Academy for their child next fall should contact the school to arrange a visit or receive additional information regarding our PreK-6 school. We feel very confident that what we offer is an excellent Catholic education in a setting that is both challenging and nurturing. Please contact Sharon Bichler (St. Cloud) at 251-4737 for more information.

**Former and current Cathedral High School** students who participated in a mission trip to Tanzania have established the Village Fund, an organization dedicated to raising money for the Tanzanian Village of Mikocheni. They are holding their second annual fundraising event to support the Fund on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Gorecki Dining and Conference Center at the College of Saint Benedict from 5-7:30 pm. Come enjoy a delicious pasta dinner, reception, slide show, and silent auction. Tickets are now on sale for \$15 each. All proceeds from this event will support the Village Fund. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Cathedral High School teacher, Dick McMorrow, at 320-251-3421 ext. 302.

**Who:** Tanzania trip alumni (former and current Cathedral students)

**What:** Village Fund Second Annual Fundraiser

**When:** Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 5-7:30pm

**Where:** Gorecki Dining and Conference Center, College of Saint Benedict

**Why:** Raise money and awareness for Mikocheni and its people

## Parish News and Events

**St. Paul's & St. Peter's Baptism Prep Session** is offered by both parishes together, for parents preparing for the Baptism of their first child. Our next class will be on **January 31, 6:30 PM** at St. Paul's in the church. Please call 251-4831 Ext 201 to register or to schedule a date for Baptism for either St. Peter or St. Paul.

**Drivers Needed:** If you have extra time, we have several parishioners who are in need of transportation to Mass on Sunday. If interested, please call Judi Rassier, Parish Nurse at 251-4831 Ext. 210 (please leave a message).

**Jeff Cavins Bible Study** on the Book of James begins January 10 from 1 to 3 PM every Tuesday at St. Paul's in the Community Room. If you have any questions, please call Steve or Trese Mareck at 743-4188.

**Knights of Columbus Council 5548** is having a membership drive. They will be making calls to visit with you about the Knights and see if you have an interest in joining the council or if the ladies would be interested in joining the auxiliary. The auxiliary is open all ladies of the parish even if their husbands are not a Knight. If you are interested, please call Gene Markman at 253-3635.

## Prayer Corner

**Please Pray For...** Bill Rice, Kathy Pflueger, Alma Rau, Victor Rothstein, Mildred Schmidt and all who have received a prayer blanket, that they may receive healing of body, mind and spirit.

**Family Members in the Armed Forces—All Powerful God,** you always show mercy toward those who love you and are never far from those who see you. Be with our men and women as they serve our nation in war. Shelter them with your protection by day, give them the light of your grace by night and bring them home in safety. We ask this in Your Holy Name. Amen. If you have a family member in the armed service, your parish family would like to know. Please call the Parish Offices of St. Paul's (251-4831) or St. Peter's (252-2113).



**DONATIONS FOR CHILDREN IN SOUTH AFRICA!!!!** This spring semester a group of St. Ben's and St. John's students will be going abroad to Port Elizabeth, South Africa. While there we will be volunteering at an orphanage (House of Resurrection) and an elementary school (Pendla school). Any donations will go towards the CHILDREN at these two sites to help them any and every way possible, such as buying school supplies and building maintenance. Help us help them! Any donation helps and checks to be written out to the College of Saint Benedict. Collection envelopes to be marked as South Africa Donations, and can be put in the collection throughout the Christmas season. Have a very Merry Christmas!!!

## PARISH SERVICES FOR ST. PETER'S AND ST. PAUL'S

### Weekday Liturgies

St. Peter—Monday & Saturday—Word/Communion Service  
Tuesday & Thursday—Liturgy 8:15 AM  
St. Paul—Wednesday & Friday—Liturgy 8:15 AM

### Weekend Liturgies—Effective November 1 through April 30

St. Peter—Sunday 7:30 and 10:30 AM  
St. Paul—Saturday 4:30 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Peter—By Appointment  
St. Paul—Saturday 3:30 PM or By Appointment

**Baptism** — Required sessions to prepare parents for baptism. All sessions begin at 6:30 PM. Call the Parish Office to register for a session or for scheduling a Baptism date. Prefer preparation before child is born.

### Marriage

Please call Parish Office to have the guidelines sent to you. You will need at least six months to complete the necessary marriage and wedding preparation. You will then meet with a priest or deacon, liturgy director and a sponsor couple.

### New Parishioners

Being registered is part of Parish Life. Call the Parish Office for more information.

### Hospital Visits

If you are a patient in the hospital desiring a visit from Fr. Alan, one of the deacons or parish nurses, please call either Parish Office.

### Prayer Line

St. Peter—Kim Walz 251-2252  
St. Paul—Cathy Zulkosky 255-9957  
Email: czulkosky@charter.net

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Thinking about joining the Catholic Church, or learning more about it? Through the RCIA process, our parish communities welcome your interest and questions about the Christian Faith as it is lived and celebrated in the Roman Catholic Tradition. For more information contact:

Deacon David Lindmeier...251-4831Ext 205  
Rick Koetter...249-0102