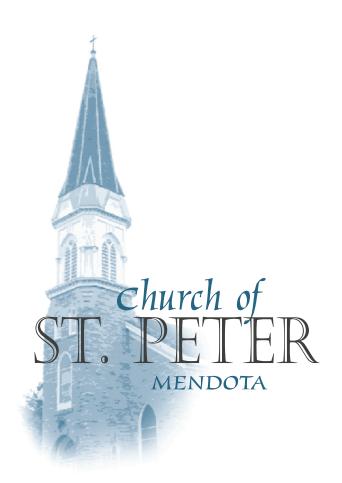
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September 30, 2012 Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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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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Saturday 5 pm

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WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm or by appointment.

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Call the parish office for more information.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Joday I would like to bring up a topic I have left unaddressed for too long a time: religious liberty. It was on January 20 that the Department of Health and Human Services of the federal government issued a mandate which requires almost all employers to offer their employees health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. On January 29 I had a letter from Archbishop Nienstedt inserted in the bulletin to make it clear what our own government was saying we would have to do.

On February 19 and March 4 I wrote about the mandate in my column, pointing out that if it stands, our parish and any church that objects to offering these "services" can be exempted from offering them if it can prove it serves mostly people who hold the same beliefs. So St. Peter's won't have to violate the teachings of the Catholic Church. But charitable organizations, hospitals, and colleges that serve many people of different faiths cannot be exempted. This is not just a Catholic issue. All too infrequently has it been mentioned that the mandate affects all people of any faith who run businesses small and large who do not wish to offer products and services that violate their consciences. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops summarizes it this way: "The mandate forces these institutions and others, against their conscience, to pay for things they consider immoral. Under the mandate, the government forces religious insurers to write policies that violate their beliefs; forces religious employers and schools to sponsor and subsidize coverage that violates their beliefs; and forces religious employees and students to purchase coverage that violates their beliefs."

On February 10 the administration of President Obama announced a "compromise" by which the contracts signed by Catholic institutions for their employees' health care would refrain from mentioning the objectionable services, and yet these services will still be provided. This so-called compromise would simply provide an excuse to stop objecting to the mandate.

This is a matter of religious liberty. The Health and Human Services mandate should be disturbing to all people— even those who favor contraception. If the federal government can force one group to act contrary to its official religious beliefs, then that same federal government can force another group to act contrary to its religious beliefs. In discussing this matter, some of our leaders, including the President, have used the phrase "freedom of worship" instead of "freedom of religion." While our ability to worship God in church is not under attack, we should all know that our religion does not consist only of what we do within the walls of a church. Our religion should affect all of the decisions we make, and our government cannot take away our ability to practice our religion at the times we are not sitting in church.

What follows was written by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

What can you do to help protect religious freedom? When Pope Benedict visited the United States in 2008, he asked the U.S. bishops a question: "Is it consistent to profess our beliefs in church on Sunday, and then during

the week to promote business practices or medical procedures contrary to those beliefs?" The Holy Father then answered his own question: "... Any tendency to treat religion as a private matter must be resisted. Only when their faith permeates every aspect of their lives do Christians become truly open to the transforming power of the Gospel."

Although the full impact of the Holy Father's words might not have been understood then, they have since proven prophetic. The Pope was challenging Catholics in the United States to resist the growing pressure to confine religious beliefs to houses of worship and to prevent the Church and individual believers from living out their faith in their day-to-day work and care for others.

The U.S. bishops have since raised numerous concerns over the increasing threats to religious freedom, especially the now-finalized rule of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which would force virtually all private health plans nationwide to provide coverage of sterilization and contraception—including abortifacient drugs. While there is an exemption for certain "religious employers," it only covers employers that serve people of their own faith. Jesus and his apostles would not qualify. Mother Teresa would not qualify. As the bishops noted in their statement, *United for Religious Freedom*, this is an extremely narrow and unprecedented federal definition of religion, resulting in coercion to act against our teachings and the violation of civil rights.

Federal law has long been generous in protecting the rights of individuals and institutions to not to act against their religious beliefs or moral convictions. Is that now changing? Are we entering a time when the federal government may now force the Church—consisting of its faithful and all but a few of its institutions—to act against Church teachings?

While we seek remedies from the White House, Congress, and the courts, the U.S. bishops have called upon the Catholic faithful, and all people of faith, throughout our country to join in prayer and penance for our political leaders, and for the complete protection of our first freedom—religious liberty. Prayer is the ultimate source of our strength—for without God, we can do nothing; but with God, all things are possible.

What can you do to help protect religious freedom? To get breaking news and opportunities for action, text the word "Freedom" to 377377 on your cell phone.

To learn more about our first freedom, and to send your message to Congress urging them to stand up for conscience rights in health care, go to www.usccb.org/conscience.

To join in the **Rosary Novena for Life and Liberty**, **October 14-22**, or to sponsor a Marian Pilgrimage or other prayer efforts for religious freedom and conscience rights, go to www.usccb.org/freedom.

Here at the parish, we will be having a prayer vigil on Sunday, October 14 at 3:00. Please watch the bulletin for details!

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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. We will meet at **6:30 p.m. in Heritage Center.** All children that go to grade 2 should be registered in this program.

Please remember that the grade 2 children do not go to class on Wednesday, October 10, instead they will accompany you on Tuesday. Children will go to their classrooms while the parent goes to Heritage Center. Thank you.

Kathy Raible 651-905-4311

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 for more information. Remaining dates this season are October 6, 20 & 24, November 10, December 8 & 29.



Presentation Meeting Response

Watch your mail this week for a 4-page newsletter summarizing the four Presentation/Dialogue Meetings and the feedback received so far. The information will include the most frequently asked questions and comments shared during and after the meetings, as well as the process for reviewing all feedback received.

Please continue to pray for wisdom and guidance as we collectively work to address the challenges and opportunities in our faith community. Thank you!

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

Pastoral Ministry

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

Growing Through Loss

Bob Bartlett, M.A.
Bob will speak on "Depression and Grief: How
to Tell the Difference"
Thursday, October 4

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.

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.

Catholic Coalition for Separated and Divorced

Monday, October 1
"End of the Union/Grieving and Acceptance"
Brenda DeMotte, MSW, LICSW
7:00 p.m.

St. John the Baptist, 4625 West 125th St., Savage (Meeting is in the school library; enter door #1)

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



St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 9/17/12-9/23/12	\$24,035
Actual for the period 9/17/12-9/23/12	\$25,802
Year-to-Date Budget	\$213,560
Year-to-Date Actual	\$182,454

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 this weekend. Please contact Sarah Larsen at 612-384-1474 with questions or to volunteer to help.

Dinner Sales and Baked Goods Donations

This weekend 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. You can also sign up to donate a pie for the Pork Dinner or a cake for the Council of Catholic Women Cake Walk. Please stop by and support your parish!

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-of-wedlock 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

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?

Blood Drive Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in or helped with the Blood Drive held at St. Peter's on September 20. Due to the fantastic turnout we exceeded the goal set by the Red Cross. The 36 units of blood collected, translates into 108 lives being saved. If you would like to donate blood, but were unable to do so at the blood drive, please contact the American Red Cross at 1-866-236-3276. The spring blood drive is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2013 at St. Peter's Church. Hope to see you then!

Baby Bottles for Wakota Life



Baby Bottles for Wakota Life Care's Baby Bottle Boomerang are being given as you exit Mass today. Bottles filled with change can be returned either of the next two weekends and placed in a small crib in gathering space. This effort fits well with October's 'Respect Life'

month as we support our local pro-life pregnancy help center.

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. Please contact Jeff McNamara at 651-472-1220 for more information.

The Next Week

Monday, October 1

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

Heritage Center

Tuesday, October 2

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

Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament

After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm

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

11 am-12 Noon

Mobile Meals

Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room 1 pm 6:30 pm Fall Festival Meeting, Conference Room I

Wednesday, October 3

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

9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Room I

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

Choir Rehearsal, Main Church 7 pm

Thursday, October 4

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

7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5

7 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Room 7

Teen Al-Anon Meeting, Room 6 7 pm

Friday, October 5

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

Saturday, October 6

9 and 10:30 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4

10 am Scripture Study, Community Room

4 pm **Reconciliation, Main Church** Choir Rehearsal

4:30 pm 5 pm Mass, Main Church

After Mass:

Knights of Columbus Information Marriage Amendment Table New Parishioner Registration

Silent Auction

Sunday, October 7—27th 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 **Confirmation Class** 10 am

Hospitality, Heritage Center 10-11 am

10 am-3 pm

Fall Festival

After Masses:

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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 and our Twitter handle is @StPetersMendota.

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Readings for the **Week of September 30**

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43.

45, 47-48

Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50 Monday:

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62 Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16 Friday: Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24 Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

or 10:2-12

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 1 - † Art Taylor

Tues., October 2 - For the Respect of Human Life

Wednesday, October 3 - †Richard Leko

Thursday, October 4 - †Esther Taylor

Fri., Oct. 5 - Tom & Mary O'Neill's Anniversary Saturday, October 6 - Mass For the People

Sunday, October 7 - 9 a.m. - †Wil Oster

11 a.m. - †Vincenzina Pacitto

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SPIN (Saint Paul Interfaith Network) Fall Series: Healing Minnesota Stories



Each fall the Saint Paul Interfaith Network presents a Series of presentations and conversations on subjects of deep importance to the interfaith community. Because of the 150th Anniversary year of the U.S./Dakota War, we think it is critical that we offer a series focusing on issues facing

all Minnesota citizens, American Indian and non-American Indian, who need to be better informed about a difficult event in our state's history.

HEALING MINNESOTA STORIES

Wokiksuyek Woyouniha (Remembering and Honoring) A series of conversations sponsored by the Saint Paul Interfaith Network (SPIN), in partnership with the St. Paul Area Council of Churches/Department of Indian Work, St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Program and the Wesley Center for Service, Spirituality and Social Justice of Hamline University, Saint Paul.

Mondays, October 15, October 22, 29, November 5 6:30 doors open; program 7-9:15 p.m.

In this series Dakota people will be present to share their stories, experiences and history of their people in the years since the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862. The specific outcomes of the series are for people within our religious communities and community at large including American Indian people:

- 1. To witness and hear these personal stories and experiences by Dakota decedents from The U.S. Dakota War of 1862 to present day;
- 2. To engage in structured and facilitated dialogue about what was heard and what is experienced today;
- 3. To experienced deepened understanding between American Indians and non-American Indians; creating a climate of respect and possibilities for new stories, act of justice and healing.

October 15: Documentary Film, Dakota 38, http://www.smoothfeather.org/

Anderson University Center, Hamline University, 774 Snelling Avenue at Englewood (Parking available at University Center, \$1.50 per hour, other lots free after 4:30 p.m.)

Jim Miller, Lakota Spiritual Leader and partner, Alberta Iron Cloud, Oglala Lakota; *Retracing on horseback the 330 mile journey to the site of the hanging in Mankato, Minnesota, as a means of bringing healing to all.*

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.

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.

Welcome, New Parishioners!

The Church of St. Peter would like to extend a warm welcome to our newly registered parishioners:

Karol & Andrea Bosela & Family
Jennifer Bruno & Family
Kasey Herrera & Family
David & Rebecca Melcher
Jerry Vogel



We are excited to have you join our faith community!

Life & Marriage Speaker Series

Ever questioned Church teachings on Life & Marriage? "Why?" Speaker Series

7-8 p.m. speakers followed by refreshments and Q & A Steiner Hall, Nativity of Our Lord Parish,
Stanford and Prior, St. Paul

Wednesday, October 3: Father Michael Izen: "Theology of Marriage"

Wednesday, October 10: Teresa Collett: "How the Marriage Amendment Impacts Me"
Wednesday, October 17: Deacon Stephen Najarian: "Medical Ethics for the End of Life: a Catholic View"



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Here's how you can help:

- * Select one or more age groups for which you'd like to shop.
- * Purchase **new** items for those age groups. (Please see the reverse side for gift suggestions.) Because two parishes are involved, we ask that you purchase two of any item if at all possible.
- * Bring the **unwrapped** items to St. Peter's, and place them in one of the collection boxes marked for "Appalachian Christmas" in the coat room. Please no **used** or **old** items.
- * Please make a note of the deadline: **Friday, November 2**. All donations of new, unwrapped gifts are due by noon on that day. We will be packing the boxes on Monday, November 5, 9:30 a.m. in the Ravoux Room. We would appreciate any and all help in packing the boxes.

Please deliver all gifts to boxes in the Coat Room by FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

If you prefer to contribute money to purchase additional needed gifts and food for Christmas dinners for families, mail your checks directly to:

Father Joseph Koury Queen of All Saints Church & Missions PO Box 563 90 Railroad Street Beattyville, KY 41311 Father Danny Fister St. Francis of Assisi Church & Missions 132 Bryan Street (Keel Addition) Pikeville, KY 41501-1404

If you want to volunteer to assist in packing the boxes of gifts on Monday, November 5, contact Paula Ehrich at 651-686-0235.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS (New and Unwrapped Items Only)

Infants (to 1 year of age)

Diapers and Pins

Blankets

Undershirts

Sleepers

Crib Mobiles

Teething and Other Baby Toys

Powder, Lotion

Toddlers

Pull Toys

Soft Toys

Blocks

Dolls

Cars, Trucks

Clothing of All Types

Hats and Mittens

Elementary Age

Board Games

Cars, Trucks

Dolls

Coloring Books

Jump Ropes

Building Toys (Legos)

Hats, Mittens, Scarves

School Supplies (folders, scissors,

glue, crayons, markers)

Pre-Teens**

Batteries

Board and Card Games

Jewelry

Watches

Hair Accessories

Radios

Purses

Backpacks

Fishing Equipment, Hunting Clothes

Sports Equipment

Craft Kits

Sweatshirts (large and extra large)

School Supplies (notebooks, pens,

pencils, folders, scissors, compasses)

Teenagers

Cosmetics

Toiletries

Watches

Jewelry

Hair Accessories

Sports Equipment (fishing poles,

baseballs, footballs, basketballs)

Sports Bags

Wallets

Purses

School Supplies (notebooks, pens,

pencils, folders, calculators)

Adults/Elderly

Kitchen Items

Kitchen and Bath Towels

Wallets

Jewelry

Blankets and Bedding

Slippers

Toiletries

Christmas Ornaments and Decor

For All Ages

Socks

Underwear (especially large sizes)

Sweatshirts (especially large sizes)

Clothing (especially men's 20-50 and

women's 1X, 2X and 3X)

Coats, Hats, Gloves, Scarves

Roots

Halloween or Christmas Candy

(individually wrapped)

Christmas Wrapping Paper

Do not include: War toys or dangerous toys, no articles that can be damaged by freezing, **used articles**.

Note: Any items remaining in the free store after the Christmas shopping season are donated to several mission churches, women's shelters, and homeless shelters in western Kentucky.



^{**}Gifts especially needed for this age group.