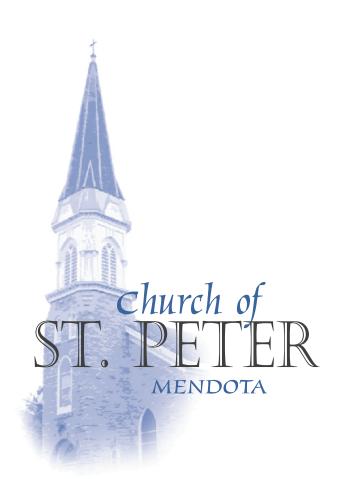
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November 11, 2012 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm or by appointment. BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.stpetersmendota.org

From the Pastor's Desk

sit writing at that peculiar moment in history at which the polls are starting to close on election night, and yet the results remain unknown. Therefore my topic will be about something other than the election – but maybe that's for the best.

This afternoon our volunteers from the parish went to the Dorothy Day Center in downtown St. Paul to participate in a program called Loaves and Fishes: they prepared and served dinner for people who are in need of our assistance. Some are homeless, but most are people who would run short of funds to prepare adequate meals for themselves at home. St. Peter's parishioners and some friends of the parish go there every other month in the odd -numbered months to serve the evening meal. In the evennumbered months our parish goes to serve the noon meal at Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis. In each month, the food is ordered by the volunteer leaders and paid for through our parish operating budget. The ingredients are delivered directly to the site, so the items are waiting for our volunteers when they arrive. In the week before the meal the leaders contact volunteers to assemble a large enough crew, so a lot of organizational work is done from the volunteers' homes. When the day of the meal arrives, it's really something to see what experts the regular volunteers are in preparing meals for hundreds! On this rainy, dark, and cold day the Dorothy Day Center drew well over 200 people to dinner - so many, in fact, that most of the food was gone at the end of the meal. The people who come to dine are almost always very polite and express their thanks many times. All I did was pour cups of milk as I walked with several others around the room, but the people were quite grateful. Sometimes they reacted positively to seeing a priest. At one table a conversation about sacramental confession arose among the patrons, as one who was Catholic spoke up for his faith when others questioned it. The small amount of time I have spent at these two locations has always been rewarding. If you are interested in learning more about reaching out in this way, just contact the parish office or pay special attention in January when we will all learn more about stewardship opportunities.

Perhaps you are aware that we have begun the Year of Faith. The glossary found in the back of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines *faith* this way: "Both a gift of God and a human act by which the believer gives personal adherence to God who invites his response, and freely assents to the whole truth that God has revealed...." So not only is faith a gift from God; it is also a human act. In faith we actually decide to believe what God has revealed. That is our response to him.

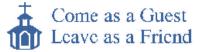
Ours is an age of doubt. Even as people search for the truth, many among us seem to have an automatic response of skepticism to the claims of Christianity. People are accustomed to deciding for themselves what is true, so they think there is one truth for me, and perhaps another truth for you. No wonder it's difficult today for people to embrace the faith wholeheartedly! We are being invited to make this a year of special emphasis on faith and on that natural outgrowth of faith: the spread of the Gospel. When we believe, we want others to know what we know, to feel the excitement we feel. A month ago I mentioned that Archbishop Nienstedt had published "I Believed Therefore I Spoke": A Pastoral Letter on the New Evangelization in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. In it, he urges each one of us to become part of the New Evangelization. He sets this in context by saying that two years ago we engaged in a long discussion about restructuring our parishes, and the resulting plan was not primarily about "the downsizing of parishes or simple financial survival. Rather the chief goal lay in strengthening and re-focusing our resources" in order to proclaim the Gospel.

Archbishop Nienstedt encourages us to see faith as the result of an encounter with Jesus. As the life of St. Paul was totally changed by his encounter with Jesus, so we must have "a real relationship with a living person" as he did. Our encounter is not likely to be as dramatic, but we still ought to be able to say with St. Paul that Jesus is "the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me" (Galatians 2:20). The Archbishop acknowledges that Catholic people have often focused more on the content of the faith more than on having a personal relationship with Christ. (I would add that other Christian communities are sometimes seen as attractive precisely because they emphasize a relationship with Jesus that might very well exist apart from doctrine.) So Archbishop Nienstedt draws attention to how we as Catholic people can strengthen our personal relationship with Jesus. Our personal prayer and the reading of Scripture can lead us to experience Christ's love. The liturgy can certainly lead us to this experience as we unite our lives to the offering on the altar, as we receive Communion, and as we are reconciled to God in the confessional. This relationship is personal, but it's not meant to be private. We ought to be able to tell others about our experience of Christ's love. This is evangelization.

To be continued ...

The whole letter can be found at <u>http:thecatholicspirit.com/featured/pastoral-letter-i-</u> <u>believed-therefore-i-spoke/</u>

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin



Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Grade 2 Reconciliation Program: Parent Reconciliation Session II

On **Tuesday, November 13,** we will have our second parent session for those who have children in the Reconciliation Program. We will meet at **6:30 p.m. in Heritage Center.**

Please remember that the grade 2 children **do not go to class on Wednesday, November 14**, instead they will accompany you on Tuesday. Children will go to their classrooms while the parent goes to Heritage Center. If you have not brought in verification of your child's Baptism, please do so immediately.

Thank you. Kathy Raible 651-905-4311

Christmas Pageant Registration:

Christmas pageant registrations are in the monthly newsletter email. Please remember to register your children. All children ages 4-12 are invited to participate in the pageant OR be in the pageant choir. Rehearsals are December 8, 15, & 22 at 9:30 a.m. for the pageant and/or choir participants. The pageant is on **December 23 after the 9:00 Mass**. If you did not receive a registration slip, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311. I hope to hear from you!

First Rehearsal: Saturday, December 8, at 9:30 a.m. in Heritage Center Please note that December 8 is a Holy Day. There is Mass in the Main Church at 9:00. If you and your children are attending the Mass, just come to Heritage Center when Mass is finished.

Bounty Fund

Because of St. Peter's Bounty Fund, many people have benefited from your anonymous financial gifts. The Bounty Fund gives us the opportunity to direct anonymous financial gifts to those in need in our parish or surrounding community. If you wish to contribute to the Bounty Fund, please make a check to St. Peter's and direct it to my attention. God bless you for your generosity and the sharing of your bounty with our sisters and brothers.

Pastoral Ministry

Giving Tree

It may seem very early to think about Christmas and the Giving Tree, but there are so many things that need to be done by those who work with the program that it is



necessary to begin now so we have things ready for the families before Christmas. If you are aware of someone, yourself or others, in need of Christmas gifts from the parish, please use one of the flyers available in the Gathering Space to recommend them for the Giving Tree by Sunday, November 11. Your help in identifying recipients is very important. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Faithfully Fit Forever

Join us; new participants are always welcome! This exercise class for mature adults focuses on whole body health. Please join us on Tuesdays from 1-2 in the Ravoux Room. Questions? Please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Catholic Coalition for Separated and Divorced



Monday, November 26 **"Divorce and the Catholic Church"** Father Tim Wozniak 7 p.m. St. Thomas Becket 4455 South Robert Trail, Eagan

Contact Karen Maza at 651-683-9808 for more information.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's on **Thursday**, AN **November 22**, 9 a.m. in the Main Church.



We will be collecting donations of nonperishable food for Neighbors, Inc. Please consider bringing items with you when you come to Mass. Thank you!

Parish office hours

Fr. Gallatin

Please note the parish office will be **closed** on **Thursday**, **November 22**, and **Friday**, **November 23**, in observance of the holiday.



St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 10/29/12-11/4/12	\$17,575
Actual for the period 10/29/12-11/4/12	\$17,722
Year-to-Date Budget	\$311,040
Year-to-Date Actual	\$268,888

Liturgical Ministry Postcards

A postcard has been sent out to all liturgical ministers requesting availability dates and preferred ministries. Please return to the parish office, email or call in your requests by Sunday, November 25. If you have not received a postcard but would like to be scheduled, please contact Sara Rogers at 651-905-4308 or srogers@stpetersmendota.org.

The January 2 through April 30 schedules will be available and distributed in mid December. If you have not yet indicated your availability for these months, or no longer are interested in serving in your ministry, please contact Sara Rogers at the phone number or email address above and indicate the dates you are <u>NOT</u> available during this time period. **The deadline for indicating unavailable dates is Sunday, November 25.** Thank you!

Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Board Meeting

St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women Board will meet on Wednesday, November 14, 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room I. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Follow and Like us!

Our parish has entered the online networking world! We now have an active Facebook account and Twitter feed, so please check them out to see what is happening in the parish and also to get some great Catholic resources. Our Facebook page can be found at facebook.com/stpetersmendota and our Twitter handle is @StPetersMendota.



St. Peter's Reaches Out

Campaign for Human Development

"The Church's love for the poor... *is a part of her constant tradition"* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, *no. 2444*). The Collection for the Campaign for Human



Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that create lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. In the last five years, over 36% of CCHD's grants have gone toward advancing education, supporting economic development, and improving housing in lowincome neighborhoods. You can help participate in this tradition today. **Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.**

Appalachia Thank You

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



As in the past years the St. Peter's parishioners have shown their generosity towards those who have little or nothing in the way of material goods. This year six full tubs of candy and a generous twenty five boxes of good quality

gifts were packed and sent to the people of two parishes in the Appalachia. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will be remembered by this committee and the people we help.

Heartfelt thanks to all who participated.

Paul Ehrich, Co-Chair Kathi Dumond, Chair

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.

The Next Week

Monday, No	vember 12
9 am	Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6 pm	St. Paul Civic Symphony Practice,
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Tuesday, No	
9 am	Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
	Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
0.45	After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm
9:45 am	Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
1 pm 6:30 pm	Faithfully Fit forever, Ravoux Room First Reconciliation Parent Session II
0.30 pm 7 pm	Stewardship Committee,
/ pm	Conference Room I
Wednesday	, November 14
9 am	Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am	Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Room I
1:30 pm	Council of Catholic Women Board
4.20	Meeting, Conference Room I
4:30 pm 6:30 pm	Grades 1, 3-5 Grades 1, 3-8
0.30 pm 7 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
7 pm	Finance Council, Conference Room III
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	lovember 15
9 am	Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
7 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm 7 mm	Al-Anon Meeting, Room 7
7 pm	Teen Al-Anon Meeting, Room 6
Friday, Nov	ember 16
9 am	Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
Saturday N	ovember 17
9 and 10:3	
	Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
10 am	Scripture Study, Community Room
3 pm	Moms' Group, Ravoux Room
4 pm	Reconciliation, Main Church
4:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
5 pm	Mass, Main Church
Sunday, No	vember 18—33 rd Sunday in
Ordinary Ti	
8:30 & 10:	
	Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
9 & 11 am	Mass, Main Church
9 & 11 am	Liturgy of the Word for Children
9 am	Sunday School
After Mass	
	Hospitality
1 pm	Baptism Prep Class, Conference Room I
6:30 pm	Youth Group, Youth Room



Church of St. Peter

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Readings for the Week of November 11

Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk	
	12:38-44 or 12:41-44	
Monday:	Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6	
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10	
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19	
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25	
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37	
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8	
Next Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk	
	13:24-32	

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Mass Intentions

The following are the intentions remembered by the priest at Mass: Monday, November 12 - †Gary Waller Tuesday, November 13 - †Suzie Floeder Wednesday, November 14 - †Robert Weidner Thursday, November 15 - †Amos Flaten Friday, November 15 - †John Mingo Saturday, November 16 - †John Mingo Saturday, November 17 - Mass For the People Sunday, November 18 - 9 a.m. - †Jimmy Basta 11 a.m. - †Tom Pahl



• Many thanks to those who have returned their commitment to help us reach our \$2,202,625 campaign goal to help fund our principal and interest payments over the next three years, apply additional funds directly to our mortgage principal to reduce interest expense, repay archdiocesan assessments, and complete several deferred repairs and improvements in our facilities.

- Thanks, also, to the volunteers who helped distribute packets during Mass the past two weekends.
- This week we wrapped up the In-Pew phase of our campaign with the commitment packets available in the pews and the Gathering Space.
- It is vitally important that we have a planned and proportionate commitment from all registered households, and we need your help to achieve two very important goals of our campaign.
- The first goal is to invite the full participation of all members. The second goal is to generate financial commitments sufficient to reach our campaign goal.
- If you have not returned your commitment, please take a packet and respond based on your blessings and capacity. Return the commitment card (and the EFT card if you want to contribute electronically) in the sealed envelope by mail, deliver it to the parish office, or place it in the collection basket next weekend.
- In the weeks ahead we will begin our follow up efforts to contact and invite those parishioners that have not responded.
- Please save us the time, energy and expense of personally contacting you by returning your commitment. Stay tuned in the weeks ahead for an update on the campaign results.
- Thank you for your cooperation!

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

Holiday Boutique Corner

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School 9th Annual Holiday Classic Boutique

Saturday, November 17 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 3355 Columbia Drive, Eagan www.fscsmn.org



There will be more than 60 vendors participating once again this year. It is a great opportunity to do some **Christmas shopping** for family, friends, teachers, or even yourself! We'll see you and all of your friends there!

St. Francis de Sales

426 South Osceola Avenue, Saint Paul The Intersection of James and Osceola School Lower Level Saturday, November 17, 5 to 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 18, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Visit our country store, the games for children and adults, the craft and food booths. A silent auction will be held offering over 30 items. Event is sponsored by the Ladies Community of Mary. If you have any questions, please call Janet at 651-224-5054, or email morningstar1037@gmail.com.

Little Sisters of the Poor

330 South Exchange Street, Saint Paul Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This enjoyable family event will feature a delicious ham dinner for the bargain price of \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under.

This is a perfect time of year to get your "bountiful buys" for Christmas at our silent auction, Vintage Quarter, Christmas Shoppe and gift basket corner. Visit the gifts-to-go glassware and craft area for even more great ideas. Come and have a taste of the French Market Soup, shop at St. Jeanne Jugan's kitchen table and purchase delectable sweet treats from the bake sale spot.

Children will be excited to have their pictures taken with Santa who will be present on both days.

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