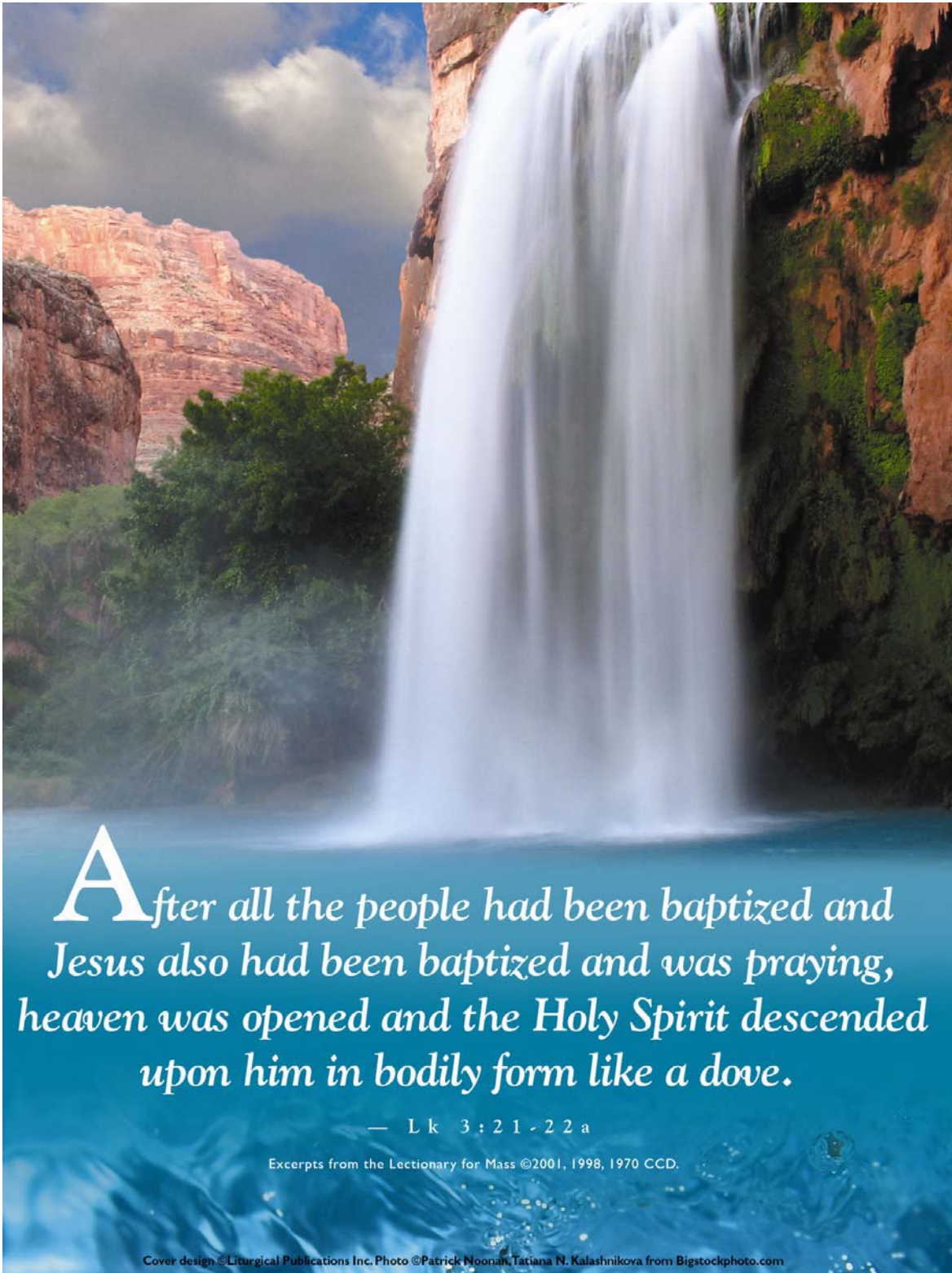


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**A**fter all the people had been baptized and  
Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,  
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended  
upon him in bodily form like a dove.

— Lk 3:21-22a

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January 10, 2010 • Baptism of the Lord

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.  
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

**Liturgy Intentions**

Mon, Jan 11	8:15 am SPE	Word/Communion
Tues, Jan 12	8:15 am SPE	Kathy Neeb
	5:30 pm SPE	Adoration
Wed, Jan 13	8:15 am SPA	Richard Meemkin
Thurs, Jan 14	8:15 am SPE	Phillipp & Kronenberg Families
Fri, Jan 15	8:15 am SPA	Charlie Burggraff
Sat, Jan 16	8:15 am SPE	Word/Communion
	4:30 pm SPA	For the People
Sun, Jan 17	7:30 am SPE	Art Sobania (Ann)
	9:00 am SPA	Viola Beuning
	10:30 am SPE	Elaine Fischer

**From Fr. Alan...**

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas Season. Jesus' Baptism points to the significance of our Baptism, our sacramental dying and rising with Jesus in the waters of Baptism so that we can all share life in the Spirit. It is true that "Baptism makes us members of the Church". Today, that's the most common way we speak of this sacrament. But if we expand or unpack the meaning of this "membership", and reflect on the spiritual reality of dying and rising with the Lord and living in the Spirit...the richness and fullness of meaning is almost mind-boggling. It definitely no longer is a matter of "do I have to go to Church on Sunday"? It simply changes and colors everything about the way we relate to the world and enter into life.



**Baptism of the Lord**

**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 (1/3/10)**

Adult Regular .....	\$9,580.00
Youth/Children .....	\$5.00
Plate .....	\$307.00
Electronic .....	\$1,822.50
<b>Total Contributions .....</b>	<b>\$11,714.50</b>
Amount needed per Sunday to meet budget ...	<b>\$10,800.00</b>
Christmas .....	\$1340.00
Solemnity of Mary .....	\$1,987.50

**St. Paul**

Adult (1/3/10).....	\$6,861.50
Adult (12/27/09).....	\$5,707.00
Youth/Children .....	\$29.99
Electronic .....	\$4,029.99
<b>Total Regular Contributions.....</b>	<b>\$16,628.48</b>
Amount needed per Sunday to meet budget....	<b>\$14,300.00</b>
Christmas .....	\$17,596.00
Maintenance .....	\$125.00
Religious Retirement .....	\$5.00
Second Collection.....	\$810.00
Education Endowment.....	\$1,750.00

**THANKS** to the catechists in our parishes who help young parents realize the meaning of this sacrament as they teach the Baptism course: **Judy and Dean Blommel**, and **Cathy Sauer**. Thanks to parents and grandparents and sometimes other family members who are the first teachers in the ways of the faith! And thanks to all of you, my sisters and brothers in Christ here at St. Peter and St. Paul, for living out your Baptismal Yes so that it witnesses to the world and we all support and call one another forward in our Christ Life.

Welcome back now to "Ordinary Time" in the Church...which isn't so "ordinary" after all!



## Week At A Glance

### Monday, January 11

5:30 PM Basketball at St. Peter's Parish Center  
3:00 PM Basketball & Volley Ball at St. Paul's gym

### Tuesday, January 12

8:45 AM Coffee & Rolls in Narthex Room at St. Peter's  
1:00 PM Bible Study at St. Paul's  
5:30 PM Volley Ball at St. Paul's  
6:00 PM Centering Prayer at St. Paul's  
6:30 PM Bible Study at St. Peter's  
6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting at St. Paul's

### Wednesday, January 13

9:00 AM Bible Study At St. Paul's  
12:30 PM Joint Parish Staff Conversatio at St. Paul's  
3:00 PM Intramurals at SPPM Middle School  
6:30 PM Confirmation Class at St. Peter's  
6:30 PM Faith Formation for Children/Youth at St. Paul's

### Thursday, January 14

3:00 PM Basketball at St. Paul's gym  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts at St. Peter's Parish Center

### Friday, January 15

### Saturday, January 16

3:30 PM Confessions at St. Paul's  
4:30 PM Mass at St. Paul's

### Sunday, January 17

7:30 AM Mass St. Peter's  
8:00 AM Parish Breakfast at St. Paul's  
9:00 AM Liturgy of Word Children at St. Paul's  
10:00 AM RCIA St. Paul's  
10:30 AM Mass at St. Peter's  
12:00 PM Volley Ball at St. Paul's

## Prayer Corner

### Holy Father's January Prayer Intentions:

**General:** That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.

**Mission:** That at Christmas the people of the earth may recognize in the Word Incarnate the light which illuminates every man and that the nations may open their doors to Christ, the Savior of the world.

**Please Pray For...** 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).

## Announcements

**Eternal Rest Unto...** Marjorie Sager & Elizabeth Plate

**The Donald Bauer Family** wishes to thank Fr. Alan, Paul Radkowski, Beth Neville and the Resurrection Choir for the beautiful funeral liturgy. We would also like to thank St. Peter's funeral committee for serving the luncheon and to all those whose thoughts and prayers are with us. It is greatly appreciated.

**Atonement/Church of St. Peter** invites you to a neighborhood celebration during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, January 24 at Atonement 5:00 PM—Evening Prayer, 5:45 PM—Pasta supper. There will be a freewill offering to support Place of Hope's outreach ministries.

**Monthly Widows/Widowers Luncheon** is on January 13th at Whitney Center. Contact Florence Warnert at 251-7152 for additional information.

**Thank you** to all the children who participated in the children's choir and the Gospel drama on Christmas morning at St. Paul's. Thank you for sharing your smiles and voices in the spirit of Christmas. Thanks to all the adults and teens that helped, and a special thanks to "baby Jesus," Natalie Koltes, daughter of Jeff and Amy Koltes.

**Kids Against Hunger Service Day** on Saturday, January 16th from 9-5 at Atonement Lutheran Church. 600 volunteers are needed to pack 130,000 meals!

### Thanks to St. Paul's Church of the Week

**Volunteers.** We had as many as 28 people sleeping in our gym on some very cold nights. Meal volunteers served up to 80 servings every night (some people came back for seconds). Thanks to the overnight volunteers, drivers, those who prepared and served food, donated snacks, paper goods, or money and those who hauled mats and blankets. Because of your generosity, everything went smoothly. Please continue to remember our guests and all homeless and hungry people in your prayers. If you weren't able to help this year please consider doing so in the future. Marilyn Berg & Katy LaNave, Church of the Week Coordinators

**St. Paul's  
Breakfast  
Sunday, January 17  
Serving from  
8:30-11 AM**



Prepared and served in the St. Paul's Dining Room by the men from St. Paul's Parish.

**Menu:** Pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, hash browns, rolls, muffins and beverages.

**Cost:** Adults \$7.00—Ages 13-18 \$5.00  
Ages 6-12 \$4.00—Ages 5 & Under FREE

**Everyone is invited! Bring a friend!**

## Stewardship & Social Justice

### Stewardship Message:

How many of us ever celebrate our child's Baptism? We celebrate their birthday's with great gusto, we shower them with presents, we let them pick their favorite meal and kind of cake.

When you think of the importance of Baptism, shouldn't we all celebrate the day we became a child of God? Today's gospel tells how when John baptized Jesus in the Jordan the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit came down upon him in bodily form like a dove. A voice came from the heavens saying "You are my own dear Son, I am pleased with you."

Perhaps we should start an annual day to celebrate the baptisms of all the members of our family. What could be more important than telling our children how pleased God is that the members of our family are all children of God. To teach the importance of an event this big in a child's life, and in our own, shouldn't we celebrate annually that we know we are his and that he has promised us eternity with Him?

Have you remembered to leave a bequest to your parish? If you haven't, please consider doing so. Your gift of faith will help preserve our Catholic heritage. Please contact Father Alan or Terry Sakry at either parish for more information.

**Choose Life**—"1973's *Roe v. Wade* decision was billed as a way to guarantee women's rights—but what about the right to be free from coercion to abort their offspring? Scientific surveys have confirmed that most women are having abortions they don't want. Is that a mark of women's freedom?" Maria Vitale, Public Relations Director for Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation.



*That this nation may reject the godless ways of abortion, we pray.*

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in St. Peter's 2009 **Spiritual Adoption Program** and the **Baby Shower** on January 3, 2010. Your baby items and donations are much needed and appreciated. The Spiritual Adoption program will begin again on March 25th. Jan Hoelscher

**40 Days for Life** begins February 17th — please pray for this diocesan campaign.

**Anna Marie's Alliance** forwarded a "thank you to St. Peter's Church for partnering with us!" with the gifts of clothing, food, towels and bears. The support of the dream of a violence free community is most appreciated.

**Central MN Habitat for Humanity** sends **St. Peter's Parish** a thank you for your gift of \$450.21 and **St. Paul's** for your gift of \$334. With your help, CMHH has completed 62 homes over the last 20 years...providing many families with safe, decent and affordable homes. Thanks again for your role in our mission and ministry of building homes and hope for families in our community.

### St. Peter's Church of the Week Sign-up:

St. Peter's is hosting the homeless Jan.18-25th. Sign-up sheets are available in the East Entrance. Needed: Overnight Hosts, Set-Up Crew, Clean-Up Crew, Cooks, Servers for Suppers, Cash Donations, Snack Donations. See the sign-up sheets. Questions? Karen @ 251-2819.

**SPA Food & Letters**—Next Sunday, January 17, St. Paul's again invites you to bring forward items for the food shelf or monetary donations as well as letters to policymakers regarding issues of poverty and hunger during the Offertory time.

Letters to policymakers regarding issues of poverty and hunger may also be brought up during Offertory time.

A reminder that letters should be addressed, sealed, and stamped. There will be a container in front of the altar in which to place letters.



## Pastoral Ministry

### From the Parish Nurses—HEALTH News: Safety and Well-Being

Your health and safety are your responsibility. These are a few tips that might help keep your New Year healthy and safe:

- If you have not had the seasonal or H1N1 flu vaccine, **get it now**
- Install carbon monoxide detectors within 10 feet of every bedroom, it's the law
- Make sure your smoke detectors are working
- Have your furnace checked by a professional annually
- Dress appropriately to avoid frostbite
- Use proper footwear and extreme caution to avoid falls
- Have a winter survival kit in your vehicle

Being proactive can help us avoid many tragedies. May 2010 be a happy healthy year for all of us!

St. Paul's - Dee Hanisch, Claire Stock, Judi Rassier  
St. Peter's - Connie Moline, Bea Gazett, Marva Jorgensen

## SPPM News

It was good to see so many families at our December Kindergarten Open House. Anyone who missed this opportunity who is considering SPPM for their child next fall should contact the school to arrange a visit or receive additional information regarding our PreK-8 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 at our Primary School (251-4737) or Mary Cheryl Opatz at our Middle School (251-5295.)

## Parish Events and News

## St. Peter's Parish Breakfast

Serving 8 AM to 12:30 PM



TODAY — January 10, 2010

Join us in the Parish Center for:

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

Adults—\$6.50—Children (ages 6-12)—\$3.00  
Children (under 6)—Free

Everyone Welcome!

**St. Paul's & St. Peter's Baptism Prep Session** is now being offered by both parishes together, for parents preparing for the Baptism of their first child. Our next class will be on Tuesday, January 26, 6:30 PM at St. Paul's in the church. Please call St. Paul's Parish Office at 251-4831 Ext. 201 to register.

**CHANGES IN THE BULLETIN**

We are constantly working to improve and reduce the size of our bulletin. This week you will notice a new column titled "Week at a Glance". This is the new weekly calendar for all the events that are happening in our parishes. If you notice an event that is being missed please call Terry Sakry at 251-4831 ext 211 and tell her. Both parishes are working hard to coordinate all events and we don't want to miss any.

You will also notice that articles are being shortened. We are striving to shorten articles and the number of times they are run and we are striving to announce less after mass and have parishioners **depend on their bulletin** as our way of communicating with them. Please clip and save the week at a glance and post it on your refrigerator.

Faith Formation will do a monthly (YELLOW) insert of events, with details, please save this sheet! We will also repeat the event in the Week at a Glance column, but it will not have details. The Faith Formation insert will also be available on our websites if you are not at Mass the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, when it is inserted. If you do not have web access Yellow copies will be available in the entrances of both churches.

## 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 Oct 1 thru April 30**

St. Peter—Sunday 7:30 AM 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

**Interpreted Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

St. Paul—Third Sunday of the month at the 9:00 AM Liturgy

**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 date. Prefer preparation before child is born.

**Marriage**

Please call either Parish Office to have the guidelines sent to you. You will need at least six months to complete the necessary marriage and wedding preparation. The marriage course must be completed three months prior to the wedding date.

**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 or the parish nurses, please call either Parish Office.

**Prayer Line**

St. Peter—Kim Walz 251-2252  
St. Paul—Dianne Janorschke 252-4911 or 492-8748

**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