

OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES OF
THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

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Epiphany
OF THE LORD

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January 3, 2010 Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1b-2

Liturgy Intentions

Mon, Jan 4	8:15 am SPE	Word/Communion
Tues, Jan 5	8:15 am SPE	Al Then
	5:30 pm SPE	Adoration
Wed, Jan 6	8:15 am SPA	Dwaine Schiller
Thurs, Jan 7	8:15 am SPE	Jill & Urb Schleper
Fri, Jan 8	8:15 am SPA	Marleen Gambrino
Sat, Jan 9	7:50 am SPE	Christian Women—Rosary
	8:15 am SPE	Christian Women—Mass
		All are Welcome
	4:30 pm SPA	Dorothy Wellman
Sun, Jan 10	7:30 am SPE	Anna Legatt
	9:00 am SPA	Dr. Patrick Konewko
	10:30 am SPE	Frank Dukowitz (Ann)
	4:00 pm SPE	Christmas Vespers

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 (12/20/09)

Adult Regular	\$8,517.00
Children.....	\$4.00
Plate.....	\$211.94
Electronic	\$1,770.00
Total Contributions.....	\$10,502.94
Amount needed per Sunday to meet budget	\$10,800.00

St. Peter (12/27/09)

Adult Regular	\$9,206.25
Children.....	\$.85
Plate.....	\$252.00
Electronic	\$1,770.00
Total Contributions.....	\$11,229.10
Amount needed per Sunday to meet budget	\$10,800.00
Christmas.....	\$23,044.00

St. Paul

Adult (12//20/09).....	\$7,654.50
Adult (12/13/09).....	\$665.00
Youth/Children	\$51.24
Electronic	\$4,029.99
Total Regular Contributions	\$12,400.73
Amount needed per Sunday to meet budget.....	\$14,300.00
Fall Fund.....	\$30.00
Christmas.....	\$2,970.00
Maintenance.....	\$260.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$451.00
Human Development.....	\$12.00
Education Endowment.....	\$305.00
Food Shelf	\$146.00

St. Paul

Adult (12/27/09).....	\$8,662.50
Adult (12/20/09).....	\$882.00
Youth/Children.....	\$40.25
Electronic	\$4,029.00
Total Regular Contributions	\$13,613.75
Amount needed per Sunday to meet budget	\$14,300.00
Fall Fund.....	\$3,825.00
Christmas.....	\$33,339.00
Maintenance.....	\$3,920.00
Visitor	\$17.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$135.00

From Fr. Alan...

We celebrate the Feast of Epiphany which our bishops have also designated as Minnesota Statewide Immigration Sunday. Many today are following the star in faith, crossing borders and seeking jobs, shelter, a new home, safety, the good and necessary things of life. Shortly after the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph also knew this experience of being uprooted, and fleeing for safety. As Christians we are mindful of the dignity and rights of migrants, immigrants, and newcomers who may not know English and our cultural norms and expectations. The welcome, the help and the gifts we extend to them are special Epiphany gifts given to the Christ Child himself!

I share with you some special Christmas/Epiphany greetings extended from Father John in Kenya and Father Jacob in Nigeria:

(letter received December 18, 2009)

Beloved Parishioners of Sts Peter and Paul,

I arrived Nigeria in good state. Thank you so much for your out-pour of love and affection towards me, and for your good wishes for me and my family. My family is doing well. I'm missing the winter already, but I think taking a leave of absence from those 'below zero' temperature is desirable. However, I'm finding it difficult to adjust again to the extreme high temperature of ours. I don't even know which is better. Anyway, the reality is that I'll be back again to continue with the snow and cold!

It's sweet to be with family once again, even though I'm missing another family-YOU! Wishing you the best of the Christmas season and a blessed year ahead. Looking forward to seeing you in January. God Bless.

Fr. Jacob Dankasa

(Also received December 18, 2009)

Receive sincere greetings and best wishes from Kenya. This is to wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2010. You will be remembered in a special way at Christmas celebrations. Please do pray for me as well.

Your in Christ

Fr. John P. Odero

Week At A Glance

Monday, January 4

- School resumes
- 7:00 AM Church of the Week at St. Paul's ends
- 5:30 PM Basketball at St. Peter's Parish Center
- 6:30 PM Catechist Training at St. Paul's Parish Office Dining Room
- 6:30 PM Confirmation Team Leader meeting at St. Peter's in Narthex Meeting Room

Tuesday, January 5

- 10:00 AM Joint Staff Meeting at St. Peter's
- 1:00 PM Bible Study at St. Paul
- 6:00 PM Bible Study at St. Peter
- 6:00 PM Centering Prayer at St. Paul's

Wednesday, January 6

- 8:00 AM Bible Study at St. Paul's
- 12:30 PM Joint Parish Staff Conversatio at St. Paul's
- 6:30 PM All Parish Faith Formation & Confirmation Class at St. Paul's

Thursday, January 7

- 6:30 PM Sister Parish Committee Mtg at St. Peter

Friday, January 8

Saturday, January 9

- 7:50 AM—St. Peter's Christian Women: "Midwinter Gathering Among the Snowflakes" at St. Peter's
- 3:30 PM—Confessions at St. Paul's
- 4:30 PM Mass at St. Paul's
- 6:00 PM Youth Group & Family Gathering with supper at St. Peter's Parish Center

Sunday, January 10

- 7:30 AM Mass St. Peter's
- 8:00 AM Parish Breakfast at St. Peter's
- 8:00 AM Junior High Youth Rally at St. John's
- 9:00 AM Mass Liturgy of the Word with Children St. Paul's
- 10:00 AM RCIA at St. Paul's
- 10:30 AM Mass Liturgy of the Word with Children at St. Peter's

Announcements

Eternal Rest Unto...Louis (Louie) Thielman and Donald Bauer

Atonement/Church of St. Peter invite 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.

Cub Receipts are due January 8th for the months of October, November and through December 15. You may drop them off at St. Paul's Parish Office during regular

The Chuck Albers family wishes to thank Fr. Alan, Laurie Kremer and the Resurrection Choir, and Dick Ruhoff for the beautiful funeral liturgy. We would also like to thank the Christian Women for serving the luncheon and to all whose thoughts and prayers are with us. It is greatly appreciated.

The Herbert Vos Family wishes to thank Fr. Al Stangl, Laurie Kremer & the Resurrection Choir and Jason Meemken for the wonderful funeral liturgy. Special thanks to the Christian Women for serving the luncheon. Everything was so wonderful.



St. Peter's Parish Breakfast Sunday, January 10, 2010

Serving 8 AM--12:30 PM in the
Parish Center

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

To volunteer call Dave Kahlhamer at 230-1230

Everyone Welcome!

Prayer Corner

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).

SPPM News

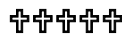
It was good to see so many families at our December Kindergarten Open House. Anyone who missed this opportunity who is considering SPPM for their child next fall should contact the school to arrange a visit or receive additional information regarding our PreK-8 school. We feel very confident that what 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).

Stewardship & Social Justice

Stewardship Message:

A Christian Steward is trustworthy. Christ entrusted his followers with his message; he is counting on us to live out that message in our own lives. However we share our talents and gifts, we gain the trust of those around us through our steadfastness and continued commitment. Those in need are often overlooked, used to being let down and rejected. When we demonstrate that we will be there for them, we model Christ in their lives, we share in his love. We have been given a sacred trust. The question isn't "What would Jesus do?" It is "What will we do in Jesus' name?"

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—A new year brings thoughts of new life. What better place to start than at the beginning—with the human embryo? "Embryonic human beings, no less than human beings at other developmental stages, should be treated as subjects of moral respect and human rights, not as objects that may be damaged or destroyed for the benefit of others." Presidential Council on Bioethics, 2002.



On this Feast of Epiphany, when the Wisemen brought gifts for the newborn Christ, you are invited to bring a gift or donation for your spiritually adopted baby to the **PRO-LIFE Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower: Sunday, January 3, 2010 — St. Peter's Parish Center from 7:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

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.

Kids Against Hunger sends St. Paul's a thank you for your gift of \$499.50. Your gift has made it possible to feed hungry children and their families. Every 16 cents donated provides one meal. We are so grateful for your live-changing gift.

Pastoral Ministry

HEALTH News: New Beginnings

Because you are a temple of the Holy Spirit, this year treat yourself like a sacred creation. Self care is never selfish, and here are a few suggestions for better health in body, mind and spirit:

- If you haven't seen the doctor or dentist in the last six months, make an appointment
- Make a realistic plan for exercise
- Try to follow a healthier diet which includes more fruits, vegetables and whole grains
- Let go of old hurts and grudges because forgiveness helps you
- Look for ways to nourish your spirit
- Believe that God loves you very much

Jesus took time to be alone and pray, and He was God! May you experience a year of good health and abundant blessings.

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

St. Paul's Additional Christmas Flower Memorials

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| Gift from: | In Honor/Memory of: |
| Robert & Joan Anderson | Alois & Adelaide Stanoch |
| James & Angeline Neil | Vicki Neil |
| Patricia Parsons | William J. Parsons |
| Alma Studer | Amos Studer & Mark Studer |
| Jerry & MaryJane Hick | Joseph & Mary Ann Hick |
| | Dewey & Catherine Renn |
| | Joseph Renn |

St. Peter's Additional Christmas Flower Memorials

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| Gift from: | In Honor/Memory of: |
| Carroll Dick | Dick & Glieden Families |
| Bill/Connie Moline | Larry/Gert O'Donnell & Carl/Hattie Moline |
| Jerry/lone Torborg | Torborg & Wieber Families |
| Diane Schmitz | Al/Mary Schmitz Family |
| Vince/Valeria Sturm | Joe Grams & Mike Plantenberg |
| Purves/Theresa Todd | Todd & Speltz Families |
| Greg/Ruth Rolek | Anna A Legatt |
| Gerald/Catherine Muntifering | Ray/Theresa Muntifering & Charles/Helen Wollmering |
| Alice Stern | Alcuin (Al) Stern |
| Byron/PegAnne Bjorklund | Lionel Spaniol & Roger Bjorklund |
| John/Sue Ebnet | George, Gen & Terry Rosenberger |
| Aldus/Gin Dahl | Deceased Family Members |
| Ray/Arlene Schmit | Schmit & Schultz Families |
| Scott/Meaghan Baynes | John Woods |
| Robert/Patricia Marrs | |
| Dean/Kimberly Walz | |
| Daniel/Sue Nugent | |
| Don/Barb Meyer | |



Parish Events and News

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.



St. Paul's Second Collection for January 2/3 will be divided between two pro-life organizations **New Beginnings** and **Birthline**. Please be generous.

Thank you from Catholic Charities Emergency Services: Food, Clothing and Financial Assistance to the Church of St. Peter for your parish cash gift of \$694.64 as well as many personal checks.



St. Peter's Christian Women

Cordially invite all area women to attend the 2nd annual

"Midwinter Gathering Among the Snowflakes"

Saturday, January 9th, 2010
Church of St. Peter

7:50 AM Rosary
8:15 AM Mass – Fr. Greg Lieser, Celebrant
9:30 AM Brunch by ShortStop Catering—Parish Center
10:30 AM Entertainment by Cathedral High School
Mini Singers, directed by James Lalley
Event proceeds to be donated to Birthline

Many thanks to all those who helped to make our Christmas liturgies so prayerful and beautiful this year! The liturgical ministers, musicians, those who assisted with setup or made contributions for the liturgical environment, and all who were present at the liturgies contributed greatly to the joyful celebrations of Christ's birth. Thank you!

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 4th 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