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JANUARY 2023

*Feed your Faith - and your
fears will starve to death.*



Jan 8 - Faith Formation 9:00-10:30am
Jan 8 - St. Anne's & KC's Meeting at
9:00am
Jan 8 - Spanish Mass at 2:00pm
Jan 11 - Encounter Youth Group - 6:30-8pm
Jan 12 - Finance Council Meeting at 6:00pm
Jan 15 - Faith Formation 9:00-10:30am
Jan 22 - Faith Formation 9:00-10:30am
Jan 29 - KCs Rosary at 10:00am
Jan 29 - KCs Meal after Mass
Feb 5 - NO Faith Formation Classes

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Lord, at the beginning of this New Year, I remember that you are a God of beginnings and endings. You created the world, with all its eternal patterns. Winter begins in frost, and ends in Spring's thaw. Spring begins in new, green life, ending in Summer's heat. Summer begins in sunshine, and ends in Autumn's breezes. And Autumn's color leads to the white of Winter again. As another year ends and begins in our lives, help us to remember that you have made a world of cycles. When fortune turns to trials, or hardship turns to joy, help me take delight in the life I've received from you. Remind me that I will one day pass from this world and enter a new life like those who've gone before me. Amen.



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

SS. Peter & Paul, Weyauwega
New Year's Eve, December 31 at 4:30pm
New Year's Day, January 1 at 10:30am

Sacred Heart, Manawa
New Year's Day, January 1 at 8:00am

Dear Parishioners,

As we move into the New Year, I hope you have been able to enjoy some special time with your loved ones! I'm sure we are all familiar with New Year's resolutions, and perhaps you have some of your own. Might I suggest a few ideas?

1. Deepen your Marian devotion. Pray the Angelus at several moments throughout the day, (9am, noon, and 6pm). Pray a rosary, or a decade of the rosary every day.
2. Make more time for spiritual

reading. We as a culture are absorbed by news/internet content, which often disturbs our sense of peace. Consider something that truly feeds your soul, the writing, or biographies of the saints.

3. **Bible in a Year, or Catechism in a Year.** Follow along with Fr. Mike Schmitz as you uncover the deeper mysteries of the Catholic faith, or of Scriptures in a way that is relevant, timely, and applicable to your life. (*you can find more details about these later in the newsletter*)

4. Commit to monthly confession. The saints teach that regu-

lar confession is one of the **essentials** to growth in holiness.

Whatever you decide upon, the key is to **make room for God** in your life. Seek intimacy with the One who created you, and watch as your life is transformed, and you become more of the person you were made to be! Now that sounds like something worth trying!

Gratefully

- Fr. Matthew





The Board of Directors of the Weymont Food Pantry, Inc. would like to thank all of our volunteers who have worked so diligently throughout the year 2022. Also a big thanks to all who have donated food and cash donations. The pantry survives with the support we received from all of you and our whole community. **THANK YOU!**

Encounter Youth Group

We will be meeting **Wednesday, January 11** at 6:30pm. All 6th -12th grade students are invited for a fun and inspirational evening of games, snacks, connecting with others, a talk, discussion and prayers. Invite your friends of all faiths. All are welcome!

KC'S NEWS

On Sunday, January 29th, the Knights of Columbus will be leading the Rosary before Mass and will be providing a meal after Mass for everyone to attend and enjoy fellowship.

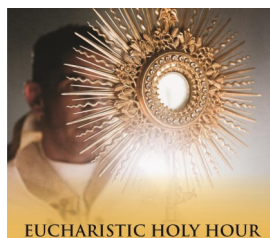


La Misa en Español

8 de enero de 2023

Diocesan Holy Hour

Thursday, Jan 19th
after the 9:00am Mass.
A great opportunity for
adoration & confession!



If you know of someone in need of prayers, or you would like to be a Prayer Warrior (on the prayer chain) Call the church office at 920.867.2179

To have someone (or yourself) remembered in prayer during General Mass Petitions, sign the book on the narthex stand.



WEYAUWEGA-FREMONT GIVING TREE

The Weyauwega-Fremont Christmas Giving Tree would like to thank all the Parish members who donated money, took a tag and purchased presents for all the families. We helped 39 families this year with a box of food, gift cards and presents! This included 49 children who will now have presents to open and 69 adults.

Thanks to the Knights for helping, the Confirmation Kids who gave their time as part of the service for the church, two special Elves who went shopping and got all the presents for the kids in the bags. With all your help it went quite smooth! Thanks to Carol for the meal we had, and for Kelly for helping to keep things going.

I hope all of you had a Blessed Christmas, and 2023 will be great for all of you and your families.

God Bless, Santa

Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church Financial Statement

November 2022

Nov-22

Statement of Activity

Revenue

Church Support
Liturgy and Worship
Other Revenue
Faith Formation
Fundraising
PPP Loan Forgiveness
Total Revenue

Operating Expenses

Salaries and Wages
Payroll Taxes, Insurance Benefits
Liturgy and Worship
Pastoral Care and Outreach
Faith Formation
Buildings and Grounds
General Office
Diocesan Assessment
Other Payments+CapEx
Total Payments

Restricted Donation Revenue
Restricted Donation Expense

Net Excess(Deficit)

1,638



STEUBENVILLE CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

"Come to Me all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28

Encounter God and seek refuge in Him through inspiring
talks, praise and worship, the sacraments, games and hang-
ing out with thousands of other Catholic Teens. (More info.
at StuebenvilleConferences.com/youth)

When: July 28-30, 2022 (Fri-Sun)

Where: St. Paul, MN

Cost: \$50 (due with registration)

Register: Contact Steph Hansen at
920-277-8844 for a registra-
tion form.



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, JANUARY 2nd
The Parish Office will be closed
January 2nd for New Years.

We are in the process of updating our files. Please let
the church know if you have an email address that we
could sent you updates, and if you don't have your
landline phone anymore
please give us your cell
number so we can
contact you.



You can now find SS
Peter and Paul Church
on AmazonSmile — **amazon smile**
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Amazon will automati-
cally donate a portion of your purchase to the
church, visit the website to find out more details!
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-6049777>

2023 Faith Formation Calendar

January						
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29	30	31				

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May						
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

	No Class
	Class
	Holy Day or special Mass
	Encounter Youth Group

**Jan. 8 NOTE: Classes
because no class Jan. 1**

**Note Change in normal
schedule: No class Feb.
5, classes Feb. 12 (2nd
Sunday)**

***Feb. 19 Retreat for gr.
7-12 (9 am-5 pm),
Normal classes for gr. 1-6**

**Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday
Mass**

**NOTE: March youth
group switched to 3rd
Wed. of the month**

**Mar. 17 Feast of
St. Patrick**

**April 6 Holy Thursday
April 7 Good Friday
April 8 Holy Saturday
April 9 Easter Sunday
April 16 Divine Mercy
Sunday (party after
Mass)**

**April 23 First
Communion (tentative)**

**April 30 - Confirmation
Ceremony - 3:30 at St.
Mary Magdelene Parish**

**NOTE: May Youth group
switched to first Wed. of
the month**

May 7 - Last Class. Meal

Join us in a great New Year's resolution that will change your life – let's read the entire Bible in a year!

Ss Peter & Paul is excited to invite our parishioners and friends to join us in reading the entire Bible together using **"The Bible in a Year"** podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz beginning **January 1, 2023**.

By listening to this podcast, we will:

- Read the entire Bible in 365 days
- Understand the story of Salvation
- Experience the transformative power of God's Word in your life

Scan the QR Code with your smart phone's camera to access all the information on Bible in a Year!

Each of the daily episodes are about 20-25 minutes long, making it easy to listen for your own personal listening, with your family, or with a small group.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today!



ANOTHER AMAZING OPPORTUNITY!!

Join us in a great New Year's resolution that will change your life – let's read the entire Catechism in a year!

We are also excited to invite our parishioners and friends to join us in reading the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church together using **"The Catechism in a Year"** podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz beginning **January 1, 2023**.

By listening to this podcast, we will:

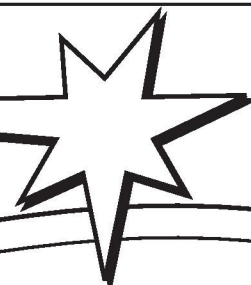
- Read the entire Catechism in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- Transform our relationship with the Church that Christ founded

Scan the QR Code with your smart phone's camera to access all the information on Catechism in a Year!

Each of the daily episodes will be about 15-20 minutes long, making it easy to listen for your own personal listening, with your family, or with a small group.



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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

January 2023

S.S. Peter & Paul and Sacred Heart Parishes



Thoughtful Moments

The Church is family

The Catholic Church is more than just a building or an organization. The Church is a family we join at Baptism and to which we belong forever. Wherever our children go in their lives, they can always come home. Keep them close to the Church as they grow. Remind them often that every Catholic church is their home, and the parish is their family.



Kindness

In today's busy world, showing kindness to others can make a big impact. Remember how good it felt the last time someone showed you an unexpected kindness? Look for ways to show kindness, even when it's unexpected. You can make a difference with a simple act, like holding the door for the person behind you, taking a moment to talk to a lovely stranger, or offering up prayers for people who need them.

"Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels"
(Hebrews 13:2).



Build a Christ-centered home

A Christ-centered home is one in which, "Christ is the Head of this house, the unseen guest at every meal, the silent listener to every conversation." His presence is always felt. Knowing Jesus and following Him are key to living joyful, fulfilling lives in this world and being happy with Him in the next. As a family, make your top New Year's resolution to center your home on Christ.

Joy – Different than happiness, joy comes from understanding that our welfare lies in Jesus' hands alone. Teach children to give all their concerns to Him. No circumstance can rob us of our joy if we truly believe we belong to Christ.

Grace – Our homes must be safe places filled with love. Family members

need to know that love, not perfection, is the point of the family and that mistakes aren't fatal. Children will encounter hostility, judgment, antagonism, and criticism

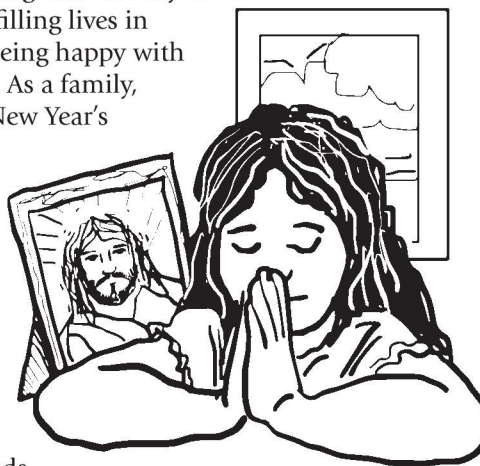
out in the world. A Christian home should be a place of comfort, rest, and healing.

Service – Jesus will give us everything we need. Sometimes, he uses other people to deliver His gifts.

Christ-centered families place all that they have at His disposal and

pitch in with an attitude of service and selflessness.

Worship – Homes centered on Christ make Scripture, prayer, and God's will top priority. Nothing comes before Mass and Sacraments.



Why Do Catholics Do That ?

"Christ" is not Jesus' last name. In fact, it is a title from the Greek *Christos*, meaning, "anointed one." It refers to an ancient Jewish tradition of anointing a new king with oil.

For Jesus, calling him, "Christ," affirms that His

Why do Catholics call Jesus "Christ"?



Lordship includes all of creation and points to His mission as the Savior and the promised Messiah of the Jews. By recognizing Him as "Christ," Christians affirm they're under His kingship and that they owe their final loyalty to Him.

Forming good habits

Forming responsible, independent children into responsible, independent adults involves encouraging good habits early. Try these tips to help your youngsters become thoughtful, independent, and wise:

Thoughtful: When the situation allows, explain in age-appropriate ways why you want your youngster to perform particular tasks, such as, "Eat your vegetables so the nutrients will help you grow healthy and strong." Giving them explanations can help them make thoughtful choices later.

Independent: Let children be part of keeping



the household running well. Set predictable routines and apportion chores to each person in the home. Encourage youngsters to take responsibility for their chores without having to be reminded. Make a checklist and assign the task of checking off daily duties when complete. Reward success with praise.

Wise: Wisdom often comes from experience. Make your home a place where it is safe to learn from mistakes. Encourage youngsters to come to you when they have erred. Explain what went wrong and work to identify steps to make it right. Help them learn from the experience.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12a, The pathway to happiness

When God created us, He put into our hearts the desire to be happy (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1718). In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus pointed out the path for happiness and gave us a compass we can use to navigate our way. Our path to happiness lies in surrendering to God's will and trusting in Him.

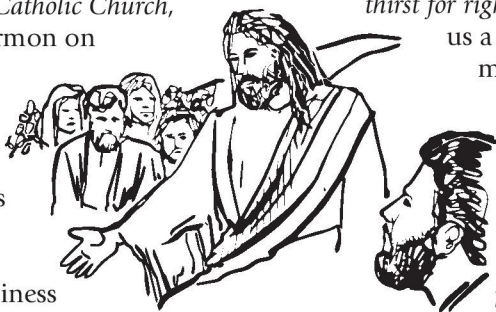
When Jesus said, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit, they who mourn*," He promised that when we turn to God in times of trial, we will be comforted and cared for. When He referred to "*the meek, the*

merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness," He gave us a compass. We can measure our

behavior against these standards to see if we are on the right path to happiness.

What can a parent do? Read the Sermon on the

Mount with your children and help them compare their behavior against its standards. Teach them to see that Jesus gave us these guidelines to help us be happy on Earth and eventually get to Heaven.



Feasts & Celebrations

January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1821). An American, St. Elizabeth became Catholic after her husband died. She founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, a teaching order that established affordable schools.

January 9 - Baptism of the Lord (1st Century). Jesus began his public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. Jesus was to be baptized to "*fulfill all righteousness*" (Matthew 3:15). This was also when God reveals Jesus as his "*beloved Son*" (Matthew 3:17).

January 17 - St. Anthony the Abbot

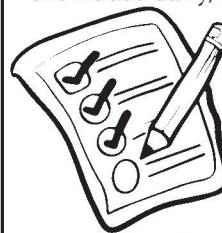
(356). St. Anthony the Abbot was born to a rich family around 250 A.D. in Egypt, yet he gave up his riches to live a life of simplicity in the desert. He is the founder of monasticism.

January 26 - Saints Timothy and Titus (1st century). Timothy was converted by St. Paul and became his trusted friend, joining him in apostolic work, especially at Corinth. Titus served the early Church as a peacemaker and as administrator to a community on Crete.



Parent TALK

My New Year's resolutions were not going well. I hadn't gotten to the gym, regularly attended daily Mass, cleaned the house daily, *and* still be patient,



loving, and kind! A few weeks after New Year's Day, I realized the rest of my family was struggling, too.

"How about," suggested my husband, "we each pick just one resolution on which to focus." "Something that's challenging, but doable," Kara chimed in.

"One is more doable than five," agreed my daughter, Tessa.

We each declared our resolutions: helping around the house, no TV during the week, no procrastinating, and going to Mass more often. I wrote our names next to our resolutions and taped the list to the refrigerator. Every week, we check in to see how our resolutions are going and offer encouragement when we struggle to keep them.

With God's grace, we are keeping our resolutions, one day at a time.

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