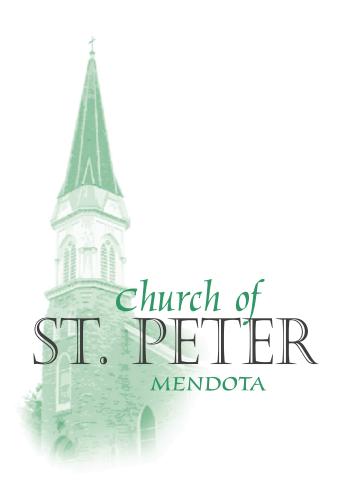
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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5 pm

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

(all in the Historic Church)

9 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday **HOLY DAYS** As announced.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

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From the Pastor's Desk

his Thursday, October 11, will mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, known to most people as Vatican II. It was the most important religious event of the 20th Century: it drew the attention of the world's media and it led to sweeping changes both in the way Catholics experienced their faith and in the way non-Catholics thought of the Catholic Church.

The Council was announced in January 1959 by Pope John XXIII, to the great astonishment of the small group of cardinals to whom he was speaking that day. No one expected that the newly elected and rather elderly Pope would call the first ecumenical council since 1871. But he did it. In the fall of 1962 the Council Fathers (the bishops of the world) arrived in Rome by ship and train – probably very few by airplane. Vatican II was a real event. Its first day - October 11 was also a Thursday that year - began with a procession of the 2400 bishops into the Basilica of St. Peter. It had rained during the night, but the sun had come out and the cobblestones were almost dry by the time the long procession ended with Pope John, who was carried in on the portable throne called the sedia gestatoria. When the Holy Father reached the altar, he prayed and then all sang the Veni, Creator Spiritus (Come, Creator Spirit) to begin the Second Vatican Council.

I have gone into this detail in order to make it plain that the great event which was Vatican II was a real series of meetings attended by real people. It took place in four sessions that were each about two months long, in the autumns of 1962, 1963, 1964, and 1965. As people of faith, we strongly believe the Council was guided by the Holy Spirit. And I am writing because we are people of faith, who have been called to give that faith special attention in the year that stretches out before us.

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Benedict XVI has proclaimed a Year of Faith. It will begin on Thursday with a Mass in St. Peter's Square celebrated by the Holy Father, and will continue until the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 24, 2013. Because the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* – itself a fruit of the Council – was officially published on the 30th anniversary of the opening of Vatican II, October 11 also marks the 20th anniversary of that great compilation of Church teaching that has made the faith so much more accessible. Thus the Year of Faith is occasioned by a twofold anniversary. The Holy Father last year wrote an apostolic letter called *Porta Fidei* ("Door of Faith") to prepare the Church for the Year of Faith. In the letter, he states:

It seemed to me that timing the launch of the Year of Faith to coincide with the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council would provide a good opportunity to help people understand that the texts bequeathed by the Council Fathers, in the words of Blessed John Paul II, "have lost nothing of their value or brilliance. They need to be read correctly, to be widely known and taken to heart as important and normative texts of the Magisterium, within the Church's Tradition ... I feel more than ever in duty bound to point to the Council as the great grace bestowed on the Church in the twentieth century: there we find a sure compass by which to take our bearings in the century now beginning." I would also like to emphasize strongly what I had occasion to say concerning the Council a few months after my election as Successor of Peter: "if we interpret and implement it guided by a right hermeneutic, it can be and can become increasingly powerful for the ever necessary renewal of the Church" (Porta Fidei 5).

Later in the letter, Pope Benedict uses the example of Lydia, the woman who heard St. Paul preach shortly after his arrival on the continent of Europe. Lydia opened her heart to hear what St. Paul was saying, as recounted in Acts 16:14, and her life was changed. She became a disciple. Pope Benedict tells us it's not enough to know the content of the faith – the facts. We need to allow God's grace to open our hearts to the realization that what we hear proclaimed is actually the Word of God. When we realize that, we can never think of belief as a private act. Once we understand our faith, we need to commit to it publicly. The Year of Faith will be a time to explore what that means in the life of each of us.

Here in the parish, we are going to mark the Year of Faith in several ways. I want to invite you to attend one or all of the sessions on Vatican II that will be led by Lisa Amos between the morning Masses on the five Sundays from October 14 through November 11. We will be looking at the question, "What does Vatican II mean for you, a Catholic in the world today?" I also want to encourage you to read Archbishop Nienstedt's pastoral letter that was included in the latest issue of the Catholic Spirit newspaper. He mentions one way the Archdiocese will be helping us grow in faith this year: our parish happens to be the host of the kickoff meetings next month of the Rediscover Initiative. Every parish will be distributing a free book at all of the Christmas Masses, so we won't miss anyone, and we will have opportunities in each parish to discuss what is in this book that has already proven so popular around the world. Please keep watching for more about the Year of Faith!

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Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Grade 2 Reconciliation Program: Parent Reconciliation Session I

On **Tuesday**, **October 9**, we will have our first parent session for those who have children in the Reconciliation Program. Parents will meet at **6:30 p.m. in Heritage Center**. Children will go to their classrooms while the parent goes to Heritage Center.

Please remember that the grade 2 children do not go to class on Wednesday, October 10, instead they will accompany you on Tuesday.

Thank you, Kathy Raible 651-905-4311

Fall Festival THIS Sunday!



Join us after Sunday's Masses for our Fall Festival! We have a variety of children's games and activities, a lot of delicious food

and beverages, BINGO, local vendors selling their items, and a silent auction. Stop by and win some great prizes – there's a lot to enjoy!

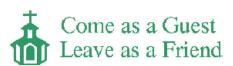
Calling All Golfers!

Take a chance at the Fall Festival's Closest to the Pin event and you could win a round of golf or dinner for you and five friends at the Mendakota Country Club's Grill and Dining Room! This is a generously donated prize. Come out and take a chance! Money raised will go directly to St. Peter's. Good luck!

Why Am I Being Counted?

Sunday Mass attendance numbers are being requested for all parishes by the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. The ushers will be taking an official count at all Sunday Masses (Saturday and Sunday) on October 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 and 27-28.

Mass attendance counts are something our parish usually does anyway in order to gather information that helps the parish better serve all the faithful.



Pastoral Ministry

An Interdenominational Coalition of South Suburban Churches presents the fourth in a four-week series:

Growing Through Loss



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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.

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. Topics and discussion are for adults but coloring activities will be available for children with their parents.

Faithfully Fit Forever

New participants are always welcome! 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. Questions? Please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Wanted: Television

The Church of St. Peter's is looking for a used television between 24 and 30 inches. This will be used in our family room for meetings, funeral gatherings and other events as needed. If you have a television you are willing to donate, please call Mary Jubenville in the parish office at 651-905-4307 prior to dropping one off.

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 9/23/12-9/30/12	\$12,765
Actual for the period 9/23/12-9/30/12	\$11,140
Year-to-Date Budget	\$226,325
Year-to-Date Actual	\$193,594

Marriage Minute

Marriage Matters: What is religious liberty?



Religious liberty is the "right to live the truth of one's faith and in conformity with one's transcendent

dignity as a person." According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (no. 2106), "Nobody may be forced to act against his convictions, nor is anyone to be restrained from acting in accordance with his conscience in religious matters in private or in public, alone or in association with others, within due limits." Religious liberty is so important that Blessed John Paul II called it the "source and synthesis" of rights considered basic to every human person.

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

Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Board Meeting

St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women Board will meet on Wednesday, October 10, 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room I. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

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.

Sincere Sympathy



St. Peter's community extends sincere sympathy to the families and friends of Joseph Harrison and Richard Weisbecker. We pray through faith that they are enjoying everlasting life.

Appalachia Christmas Program

Another year has passed and it is time to respond to the Appalachia Christmas Program. We



will continue to help Father Joseph Koury and Father Danny Fister stock their "Christmas Free Store." As in the past we will collect NEW unwrapped gifts to be placed in the marked boxes in the coat room and upper entry. PLEASE no used or old items! The selection of items has improved every year as everyone responds to our suggestions. Of the items suggested, hats, gloves and mittens are always appreciated, as well as blankets for the elderly.

Please remember to include any wrapped candy—bags or left-over Halloween candy, to be placed in the collection box marked "Candy." The cut-off date for items will be Friday, November 2. We will pack on Monday, November 5, and would appreciate any and all help with the packing in the Ravoux Room after the 9 a.m. Mass.

If you have any questions, call Paula Ehrich at 651-686-0235.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



Council of Catholic Women Poinsettia Sale



St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be taking orders for poinsettias the weekends of October 13-14 and October 20-21 after all Masses. You can also mail in your order or drop

it off in the parish office. Watch for the order form in next weekend's bulletin. Please help support St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women.

The Next Week

Monday, October 8

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

Heritage Center

Tuesday, October 9

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
 1 pm Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room
 6:30 pm First Reconciliation Parent Session I

7 pm Stewardship Committee,

Conference Room I

Wednesday, October 10

Sharing & Caring Hands

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
 9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Room I
 1:30 pm CCW Board Meeting, Conference Room I

4:30 pm Grades 1-5 **6:30 pm** Grades 1-8

7 pm Choir Rehearsal, Main Church

Thursday, October 11

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Room 7
7 pm Fall Festival Recap Meeting,

Conference Room II

7 pm Teen Al-Anon Meeting, Room 6

Friday, October 12

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

Saturday, October 13

9 and 10:30 am

10 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4 Scripture Study, Community Room

4 pm Reconciliation, Main Church

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

6 pm ReCreation

After Mass:

CCW Poinsettia Orders

Sunday, October 14—28th 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 Adult Study Initiative-Vatican II,

Conference Room I

10 am Confirmation Class

After Masses:

CCW Poinsettia Orders

12:30 pm Baptism, Main Church

3 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour, Main Church

6:30 pm Youth Group Bonfire

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Readings for the Week of October 7

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

Monday:Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37Tuesday:Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42Wednesday:Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4Thursday:Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13Friday:Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26Saturday:Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-

30

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 8 - †Joe Berscheit
Tuesday, October 9 - †Joe Grundmayer
Wednesday, October 10 - †Robert Weidner
Thursday, October 11 - †Joe Thill
Friday, October 12 - †Jacob Cherucheril
Saturday, October 13 - Mass For the People
Sunday, October 14 - 9 a.m. - †Craig Veal
11 a.m. - †Mary Lou Williams

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The food shelf is also in need of **empty paper grocery bags**. Thank you to those of you who have been donating yours!

*Please note that at this time we are *unable to take non-food donations of used items*. There is no place at the parish to store them and we do not have a way to get them to another organization. If you have nonfood, used items such as clothing, old books and bedding, please contact one of the many worthwhile organizations in need of them at this time.

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Religious Freedom

Sunday, October 14 Church of St. Peter, Mendota 3-4 p.m. Fr. Joseph Gallatin

Free Divine Mercy materials and information on the Eucharistic Apostles will be available.

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.



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?

Remembrance Service

On Friday, November 2, at 6 p.m. on the Feast of All Souls, we will be celebrating a **Remembrance Service.**

This special liturgy is a time to remember

all of our loved ones who have died. We gather to remember them in scripture, song and speak their name. We light a candle in their memory and celebrate the blessing of their lives. Those families who have celebrated the Funeral Mass of Christian Burial for a loved one from St. Peter's within the last year will receive a special invitation to this Remembrance Service, but all are encouraged to attend.

Following the prayer service, we will have hospitality in the Heritage Center. Please hold all who have died and their families in your prayers during the month of November.

Knights of Columbus New Member Information

Men, have you considered deepening your faith, your family involvement and increasing your community support? Then look no further. The Knights of Columbus is looking for new members. There will be a representative from the Knights of Columbus in the Gathering Space this weekend to answer your questions or contact Jeff McNamara at 651-472-1220 for more information.



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2012 Giving Tree

Each year many are in particular need of our help and generosity, especially during the holiday season. Last year, our Giving Tree sponsored over 50 families. In addition to the parishioners who received gifts and grocery certificates, we were able to help families from Armful of Love, CHAPS, The Lewis House and Neighbors, Inc. Please take a few minutes to think about your friends, neighbors, the family who may sit next to you at Mass, or even your own situation. Is there someone you know who may need some help this season? Eligible families may be registered parish families, non-registered families recommended by a parishioner, or other families who meet with the pastor or pastoral associate.

Because the need has been increasing each year, and we expect this year to do the same, we do ask that selected families have at least one child in the home under age 18.

To recommend a family or request help for your own, please complete both sides of this form as completely as possible. Your requests are confidential.

Please feel free to call Lisa Amos, pastoral associate, at 651.905.4304 for more information. To submit a

recommendation, fill out this form and return it to Lisa Amos, Church of St. Peter, PO Box 50679,

Thank you and may God bless you and your families.

How do you know this family?

Mendota, MN 55150. All forms must be filled in completely. Requests without a contact phone number

Your Name

Your daytime phone number

Are you a registered member of St. Peter's? ______

If you are requesting help for your own family, please turn to the back of this page and complete the information regarding the members of your family.

If you are recommending another family, please complete the information below and ask the family to complete the information regarding their individual members on the back of this page.

Information Regarding Sponsored Family

Head of Household

Daytime Phone Number

Street Address

City, State

Zip Code

All entries must be received no later than Monday, November 12. Gifts will be ready for pick up on Monday, December 10.

Does the family know that you are recommending them for The Giving Tree (suggested)? ____

You will be contacted by phone when your gifts are ready for pickup.	
May we leave a message at this number if there is no answer? YES NO	
I would prefer to be notified by email	
Email address	

Family members: for children please include gender, age, clothing size and a gift suggestion. **This information is very important to us.** If you need additional space, please use a separate sheet of paper.

Head of Household		_ Clothing Size	
Household Needs/ Gift Ideas			
Other adult in Household		_ Clothing Size	
Household Needs/ Gift Ideas			
Children:			
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