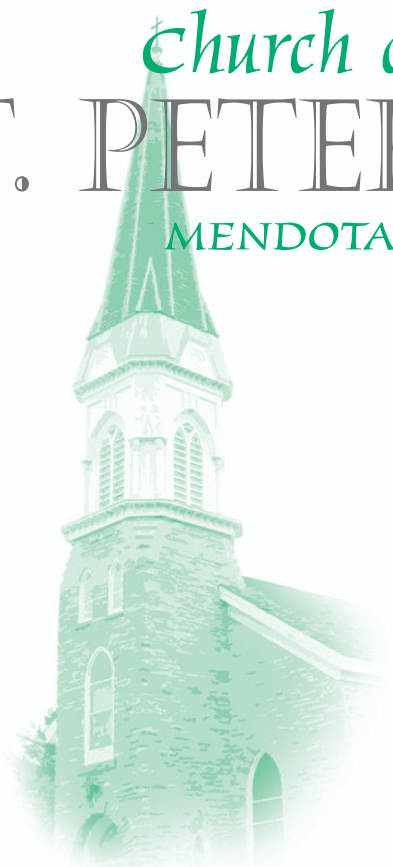


Church of ST. PETER MENDOTA



February 1, 2015
Fourth 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.

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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Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am

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9 am Monday-Friday

HOLY DAYS As announced.

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BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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or call the parish office at 651-452-4550.

Reflections from Our Pastor

My dear friends,

If we step back and take a ‘birds-eye-view’ of the Gospels, we see that all is centered around Jesus Christ and his encounters with various individuals and groups of people. And in each of these encounters is a noticeable pattern: every time someone approaches Jesus with a humble, believing heart they are blessed and their life is changed for the better. There are healings of body and soul, sins are forgiven, hearts are converted, new beginnings are made, and people are reconciled. In Jesus they encounter a **Mercy** that restores lost innocence, a **Truth** that liberates, a **Life** that gives deep joy, and a saving **Love** that fulfills and urges one on to live more generously for others.

If the Lord’s power and grace was unleashed for every open believing heart that sought Him in the Gospel, then what possibilities of grace await us in each and every encounter with the same Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament? If the Eucharist is truly Jesus Christ, His body, blood, soul and divinity (which our Catholic faith teaches us) then we are just as blessed as the people in the Gospel. We too can be blessed and changed by His grace each time we receive and adore Him. It was this conviction that moved Blessed John Paul II to say, “the answer to all the world’s problems lies in that little, round, white host that is consecrated upon our altars and received in each Holy Communion.” Supporting this further is that beautiful line from the 2nd Vatican Council on the Liturgy which says, “in the most blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself.”

In our deep honesty, we not only want to be good Christian people, but we also want to grow and become better Christians than we are now. We want to be better men and woman, better spouses, better mothers and fathers, better children, students, and workers. I want to be a better priest. What will help us most toward this end? The Word of God reveals to us that there is one thing we can do that will never fail: to approach Jesus with a humble, believing heart and spend heart-to-heart time with Him. The Mass provides the most privileged encounter with Christ each day, and nothing can take its place or equal its power to save. But outside of Mass, there is another way available to us here at St. Peter’s, which we see modeled in the lives of so many Holy women and men: spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, either exposed for adoration, or simply praying before the Tabernacle in either of our two churches.

St. John Neumann, an American Saint who lived from 1811-1860, had a special love for Jesus Christ in the

Blessed Sacrament. As the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia he labored tirelessly for the good of his diocese, working hard to improve the lives of children and the poor, opening 80 new churches and 40 Catholic schools, and writing two Catechisms that formed the faith of thousands. What was the secret of his holiness and the great success of his many apostolic labors? After his death they found this very revealing prayer in his diary:

“How much I love you, O my Jesus—I wish to love you with my whole heart. I have one desire, that of being near you in the Blessed Sacrament. My Jesus, my love, my all, gladly would I endure hunger, thirst, heat, and cold to remain always with you in the Blessed Sacrament. Would that in your Eucharistic Presence I might unceasingly weep over my sins. Take entire possession of me. To you I consecrate all the powers of my soul and body, my whole being. Would that I could infuse into all hearts a burning love for you.”

Neumann’s secret, at the source of everything he did, was his daily contact with Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, either in communion, or by his frequent visits with Jesus in the tabernacle. Deeply convinced by his own experience of the blessings and fruits of this practice, St. John Neumann was the first to implement the practice of 40 Hours Devotion on a diocesan level, which brought the people of his diocese more frequently into contact with Jesus Christ and helped to ensure that Catholic life in Philadelphia was rooted in the Eucharistic presence of Jesus.

Here at St. Peter’s we are so blessed, not only to have Mass offered here each day, but also to have two churches where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, so that we can stop in to pray with Jesus Christ like St. John Neumann. We are equally blessed to have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Historic Church. Please come and experience the blessings of this special time with the Lord.

Inspired by the life and example of St. John Neumann and other Saints, and urged on by our own love for Jesus and desire to grow closer to Him and be more like Him, let us come and experience the blessings of this special time with Jesus. Let us come as often as we can to encounter the One who is most fully present to us in the Blessed Sacrament, the One who would never send us away empty, but is always ready to bless and save, to heal and console, to forgive and raise up.

God love you,



Fr. Steven

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

First Eucharist Program

First Eucharist Parent and Child Session I: Tuesday, February 3

There will be **no Wednesday class** for second grade on **Wednesday, February 4**. Instead, we will have a **Parent and Child Session on Tuesday, February 3 at 6 p.m.** **Children will go to their classrooms and parents will come to Heritage Center.** Please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 if you have any questions or if you will not be able to attend the Tuesday session. Thank you.

Confirmation

Registration for Confirmation preparation will open in January for all parishioners currently in 9th grade. Information will be mailed to all registered families with a ninth grader in their household, and information will be available online. If you have any questions, please visit the parish website at www.stpetersmendota.org or contact Ed Overell at 651-905-4312.

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February 18

Mass will be celebrated
at 7 a.m. in the Historic Church
and
9 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the
Main Church

Soup Supper

On Ash Wednesday, the Council of Catholic Women and the Men's Club will be hosting a Soup Supper from 5 to 7 p.m. in Heritage Center.



Stations of the Cross and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction

Fridays, February 20, 27,
March 6, 13, 20, 27
7 p.m. in the Main Church

Join the Choir



The choir is beginning preparation for the Holy Week celebrations, the Lenten season, and beyond. Now is a great time to join! Rehearsals are weekly on Wednesday nights, at 7 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m.. If you have questions, feel free to ask any choir member or contact David at ddunst@stpetersmendota.org.

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St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary:

Budget for period of Jan. 19-Jan. 25, 2015.....	\$13,253
Actual for period of Jan. 19-Jan. 25, 2015	\$16,579
Year to Date Budget	\$497,600
Year to Date Actual	\$512,653

2015 Catholic Services Appeal "Be Imitators of Christ"

The 2015 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is underway. Many of our parishioners have already received a mailing from the newly established Catholic Services Appeal Foundation requesting your support of the Catholic Services Appeal. Please respond generously.

The Appeal funds services that no one parish or individual can support alone. These services must go on despite these troubled times in our Archdiocese. It is important to know that contributions to the Catholic Services Appeal will be used for the benefit of designated ministries of the Appeal. Please visit the new Catholic Services Appeal Foundation website at csafspm.org for more information.

When you give to the Catholic Services Appeal you provide food and shelter, education, spiritual support, and sacraments to individuals who are in need, disabled, imprisoned, hospitalized, or in nursing homes. You help give nearly 2,500 students access to a life-changing Catholic school education their families could not otherwise afford. You support seminarians preparing for the priesthood, make the annual Archdiocesan Youth Day happen, and help fund the evangelization and catechesis initiatives. You help our 65,000 brothers and sisters at the mission parish of Jesucristo Resucitado in Venezuela. You help support Latino ministry for our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters at 23 local parishes. And, when our parish reaches its goal, 25% of *all* funds received will be returned for use to support ministries in our parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is: "Be Imitators of Christ." Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal will help to share His message of salvation not only in our parish but throughout our local Church and beyond. Commit to helping the CSA supported ministries. Then, please contemplate God's gifts to you and reflect on your gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish and vital ministries throughout this local Church is one way to express this gratitude. Thank you.

Contribution Statements

The contribution statements for 2014 will be delayed this year. We made a conversion to new software in October/November that slowed down the tracking of contributions. They will be sent out as soon as possible. Your patience as we bring all information up to date is greatly appreciated.

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 until 6 p.m.**

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

Cana Dinner A Celebration of Marriage

Our fifth annual Cana Dinner will be held on Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14, beginning with 5 p.m. Mass. An elegant evening is planned to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage and all married couples, widowed, and single people are invited to attend. The cost is \$25 per attendee which includes dinner, two drink tickets, and a presentation on the Sacrament of Marriage by our very own Fr. Steven Hoffman. Reservations and payment will be taken after Masses on January 31/February 1 and February 7/8 in the Gathering Space. Remember to invite your family and friends! We look forward to seeing you there.



New Parishioner Registration

Interested in joining the parish? New parishioner registration will be held after all Masses February 7 and 8 in the Gathering Space. You can also register by clicking on the "Community/Join St. Peter's" link on the parish website.

The Week of February 2

Monday, February 2

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony
7 pm Boy Scouts, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, February 3

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
After the 9 am Mass Until 6 pm
9:45 am Women's Bible Study,
Conference Room I, Ravoux Room
6 pm First Communion Parent Session

Wednesday, February 4

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
1:30 pm Council of Catholic Women Board
Meeting, Conference Room I
4:30 pm Grades 1, 3-5
6:30 pm Grades 1, 3-8
7 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday, February 5

- 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

Friday, February 6

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

Saturday, February 7

- 9 and 10:30 am
Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
10 am Scripture Study, Conference Room I
4 pm Reconciliation, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm Mass, Main Church
After Mass:
Cana Dinner Ticket Sales
New Parishioner Registration

Sunday, February 8—5th Sun. in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 & 10:30 am
Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church
9 & 11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children
9 am Sunday School
10 am Confirmation Class
10 am Neighbors Inc. Meeting, Heritage Center
After Masses:
Cana Dinner Ticket Sale
New Parishioner Registration

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Readings for the Week of February 1

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, February 2 - †Estelle Knapp

Tuesday, February 3 - †Mae Keenan

Wednesday, February 4 - †Mary Margaret Trettel

Thursday, February 5 - †Jill Taylor

Friday, February 6 - †Dan Chapdelaine

Saturday, February 7 - †John Goggin

Sunday, February 8 - 9 a.m. - †Mary Chapdelaine

11 a.m. - Mass For the People

Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Board Meeting

St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women Board will meet on Wednesday, February 4, 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room I. All women of the parish are invited to attend.



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Mass for the World of Consecrated Life

Monday, February 2, 5:15 p.m.
Cathedral of Saint Paul

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis are invited to join Bishop Piché, men and women religious, consecrated virgins and members of secular institutes at a special liturgy celebrating this year's World Day For Consecrated Life. This is one of many events and observances during the Year of Consecrated Life. Visit www.archspm.org/2015ycl to learn more!

2015 Newly Married Retreat

Saturday, February 7
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Church of St. Charles Borromeo
Saint Anthony

All married couples who have not yet reached their 8th anniversary are invited to attend this great day to refresh their marriage. The retreat includes breakout sessions, reconciliation and the opportunity for couples to renew wedding vows. The cost is \$40 per couple and includes continental breakfast and catered lunch. More details and registration are available at www.archspm.org, Keywords: Newly Married. For more information, please call 651-291-4553.

Catholic Women's Conference

Women of all ages are invited to the Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis in partnership with WINE: Women In the New Evangelization on Saturday, February 14, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. (Doors open at 7 a.m.) at the Church of the Epiphany in Coon Rapids.

The event features morning coffee, camaraderie, and caramel rolls, prayer, engaging keynote talk by Catholic author Patty Schneier, inspirational testimony by Nancy Jo Sullivan, music from singer-songwriter Vicki Kueppers, Reconciliation, Mass celebrated by Bishop Andrew Cozzens, lunch, vendors, laughs and sisterhood. Cost: \$40 per person. To register visit www.archspm.org keyword: WINE or call 651-291-4411.

A Mass for Healing, Reconciliation, and Hope

Thursday, February 26, 7 p.m.

All are invited to the Church of Saint Paul in Ham Lake for a special Mass with Bishop Lee Piché to pray for healing and reconciliation in our Church and our community from the wounds of childhood sexual abuse. May the light of Christ's reconciling love show us the way out of this darkness and lead us to hope and healing.

2015 Archdiocesan Men's Conference

Saturday, March 21, 8 a.m. - 12 noon
Doors open at 7 a.m.
for Adoration and Confession
AARC Fieldhouse at the
University of St. Thomas

Join men of all ages and walks of life from around the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis for a morning filled with faith and fellowship. Learn how, with the help of Jesus Christ, you can *conquer sin*! The conference includes: Mass, breakfast, dynamic speakers, and more! \$20 per adult; \$10 per student (up to high school senior).

Register online at www.archspm.org Keywords: Men's Conference. Questions? Call 651-291-4411



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Church of St. Peter
Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 16, 2014
6:30 PM – Conference Room 1

Members present: Mary Pat Ferraro, Paul Hirsch, Sarah Larsen, Lance Miller, Maria Schwartz, Alice Scheeler, Nancy Stanton

Members not present: Anne Hallgren, Joe Towle

Ex officio members present: Fr. Steven Hoffman, Helen Wilkie

Ex officio members not present: Jim Oricchio

Others present: Mary Jubenville

I. Opening Prayer: Alice Sheeler provided hospitality and led the members in a prayer by Edward Hays.

II. *Forming Intentional Disciples* - Fr. Steven and members discussed the 1st chapter of the book.

III. Approval of Agenda and any additions: No minutes for approval. In the future, Sarah, Alice and Maria will work to email minutes for approval soon after PPC meetings.

IV. New Business

- A. Leadership Retreat: Members present who have attended leadership retreats in the past would like this tradition to continue. Staff will look to possibly schedule for early spring and explore having it on-site or elsewhere.
- B. Finance Report: Mary Jubenville shared November Financial Report. The hope is that December will again be a good month, with our new pastor and increases in Mass attendance.

V. Old Business

- A. Stewardship Update: Commitment cards are still coming in. Reminders have been sent out. Staff still trying to interface new computer software and hope that ministry leaders will have lists of new people soon.
- B. Montessori School - renewed discussion: Per Parishioner George Zirnhelt's suggestion, William Faulkner of Elizabeth Seton Montessori School contacted St. Peter's regarding leasing classroom space for their school. The Council did not feel ready to make any decision regarding this issue at this time. Father Steven will meet with Mr. Faulkner in the new year.

VI. Closing prayer: Alice Sheeler and committee recited an Advent prayer by Edward Hays. Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming Meeting: Tuesday, January 20th, 2014