

# Epiphany



## OF THE LORD

January 8, 2012

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, 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 2:1-2

**Liturgy Intentions**

Mon, Jan 9	8:15 am SPE	Word/Communion Service
Tues, Jan 10	8:15 am SPE	Virginia O'Malley
	5:30 pm SPE	Adoration
Wed, Jan 11	8:15 am SPA	Monica Schleper
Thurs, Jan 12	8:15 am SPE	Mary Ann Gerads
Fri, Jan 13	8:15 am SPA	Kristen Turner
Sat, Jan 14	8:15 am SPE	Word/Communion Service
	4:30 pm SPA	For the People
Sun, Jan 15	7:30 am SPE	Deceased Members of the Al Schmitz Family
	9:00 am SPA	Beth Petroske
	10:30 am SPE	Florabel Rubald

**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 (12/25/11)**

Adult .....	\$3,334.50
Plate .....	\$960.50
Youth/Children.....	\$8.78
Electronic.....	\$1,769.25

**Total Regular Contributions ..... \$6,073.03**

Amount needed per Sunday to meet budget.... **\$10,963.60**

**Christmas ..... \$18,388.00**

**St. Peter (1/1/12)**

Adult .....	\$5,222.00
Plate .....	\$124.00
Youth/Children.....	\$0.00
Electronic.....	\$1,769.25

**Total Regular Contributions ..... \$7,115.25**

Amount needed per Sunday to meet budget.... **\$10,963.60**

Christmas ..... \$3,672.00

Flower Memorials ..... \$216.00

**Year End Contributions ..... \$3,850.00**

**St. Paul (12/25/11)**

Adult .....	\$9,914.50
Plate .....	\$0.00
Electronic.....	\$3,991.23

**Total Regular Contributions ..... \$13,905.73**

Amount needed per Sunday to meet budget.... **\$13,957.00**

**Christmas ..... \$40,581.50**

**Christmas Plate ..... \$736.00**

**Christmas Children ..... \$8.47**

Maintenance..... \$165.00

Christmas Flowers..... \$222.00

Religious Retirement..... \$35.00

Education Endowment ..... \$2,030.00

Faith Formation ..... \$35.00

**From Fr. Alan...**

Happy Feast of Epiphany! Our Minnesota Catholic Bishops have designated this Sunday as Statewide Immigration Sunday. *“As members of Christ’s Body we are called to advocate for immigration policies and enforcement practices that are humane, just, and serve the common good. Reform should include expanded opportunities to reunify families, a temporary worker program, and an earned legalization program for undocumented immigrants.”*

They have provided these **Minnesota Immigrant Facts** for our consideration:

- In 2008, 1.1 million people immigrated to the US. That same year, nearly 16,000 people immigrated to Minnesota: approximately 7,600 from Africa, 4,800 from Asia, 1,200 from Europe, 1,600 from North America and 563 from South America.
- In 1890, 40% of Minnesota’s population was foreign born. Today, 6.6% of Minnesota’s population is foreign born.
- Today’s immigrants leave their homes for the same reasons that many of Minnesota’s early immigrants did—persecution, oppression, family separation, poverty, drought, globalization, and increased population. Today’s immigrants also come to Minnesota for the same reasons that many of Minnesota’s early immigrants did—family reunification, higher wages, jobs, availability of land and social equality.
- Minnesota is home to the nation’s largest Somali population. Approximately 15,000 Somalis call Minnesota home. Minnesota is also home to the nation’s largest Oromo population, an ethnic group from Ethiopia. 20,000 Ethiopians live in Minnesota.
- Minnesota is home to the nation’s second largest Hmong population (California has the largest Hmong population and Wisconsin has the third largest.) Minnesota also has the nation’s second largest population of Tibetans. More than 60,000 Hmong and 2,500 Tibetans call Minnesota home.

More information can be found on related topics by going to the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)).

**St. Paul (1/1/12)**

Adult .....	\$6,037.00
Plate .....	\$268.00
Electronic .....	\$3,991.23

**Total Regular Contributions..... \$10,296.23**

Amount needed per Sunday to meet budget.... **\$13,957.00**

Christmas ..... \$5,030.00

Fall Fund ..... \$1,000.00

Religious Retirement..... \$40.00

Education Endowment ..... \$600.00

**Year End Contributions ..... \$11,413.00**

**Mass Intentions will remain at a \$5.00 offering. Please disregard last weekend’s notice!**

## Week At A Glance

### Monday, January 9

Fr. Alan will be gone this week on retreat.  
Fr. Al Stangl will be "on call".  
8:15 AM Word/Communion at St. Peter's

### Tuesday, January 10

8:15 AM Liturgy at St. Peter's  
1:00 PM Bible Study at St. Paul's  
6:30 PM Bible Study at St. Peter's

### Wednesday, January 11

8:15 AM Liturgy at St. Paul's  
6:30 PM Faith Formation at St. Paul's  
6:30 PM First Eucharist Preparation Mtg at St. Paul's

### Thursday, January 12

8:15 AM Liturgy at St. Peter's  
9:00 AM Bible Study at St. Paul's  
7:00 PM SPPM School Bd Mtg at St. Michael's

### Friday, January 13

8:15 AM Liturgy at St. Paul's

**Please welcome Fr. Bob Pierson OSB for our weekend liturgies.**

### Saturday, January 14

8:15 AM Word/Communion at St. Peter's  
4:30 PM Liturgy at St. Paul's

### Sunday, January 15

7:30 AM Liturgy at St. Peter's  
9:00 AM Liturgy at St. Paul's  
10:30 AM Liturgy at St. Peter's  
10:30 AM Sunday School

**Monday, January 16—MLK Day  
Parish Office and School Closed**

**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!**

**Place of Hope** sends a thank you to St. Paul's parishioners for your generous contribution of \$1,175. We cannot do what we do without all the generous donations from our supporters. Many lives are being helped on a daily basis here. Both us, and the community we serve appreciate you thinking of us. Pastor Geary and Pastor Carol Smith

## Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

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

**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 in December, this is due back to the Faith Formation office by January 10, please return it immediately if you have not yet done so. Your Sponsor form is due by January 30.

### KidSpirit is this Sunday!

**Who:** Children in Grades K-6

**What:** Basketball, Winter Themed Crafts, and Relay Races

**When:** Sunday Jan 8th- 1:30-3:30pm

**Where:** St. Peter's Parish Center

As in years past we will have a service project along with the fun. We will be collecting new and gently used winter wear - hats, mittens and scarves, or cash, to donate Catholic Charities.

**Hope to see you there! Bring along a friend to join in the fun!**

**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.



**St. Peter's Home Delivered Meals** will be February 13-24. Sign up sheets are available in the East entrance of church. Sign up early to get your favorite route. Any questions please call Tom Jacobs 252-0126.

**Catholic Charities** sends a thank you to St. Paul's parishioners for your contribution of 316 pounds of groceries. Your kindness touches the lives of others.

**Stewardship & Social Justice**

**Stewardship Message** — *“They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...” - Matthew 2:11*

Notice the distinct order of events in the Magi’s visit. First they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we presume to present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what gifts God might be asking us to share. But when we kneel before Him in prayer we will find the answer.

**Choose Life** — The following is the answer that Academy Award winning actress Patricia Neal gave to an interviewer who asked what, if anything, she would change in her life: “If there is one thing I wish I had the courage to do over in my life, **I wish I had the courage to have that baby (the child she aborted). Alone in the night for over 40 years I have cried for my child.**”



*May we recommit ourselves to secure justice for those whose right to life is not recognized, we pray.*

**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.

**Additional Christmas Flower Collection**

**Gifts from:**

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Phillip & Sarah Layne | Vioca Borman                |
| Dan & Elaine Cotton   | Jerome & Bernice Schoenborn |
| Todd & Dawn Tenvoorde | Norbert & Yvonne Marthaler  |
| Vern & Karen Arndt    | Leo Achter                  |
| Doug Boser            | Doris Evans                 |
| Kimmy Nguyen          | Lan Ly & lam Nguyen         |

**Gifts from**

Doris Reitmeier  
Marilyn Rubald

Jeanette Meyer

Sophia Urbanyi

Debbie & Todd Burns  
Betty Luckerth  
Jenny Otte  
Joanne & Robert Sterzinger  
Veronica Vasek

**In Memory of**

Agnes Schaan  
Quintin T. Rubald Sr., Hazel E. Rubald,  
Catherine M. Rubald  
John & Catherine Gacke, Roman Gacke  
Virgil & Jeanette Gacke,  
Richard Gacke, Marie Wiltgen  
Dr. Eugen & Maria Madgalena Urbanyi  
John & Maria Abkarovits  
Donald Burns  
Mark Johnson  
Elmer Otte, Jenny & Elmer Lies  
Sterzinger, Serre & Neman Families  
Ralph Vasek

**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: 7:00pm**

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>.

For the benefit of our parishioners who are shut-ins, staff members are experimenting with recording some Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies and placing them on the parish web site. Right now, the two masses from Christmas Day and the 7:30am mass from New Year’s Day are on the web site. You can find links to them on the web site’s home page and also on the weekly bulletin page. The web site is [www.saintpetes.org](http://www.saintpetes.org).



**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. 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.

We will be holding **Preschool Open House** on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 6:00 pm at the St. Cloud Campus. Please contact Sharon Bichler (St. Cloud) at 251-4737 for more information.

Sts. Peter, Paul and Michael School is hosting a **Wine Tasting Event** on Thursday, Feb. 2nd, at our Primary School. All proceeds will be used for technology enhancements. All adults (over 21) are invited to bring a friend and join us for this fun evening. Tickets are \$20 and available at either school office, after masses next weekend, or by calling 251-5295.

## 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.

**SISTER-PARISH BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER,** Sun., Jan. 29, 2012, 8:00-12:00 noon in St. Peter's cafeteria/gathering space. MENU: Belgian waffles with fresh fruit toppings, bacon, African coffee and tea, juice and milk. Adults: \$7.00, children (6-12): \$3.00, Under 6 are free. Authentic African items for sale!!

## Prayer Corner

**Please Pray For...** Bill Rice, Kathy Pflueger, 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).

**Thank You!** I would like to thank St. Peter's and St. Paul's for their generosity in supporting the AIDS orphanage in South Africa. I collected \$786.00. WOW! The essential supplies that we will be able to purchase will be so greatly appreciated. I look forward to updating both parishes upon my return. Thank you again for supporting the orphanage. Elizabeth Stocker

### SCSU SCHOLARSHIP for STUDENTS FROM ST. PETER'S PARISH

1. Must be active registered members of St. Peter's
  2. Must have a 2.5 or better GPA
  3. Must demonstrate financial need.
- Apply at the Parish Office for the Churches of St. Peter and St. Paul before Jan. 31st, 2012.

## 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