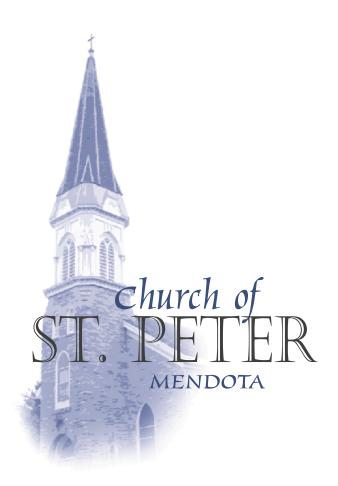
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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am (all in the Main Church)

WEEKDAY MASSES

(all in the Historic Church)

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From the Pastor's Desk

It is only a few days before a holy day of obligation. In our day, most people – especially children – know the eve of this holy day much better than the holy day itself. It is All Saints Day that we celebrate on Thursday, November 1, and that day is of such importance that we treat it as we would a Sunday. So I hope you will come to Mass! The point of the Solemnity of All Saints is to ask the vast number of souls in heaven whose names are unknown to us to pray to God for us. It can make a very big impression on children to be taken to Mass in the middle of the week, and teenagers who come might be struck by the similarities and differences of a holy day Mass to a Sunday Mass. While the same parts are all there, most priests recognize that people are adding Mass to a day that is already quite full, and so Mass is a little shorter than on a Sunday. The 7:00 AM Mass in the Historic Church is meant to be helpful for people on their way to work: they will be on their way at 7:40. The 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM Masses are in the Main Church. At Faithful Shepherd School the Mass will be at 8:15 AM on Thursday this week (instead of on Wednesday as it is most weeks), so parents and grandparents might wish to join the children for All Saints Day Mass.

I hope if you are free you will consider coming to Mass at 9:00 AM on All Souls Day, when we pray for all of those who are being purified from sin before entering the presence of God. Then at 6:00 PM that Friday we have a prayer service for all members of our parish who have died in the past year. You might wish to know that a plenary indulgence (full remission of temporal punishment due to sin) applicable only to the souls in purgatory is granted to those who visit a church on All Souls Day and who pray the Lord's Prayer and the Creed in addition to the usual requirements (sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions).

The entire month of November is a special time to pray for the dead, and the Church encourages this by offering a plenary indulgence (also applicable only to the souls in purgatory) to those who devoutly visit a cemetery from November 1 through November 8 and pray for the dead. (It is a plenary indulgence on the first eight days of November and it would be a partial indulgence at other times.) Since we have our parish cemetery just a few hundred yards away, I encourage you to go up there on the hill and spend just a few minutes in that beautiful place praying for the dead.

Some of you are aware of how often our buildings are used by groups outside the parish for special meetings or other events. This is helpful for us, as it produces rental income - no one uses Heritage Center for free! But it also puts our parish on the map for many people who would not otherwise visit. They are always startled by the beauty of our church and Heritage Center, and that's a reason for us to smile! Archbishop Nienstedt is especially fond of steering big events to St. Peter's, and that is why this week we hosted Clergy Study Day for more than 200 priests who serve in our Archdiocese. Then only three weeks after that day our parish will be the setting for a series of events spread over two days to launch the Rediscover initiative here in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The timing of Rediscover couldn't be any better, coming as it does during the Year of Faith. But that is a happy coincidence: Rediscover is something that is going to continue into the future. It will make it much easier for us to conduct the New Evangelization that was described by Pope Paul VI, named and elaborated by Blessed John Paul II, emphasized on the local level by Archbishop Harry Flynn, and set out for us most recently by Archbishop John Nienstedt.

In September Archbishop Nienstedt published a Pastoral Letter on the New Evangelization. The letter was printed in a special section in the Catholic Spirit newspaper, so perhaps you had a chance to read it. It really is excellent! I would like to explore it with you, and we will certainly do that in our parish in the months that lie ahead. The Pastoral Letter is intended to be a road map for exactly the kind of thing I have heard many people longing for: the reactivation of the faith of our people. So many people haven't rejected the Catholic faith; they have just drifted away from a lively practice of the faith, gradually coming to Mass less frequently than before until it seems almost natural for them to stay away from church. In the Pastoral Letter, Archbishop Nienstedt defines the "New Evangelization" as "an evangelization directed at those who have grown up in what were once Christian countries but who have lost their fervor for the faith." I don't think any of us wants to stand aside and watch people walk away from their faith. We need to recognize our role in spreading the Gospel is to speak to other people about what we believe. The time has come for us to be given the simple tools that will make it easier for us to do just that. Together we can help our families and communities have a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin



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

Please remember there will be no elementary or middle school classes (grades 1-8) on Wednesday, October 31. Please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 if you have any questions.

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

On the Church's calendar, every day has a rank: weekday, optional memorial, obligatory memorial, feast, or solemnity. Some of the solemnities are so important that we have an obligation to observe them as we would observe a Sunday. There are five of these holy days of obligation in our Archdiocese: the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8), Christmas (December 25), Mary, Mother of God (January 1), the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15), and All Saints (November 1). Two of those days, December 8 (because it is our national feast day in the United States) and December 25 are holy days of obligation every year. On the other three solemnities, there is no obligation to come to Mass if the day falls on a Saturday or a Monday.

Thursday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints and a holy day of obligation. Masses will be at 7:00 AM in the Historic $A \mid N$ Church, 9:00 AM in the Main Church, and 7:00 PM in the Main Church.





Friday, November 2, is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls), and Mass will be at 9:00 AM as usual, with our annual commemoration prayer service at 6:00 PM in the Main Church.

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School Open House

Faithful Shepherd will be hosting its first open house of the school year on Friday, November 9, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. If you or anyone you know is interested in attending our school, please feel free to stop in, take a tour and ask questions. We will have student and parent guides to escort you and an administrator to answer questions you might have about our school.

If you have questions regarding our open house format, please contact Mr. Boone at 651-406-4747 jboone@fscsmn.org.

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 13. 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.

Married Couple Retreat

Join other couples from St. Peter's on November 9 & 10 for Empowering Couples: Building on Your Strengths. This retreat is for all married couples in all stages of their marriage. Spend time with each other and with other couples rediscovering your strengths as a couple, learning how to use those gifts to build up other areas of your relationship, and in prayer together. The retreat begins with dinner Friday night at 6:00 p.m. and wraps up at 3:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon. The retreat offers a variety of opportunities for fun, work, and prayer.

Registrations are necessary to ensure that we have an adequate supply of materials. Please register by contacting Lisa Amos in the parish office no later than November 4. The cost of the retreat is \$45 per couple. Financial assistance is available upon request. More information may be found on our website and in brochures available on our poster in the Gathering Space.

Saint Thomas Academy and Visitation Concert

The choirs of Visitation school and St. Thomas Academy will be giving a concert at St. Peter's on Sunday, October 28. Everyone is welcome to enjoy their music, and show your support of many of the young people in our community. The concert will be held in the Main Church, and begins at 4 p.m.

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St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 10/15/12-10/21/12	\$24,035
Actual for the period 10/15/12-10/21/12	\$22,365
Year-to-Date Budget	\$280,700
Year-to-Date Actual	\$243,927

Marriage Minute

Marriage Minute: Why does the Catholic Church care so much about marriage?

The Catholic Church cares about marriage because marriage is a fundamental good in itself and foundational to human existence and flourishing. Following

the example of Jesus, the Church cares about the whole person, and all people. Marriage (or lack thereof) affects everyone. Today, people all over the world are suffering because of the breakdown of the family—divorce, out-ofwedlock childbearing, and so on. Marriage is never just a "private" issue; it has public significance and public consequences. One only has to think of the connection between fatherless families and young men in jail to know that this is true. In addition, the proposal to "redefine" marriage to include two men or two women is really a proposal to "redefine" the human person, causing a forgetfulness of what it means to be a man or a woman. This is a basic injustice to men and women, children, and fathers and mothers. Marriage is truly one of the most important social justice issues of our time.

> USCCB.org, Marriage: Unique for a Reason mncc.org/issues/marriage and Facebook

Visitation School Open Houses For Preschool-Grade 12

Visitation School, located at 2455 Visitation Drive in Mendota Heights, will host three open houses for prospective families this fall:

- Upper School (grades 9-12) on Tuesday, October 30,
- Lower School (Montessori Preschool-grade 5) on Saturday, November 3, at 10 a.m.
- Middle School (grades 6-8) on Saturday, November 3, at 2 p.m.

For more information, visit www.visitation.net or call 651-683-1700.

Appalachia Christmas Project

Drop off your NEW, UNWRAPPED gifts for the ■ people of Appalachia by Friday, November 2. Items



can be placed in the marked boxes located in the office entrance and the coat room.

Packing will occur on Monday, November 5, at 9:35 a.m. in the Ravoux Room. Please consider stopping by to help for a short while!

Items needed include: School supplies and books (note: fewer coloring books should be donated than in the past); practical household items such as towels, cook sets, kitchen supplies and household tools; and toys (note: it has been suggested that donors purchase one good toy instead of many less expensive toys that, all too often, break).

Also, please remember to donate leftover Halloween candy or bags of wrapped candy—something these children do not get very often.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help pack on November 5, please contact Paula Ehrich at 651-686-0235.

Thank you for your donation and your support! In their words:

> "We so appreciate all that you do and all that is sent to our communities."



Faithful Shepherd Catholic School (FSCS) Veterans Day **Program**

The Faithful Shepherd middle school students and specialists team would like to invite all OUR VETERANS Veterans and current service members to the Third Annual Veterans' Day Program on Friday, November 9, from 8:30-9:15 a.m. in

the school gymnasium. The FSCS band and choir will perform as a part of this celebration. All service members of our parishes, families, and the community are welcome to attend, as well as parents of students. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and FSCS community to thank all of our veterans for their selfless service for our nation. We hope to see you all at Faithful Shepherd for this wonderful celebration! Thank you!

The Next Week

Monday, October 29

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

Heritage Center

Tuesday, October 30

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

Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament

After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm

9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Conference Room I

11 am-12 Noon

Mobile Meals

1 pm Faithfully Fit forever, Ravoux Room

Wednesday, October 31

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Room I

7 pm Choir Rehearsal, Main Church

Thursday, November 1—All Saints Day

7 am Mass, Historic Church

9 am Mass, Main Church (8:40 rosary)

7 pm Mass, Main Church

7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5 7 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Room 7 7 pm Teen Al-Anon Meeting, Room 6

Friday, November 2—All Souls Day

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6 pm All Souls Remembrance Service,
Reception Follows in Heritage Center

Saturday, November 3

9 and 10:30 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
10 am
Scripture Study, Community Room
Reconciliation, Main Church

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
5 pm Mass, Main Church

After Mass:

Marriage Amendment Table New Parishioner Registration

Sunday, November 4—31st 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 Word for Children

9 am Sunday School

10 am Adult Study Initiative-Vatican II,

Conference Room I

After Masses:

Hospitality, Marriage Amendment Table,

New Parishioner Registration

New Parishioner Registration

Interested in joining the parish? New parishioner registration will be held after all Masses the first weekend of each month in the Gathering Space. You can also register by contacting Sara Rogers at 651-905-4308 or clicking on the "Join Us" link on the parish website.

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Readings for the Week of October 28

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Eph 4:32---5:8/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Lk 13:18

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Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a **Friday:** Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn

6:37-40

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 29 - †Ralph Schloegl

Tuesday, Oct. 30 - †Raymond & †Doris LeClaire

Wednesday, October 31 - †Ruth Levens

Thursday, Nov. 1 - 7 a.m. - Mass For the People

9 a.m. - †Dick & †Br. Michael Gaworski

7 p.m. - †Msgr. James Habiger

Friday, November 2 - All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, November 3 - †Richard Weisbecker

Sunday, November 4 - 9 a.m. - †Patricia Vogel

11 a.m. - Mass For the People

FORWARD IN FAITH 2013-2015 DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

CHURCH OF ST. PETER

This weekend, and for the next two weekends, all parishioners will have an opportunity to offer a new financial commitment from January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2015 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.

You may offer your decision right here in church and save the time, energy and expense of follow up in the coming weeks. Commitment cards, confidential envelopes and pencils will be distributed at all Masses. We hope you will find this to be an organized, respectful and convenient way to offer your support.

The decision you will make regarding your commitment is a very personal one. God can help you in the process if you ask for His guidance as you pray and consider your decision. Listen for His response as you consider the following questions:

- Will this commitment allow me to invest myself/ my family in St. Peter's Parish?
- Am I thinking about a commitment that represents what I am truly capable of giving?
- Will this financial commitment demonstrate a sacrifice in my life?
- Could I consider a lifestyle change to accomplish it?
- Have I accumulated assets (cash, stock, real estate, or other resources) that could be contributed?
- What portion of my income over 36 months could be given weekly, monthly, or annually to help our parish shape its future?

Thank you and God bless you each and every day for your active participation and generosity!

Fr. Joseph Gallatin Pastor

Jim Oricchio Parish Trustee Helen Wilkie Parish Trustee



Doylight-Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 4, 2 a.m.

Minute Memo from Ms. Shimshock, Principal of Faithful Shepherd

Why is it that we give the benefit of the doubt when having conversations and making judgments with children, but we don't give the same consideration when having conversations and interactions with adults. So often we jump to a wrong conclusion rather than trying to understand the actions or words of those in which we interact. I know that is something I need to work on! God, show me how to embrace humility without resentment and understand a situation from another's perspective. Teach me to slow down and not jump to conclusions. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:23-24

We were so busy in September at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School (FSCS) that I missed sharing with our parishes all that we have happening! We are off to a great start, with 12 new staff members and much positive energy in the building. September was busy with our Family Fun Night, 5K run, Septemberfest concert and outdoor Mass. It was a big success and nice to see everyone enjoying themselves all weekend long. Our middle school students started the year with Google Chromebooks and have been busy learning with their new technology. While at the beginning of October, our students, parents and teachers met to set goals for the upcoming year. Over the MEA break, the teachers had a day to work on their own technology goals. We have been busy! This next month is our upcoming accreditation visit where 8 visiting educators will be at FSCS validating all the great things we do and helping us to set our own goals for the next 7 years. Thanks for all your support and prayers.

Autumn Blessings, Ms. Shimshock

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



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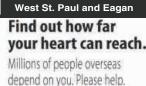
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Prayer of Remembrance for Our Parish Dead

Month of November 2012



Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,
and, as our faith in your Son,
Raised from the dead, is deepened,
so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

~Collect (formerly called the Opening Prayer), First Mass, All Souls Day

For all the faithful who have died we pray, but in particular for

Charles Mertensotto
Suzie Floeder
Cordelia Vallarino
Carl Sievers III
Robert O'Neill
John Brengman
Robert Weidner
Carol Sipe
Sandy Baier
Jack Fee
Muriel Kane
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Joseph Harrison

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

†A remembrance book to write the names of your deceased loved ones will be placed in the Gathering Space until right before the service, then in the Main Church through the month of November.

NOVEMBER

"The Close of the Liturgical Year"

November brings us to the end of the liturgical year, beginning with the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1 and ending with the final Sunday of the year, The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. As we draw closer to the end of the year, the focus of our Sunday readings turns to the end of time. We are challenged to examine our own lives in terms of their final, last moments.



On All Saints Day we come to realize that, like our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, we are called to holiness of life and perfect union with God one day in heaven. All Souls Day reminds us of our need to pray for the dead who are being purified.

As in the Gospel, the wedding party waiting at the groom's house need to have their lamps prepared and burning to be ever ready. We too are challenged to be prepared, since we know neither the day nor the hour.

We are also challenged to be good stewards of that which God has entrusted to us. We have an obligation to care for these goods, but also to use them wisely, in order to help the Kingdom grow.

And finally, our actions need to be in line with our words. It is not what we say that is significant, but what we do. Have we been willing to take risks because of the Kingdom? The task of building up the Kingdom of God in the present continues. May the presence of Christ in the Eucharist move us to make a gift of our very self so that our world might have life!



Minnesota voters will have the chance to decide the future of marriage on November 6, 2012

The Minnesota Marriage Protection Amendment, which asks voters

"Shall the Minnesota constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?" places the traditional definition of marriage – one man and one woman – into our state constitution.

It is essential for all voters to vote YES on November 6th as Minnesota law requires ballot questions that are left blank to be counted as NO votes.

Take the pledge to vote YES on the Marriage Protection Amendment today. The failure to vote is the same as voting NO.

Minnesota For Marriage is a broad coalition of leaders, both inter-faith and people outside the religious community, who support the Minnesota Marriage Protection Amendment and asked the Legislature to place it on the ballot. These leaders have assembled a campaign to ensure this amendment passes.

The Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) is a member of the Minnesota for Marriage coalition. It is the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota. MCC supports the ministry of our state's Catholic bishops by working with political and community leaders to: shape legislation that serves human dignity and the common good; educate Catholics and the public about the ethical and moral framework that should be applied to public policy; and, mobilize the Catholic community to make its voice heard in the public square.



Visit www.MinnesotaForMarriage.com for more information.



The time is now to stand up for marriage!





- ~ We don't want to teach the next generation by our actions that one-half of humanity—mothers or fathers, women or men—are dispensable and unimportant. Children are already bombarded with confusing messages about sexuality.
- ~ Marriage is about what kids need, not what adults want.
- ~ It has always been about connecting men and women and uniting them with any children born from their union. That's what marriage is.
- ~ People with same-sex attraction *should* be afforded their basic civil rights, but no one has a 'right' to redefine marriage.
- The MN marriage protection amendment is important to help ensure that politicians and judges don't change the meaning of marriage today and, most importantly, for our children in the future.

Visit the *Unique for a Reason: Why Marriage Matters* blog (marriagematters.mncc.org) to hear from fellow Minnesota "Catholics in the pew" about why they support preserving and promoting marriage.