

Sunday, January 7, 2018

January 8 thru January 14

Monday, January 8 The Baptism of the Lord

5:30 PM Mass at St. Peter: + Al Wickman
SM: 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, January 9 Weekday

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary: + Tillie Brayton
SM: 9-10 am Adoration
SP: 8:45 am Mary Devotions

Wednesday, January 10 Weekday

8:30 am Mass at St. Peter: + Walter Hensel
SP: 9 am – noon Adoration
SP: 10:30 am Quilt Group

Thursday, January 11 Weekday

8:30 am Mass at St. Peter: + Thomas DeBlieck
SP: 9 am – 9 pm Adoration
SP: 7:00 pm Forester Meeting

Friday, January 12 Weekday

NO Mass

Saturday, Jan. 13 Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

4:15 PM Reconciliation at St. Peter
5:00 PM Mass at St. Peter: + Larry (Butch) Pachel

Sunday, Jan. 14 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM SP: Rosary to end abortion
9:00 AM Mass at St. Peter: + Scott Hrubsky
Children's Liturgy Ages 4 to 2nd Grade
SP: Team 3 Coffee & Rolls
SP: Knights of Columbus Meeting after Mass
11:00 AM Mass at St. Mary: For the People

Praying for Vocations

January 8 – January 14.....Luisa Regino
January 15 – January 21.....Art & Kathy Symanietz

E-Mail/Telephone Prayer Chain

If you have a request for needed prayers for yourself, family or friends,
please call (SP) Diane Schmitz at 732-4638 or
(SM) Theresa Keller at 237-2322

Ministers of Holy Communion visit the Catholic
Residents of **Heritage Living Center Complex and
Diamond Willow** on Sunday Mornings.

January 7: Austin
January 14: Schmitz

Care Age Facility: Deacon John Zinniel on Fridays
If you can help with Homebound Communion, please
call the Parish office at 732-5142.

St. Peter the Apostle

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES: St. Peter's

SATURDAY: January 13

5:00 P.M. Servers **Volunteers Needed**
Lector.....Theresa Keller
Accompanist.....Ann Flick
Cantor.....Deb Massie
Usher Capt.....Volunteer

SUNDAY: January 14

9:00 A. M. Servers **Volunteers Needed**
Lector.....Carol Winters
AccompanistAnnette Haas
Cantor.....Annette Haas
Usher Capt.....Steve Schauer

St Peter's

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Collection for December 30 & 31

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,531.00
Loose Plate	394.20
Visitor Checks	1,430.00
Other	784.42
Weekly Total	5,139.62
Building Fund.....	300.00
Cemetery.....	537.00

If you have any questions, please see Father Tom

'Direct Deposit' Sunday Offering

'Direct Deposit' is a **safe and secure** way to submit your Sunday offering and support St. Peter's during the many **out of town weekends** that families take! Contact Faye Wermerskirchen in the parish office for information!

Contributions using a credit card are also available.

Stewardship

"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - Matthew 2:11

Notice the 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 present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

2018 Calendars are here. Please take one home.

Community Meal on January 16 – Sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space. Our parish is asked to provide 10 jello desserts. Help is needed to set up and clean up.

St. Peter's Knights of Columbus will meet after Mass on Jan. 14.

Today, is Immigration Sunday. Pope Francis has asked for prayers for all refugees in the world. Many are fleeing religious persecution. Many are fleeing from drug war violence. Even the holy family had to flee for Egypt to avoid Jesus being killed by King Herod the Great. For more information go to: mncatholic.org/advocacyarea/immigration-sunday-mn/

St. Mary's – Two Inlets

Ministries for Sunday, January 14

LECTOR	Susan Wolters
COMM DIST	Audrey Eischens, Ann Lempola Volunteer
ALTAR SERVER	Brent Ohm
USHERS	Jim & Rose Higgins
GIFTS	Jim & Rose Higgins
SACRISTAN	Audrey Eischens

St. Mary's Collection, December 25 & 31

Christmas Envelopes	\$890.00	25 th Loose Plate	\$628.00
Adult Envelopes	\$925.00	Loose Plate	\$900.06
Solemnity of Mary	\$55.00		
Total Collection	\$3,398.06		

Direct Deposit is available at St. Mary's. Contact Lynn for details.

There will be **Adoration** on Tuesdays after weekday Mass. If there is no Mass, there will not be Adoration.

Soup & Sandwich Brunch St. Mary's will be having brunch the third Sunday of each month. The ladies serving January 21 are: Susan Wolters, Jodi Sunram, Winnie Thelen, Julie Pfeifer, Stephanie Bozovsky, Rachel Thelen, and Amber Sunram.

Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, January 8 at 7:30 pm in the church basement.

Liturgical Participation sign-up sheets for January 22 to May 6 are in the back of the church. Please consider helping with any of these ministries. Take a moment to note your availability. Thank you for your dedication.

Happy Birthday wishes to Gerald Paquin who will be 93 years young on January 8 and Sadella Herfritz will be 96 years young on January 11. May God bless you on your special day.

Weather Policy During the school year the parishes will follow the lead of the Park Rapids School system in determining the cancellation of parish activities during the week (Monday – Thursday). You may also telephone the parish office to access any announcements (option 3) regarding cancellation of activities. Notifications will be sent out on our parish app (smart phone required). Group “calling trees” may be used.

Thank you to our secret Santa (I would say secret saint) for the most generous gift! It made our Christmas! May God bless you!
Love, Robbie & Theresa Keller

St. Joseph's Health Auxiliary Annual Chicken Dinner
Friday, January 19 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm
American Legion

All proceeds are used within CHI St. Joseph's Health to enhance patient's comfort and healing

Fr. Tom's Desk

I am looking for volunteers from St. Mary's and St. Peter's to attend the Diocesan Annual Appeal kickoff dinner with myself on February 1 in Crookston.

Oil for your Lamp

Today's celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord is once again the very proof we need of how Christ expects us to accept him. Mary and Joseph did not take Jesus out to find the Magi, but the Magi came seeking him. Since his birth, Christ has always been waiting for others to come to him. He has never forced himself on others. His call to the Apostles “Come follow me”, again is pure invitation. In our prayer life we have to ask for the things we want; I have yet to hear of anybody say that Jesus forced an answered prayer, or miracle, upon them. The Magi experienced a conversion when they came upon Jesus, in complete awe and wonder they approached with their gifts. May we also experience that same conversion as we approach Jesus with our hands open ready to receive him into our body that we may become one with him. May the Eucharist you receive be the catalyst that brightens the lamp which lights your way back to the Christ each and every week.

*“To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it.”
(Saint Teresa of Kolkata)*

In the peace of Christ . . . *Deacon John Zinniel*

VISITORS FROM THE EAST

Epiphany of the Lord

Have you ever wondered what ever became of the magi, those mysterious visitors from the East who followed a star to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn Son of God? They are mentioned only in Matthew's gospel. Luke has shepherds; John and Mark have no infancy narrative at all. What happened to them? Did they simply return to their homes by another way and disappear into history? One ancient writer tells us that the three magi, known to us as Balthasar, Melchior and Gaspar, converted to Christianity and having undergone many trials and fatigues for the Gospel, they met at Sewa (Sebaste in Armenia) in AD 54 to celebrate the feast of Christmas. Thereupon, after the celebration of Mass, they died: St. Melchior on January 1st, aged 116; St. Balthasar on January 6th, aged 112; and St. Gaspar on January 11th, aged 109.
Deacon Michael E. Bulson

BAKELESS BAKE SALE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP!

Park Rapids now has an MCCL (Minnesota Citizens Concerned For Life) chapter. The purpose for raising these funds is to pay the advertising for the 2018 Fifth Annual March for Life on January 20th. You can make your check payable to the Park Rapids MCCL Chapter & send it to our treasurer, Luisa Regino, 700 Front Ave, Park Rapids. If questions, call Rita Boyce, Chair, 573-3174, or Ellie Wattenhofer, Co-Chair, 732-8814. Thank you for your help.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - YOUTH MINISTRY

Annette Haas Office: 732-5142

CELL NUMBER: 218-616-2404

My Email address is: annette@arvig.net

Our **evening classes** are Wednesday evenings at 7pm for grades 7-11. The Youth Room is open after school and supper will be served from 5:30-6:30. High school seniors, you are invited to join us also!

Students who are interested in the **Steubenville Conference** please get back to me as soon as possible so that I can get our registrations taken care of.

Students in grades 10, 11 & 12 and adults. Have you ever been on a **TEC weekend**? Go to agassizvalleytec.com and sign up for one of the upcoming weekends. The February weekend is Presidents weekend, February 17-19 and will be held in Moorhead. The March weekend is March 10-12 at Sand Hill Lake in Fosston. Any questions talk to me.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WHEELCHAIRS

The St. Mary's and St. Peter's Knights of Columbus Councils have wheelchairs that can be loaned to any community member who is in need. Returning a chair after the need is passed, guarantees that we can loan it to someone else in need. If you know anyone who could use one, (short or long term) please contact Ed Decker 732-8774 or Deacon John Zinniel 732-5142 for access to a wheel chair.

“Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands.” As we begin the new year, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. The next Weekends are Feb 2-4, 2018 in Hermantown, MN and Apr 13-15, 2018 in Baxter, MN. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.

Christ the King Retreat Center Buffalo, Minnesota

Men's Silent Weekend Retreat, Theme: Take Courage!,

January 19-21, King's House Preaching Team

Women's Silent Weekend Retreat, Theme: Take Courage!,

January 26-28, King's House Preaching Team

Men's Silent Weekend Retreat with Deacon Thom Winner,

Theme: Discovering God's Gift Within You!, February 2-4

Directed Retreat, February 5-9, Presented by Members of the King's House Preaching Team

Women's Silent Lenten Midweek Retreat, Theme: "Take Courage!", King's House Preaching Team

Lenten Day of Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina, February 21, Presented by Fr. James Deegan, OMI and Sr. Brenda Rose Szegedy, OSF

Faith, Wellness, and You

Taking care of yourself is one of the most important things you can do as a caregiver. Finding some time for regular exercise can be very important to your overall physical and mental well-being. Physical activity can increase your energy level, reduce feelings of depression, maintain and improve your physical strength, and manage or prevent chronic diseases and conditions like diabetes, heart disease, and osteoporosis. Some ways for caregivers to be physically active include: taking exercise breaks throughout the day, making an appointment with yourself to exercise, exercising with a friend, and asking for help at home so you can exercise.

Did you know...? Picking an activity you really enjoy, makes exercise something you want to do, not have to do. You can contact your parish nurse at: Diane: 218-255-1270 and Tiffany at 218-252-8227.

Falling and the potential for falling is a real concern among older adults and their families. A Matter of Balance is an eight week class designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. Classes meet on Tuesdays from 10 am – Noon beginning January 16 at CHI St. Joseph. Cost is \$20 for the entire program. For more information or to register please call (218) 616-3000 or email KrystalZigmund@catholichealth.net

NEED A RETREAT? What a great time of year to take care of your spiritual health! Many in our parish have attended **Cursillo** weekends over the years and give great testimony to the power of such weekends. **Cursillo** is pronounced KER-SEE-O meaning - short course in Christianity. Weekends are being offered at Sand Hill Bible Camp, just south of Fosston. The weekends include quiet time, inspirational talks, and most importantly, time to be with Jesus without the many distractions of daily life. Grow closer to Jesus by taking the time to join us. HE will bless your sacrifice of time for HIM. The weekend starts Thursday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. The Men's will be held February 22-25, 2018 and the Women's will be March 15-18, 2018. Contact Carol Olsonawski (218-689-9081) or Bobbi Mercil (701-866-5706) for more information. Applications can be printed at crookstoncursillo.weebly.com or picked up at your parish office.

Kinship

Add goodness to your life. Become a Kinship Mentor. Individuals, Couples and Families with children can mentor a youth. Visit kinshipparkrapids.org to learn more. Call 732-0058 to inquire. Complete an application to enrich your life and make a big difference to a child or youth.