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**SUNDAY MASSES**  
Saturday 5 pm  
Sunday 9 am and 11 am (all in the Main Church)

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(all in the Historic Church)  
9 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

**HOLY DAYS** As announced.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm or by appointment.

**BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS**  
Call the parish office for more information.

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**September 23, 2012**  
**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**OUR VISION**

*We envision St. Peter's to be a dynamic and growing parish through our: expressions of faith and worship, service to one another and the broader community, welcoming new members, compassion and ministry in pastoral care, and stewardship of God's gifts and blessings.*

**OUR MISSION**

*The Church of St. Peter, the first Catholic parish in Minnesota, serves as a cornerstone of faith and heritage, where we welcome all to celebrate and live as the Body of Christ. We embrace our commitment to continue this founding legacy, care for future generations, and advance the Kingdom of God.*

## From the Pastor's Desk

**O**n Tuesday of this week I had an opportunity to attend the press conference of a group of pastors on the steps of the State Capitol. It was interesting to hear prepared statements from the leaders of a variety of religious communities or their delegates. Archbishop Nienstedt was present and spoke, and so did ministers and pastors from the Protestant communities – some kinds of Christians I had not known before. Several Orthodox priests were also at the event. The topic? The press conference was about the marriage amendment. Members of the media heard from a group of religious leaders (the “Ecumenical Fellowship in Defense of Marriage”) who did not flinch or apologize as they spoke in support of the proposed amendment to the Minnesota Constitution that would define marriage only as the union of one man and one woman. The African-American pastors were especially impressive in their numbers and in their words. Having walked up to the steps after the event had already begun, I was a spectator only, but when that phase of the morning ended and the group of pastors began to disperse, I could see that there were several Catholic priests who had come to an event that was not heavily promoted.

After the press conference outdoors, we were invited into the Capitol for a meeting about what we could do in our churches to encourage parishioners to vote for the amendment. This leads me to mention the difference between endorsing a candidate or political party, which for a tax-exempt organization is not allowed by Internal Revenue Service, and advocating for a ballot initiative, which is allowed. Sometimes people do not understand this. In late August, the writer of a letter to the editor indignantly demanded, “Please tell me how the Catholic Church can maintain its tax-exempt status given its heavy involvement with the marriage amendment... I know the tax code is complicated, but one guiding principle should be that tax-exempt organizations should not work to support or defeat legislation or candidates.” The writer gets it half right, in that churches cannot support a candidate. But even though the letter writer is mistaken about issue advocacy, I hope *you* know that we as a community of faith must be able to work together to promote an amendment to the Constitution that will protect marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

I heard a statement that drew spontaneous applause at the ecumenical meeting: the marriage amendment is not about the donkey or the elephant; it’s about the Lamb. It’s true. This is not a matter of the Democratic Party or the Republican Party. It’s a matter of faith in Jesus Christ,

who is the Lamb of God and who took the Church as his Bride. This ancient language is drawn from the Book of Revelation, and it describes Christ’s relationship with the Church in terms anyone could understand: it is a nuptial relationship, a marital union. We who are Jesus’ disciples should not fear to say that we believe marriage should be protected. And how exactly is it threatened? This is how: what proponents of a change are advocating is not that same-sex marriage be set up alongside traditional marriage and be allowed to exist as a different form of marriage. No, they want to change the definition of marriage – broadening it so that it will include not only unions of a man and a woman, but also of two women or two men. The unique status of marriage would then be lost, since it would include other kinds of relationships besides the union of one man and one woman. Those who are opposed to the Catholic Church’s teaching on marriage portray this as a question of discrimination against people whose attraction is to members of the same sex. That is an emotional ploy. No one’s rights would be taken away if the amendment passes and marriage is defined as the union of one man and one woman. But without the amendment, a single judge with the right case could change the definition of marriage and take away the right to marry as we have always understood it.

How do things look for the ballot question we face in November? We can be cautiously optimistic. An outside poll shows that 52% are in favor of the amendment defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman, and 37% are against the amendment. That is consistent with Minnesota for Marriage’s internal polls. That looks good, since many of those who say they are undecided in telephone polls simply don’t want to say they are in favor of the amendment, meaning that more people will end up voting to approve it. I hope you will remember that there is no possibility of being neutral when it comes to the marriage amendment. It will pass only if a majority of votes cast in the election are “yes” votes. That’s not a majority of responses to that question, but a majority of all votes cast. A proposed amendment can achieve more “yes” than “no” votes, but still fail if the number of “yes” votes is not a majority of all votes cast. If 1000 people vote in the whole election, and 400 vote “yes,” 300 skip the question, and 300 vote “no,” the measure fails because at least 501 votes cast in the election have to be “yes” to amend the Constitution. So skipping the question about the marriage amendment – leaving it blank – is the same as voting “no.” Please don’t forget that! I intend to support this amendment, and I hope you will bring into the voting booth what your faith teaches is true about marriage.

## Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

### RE/FF Monthly Newsletter

If you have a child between the ages of 3 and 16, you should have received a copy of the monthly newsletter at your family email address. If you did not receive one, please contact Rita Holien in the RE office with your family name and email address. Unless you have specified, you will no longer receive the newsletter through the post office mail.

### Start/Resume dates for 2012-2013:

**Middle School** (Grades 6-8) classes begin Wednesday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. Class ends at 7:30 p.m.

**Elementary** (Grades 1-5) classes begin Wednesday, September 26. There is a 4:30-5:30 session and a 6:30-7:30 session.

**Sunday School** (Ages 3 ½ to 5 yrs.) classes begin Sunday, September 30, at 9:00 a.m.

**Confirmation Classes** resume Sunday, September 30, at 9:00 a.m. Mass and then class.

### Workcamp and the Vikings

We've got a fun, new way for any parishioner (age 16 and over) to help raise funds for Workcamp! Volunteer to help set out Vikings Playbooks on the seats at the Metrodome from 8 a.m. to 12 noon the Saturday before a Vikings game, and you can help raise money for our trip this summer! Workcamp will be paid \$32 per person for this help. Please RSVP with Ed Overell by the Monday beforehand. Parking is free. If interested in helping, please contact Ed Overell at 651-905-4312 or [eoverell@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:eoverell@stpetersmendota.org) for more information. Remaining dates this season are October 6, 20 & 24, November 10, December 8 & 29.

### Workcamp 2013

Registration for Workcamp 2013 will open up on Sunday September 30. Workcampers and adult leaders will be in the Gathering Space after Mass to give out information, answer questions, and sign up new campers. Workcamp is St. Peter's annual summer mission trip for high school age youth.

Our 2013 trip will be July 19-28 to Troy, Missouri. Any parish youth currently in high school (grades 9-12) may sign up. Space is limited. A deposit of \$200 will guarantee your spot on the trip. For more information contact Ed Overell, or visit our website for more information at [www.spyministry.org](http://www.spyministry.org).

## Pastoral Ministry

An Interdenominational Coalition  
of South Suburban Churches  
presents the second in a four-week series:  
**Growing Through Loss**

Mary Christopherson  
Mary will speak on "*Hope After Loss—12  
Steps, My Own Story*"



**Thursday, September 27**  
Easter Lutheran Church by the Lake,  
4545 Pilot Knob Road  
Eagan

Registration, 6:30 p.m.; Speaker, 7 p.m.;  
Support Groups (facilitated by trained leaders),  
8 p.m. Donation per session: \$3

For additional information call 651-452-8261 or email  
[growingthroughloss@gmail.com](mailto:growingthroughloss@gmail.com).

### What does Vatican II mean for you, a Catholic in the world today?

St. Peter's pastoral ministry is offering you the opportunity to explore that question.

Join others on Sundays, October 14-November 11 between the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses for a five-week study of Vatican II. Come for all five or choose a few; sessions will build on one another but also stand alone so it will fit anyone's schedule! Each session includes a brief viewing of Fr. Hime's video series, *The Vision of Vatican II for Today*, and group discussion.

This series is free of charge, but pre-registration is requested by October 11. Register by contacting Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or [lamos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org). Topics and discussion are for adults but coloring activities will be available for children with their parents.

### Divine Mercy Cenacle

You are warmly invited to join the Divine Mercy Cenacle, which will meet on Wednesdays from 9:45-11:45 a.m. beginning Wednesday, October 3, in Conference Room 1. We look forward to welcoming new people to this exciting group. Our meetings consist of prayer, study, and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Help us reveal to the world the healing message of Divine Mercy, a devotion according to the revelations granted to the church through Saint Faustina Kowalska. If you have any questions, please call Carol Mulvihill at 651-453-1345



## St. Peter's Community News

### Annual Giving

**Weekly Contribution Summary**

Budget for the period 9/10/12-9/16/12 .....	\$12,765
Actual for the period 9/10/12-9/16/12 .....	\$8,984
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$189,525
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$156,652

### Have FUN Helping Your Parish

We are looking for volunteers to help kids play our Fall Festival games, as well as other volunteer opportunities! This is a great opportunity to help out your parish while having fun. To sign up, visit the volunteer table in the Gathering Space on the weekends of September 22/23 and 29/30. Please contact Sarah Larsen at 612-384-1474 with questions or to volunteer to help.

### Silent Auctions

Help make our Fall Festival's Silent Auction a success! You can help by donating a theme basket, restaurant gift certificates, ball game tickets, prints, handcrafted items, antiques or any other valuable items that will make this a great fundraiser. There will be a table after all Masses this weekend where you can drop off items. You can also bring them to the parish office during the week. Please have a price in mind for the item's worth. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Barta at 651-454-9552. Our Silent Auction begins NEXT WEEKEND and goes through the Fall Festival on October 7! We hope you get a chance to check out all of the items available!

### Marriage Minute

**Marriage Minute: What does the common good mean?**

Quoting Pope Benedict XVI, the common good is "the good of 'all of us,'" the good of every member of society. A society focused on the common good upholds the fundamental dignity of each person, and progresses "from less human conditions to those which are more human." In short, the common good is "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily."



*USCCB.org, Marriage: Unique for a Reason*  
[mnc.org/issues/marriage](http://mnc.org/issues/marriage) and Facebook

### Sincere Sympathy

**St. Peter's community extends sincere sympathy** to the family and friends of **John Deshler**. We pray through faith that he is enjoying everlasting life.



### Appalachia 2012

Now that the weather is cooling down a bit it is time to think about Christmas in Kentucky and all of the people who wouldn't have a Christmas were it not for the generosity of our parishioners here at St. Peters. We will, once again, be putting out boxes labeled for Appalachia and filling them with NEW-UNWRAPPED gifts for the poor in two parishes in Kentucky. Look for the specially marked boxes and more information in weeks to come.

### Fall Festival on Sunday, October 7!

Join us for our annual parish Fall Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on October 7! We will have a variety of children's games, BINGO, a Silent Auction, lots of delicious food and beverages (including a dinner featuring Ralph's famous roast pork!), the popular Closest to the Pin contest, local vendors selling their items, and more! Stop by to eat some food, play some games and win some great prizes—there's a lot to enjoy!



### Fall Festival Dinner

**Advanced Sales**

Next weekend, September 29 and 30, after all Masses, there will be a table in the Gathering Space where you can purchase tickets in advance for the Fall Festival roast pork dinner. Please stop by and support your parish!

**Attention All Women of the Parish**

The **Council of Catholic Women** would like to ask all of the ladies of the parish to help us with the upcoming Fall Festival cake walk and hot pork dinner by donating either a cake or a pie. These can be homemade, or store bought. The cake walk is one of the most popular events at the Festival and with your help it will once again be a hit! You may bring your cake or pie to church and leave in the kitchen up to two days before October 7, or the day of the Festival. Thanking you all in advance for your help!

## The Next Week

### Monday, September 24

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)  
6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony Practice,  
Heritage Center

### Tuesday, September 25

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)  
Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament  
After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm  
1 pm Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room

### Wednesday, September 26

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)  
4:30 pm Grades 1-5  
6:30 pm Grades 1-8  
7 pm Choir Rehearsal, Main Church

### Thursday, September 27

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)  
9:30 am Daily Mass Birthday Celebration,  
Ravoux Room  
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5  
7 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Room 7  
7 pm Teen Al-Anon Meeting, Room 6

### Friday, September 28

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)

### Saturday, September 29

- 9 and 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4  
10 am Scripture Study, Community Room  
4 pm Reconciliation, Main Church  
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  
5 pm Mass, Main Church  
After Mass:  
Fall Festival Volunteer Sign Up,  
Dinner & Dessert Sign Up  
Wakota Baby Bottle Collection  
Workcamp Recruitment

### Sunday, September 30—26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Main Church  
9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church  
9 & 11 am Liturgy of the Work for Children  
9 am Sunday School  
10 am Confirmation Class  
After Masses:  
Fall Festival Volunteer Sign Up,  
Dinner & Dessert Sign Up  
Workcamp Recruitment  
Wakota Baby Bottle Collection  
Workcamp Recruitment  
6:30 pm Youth Group

## Mass Intentions

The following are the intentions remembered by the priest at Mass:

- Monday, September 24 - †Patrick Burns  
Tuesday, September 25 - †Fr. Jerome Janski  
Wednesday, September 26 - †Suzie Floeder  
Thursday, September 27 - †Mary Lou Williams  
Friday, September 28 - †John Clifford  
Saturday, September 29 - †Bob O'Neill  
Sunday, Sept. 30 - 9 a.m. - Mass For the People  
11 a.m. - †Vincenzina Pacitio

### Parish Pastoral Council

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**Trustees:**

- Jim Oricchio..... 651-452-3587
- Helen Wilkie..... 651-365-1334

### Readings for the Week of September 23

- Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16---4:3/Mk 9:30-37
- Monday:** Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
- Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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### Knights of Columbus Night at Culver's

Faithful Shepherd Knights of Columbus Council #7604 is having a NIGHT AT CULVER'S (Eagan location) on Thursday, September 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. The Knights get 10% of all sales in that time slot. Bring the family out for dinner and give Mom a break from cooking while helping the Knights.

## September 25 Deadline For Presentation Document Comments

We encourage you to prayerfully review the Forward in Faith document you received in the mail or at one of the four community meetings in September. Please use the comment sheet found in the booklet to offer your feedback on the proposal to fund our remaining debt and the proposed facility improvements. Please return your comments by September 25. As we determine how best to proceed with the next steps in the process we will share responses to the questions raised during and after the meetings. Please pray for continued guidance and wisdom in our collective efforts. Thank you!

Fr. Joseph Gallatin Pastor	Jim Oricchio Parish Trustee	Helen Wilkie Parish Trustee
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## ReCreation

**Saturday, October 13  
following 5 p.m. Mass  
"All In" for Christ**



The next installment of our ReCreation program will take place on Saturday, October 13, following the 5 p.m. Mass. In this session, guest speaker Greg Kelly from Grand Rapids, Michigan, will discuss the risks and rewards that we encounter when we go "All In" for Christ." Loving God in an authentic way is a lifestyle choice, like many others, that carries certain social, financial, familial, even professional costs that we must weigh. What do we risk by embracing a Christian way of living? What might we lose? And, conversely, we'll focus on the rewards, and benefits we gain by making that choice. What is the "payout"? What possible "Jackpot" are we living for when we play "All In" for Christ?

## Eucharistic Adoration

Parishioners and friends are welcome for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Historic Church on Tuesdays after the 9 a.m. Mass

Matthew 26:40-41—Jesus said to Peter:  
**"Could you not watch with me one hour?  
Watch and pray."**

For more information please contact Jane Vasiliou at 651-454-5292 or [jvasiliou@comcast.net](mailto:jvasiliou@comcast.net).

## Women's Bible Study

St. Peter's Women's Bible Study begins Tuesday, October 2. We will be breaking the year up into two different studies. This would be a perfect year to start if you have thought about joining in the past but didn't want to commit to a full year. Our first study will be the book of James and will end just before Christmas. Our second study will be First Corinthians and will start after Christmas and finish up in May. Join us for one or both studies, we would love to have you and you will enjoy this group of women (and the treats). We meet every Tuesday from 9:45-11:15 a.m. in Conference Room I. Please contact Jennifer Vogel at 651-688-7427; Margaret Brown, 651-456-5661 or Joan Taylor, 651-688-7818 for more information.

## St. Peter's has a new Website!

If you haven't been to [www.stpetersmendota.org](http://www.stpetersmendota.org) in a while, head back and take a look. We have completely overhauled our website, making it easier to use with more information, more pictures, and more content. We already have a new parish blog (which will be updated a couple times a week with new entries), new photos, and other new information. In the coming weeks we'll add more features, and by the first of the new year you'll be able to register for events and RE classes online, access volunteer schedules, and more! Check it out and let us know what you think!

## Parenting KAHNversation

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School is hosting a FREE parenting KAHNversation series. Please join us on Thursday, September 27, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Faithful Shepherd for Dr. Steven Kahn's discussion—**Helping Our Children Deal with Change**. Dr. Steven Kahn, FSCS school psychologist, will discuss how parents can help children have the confidence to keep a positive outlook even at times of change and loss. No registration is required. All are welcome—bring a friend! If you have any questions, contact Linda Kautzky: [kautzkym1@comcast.net](mailto:kautzkym1@comcast.net).



## Faithfully Fit Forever

Faithfully Fit Forever has begun! This exercise class for mature adults focuses on whole body health. Please join us on Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m. in the Ravoux Room. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or [lamos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org).

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# ALL IN for Christ

## RECREATION

# OCTOBER 13TH

following 5pm Mass

Please join us for our next RECREATION event on Saturday, October 13, following Mass. The evening will begin with a light dinner in Heritage Center and will continue in the Ravoux Room. In this session, guest speaker Greg Kelly from Grand Rapids, MI, will discuss the risks and rewards that we encounter when we go “All In’ for Christ”. Loving God in an authentic way is a lifestyle choice, like many others, that carries certain social, financial, familial, even professional costs that we must weigh. What do we risk by embracing a Christian way of living? What might we lose? And, conversely, we’ll focus on the rewards, and benefits we gain by making that choice. What is the “payout”? What possible “Jackpot” are we living for when we play “All In” for Christ?

If you have any questions, please call the parish office.



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