

Brothers and Sisters,

"You may be an ambassador to England or France
You may like to gamble, you may like to dance
You may be the heavyweight champion of the world
You may be a socialite with a long string of pearls

But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes indeed
You're gonna have to serve somebody
It may be the devil or may be the Lord
But you're gonna have to serve somebody"
Gotta Serve Somebody, Bob Dylan



This may seem like a strange quote to find in a church bulletin, but it catches the heart of this Sunday Mass, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The heart of the matter here is twofold. Jesus is the King of all creation from the very beginning to the very end and we are created in his image likeness to be forever citizens of His Kingdom. If we want life in that kingdom we have to make a decision with our life. We either give our life to Jesus or we give it to something else. That may seem a bit dramatic, because I doubt if any of us intentionally give our lives to the devil. Yet, we at times do not respond to the love of Jesus. We turn our backs on his offer of truth, life and love. We choose ourselves over Jesus. We offer him worship and service on our schedule. We let our morals bend to serve ourselves. Jesus, as our King asks for our love, actions, and life. No way around it. If we want the Kingdom of freedom, peace, joy, love and harmony that lasts forever we gotta decide who we serve. Serve Jesus and take your place in that eternal Kingdom, choose ourselves and find a kingdom of immediate pleasure and often times disappointment and frustration, choose the devil and we find a kingdom of eternal destruction. Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, a grand title for the king of love, the king who has given his life for ours. A kingdom that Jesus says is at hand. Prayer, worship, sacraments, acts of love they are the kingdom of the only true king and it is at hand.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. I hope you have a great day with family and see in their love the love of your Heavenly Father, Your King Jesus, and your advocate the Holy Spirit.

I am thankful for all of you. You give my life true joy and I hope that my service to you as your priest makes a broad path for you to walk in to the King's Kingdom!

God bless you,

Fr. Tom

Immaculate Conception, Saturday, Nov. 20th 4:30PM - +Earl & +Veronika Rose

St. Peter, Sunday, Nov. 21st 8:00AM— +Pat Fredrickson

St. Peter, Tuesday, Nov. 23rd 8:30AM - +Jerry Heintz

St. Joseph, Wednesday, Nov. 24th 8:30AM— +Bill Bellman

St. Joseph, Thursday, Nov. 25th 9:00AM (**THANKSGIVING**) +Bill Hoskins Sr.

St. Joseph, Friday, Nov. 26th 8:30AM - +Rose Culhane

Immaculate Conception, Saturday, Nov. 27th 4:30PM - +Vince & Bunnie Suilman

St. Peter, Sunday, Nov. 28th 8:00AM - For the Parishioners

St. Joseph, Sunday, Nov. 28th 10:00AM - +Elaine Flaig Pechtcl

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St. Peter's Parishioners, please join us following mass today for fellowship, good food and numerous drawings. Advent, a special time of year and a time of waiting for the Lord.

**Please come and join us
Wednesday December 1st at**

6:30PM for episode 1 of season 1 of **The Chosen**. You will be impacted by this great production. You will walk away wanting to hear and see more of Jesus and His disciples. We will set up in Theresa Von Arx's class room. You can take the elevator or steps down stairs, and walk through the church/school hall, it's the class room on the left. We hope to see you there!



2021—31st Annual Holiday Bake Sale

10:00AM—4:00PM (or gone) **Sterling Drug Lobby, Rushford. Friday December 10th** — Lefse, Flatbread, Sweet Soup, Rommegrot, Decorated Christmas and Holiday Cookies. We are also taking PRE-ORDERS for Rommegrot, Sweet Soup, Krumkaka, Rosettes and Sandbakkelsers. Call 507-875-2339 by Fri. Dec. 3rd — orders will be avail. For pickup Thurs. Dec. 9th, 2-4pm at North Prairie Lutheran Church in Lanesboro.

Church Support: Imm. Conception - Nov. 13th - \$273
St. Joseph — Nov. 14th — \$900
St. Peter — Nov. 7th - \$1,341— Nov. 14th \$2,141

St. Joseph – Liturgical Schedule

November 28th @ 10:00AM

Lector — Karen
Ushers — Gary M & Steve F.
Rosary — Norb

St. Peter – Liturgical Schedule

• **Sunday, November 28th @ 8:00AM**

Lector— Theresa Von Arx
Ushers— Mike Ross & Tony Miller
Servers— James & Annie Von Arx & Evan Horihan
Greeter — Joe Horihan
Rosary— Aaron Franta



**Merry Market on Main,
Hokah's Main Street
Saturday, December 4th**

HOKAH BLOOD DRIVE

Fire Station 9 Mill St. in Hokah

Wednesday, December 8th, 12Pm to 6PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: hokahmn to schedule an appointment.



Important Dates....

- 11/23 8:25 am, mass
- 11/24—11/26 Thanksgiving break, no school
- 11/30 8:25 am, mass
- 12/2 8:25 am mass
7:00 pm, School Board meeting
- 12/7 8:25 am, mass
- 12/9 8:25 am mass
- 12/12 3:00 pm, Christmas Concert
- 12/14 8:25 am, mass
- 12/16 8:25 am mass
- 12/21 8:25 am mass
- 12/23 – 12/31 Christmas break, No school

MISSION STATEMENT: St. Peter's Catholic School is a family of learners trying to live like Jesus, in our school, homes, and community.

PHILOSOPHY: We at St. Peter's are committed to delivering a quality educational environment that fosters the intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and moral growth of our students. Academically, we strive to provide a quality program to meet the individual needs of each child. Emphasis is placed on the basic skills, while students are actively and responsibly involved in their own learning. We teach and model the values of love, tolerance, respect, manners, and hard work. We believe that all children should be provided with a foundation for continued spiritual and educational growth.

Due to continued uncertainty with COVID 19 in our community, the Houston County Care and Share program will present its recipients with gift cards for the 2021 holiday season. For the second year, we will not be placing tags on trees in the local churches with gift ideas for children. Instead, we will use all monetary donations to purchase gift cards for children of families in need in Houston County.

If you are willing and/or able to help support Care & Share this year, please send all monetary or gift card donations to Houston County Care & Share, PO Box 402 Caledonia, MN 55921 or drop off at the Church Office during business hours. Please contact Lisa Massman, 507-895-5058 or 507-895-8414 with questions. Checks can be made payable to 'Houston County Care & Share'. Donations accepted thru Dec. 1, 2021. Thank you for your consideration!