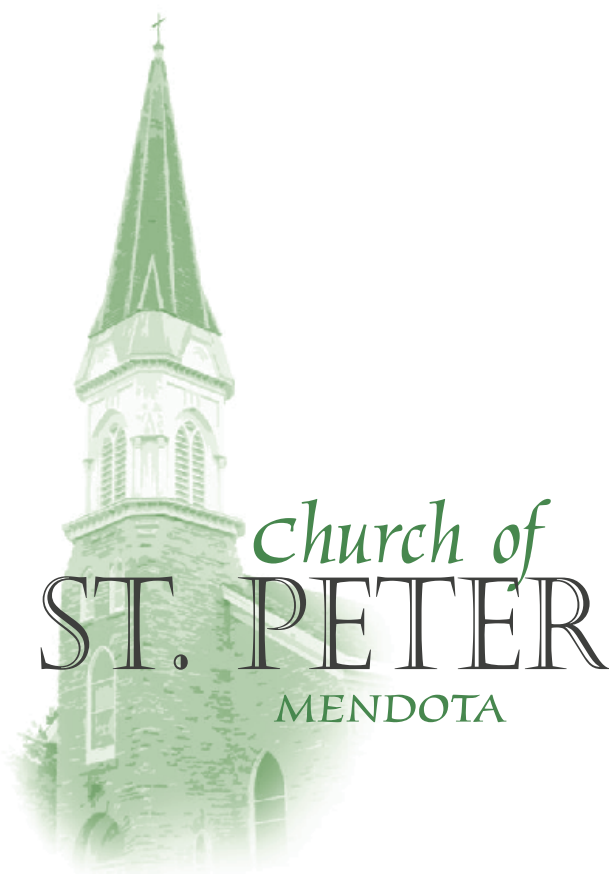




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From the Pastor's Desk

Two weeks ago when I was preparing my column for the most recent bulletin, I wrote, "I suspect we will be hearing more about this." But we didn't.

What was it? I revealed the topic about which Pope Francis was speaking on the flight from Rio de Janeiro to Rome. The secular media tore from its context the answer the Holy Father gave to a question about a specific priest working in Vatican City, twisting it so that it seemed to reveal a rather indifferent attitude on the part of the Pope toward homosexual activity.

In the weeks that have passed I have seen no retraction in the newspapers, no correction. Nor have I received any comments about what I wrote in the bulletin.

In that same August 4 bulletin I also reprinted some of Pope Francis's address to the bishops of Brazil in the home of the Archbishop of Rio de Janeiro. The entire address is available on the Vatican website at http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/speeches/2013/july/documents/papa-francesco_20130727_gmg-episcopato-brasile_en.html. In it, the Holy Father refers to the story of the disciples who after Jesus' Crucifixion are so dejected that they leave Jerusalem. On the road to Emmaus they encounter the Risen Lord.

The Holy Father compares people who leave the Church to those two disciples who left Jerusalem for Emmaus. He supposes those in our present day have concluded that the Church no longer has anything meaningful to offer them. Pope Francis goes on:

And since there is no one to accompany them or to show them with his or her own life the true way, many have sought shortcuts, because the standards set by Mother Church seem to be asking too much. There are also those who recognize the ideal of man and of life as proposed by the Church, but they do not have the audacity to embrace it. They think that this ideal is too lofty for them, that it is beyond their abilities, and that the goal the Church sets is unattainable. Nonetheless they cannot live without having at least something, even a poor imitation of what seems too grand and distant. With disappointed hearts, they then go off in search of something which will lead them even further astray, or which brings them to a partial belonging that, ultimately, does not fulfill their lives. ...

From this point of view, we need a Church capable of walking at people's side, of doing more than simply listening to them; a Church which accompanies them on their journey; a Church able to make sense of the "night" contained in the flight of so many of our brothers and sisters from Jerusalem; a Church which realizes that the reasons why people leave also contain reasons why they can eventually return. But we need to know how to interpret, with courage, the larger picture. Jesus warmed the hearts of the disciples of Emmaus.

I would like all of us to ask ourselves today: are we still a Church capable of warming hearts? A Church capable of leading people back to Jerusalem? Of bringing them home? Jerusalem is where our roots are: Scripture, catechesis, sacraments, community, friendship with the Lord, Mary and the apostles... Are we still able to speak of these roots in a way that will revive a sense of wonder at their beauty?

Many people have left because they were promised something more *lofty*, more *powerful*, and *faster*.

But what is *more lofty* than the love revealed in Jerusalem? Nothing is more lofty than the abasement of the Cross, since there we truly approach the height of love! Are we still capable of demonstrating this truth to those who think that the apex of life is to be found elsewhere?

Do we know anything *more powerful* than the strength hidden within the weakness of love, goodness, truth and beauty?

People today are attracted by things that are *faster and faster*: rapid Internet connections, speedy cars and planes, instant relationships. But at the same time we see a desperate need for calmness, I would even say slowness. Is the Church still able to move slowly: to take the time to listen, to have the patience to mend and reassemble? Or is the Church herself caught up in the frantic pursuit of efficiency? Dear brothers, let us recover the calm to be able to walk at the same pace as our pilgrims, keeping alongside them, remaining close to them, enabling them to speak of the disappointments present in their hearts and to let us address them. They want to forget Jerusalem, where they have their sources, but eventually they will experience thirst. We need a Church capable of accompanying them on the road back to Jerusalem! A Church capable of helping them to rediscover the glorious and joyful things that are spoken of Jerusalem, and to understand that she is my Mother, our Mother, and that we are not orphans! We were born in her. Where is our Jerusalem, where were we born? In Baptism, in the first encounter of love, in our calling, in vocation. We need a Church that kindles hearts and warms them.

We need a Church capable of restoring citizenship to her many children who are journeying, as it were, in an exodus.

The Holy Father's words are thrilling, and yet cut to the heart. (I would suggest reading them out loud so you can appreciate what he is saying; I'm sure you will agree with every word.) Many, many people have left the Church for the reasons described by Pope Francis. We can be part of bringing them back by walking with them and listening to them. We cannot be afraid of listening to the difficulties people have with the teachings of our Church. We can help them to rediscover her riches, and to use those gifts to grow closer to Christ.

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin



Uganda Mission Update

*"What the Lord has done for me,
I cannot tell it all . . ."*

The Uganda Mission Team recently received word that Fr. Lawrence Kimbowa and Fr. Charles Muyimba from Uganda will be visiting St. Peter's parish from August 29 through September 12, 2013. Although communication between Uganda and St. Peter's has been difficult in the past few years due to unreliable Internet services and prohibitive postage costs, Fr. Lawrence was recently able to secure updated information on each child currently being sponsored by St. Peter's parishioners and friends. He hopes to meet individually with sponsors and share information about their sponsored child after the Masses on Labor Day weekend and/or at a potluck dinner on Wednesday, September 4. Sponsors will receive a letter shortly with the details of these events.

As many of you may recall, Fr. Lawrence is a product of child sponsorship; he is now studying Canon Law in Rome, Italy and will return to diocesan work in Uganda within the next 18 months. Fr. Lawrence believes strongly that education is the key for the children of St. Anthony's and Nabbingo to escape a life of poverty. He hopes to personally thank all sponsors who are making a difference for a child's future. So many children are still seeking sponsors to help them attend school. A sponsorship drive will be held during the time Fr. Lawrence and Fr. Charles are here. Please consider helping this worthy cause.

Many of you may remember Fr. Charles' plea for financial assistance a few years back when heavy storms and floods caused serious crop failures and near starvation of the children at a school for which he is responsible. St. Peter's responded immediately and seeds for re-sowing the crop as well as flour and beans for food were purchased to avert disaster. Fr. Charles will give us an update regarding the situation in his area of Uganda.

If you are interested in meeting Fr. Lawrence and/or Fr. Charles, including spending time with them through sharing a meal or other opportunity, please contact Ralph Dumond (651-456-0986) to make arrangements.

Rediscover

2013 Rediscover: Catholic Celebration

Join with fellow Catholics from across the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis as we celebrate the depth and beauty of our Catholic faith!

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Youth grades 7-10: \$7

Children K-grade 6: \$5

Register now at Rediscover-faith.org! For questions or to request a mail-in registration form, please email Rediscover@archspm.org or call 651-291-4411.

Rediscover: Faith 2013 Speaker Series

Attendance at the speakers series talks earlier this year topped 12,000! Due to popular demand, the speakers series talks will be repeated at new locations this fall, beginning the week of September 16. Talks will be held on Mondays at Holy Name of Jesus in Wayzata, Tuesdays at Epiphany in Coon Rapids, Wednesdays at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, and Thursdays at Pax Christi in Eden Prairie. All talks begin at 7 p.m. and run a total of 90 minutes, including hospitality time. All talks are free and no registration is required. For dates and other details please visit Rediscover-faith.org under "events."

Rediscover Busses Leaving St. Peter's

Busses will be leaving from St. Peter's at 7:30 a.m. and returning at 4:30 p.m. If you have registered for this event and would like to ride the bus, registration for the bus service is requested. There is no charge for the bus, but free will donations will be accepted. To register for the bus, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org with your name and the number of people in your party, including children.



St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 7/29/13-8/4/13	\$17,235
Actual for the period 7/29/13-8/4/13	\$19,127
Budget for the period 8/5/13-8/11/13	\$11,385
Actual for the period 8/5/13-8/11/13	\$11,892
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$87,590
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$83,741

Pastoral Ministry

Christian Initiation

If you or someone you know has been thinking about becoming Catholic you are invited to join our Christian Initiation process. This process is appropriate for both the baptized and the unbaptized and for some who may already have made their First Communion as a child, but has not received the sacrament of Confirmation. Classes begin in the fall. For more information or to schedule a private inquiry meeting to discuss your own faith journey, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or email lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Wedding Banns

First and Second Proclamation: (August 18 & 25)

William Funk and Chelsey Rose

First Proclamation: (August 25)

Angelina Smith Isaac and Mark Sullivan



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
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jvasiliou@comcast.net.

St. Peter's Reaches Out



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School is just around the corner! School supplies are on sale! Please consider buying extras for children of families who can't purchase them. We will donate them to MORE's Multicultural School for Empowerment as we have done in the past. Students need pencils, pens, magic markers, notebooks, lined paper, crayons, rulers, etc. Your contributions are well-received by the staff at MORE. Boxes for the school supplies are located in the Main Church coat room or the office entrance. Deadline for bringing in supplies will be Sunday, September 8.

Neighbors Food Shelf

July had a record breaking month of 474 families using the food shelf.



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beef stew, chili, Hamburger Helper, jelly, juice, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter, and toilet paper.

Donation boxes are located in the Main Church coat room or the office entrance. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank You From the Center for Mission

Dear Fr. Gallatin:

Thank you and the people of your parish for welcoming and supporting (\$3,706.18) the missionary group that came to St. Peter's recently. Your effort continues the tradition going back to St. Paul who gathered assistance for the Church in Jerusalem as an act of communion and encouragement within the Body of Christ.

Peace,
 Deacon Mickey Friesen, D.Min., Director

Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities

The Annual Mass for Persons' with Disabilities is set for **Sunday, September 8, at 3 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel at The Saint Paul Seminary**. This special Mass, hosted by The Saint Paul Seminary, begins at 2:30 p.m. with a sing-along. Bishop Lee A. Piché will celebrate the Mass and confer the sacrament of Confirmation. All are invited and welcome. Please call Deacon Sean and Joan Curtan at 651-291-4543 or email curtans@archspm.org for more information.

The Week of August 19

Monday, August 19

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

Tuesday, August 20

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm
7 pm Fall Festival Committee Meeting,
Conference Room II

Wednesday, August 21

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

Thursday, August 22

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
1 pm Showboat Group Trip
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, August 23

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

Saturday, August 24

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

Sunday, August 25—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church
12 Noon Historic Church Tours

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Labor Day Mass and Office Hours

Mass on Labor Day will be celebrated on Monday, September 2, 9 a.m. in the Historic Church. The parish office will be closed on Labor Day in observance of the holiday.



Enjoy your holiday weekend!

The Week of August 26

Monday, August 26

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

Tuesday, August 27

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm
9:30 am Summer Bible Study,
Conference Room I

Wednesday, August 28

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

Thursday, August 29

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am Daily Mass Birthday Celebration,
Heritage Center
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, August 30

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

Saturday, August 31

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

Sunday, September 1—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church
12 Noon Historic Church Tours

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Stewardship Spotlight: Fall Festival

The St. Peter's Fall Festival will be back again this year, with food, fun, and fellowship for the whole parish community. This year's festival will take place on Sunday, October 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Familiar attractions will include kids' games, a closest to the pin contest, a cake walk, outdoor food, craft vendors, and a pork dinner sponsored and served by the Council of Catholic Women. Of particular interest this year are some new games geared toward older kids, bingo, and a raffle featuring various cash prizes. The primary goal of the festival is to build community—it's simply an opportunity for people to get together and have some fun.

Sarah Larsen, one of the event's organizers, first got involved in the Fall Festival when she was new to the parish. She notes that it's a great way to get to know other parishioners, as involvement doesn't require an in-depth understanding of the workings of the parish, just a willingness to pitch in and help. It's also great for people who can't commit to volunteer throughout the year but are willing to help during a relatively short period. Sarah identifies "all the people that I've gotten to meet" as the best thing about working on the Fall Festival. "The generosity that people show is inspiring. It makes you want to do more," she says.

Volunteers are still needed for this year's Fall Festival. For the more ambitious, new committee members are always welcome. However, 20 or more additional volunteers are needed just on the day of the festival to help set up, sell tickets, run games, serve dinner, clean up, etc. Donations are also welcome, especially for kids' prizes. Those interested in contributing in some way can contact Sara Rogers in the parish office or sign up to volunteer at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CADAB29A7FB6-fall>.

Readings for the Week of August 18

Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Next Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

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Holy Family Guild Luncheon/Style Show

Join us at the Holy Family Guild Luncheon & Style Show by Chico's on Grand Avenue. The proceeds benefit Little Sisters of the Poor.

The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, at the Pool & Yacht Club. The cost is \$30. Please send your check to Pauline Coleman, 1661 Beechwood Ave., St Paul, MN 55116. If you have any questions, call Mary Edel-Joyce at 651-639-1383.

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, August 19 - †Alvin Boelter

Tuesday, August 20 - †Doug & †Susan Grainger

Wednesday, August 21 - †Mary Shay

Thursday, August 22 - †Therese Jakes

Friday, August 23 - Choice of the Priest

Saturday, August 24 - †Orville Nouska

Sunday, August 25- 9 a.m. - Mass For the People

11 a.m. - †Br. Michael Gaworski

Monday, August 26 - †Jeffrey Weiss

Tuesday, August 27 - †Fred Luebstorf

Wednesday, August 28 - †Marion McBride

Thursday, August 29 - Choice of the Priest

Friday, August 30 - †Al Fonfara

Saturday, August 31 - †Raymond LeClaire

Sunday, September 1 - 9 a.m. - Mass For the People

11 a.m. - †Tom Koppen

Readings for the Week of August 25

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

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SUNDAY
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10 AM - 2 PM
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FALL FESTIVAL

GET INVOLVED

We need this many parishioners...

16 x 2 shifts
2 x 2 shifts
20
4 x 2 shifts
2 x 2 shifts
30

...to help in these areas:

Games
Bingo
Pork Dinner
Outdoor Food
Outdoor Beverages
Set-up and Clean-up

DONATE

We need prizes for games as well as unopened pop/juice/water bottles.
These items can be dropped off to Sara in the parish office.

LET US KNOW HOW YOU CAN HELP

CONTACT SARA ROGERS AT 651-905-4308 OR
SROGERS@STPETERSMENDOTA.ORG

~OR~

- 1) SIGN UP ONLINE BY VISITING WWW.STPETERSMENDOTA.ORG
- 2) IN THE "COMMUNITY" MENU, CLICK ON "FALL FESTIVAL"
- 3) CLICK ON THE LINK TO OUR SIGN-UP FORM
- 4) CHECK THE BOXES YOU WANT AND CLICK "SUBMIT AND SIGN UP!"