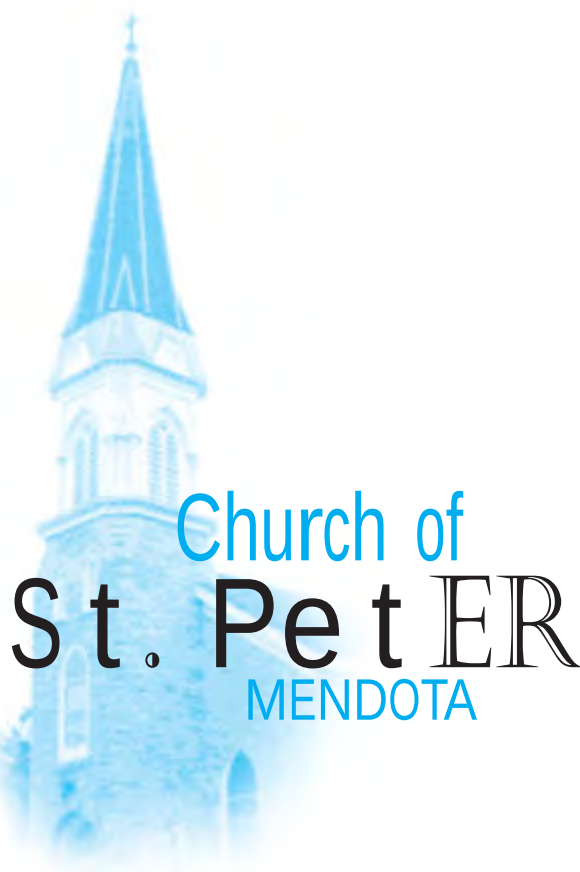




April 14, 2013
Third Sunday of Easter

OUR VISION

We envision St. Peter's to be a dynamic and growing parish through our: expressions of faith and worship, service to one another and the broader community, welcoming new members, compassion and ministry in pastoral care, and stewardship of God's gifts and blessings.

OUR MISSION

The Church of St. Peter, the first Catholic parish in Minnesota, serves as a cornerstone of faith and heritage, where we welcome all to celebrate and live as the Body of Christ. We embrace our commitment to continue this founding legacy, care for future generations, and advance the Kingdom of God.

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SUNDAY MASSES

(all in the Main Church)

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am

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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From the Pastor's Desk

Do you remember being sprinkled with holy water during the Season of Easter? After the homily on Easter Sunday we customarily replace the Nicene Creed with the renewal of Baptismal promises and the sprinkling of the congregation with newly blessed baptismal water. On other Sundays of Easter we can do something similar, but we do it near the beginning of Mass in place of the Penitential Act ("Lord, have mercy..."). The Roman Missal says: "From time to time on Sundays, especially in Easter Time, instead of the customary Penitential Act, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take place as a reminder of Baptism."

Our commemoration of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead is an ideal time to celebrate Baptism and to remember that we ourselves were connected to Christ in this way. Baptism is the first of the three sacraments of initiation; the other two are Confirmation and the Eucharist. Together they complete a person's membership in the Catholic Church. Using the sprinkling rite in place of the Penitential Act is a good way to remind us of Baptism, but having it every week might make the rite lose its impact. So this year we will use the sprinkling rite on three of the Sundays of Easter when we're emphasizing other sacraments of initiation. One of those is today, when at the 9:00 Mass we ritually "send" our candidates to be confirmed at the Cathedral of St. Paul. The Fourth and Sixth Sundays will be First Communion days in our parish. The Eucharist is also connected to Baptism, so those will also be occasions to recall our own Baptism into Christ with the water that was blessed at the Easter Vigil.

There is something that has been on my mind since the great Easter Vigil that began this holy season. Attendance is not very high at what is by far the most important Mass of the year – probably because people are intimidated by the length of it. For us, it lasted from 8:00 until 10:15. The beauty of it all makes the time race by, in my experience. Since I am the celebrant, I have a burst of activity at the beginning of the Vigil (lighting and blessing the fire, preparing and lighting the paschal candle, and carrying in the candle). I have another series of complicated liturgical activities later on that carries me through to the end of the Easter Vigil. But in between, I have 50 minutes of waiting, listening, singing, standing, praying, and sitting – just like the rest of the congregation. The whole point of what is officially called "the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night" is to wait up into the night to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. Our way of doing this is by tracing the history of salvation through seven Old Testament readings, each followed by a Psalm that is sung and a prayer that is prayed. That is what lasts 50 minutes. When the seventh set is completed, the

altar candles are lit and the Gloria rings out as the celebration of the Resurrection truly begins.

The prayers that are offered to God after each of the seven Old Testament readings are of great beauty. Because I have found it hard to grasp their meaning during the Easter Vigil, I decided to discuss three of those seven prayers here in the bulletin. The first of the seven readings is the account of Creation in the Book of Genesis. After that reading this is our prayer:

Almighty ever-living God, who are wonderful in the ordering of all your works, may those you have redeemed understand that there exists nothing more marvelous than the world's creation in the beginning except that, at the end of the ages, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

So the sacrifice of the new Passover lamb, Jesus, is a greater marvel than was God's creation of the world in the beginning! After all, in Jesus' death and Resurrection the Father recreated the universe.

The third reading at the Easter Vigil is the account from Book of Exodus of God bringing his people through the Red Sea. This is one of two options for the prayer:

O God, who by the light of the New Testament have unlocked the meaning of wonders worked in former times, so that the Red Sea prefigures the sacred font and the nation delivered from slavery foreshadows the Christian people, grant, we pray, that all nations, obtaining the privilege of Israel by merit of faith, may be reborn by partaking of your Spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

This prayer makes it clear that the passage of the Israelites from slavery to freedom through the waters of the Red Sea points to the Christian people passing from death to life through the waters of the baptismal font. This idea is so important for us to hear that the Exodus reading is the one Old Testament passage that can never be left out.

The fifth reading is from the Prophet Isaiah, who proclaims God's invitation for all who are thirsty to come to the water to receive what truly satisfies. This is the prayer after that reading:

Almighty ever-living God, sole hope of the world, who by the preaching of your Prophets unveiled the mysteries of this present age, graciously increase the longing of your people, for only at the prompting of your grace do the faithful progress in any kind of virtue. Through Christ our Lord.

This prayer uses the Scripture passage's ideas of longing for food and drink in earthly life. In the prayer we ask God to increase our longing for what we must understand to be heavenly things, so that through grace we can grow in virtue.

Fr. Joseph Gallatin

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Pizza & Bingo Night



On Friday, April 26, the Religious Education/Faith Formation team is having another pizza and bingo night. From 6 to 8 p.m. we will serve pizza and play bingo. Although this event is FREE, we ask that you make a "reservation" so we know how much pizza to order. There will be a table in the Gathering Space after all the Masses on April 13 & 14 and April 20 & 21 to sign up for this event OR you can call the RE phone line at 651-905-4314 and leave a message to let us know how many are coming. We look forward to seeing you there!

Religious Education/Faith Formation Registration for 2013-2014

All families should have received—in both the regular mail as well as email—registration information for the 2013-2014 religious education classes. You may also go the St. Peter's website to register. Please remember the registration deadline of Wednesday, May 15. If you have not received the registration materials or if you have any questions, please contact the RE secretary, Rita Holien, at 651-905-4318.

First Reconciliation and First Communion 2013-2014

Please be aware that all children in second grade must prepare for their sacraments at their parish. Even if your child is in a Catholic school, he or she must be registered for the Wednesday night program. If your child is in second grade next year and you wish to have him or her in the First Reconciliation and First Communion program, please register prior to Wednesday, May 15. Children must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation prior to First Communion.

Our Annual Parish Directory

The annual parish directory will be available in the fall for all registered parishioners. This is not the kind of directory that includes photos. It will include last name, head of household and spouse, address, and phone number. If you have an unlisted number and would like it listed in this directory, or if you request other changes; i.e., no name, phone number, address, etc., please contact Darlene Olson at 651-905-4302 or adolson@stpetersmendota.org.



Pastoral Ministry

Adult Enrichment Opportunity

What happens inside the Vatican continues to compel millions of people, but few get to see it. **SECRET ACCESS: THE VATICAN** provides a revealing look at the inner workings of the Vatican, from the secret archives to the Swiss guards, as well as some of the treasures locked inside. This **HISTORY CHANNEL** special provides unique entry into one of the world's most elusive locations. See what is housed under the 110-acre site as an ongoing excavation of an ancient cemetery that the Vatican was built upon uncovers priceless artifacts, including the bones of St. Peter himself. Go inside the Vatican secret archives, a collection of rooms and libraries containing some of history's priceless documents. And get to know Vatican security: the top-of-the-line procedures and practices utilized by a combination of Swiss Guards (elite guards to the Pope), Vatican police, and Italian police that keep the Pope and Vatican safe.

Pastoral ministry will host screenings on Sunday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the Ravoux Room. There is no need to pre-register. For more information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Follow and Like us!

Our parish has entered the online networking world! We 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.

St. Peter's Online Community Website now Launched!

Have you obtained your login information for the new online community website yet? Each household and parishioner over 18 has automatically been given a username and password.

You may obtain your login this after Masses. Or, email support@ekcetera.zendesk.com to open a request and ask for your login information.

See the parish website for more information: <http://www.stpetersmendota.org/community/online-community>

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 4/1/13-4/7/13	\$17,575
Actual for the period 4/1/13-4/7/13	\$17,942
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$697,270
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$679,145

Red Cross Blood Drive Coming Thursday, May 2

You can sign up online for a donation appointment at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>, enter the zip code for St. Peter's—55120—or call Rita at 651-454-4773.

If you are healthy, 17 years or older and weigh more than 110 pounds, chances are you can give blood. Please plan on participating in this important event.



The Council of Catholic Women Fashion Show and Luncheon



The Council of Catholic Women will be hosting their annual Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon on Saturday, May 18. **Taylor Marie** will be presenting the fashions, and this year, we will also be showing some vintage clothing along with the new spring fashions. There will be a luncheon, a raffle and door prizes. The show and luncheon will be held in Heritage Center starting at 11:30 a.m. registration, lunch at noon and the style show at 1 p.m. After the style show, the clothes will be available to purchase.

We are looking for ladies, daughters, and granddaughters to model the clothing. Please call Marge Malerich (651-451-6690) or Pat Peterson (651-452-2833) if you are interested in helping out by being a model.

The tickets are \$15 each and checks can be made out to SPCCW. We hope to see many of you there. Invite family, friends, neighbors; any lady who would like to have a fun Saturday of lunch and shopping!

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School
3355 Columbia Drive
Eagan

651-406-4747

(½ block east of Yankee Doodle & Lexington)

Faithful Shepherd is an accredited, Catholic K-8 elementary school where educational excellence and God's Gifts are awakened.

Our students' academic skills rank in the top 20% nationally.

Open House

Wednesday, April 24, 8-10:30 a.m.
Mass at 8:15 a.m. hosted by students.
Parent guided tours and Q&A after.

www.fscsmn.org



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St. John Neumann, St. Peter, St. Thomas Becket
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Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



Be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday, May 16, as the staff of St. Peter's will host an evening of food, drinks and spectacular entertainment for our wonderful volunteers. Back by popular demand will be Fr. Gallatin and his back-up ensemble performing to dance music of the 70s. Come and "CELEBRATE" with your fellow volunteers! Watch for the flyer in next weekend's bulletin.

Saturday Scripture Study

Join in the experience of opening the "*weekend scripture readings*" on Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room. Both men and women are welcome to attend.

The Next Week

Monday, April 15

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

Tuesday, April 16

- 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, Ravoux Room
11 am-12 Noon
 Mobile Meals
1 pm Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting,
 Conference Room I

Wednesday, April 17

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Room I
9:45 am Pastoral Visitation Meeting,
 Conference Room II
1 pm A Community Caring for Life Meeting,
 Conference Room I
4:30 pm Grades 1-5 Classes
6:30 pm Grades 1-8 Classes
7 pm Choir, Conference Room I

Thursday, April 18

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6
7 pm Bible Study, Family Room
7 pm Finance Council Meeting,
 Conference Room III

Friday, April 19

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
5:30 pm Stewardship Committee,
 Conference Room I

Saturday, April 20

- 9 and 10:30 am**
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
 Scripture Study, Community Room
4 pm Reconciliation, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
5 pm Mass with First Communion,
 Main Church

Sunday, April 21—Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 & 10:30 am**
 Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
9 & 11 am Mass with First Communion,
 Main Church
9 am Sunday School
10:30 am & 12:30 pm
 Secret Access: The Vatican, Ravoux Room
After Masses:
 Hospitality
2 pm Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral

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Readings for the Week of April 14

Sunday:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 15	- Special Intention
Tuesday, April 16	- †Fr. Richard Wolter
Wednesday, April 17	- †Wil Oster
Thursday, April 18	- Special Intention
Friday, April 19	- Erin O'Neill & Tim Bodner's Wedding Anniversary
Saturday, April 20	- Mass For the People
Sunday, April 21 - 9 a.m.	- †William O'Neill
11 a.m.	- †Ben Dahlstrom

Archdiocesan Capital Campaign Feasibility Study Town Hall Meeting

Archbishop Nienstedt is contemplating a capital campaign to raise important funds for parishes, schools and other ministries across the Archdiocese. Before he moves forward, he would like to hear your thoughts on the proposed campaign goals and structure. Please share your thoughts by attending one of our scheduled area town hall meetings.

The evening will include a brief presentation on the proposed campaign goals followed by time to ask questions. At the conclusion of the gathering, you will be asked to complete a brief survey. Your thoughts will help guide the Archbishop as he determines the most appropriate way to strengthen parishes, schools and other ministries throughout this local Church. Don't miss this chance to shape the future of ministry in our Archdiocese. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Colleen Thuente at thuentec@archspm.org or 651-291-4531.

Tuesday, April 30, 7-8:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Social Hall
401 Concord Street, Saint Paul

Wednesday, May 1, 7-8:30 p.m.

Saint John Neumann
Social Hall
4030 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan

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

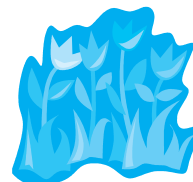
Matthew 26:40-41—Jesus said to Peter:
***“Could you not watch with me one hour?
Watch and pray.”***

For more information
please contact Jane Vasiliou at 651-454-529
or
jvasiliou@comcast.net



“Be the Voice of Catholic Women”

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women presents “Be the Voice of Catholic Women.” This year’s St. Paul/Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) convention takes place May 1-2 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Oakdale. Wednesday includes the Liturgy, speaker and musician Fr. Jan Michael Joncas, wine and cheese social, banquet with live music and speaker Caroline Brennan of CRS. Thursday continues with an abbreviated business meeting, two workshop sessions, Liturgy with Archbishop Nienstedt and area priests, and catered luncheon. Both days have reserved time for visiting the ever-popular Marketplace, adoration, confessions, viewing the Guardian Angels Prayer Garden and socializing with women from all corners of the Archdiocese. Registration can be done online at www.accwarchspm.org or call the ACCW office at 651-291-4545 to have one mailed to you. The church is handicapped accessible. Cost for the two-day convention—including meals—is \$75. One-day attendance is \$40, and the Wednesday banquet-only is \$30. Don't miss this life-changing event from your own ACCW!



Catholic Youth Camp

The Catholic Youth Camp (CYC) experience compliments your community’s intention to help children learn, develop character and grow in faith. One of those ways is offering programs that allow youth to complete service hours while growing in their relationship with God.

Catholic Youth Camp Service Opportunities

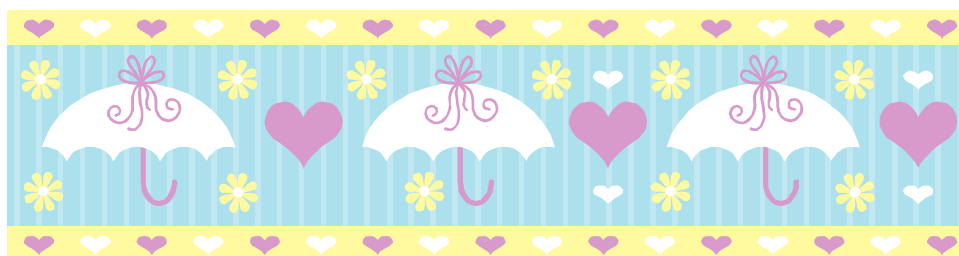
Work Weekend (May 3-5): 15 hours of service

Teen Service Retreat (June 23-28): 20 hours of service

Counselors-in-Training (July 7-12 and July 14-19): 50 hours of service

Leaders-in-Training (July 21-26 & July 28-August 2): 15 hours of service

Please feel free to call Abby Moore at (651) 636-1645 or email abby@cycamp.org.



Please join us for a
Mother and Daughter* Baby Shower
to benefit Wakota Life Care Center

Hosted by St. Peter's Community Caring for Life and
St. Peter's Council of Catholic Woman

Date: Saturday, April 27

Time: 1 to 3 p.m.

Place: St. Peter's Heritage Center

Come join us for the afternoon to celebrate life and fellowship. We will have a guest speaker from **Wakota Life Care Center** to give us a brief overview of their services. We will also have shower games, prizes, desserts and beverages.

Wakota Life Care is in need of the following:

- Baby Wipes
- Clothing size 12-18 and 18-24
- Formula (especially Similac)
- Onesies and sleepers (especially smaller sizes)
- Pack and Play™ (basic model)
- Socks
- Gift Cards

*All women are welcome to come even if they don't bring a guest. If you are unable to attend but still would like to help out with a donation, please place your donations in the portable crib marked "**Wakota Baby Shower**," located in the coat room.