

Sunday, February 18 2018

February 19 thru February 25

Monday, February 19 Weekday

NO Mass at St. Peter

Fr. Tom gone all week

Tuesday, February 20 Weekday

NO Mass at St. Mary

SM: NO Adoration

SP: 8:45 am Mary Devotions

SP: 5:30 pm Community Meal

SP: 6:00 pm 1st Reconciliation Class

Wednesday, February 21 St. Peter Damian

NO Mass at St. Peter

SP: 9 am – noon Adoration

Thurs., Feb. 22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

NO Mass at St. Peter

SP: 9 am – 9 pm Adoration

SM: 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 23 St. Polycarp

NO Mass

SP: 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Day of Abstinence

Saturday, Feb. 24 Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:15 PM Reconciliation at St. Peter

5:00 PM Mass at St. Peter: + Katherine Menge

Sunday, February 25 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM SP: Rosary to end abortion

9:00 AM Mass at St. Peter: For the People

Children's Liturgy Ages 4 to 2nd Grade

SP: Knights of Columbus Coffee & Rolls

11:00 AM Mass at St. Mary: + Mathilda Brayton

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

February 18: Schmitz

February 25: McCollum

Care Age Facility: Deacon John Zinniel on Fridays

If you can help with Homebound Communion, please call the Parish office at 732-5142.

Praying for Vocations

Feb. 19 – Feb. 25....Ray, Ellie & Alex Wattenhofer

February 26 – March 4..... Roman & Joy Horejsi

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

St. Peter the Apostle

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES: St. Peter's

SATURDAY: February 24

5:00 P.M. Servers **Volunteers Needed**
Lector.....Sandy Aldrich
Accompanist.....Amy Yerkes
Cantor.....Annette Haas
Usher Capt.....Cathy Hensel

SUNDAY: February 25

9:00 A. M. Servers **Volunteers Needed**
Lector.....Knights of Columbus
AccompanistAmy Yerkes
Cantor.....Cathryn Neumayer
Usher Capt.....Ron Ahmann

St Peter's

PARISH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Collection for February 10 & 11

Adult Envelopes	\$ 6,076.00
Loose Plate	319.72
Visitor Checks	407.00
Other	1,477.02
Weekly Total	8,279.74
Haiti.....	116.00
Black & Indian Mission.....	65.00
Seminarian Burse.....	82.00

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

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming? It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

St. Peter's Contribution statements are ready to be picked up in the Gathering Space. Thank you.

St. Peter's Lectors If anyone would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Mary Garlie at 218-366-1010 or mgar@unitelc.com.

Community meal February 20-Sign up sheet is in the Gathering Space. Our parish is asked to provide 8 pans of bars for dessert. Help is needed to set up and clean up.

St. Mary's – Two Inlets

Ministries for Sunday, February 25

<u>LECTOR</u>	Cheryl Larson Krystosek
<u>COMM DIST</u>	Greg & Ann Lempola Audrey Eischens
<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>	Jenna Meier
<u>USHERS</u>	Jim & Rose Higgins
<u>GIFTS</u>	Jim & Rose Higgins
<u>SACRISTAN</u>	Audrey Eischens

St. Mary's Collection, February 11

Adult Envelopes	\$665.00	Loose Plate	\$115.00
Maintenance Fund	\$20.00		
Total Collection	\$800.00		
Haiti	\$20.00		

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 today are: Colleen Nelson, Pam Scholz, Audrey Eischens, Lillian Schmaus, Danielle Folkers, and Julie Zilka.

We welcome into the community of the church through the waters of Baptism, Nolan Daniel Folkers, son of Andrew and Danielle. May he walk always as a child of the light.

Guild will meet February 26 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Mother's Day Flowers – Spring is really coming-we just have to be patient. Flying W is taking pre-orders for the Mother's Day flowers. The flowers will be delivered on Mother's Day in full bloom and ready to greet spring. All proceeds will go to the Haiti project. Contact Teresa at 218-255-1244 to place orders or after church March 18.

Contribution statements for 2017 can be picked up in the back of the church.

St. Mary's Budget Report

	January 2018	Year to Date
Income	\$6,091.78	\$57,921.88
Expense	\$8,499.75	\$51,365.92
Balance	(\$2,407.97)	\$6,555.96

Valentine's Dinner-Haiti Fundraiser

"Thank you to all who made our Haiti Mission Valentine's Dinner a success! For all of you who donated silent auction items, supplies, groceries, musical talents, and your time; our committee appreciates it! And for those who attended the dinner and bid on our silent auction items, thank you! Our net proceeds are \$1,908.08. Also for keeping our mission in your prayers as we continue to support the education of the students of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Baudin, Haiti."

Fr. Tom's Desk

"Be holy as your heavenly Father is holy." These words of the Divine Savior are his instructions to his disciples of how our hearts and minds and actions are to be shaped. As we begin our lenten season we are invited by Jesus to "*Repent and believe in the gospel*" These words of Jesus himself, as recorded in the gospel of Mark, are his invitation to us to journey with him during these forty days toward his cross. Lent is our spiritual journey toward Calvary where we are washed free of our sins in the blood of the Lamb. And along the way we readjust ourselves (through the disciplines of fasting, alms-giving and prayer, to participate more fully in God's holiness. A BLESSED LENT TO ALL!

This year the donations collected in our "penny" jars placed in front of the altars are directed to our sister parishes in Haiti. Hopefully your lenten sacrifices will help provide needed meals and education to the children of our sister schools.

I am on vacation this week celebrating my 25th Anniversary and 65th Birthday with a fifth of Tequila on the beach in Cancun, Mexico.

Oil for your Lamp

We have begun the Season of Lent. A time of preparation for the Great Feast of Easter! As we prepare for this Feast often we look back at the past...because many of us still have last year's palms hanging in a place of prominence. As Fr. Tom has mentioned in the past I have collected the old palms and burned them, crushed the ashes to a fine powder and they are used for the Ash Wed. services the following years. This year for the second in a row, St. Joseph's hospital chaplain (Luke) asked me to come and do a prayer service with ashes. The service was open to all staff members and afterwards Luke and I went room to room offering the ashes, and/or prayers to the patients. Some were agreeable to receive the ashes others not. What many of our brothers and sisters in Christ fail to remember is their own mortality; that is until they are incapacitated in a hospital bed. Jesus the Divine Physician offers his healing to all who call on his name, yet why is it that when a simple reminder of our mortality is offered in the sign of ashes many refuse? Something to consider as we journey through this wonder filled season, why not bring your old palms in for "recycling"? As you do so, consider the three things Jesus asks us to do during Lent...

"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*

Any man interested in joining the **Knights of Columbus** please contact any area Knight, or Jake DeBlieck 218-929-0714 for St. Peter's OR Jim Higgins 218-699-3241 for St. Mary's OR Deacon John at 218-732-5142. Men aged 18 and older who are practicing Catholics are welcome to join. There will be an initiation on Sat. March 3rd for any interested candidates. You must sign up ahead of time!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - YOUTH MINISTRY

Annette Haas Office: 732-5142

CELL NUMBER: 218-616-2404

My Email address is: annette@arvig.net

A big thank you to our parish communities for the support!

SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION, held on the weekend of the Super Bowl, gathered a total of \$847.24 from St. Peter's and St. Mary's. This money will be distributed to our local Food Shelves. Lent is a great time to continue to serve and share with the Food Shelf and many other worthwhile causes. There are shopping bags available if you choose to give items to the food shelf. Money is always appreciated as they can purchase in bulk.

THANK YOU for all who came to the Valentine Waffle Breakfast last Sunday. A total of \$876 came in before our grocery expenses. Thank you for your support of the youth ministry program. This helps us to keep tuition down for some of the great "extra activities" that we might not otherwise be able to afford.

Please keep in prayer all those who will be attending **TEC** retreats this weekend.

Retreat Opportunities:

Students in grades 10, 11 & 12. Chosen Confirmation Retreat – March 3 & 4, Hosted by Annette Haas and a retreat team at Northern Pines Camp in Park Rapids. You can come again even if you have attended before and even if you are already confirmed.

Students in grades 10, 11 & 12 and older: Have you ever been on a TEC weekend? Go to agassizvalleytec.com and sign up for one of the upcoming weekends. The March weekend is March 10-12 at Sand Hill Lake in Fosston. Any questions talk to me.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY! Sunday, March 18 in Bemidji Grades 6-8. Letters went in the mail to your family with information and registration papers. Please get back to me by March 7 so that I can plan chaperones and transportation! The cost is \$40 per person.

Saint John Paul 2 Middle School Camp for students going into grades 7-9 next year. Camp 1 (July 8-12) is full. Camp 2 (July 15-19) has spots available for now. For more information and to register go to: www.crookston.org/JP2camp. If you need help with tuition please talk to me.

Upcoming dates:

Tuesdays, February 20 to May 1 - 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion preparation classes

February 17-19 – TEC weekend in Moorhead

March 3 & 4 – Chosen Confirmation Retreat, Northern Pines Camp, Park Rapids

March 10-12 – TEC weekend in Fosston

Park Rapids Figure Skating Club presents:
"Musicals on Ice". Sat. Feb. 24 at 7:00 pm and Sun.
Feb 25 at 2:00 pm at the Ted O Johnson Arena in
Park Rapids. Adults \$6 and children \$4

Faith, Wellness, and You

Remember Blood pressure checks are the first Sunday of month after Mass at St. Peter's and the third Sunday at Soup and Sandwich at St. Mary's.

You can contact your parish nurse at: Diane: 218-255-1270 and Tiffany at 218-252-8227.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

We are pleased to announce the beginning of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. The Diocesan goal for the Appeal has been raised for the first time in three years by \$10,000 and is now \$900,000. This goal is shared and pro-rated among our 66 parishes based on the prior year's offertory. St. Peter's parish goal for 2018 is \$27,996, and St. Mary's parish goal for 2018 is \$5,991. You will each receive an Annual Appeal letter from Bishop Hoepfner at home in your mailbox. Enclosed will be a brochure that outlines how DAA funds are spent during the year. Envelopes and prayer cards are available here in our own parish. Please pray about a gift to the Annual Appeal. It feels great to support the work of the Church! Check out our website at www.crookston.org/daa to see what a wonderful impact your gift will make. Prayer request cards are enclosed in all the mailings from Bishop Hoepfner. Whether or not you are able to make a gift, Bishop asks that you mail in your prayer requests so that he and his staff can pray for your intentions at daily Mass. If you choose to make an online or sustaining gift with a credit card or checking account, just scan the icon below and it will take you to our donation web page.



Special Collection-Black & Indian Missions

Today, our parish will take up the 134th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast, (including our diocese). Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

Sacred Heart School in East Grand Forks, MN is seeking an Elementary Education Kindergarten teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Please send letter of interest, resume, three letters of reference, college transcripts and a copy of teaching license to Jodi Vanderheiden, Principal, Sacred Heart Catholic School, 200 Third Street NW, East Grand Forks MN 56721 or email jvanderheiden@sacredheartefg.net. Telephone: 218-773-0230.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year, St. Peter's and St. Mary's have the honor to host the annual World Day of Prayer celebration. It will be held at St. Peter's on Friday, March 2 at 1:00 pm. This event is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christians of many traditions who come together every year to observe a common day of prayer.

People in 170 countries will participate in the service which has been written by the Christian women of Suriname. They have chosen the theme "ALL God's Creation is Very Good". You will learn more about Suriname through a power point, readings and song.

Following the service, refreshments and fellowship will be held in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this service. Come and bring a friend or two.

Volunteers are needed from St. Mary's and St. Peter's parishes to read for World day of Prayer on March 2. We would like 3 people from each parish. Please call the parish office 732-5142 or 732-4046 to help with this event.

Don't Give up Chocolate for Lent

Instead, take a 40 day journey to become the best version of yourself. Join our parish for Best Lent Ever, a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. You will receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips for your everyday life, and real-life stories to encourage in your journey. All you have to do is sign up at www.DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent.

Cursillo

Weekends are at Sand Hill Bible Camp, just south of Fosston. 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. The Women's will be March 15-18.** 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.

Happy Birthday wishes to Jane Von Hagen who will be 98 years young on February 23. May God bless you on your special day.

LOVED THE WEDDING. INVITE ME TO THE MARRIAGE. LOVE, GOD

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can help you do that! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones — where married couples can focus just on each other. The next available **Weekends** are Apr 13-15, 2018 in Baxter, MN and Sep 14-16, 2018 in Alexandria, MN.

Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Alan & Missy at applications@northmnwwme.org or 888-455-3496.

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 wheelchair.

Season of Lent

Observance of Fasting and Abstinence

Observe the days of FAST which are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. (Ages 18-59) This means to refrain from eating and has been defined as that our three meals combined are less food than what we would normally consume at our largest meal of the day and no in-between snacking. One is also "exempt" from fasting due to medical conditions. If one is physically able to observe fasting that person should consider seriously doing it. Observe the Fridays of Lent as days of ABSTINENCE. (Ages 14 – death) This is the custom of not eating meat (meat defined as the flesh of warm-blooded animals). Fish has always been a great substitute for meat. However one must contemplate whether crab, lobster and other expensive seafood really fulfill the intent of this discipline. Abstinence invites us to practice *simplicity* in our lives. There are many meatless meals that satisfy hunger.

In the Words of Saint Mother Teresa...

"We all have the duty to serve God where we are called to do so. I feel called to serve individuals, to love each human being. My calling is not to judge the institutions. I am not qualified to condemn anyone. I never think in terms of a crowd, but of individual persons. If I thought in terms of crowds, I would never begin my work. I believe in the personal touch of one to one. If others are convinced that God wants them to change social structures, that is a matter for them to take up with God."