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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
Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm or by appointment.

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

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS
Peggy Markee 952-322-6479
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September 16, 2012
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBERFEST at Faithful Shepherd
3355 Columbia Drive, Eagan
September 21-23

Family Fun Night Friday 5:30-8:30 p.m. (\$5 per person /\$20 per family of 4 or more)
Saturday 5K RUN starts at 9:00 a.m. (Registration \$25 in advance/\$30 race morning)

CONCERT

HAIRBALL and ARCH ALLIES
Saturday gates open at 5:30 p.m. (21 and older). \$15 in advance/\$20 at the gate.

Sunday Mass under the tent at 11:00 a.m.

For more information
go to www.septemberfestrockseagan.com

From the Pastor's Desk

What an effort has been made by so many people! As I write this article, we are halfway through our series of four identical meetings about our parish's finances and all we will need to accomplish in the coming months. While the presentations consist of the same information given by different members of the parish, the question and comment period has varied strikingly. We can all look forward to the time in the near future when some of the leaders of the parish and I can present data that you have requested, offer clarifications, and answer questions that you have either asked out loud or in writing. I am very grateful to the many, many people who have attended these meetings, and to the planning committee members who have worked very hard to determine what people should know to make a decision about the good of the parish. Several of our staff have devoted a huge amount of time compiling data, and I thank them as well.

I want to take a moment to reflect on an aspect of parish life that would be easier to ignore. When statistics about financial support are listed in a table, or when Mass attendance is discussed or published, we can often adopt an attitude of blaming. The same thing often happens when people observe who is serving on committees or doing the work at this or that event. It also happens when we have to plead for teachers or catechists for our parish programs. We can think about which people are not pulling their weight, and make judgments against them.

For example, it can be startling to realize what a small percentage of Catholics attend Mass regularly, in our parish or anywhere. The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) says the percentage of U.S. Catholics who in self-administered responses say they attended Mass once a week or more grew from 22% in 2000 to 23% in 2005 to 24% in 2012. Gallup reports a much higher percentage than CARA (45%), likely because Gallup's polling is conducted by telephone and people tend to over-report their own behavior when it's something they consider socially desirable. CARA uses some kind of fancy statistical method to estimate that in any given week, 31.4% of Catholics attend Mass.

We live among people who are Catholic only culturally, or who come to Mass only rarely yet have affection for the Church, or who are angry because they were mistreated by a priest or someone else and won't come to church, or who just don't think worshipping God at Mass is a good use of their time. Now of course I believe that deliberately missing Mass on a Sunday or holy day of obligation is a sin. In fact, for someone who has full knowledge that it is wrong and full consent of the will, missing Sunday Mass

is a mortal sin and will keep an unrepentant person from eternal life with God. (And yet many people do NOT have full knowledge because they simply do not believe that there is anything wrong with certain sins even if those sins involve grave matter.) So when we believe that it's harmful to people's souls to stay away from Mass, we ought to do something about it. If we like coming to Mass it's only natural to tell other people about it and invite them. But since it involves salvation, we should make sure we are inviting people to come to Mass! It would be easier if there were some program we could start that would get people back to church. But no such program will work without individual parishioners inviting their neighbors or relatives to return.

I have come to believe that in general about a third of Catholics come to Mass weekly, a third come only occasionally (probably for Christmas and in some cases for Easter, too), and a third never come to church for any reason. That last group might come to someone else's wedding or funeral, but their own funeral would not be in church, and their wedding certainly would not be a Catholic one. But do you know what? They still remain registered. They are given opportunities every year to tell us they don't want to be considered members. They receive packets of envelopes regularly. They get our parish newsletter and always know how they can call to tell us to stop sending mail to them. But for some reason they want to remain members. If they were admitted to a hospital, can you guess what they would say when asked about their religion? They would say they are Catholic! Everyone should know that anyone who is baptized a Catholic or who is later received into the full communion of the Catholic Church will always remain so. The Catholic Church always considers her sons and daughters to be part of the Body of Christ, and specifically to be united in the communion of the Catholic Church. This is true even if a Catholic begins to practice some other faith. But without a doubt a Catholic who doesn't go to Mass still remains a Catholic. Let's work together to get them back. Try telling them about how good it is to be a Catholic, and how good it is to be part of this community of faith, St. Peter's.

It was great to have a personal announcement from one of the leaders of Faithful Shepherd's SeptemberFest last week! I hope you will join me there next weekend. The concert on Saturday night, September 22 is sure to be memorable. The grounds open for the evening at 5:30 and Hairball finishes the concert at 11:00. For those who don't know the location, all of SeptemberFest takes place behind our school, which is at 3355 Columbia Drive in Eagan. That's along Yankee Doodle Road a mile and half east of 35E, across from the new fire station. See you there!

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin

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 post office mail.

Family Packet Pick Up

After all Masses on **September 15 & 16**, please stop by the table in the Gathering Space to pick up your family packet if you have already registered your children. These packets contain information regarding your children's religious education classes. If you have not registered your child, please do so immediately. Thank you.

Wednesday, September 19: VIRTUS Training—all volunteers who work with children are required to attend a VIRTUS Training. We have one scheduled here at St. Peter's on September 19 at **6 p.m.** Please remember to pre-register for this training via the internet. If you have attended a VIRTUS training in the past, you do not need to attend another one.

Teacher Commissioning

Sunday, September 23, at 9:00 and 11:00 Mass

Sunday School

Registration is open for Sunday School this year! Sunday School is a great way for your child to learn more about the faith through fun songs, prayers, and activities. Classes are for children age 3½ through kindergarten and run from September 30 through April 28 during the 9 a.m. Mass. For more information contact Rita at 651-905-4318 or to register go to our website.

There is a need for volunteer Sunday School teachers this year. The lesson plans are done for you. All materials are provided. If you are interested in teaching or substitute teaching, please contact Rita at 651-905-4318.

Catechists Needed!

Religious Education/Faith Formation classes are starting in just a few weeks and our children need you. Teachers are given training and full support by the RE/FF staff. You will find your own faith life growing and strengthening as you share your faith with others. For more information, please contact any RE/FF staff member. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

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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, 9:00 a.m. Mass and then class.

Classroom Preparation

The RE/FF staff will be preparing the classrooms for this year's classes on **Monday, September 17, at 10 a.m.** Volunteers are needed to help with this. Please contact Kathy Raible if you are interested in helping.

Pastoral Ministry

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 in the Ravoux Room. Questions? Please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

St. Peter's Blood Drive Thursday, September 20 1-6 p.m., Ravoux Room

This year the Red Cross is offering five \$25 gift cards thru restaurants.com. A drawing will be held at the end of the day and the winners will be contacted.

For an appointment, call Rita at 651-454-4773 or online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter zip code 55120.

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



Susan K. Adam,
Director, Pastoral Care
Franciscan Health Community

Thursday, September 20
Easter Lutheran Church by the Lake,
4545 Pilot Knob Road
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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.

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 9/3/12-9/9/12	\$17,575
Actual for the period 9/3/12-9/9/12	\$15,721
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$176,760
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$146,778

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 Donations

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 on September 15, 16, 22, and 23 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.



Marriage Minute

Marriage Matters: How are marriage and religious liberty connected?

Marriage (the union of one man and one woman as husband and wife) and religious liberty are two distinct goods that are also related to each other. The protection of each good follows from the duty to protect the inviolable dignity of the human person. But even more directly, the legal protection of marriage as the union of one man and one woman also protects the religious freedom of those who adhere to that vision of marriage.



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

Community Caring for Life

Community Caring for Life is inviting you to our kick off meeting on Wednesday, September 19. We meet the third Wednesday of the month with the exception of November (which will be the second Wednesday of the month). We have an exciting year ahead of us and would like you to be part of this ministry!

We meet at 1 p.m. in Conference Room I. If you can't meet in the afternoons, please call me to let me know you are interested in our group. Hope to see you there!

Carol Mulvihill, 651-453-1345
 Community Caring for Life Coordinator

Special Collection for Our Cathedral

September 22-23

Our beautiful Cathedral of Saint Paul requires everyone's help! Please consider a sacrificial gift for this collection to assist with alleviating the remaining \$6 million dollar debt resulting from emergency exterior restoration. Many thanks to all those who generously contributed to last year's collection to care for our Mother Church. All gifts received in this special collection will be designated to alleviate the burden of the remaining debt. Envelopes for this special collection on September 22-23 will be available next weekend and checks should be made out to the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. To donate online visit www.cathedralheritagefoundation.org/donate. Archbishop John Ireland relied on every Catholic's support to build this great monument of faith and so we need everyone's support now to preserve it for future generations. For more information please call the Archdiocesan Development Office at 651-290-1610.

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!



The Next Week

Monday, September 17

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

Tuesday, September 18

- 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
6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Mtg., Conf. Rm. I

Wednesday, September 19

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:30 am Pastoral Visitation Team Meeting,
Conference Room II
1 pm A Community Caring for Life,
Conference Room I
6 pm VIRTUS Training, Heritage Center
7 pm Choir Rehearsal, Main Church

Thursday, September 20

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
1-6 pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Ravoux Room
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Room 7
7 pm Teen Al-Anon Meeting, Room 6
7 pm Finance Council, Conference Room III
7 pm Men's Club Meeting, Ravoux Room

Friday, September 21

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
5:30 pm SeptemberFest Family Fun Night

Saturday, September 22

- 9 and 10:30 am
Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
9 am SeptemberFest 5K Run
10 am Scripture Study, Community Room
4 pm Reconciliation, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
5 pm Mass, Main Church
After Mass:
Silent Auction Donation & Volunteer
Sign Up Table
6 pm SeptemberFest Concert

Sunday, September 23—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 & 10:30 am
Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church
Teacher Commissioning
11 am SeptemberFest Mass, Faithful Shepherd
After Masses:
Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
Silent Auction Donation & Volunteer
Sign Up Table
12:30 pm Christian Initiation Opening Session,
Heritage Center

Mass Intentions

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

- Monday, Sept. 17 - †John & †Gertrude Clifford
Tuesday, September 18 - †Patrick Burns
Wednesday, September 19 - †Fr. Jerome Janski
Thursday, September 20 - †Vivian Clements
Fri., Sept. 21 - †George & †Annamma Cherucheril
Saturday, September 22 - Mass For the People
Sunday, September 23 - 9 a.m. - †Jeffrey Weiss
11 a.m. - †Phyllis Thoemke

Parish Pastoral Council

- Paul Boller 651-994-8566
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Trustees:

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

Readings for the Week of September 16

- Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
- Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31---13:13/Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
- Friday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16---4:3/
Mk 9:30-37

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Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast Next Sunday

Is your tummy grumbling after church? Please come to Heritage Center and enjoy a pancake breakfast with the scouts from our parish on September 23. We will be serving the breakfast after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. St. Peter's troop #264 appreciates your support!



Parish Meetings Increase Awareness of Remaining Debt and Proposed Improvements

Thanks to the parishioners who attended one of our four parish presentation/dialogue meetings September 9, 11, 12 and 13. We have already received more than 100 comments and questions from attendees, during and after the meetings. These will be carefully reviewed, researched and shared by the Presentation Planning Team and parish leadership.

The dialogue was most helpful in pointing out questions and concerns that we want to share with our entire parish community over the next several weeks and months. **Our overall goal is to create a fiscally-responsible, forward-thinking plan to address our finances and facilities.**

We want to thank those who attended the presentation meetings for your interest and willingness to learn about our remaining debt and the proposed facility improvements and to help shape our future through your constructive comments and questions. Special thanks to those who assisted with the telephone reminder calls, childcare, and refreshments.

We will forward copies of the presentation document to all parishioners who were not able to join us for the meetings. Please continue to offer your comments, questions and observations via the comment sheet found in the document. If you do not have a sheet, please share your thoughts in a letter or e-mail.

There is much work to be done and, with your support, we will shape a brighter future. Anything is possible with God's help and our resolve to do what is best for the St. Peter Catholic Community today and for those who follow us. Thanks again to all who attended our parish meetings!

Fr. Joseph Gallatin Pastor	Jim Oricchio Parish Trustee	Helen Wilkie Parish Trustee
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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](https://www.facebook.com/stpetersmendota) and our Twitter handle is @StPetersMendota.

Calling All Men of the Parish

The St Peter Men's Club will be having a kick off meeting on Thursday, September 20, at 7 p.m. in the Ravoux Room.

The meeting will be a chance for interested members of the parish to hear about the men's club and get an update on the planned activities for this fall. Of course, it will also be an opportunity to socialize with other men of the parish.

Events to think about supporting with the men's club are:

- Donut Sundays: host donuts after the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses
- The Fall Festival
- Wine tasting event

If you have any questions, contact John Vogel at 651-454-5329 or john.vogel@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?

Choir Rehearsals

Choir Rehearsals resume Wednesday, September 19, at 7 p.m. in the Main Church. We'll have a special reception for new members and anyone who might be interested in joining the music ministry immediately after rehearsal concludes. If you have thought about music as one means by which you can become more involved in your life of faith, please join us for this initial practice of the year. If you wish to sing at any of the weekend Masses, choir rehearsal is open to everyone who wants to play a part in music ministry.

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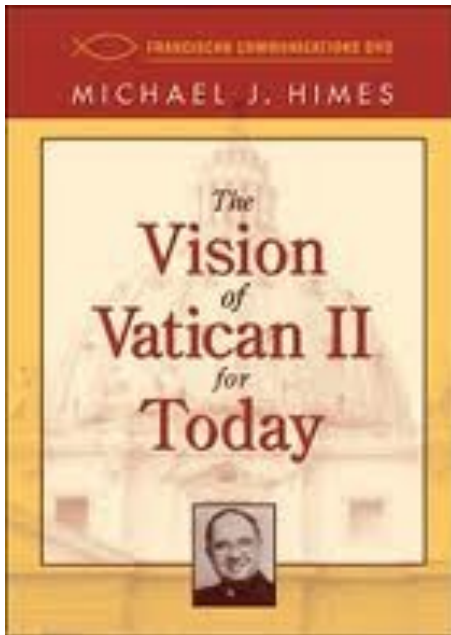
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