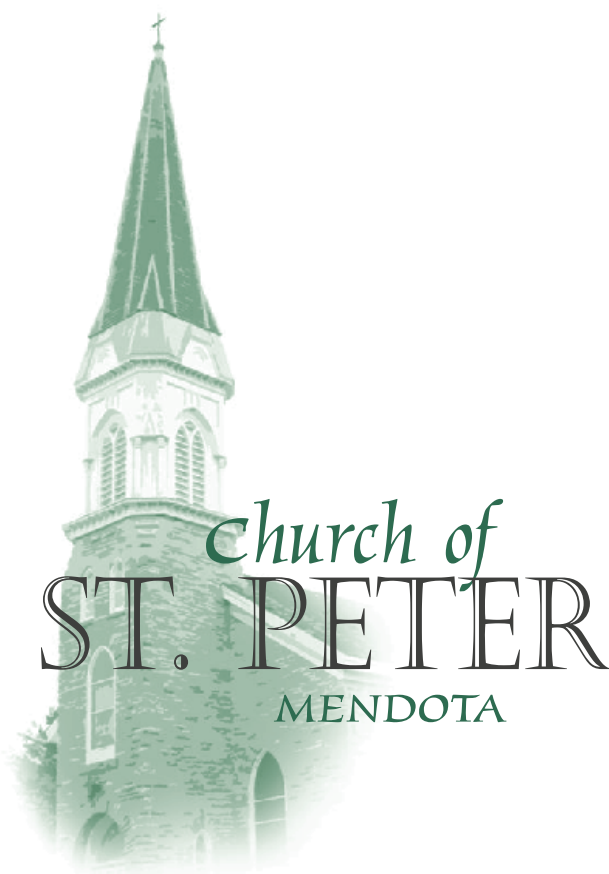




February 10, 2013
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 (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

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BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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From the Pastor's Desk

I want to thank you for your patience during the most visible part of the Catholic Services Appeal. I am confident that you'll be generous, even in a year in which so many of you have already made a sacrificial commitment in our Forward in Faith debt reduction campaign. Our Annual Stewardship Renewal process is also continuing. I encourage you to complete a commitment card if you have not already done so, and I hope you will be open to becoming involved in one of our many parish ministries that is new to you. As part of my own personal response to the Stewardship Renewal, I made some decisions about how God is calling me to be a steward of the treasure that he has entrusted to me. I worked out the percentages that I will give to my parish, to the Archdiocese, and to other charities. It's very freeing to know that I've made my decisions and now just need to carry them out.

Huddled as we are in the cold of early February, we have to peer as if into the distant future to discern March 20, when the direct rays of the sun will cross the equator on their journey northward: the first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. A week later, on March 27, the moon will become full, and on the next Sunday, March 31, Christians everywhere will celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. The tilt of the earth and the portion of the moon that is illuminated determine the most important date on the Christian calendar, and that is why this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday.

The first day of Lent arrives in time for us to have six Sundays and 40 days of fasting before we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Almost all practicing Catholics come to Mass on Ash Wednesday even though we are not required to do so. There will even be an early Mass (at 7:00 in the morning) in the Historic Church to accommodate the schedules of working people. At that early Mass I intend to have you on your way at 7:40. The other two Masses are at 9:00 AM in the Main Church and 7:00 PM in the Main Church. Ashes will also be distributed at 2:00 at Lilydale Senior Living, and at 4:30 and 6:30 in the Historic Church for our religious education students and their parents.

I want to remind you about something that begins this coming Friday. We offer the devotion of the Stations of the Cross twice every Friday of Lent except Good Friday. The daily Mass congregation has its own simplified version of Stations right after morning Mass. The whole parish can come to Stations at 7:00 Friday evenings in the Main Church. It lasts until about 7:35, and is an excellent way to keep Friday a day dedicated to remembering what the Lord has done for us.

On Ash Wednesday each year, we hear from the prophet Joel: **"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God."** Please consider making use of the sacrament of penance by going to confession during this penitential season. It's a most fitting time to be reconciled to God, especially if it has been a long time for you. I hear confessions each Saturday from 4:00 to 4:45. This year, our Lenten parish penance service will be on the evening of Thursday, March 14, and there will be five priests present to hear confessions. Our religious education penance services will be during classes on Wednesday, March 6, which also happens to be the day when we will be hearing the confessions of children at Faithful Shepherd. There will be one more opportunity for individual confessions during Holy Week.

Lent is especially distinctive for Catholics because of the dietary change we experience. There are eight meatless days during Lent (Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays), and here at St. Peter's we will have three special meals to make it that much easier to be together on days on which we don't eat meat. The *Lenten soup supper* will be on Ash Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:00; you can come for a light meal on that day of fasting and stay for the 7:00 Mass. A great *fish dinner* will be served here on Friday, February 22. Later in Lent, on Friday, March 15, the *Workcamp Lenten pasta dinner* will take place. Be sure to mark your calendars.

The Lenten scriptural readings can guide us through the season. The first Sunday always features the story of Christ's temptation in the desert, whether it's Year A, B, or C. Because we are in Year C this year and we are generally using Luke's Gospel, we will hear Luke's brief account of the temptation (Luke 4:1-13).

The second Sunday of Lent always allows us to hear an account of the Transfiguration of the Lord. It is from Luke's Gospel this year (Luke 9:28b-36).

Each year, the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays share a particular theme. This year, they have the theme of penance: we hear in the Gospel passages about the need for conversion (Luke 13:1-9), the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32), and the story of the woman taken in adultery (John 8:1-11).

The sixth Sunday of Lent is Palm Sunday, and on that day we read Luke's account of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40) at the beginning of Mass during the blessing of palms, and during the Liturgy of the Word we hear Luke's account of the Passion (Luke 22:14 – 23:56). It might seem distant, but Holy Week will soon be here. Looking ahead to the path we will follow this Lent can make the season more spiritually fruitful.

Fr. Joseph Gallatin

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Ash Wednesday Services for Religious Education

On Wednesday, February 13, we will have Ash Wednesday services at both the 4:30 and 6:30 session in the Historic Church. Families are invited to join us and attend the parish "Soup Supper" being held in Heritage Center from 5 to 7 p.m. Call Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 or Ed Overell at 651-905-4312 if you have any questions.

"For Lent I Will..."

With Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, many of us are thinking about ways to strengthen our faith as we approach the celebration of Christ's resurrection. During Lent we may choose to give something up or do something extra as a sign of our willingness to change. The Religious Education staff invites you to share with each other what you are doing for Lent. There are sheets of paper on the tables in Heritage Center for you to fill out and place in the purple box. Throughout Lent, some of these will be posted in the bulletin.

Caring Hearts for Homeless People

The Religious Education Department, working in collaboration with St. Peter's Pastoral Ministry, is asking the families of the Religious Education/Faith Formation programs to help in collecting much needed items for the homeless in our surrounding areas. Each grade has been asked to bring in a specific item. Please remind your child to bring in their item before the end of February.

A Fish Dinner for Under \$10

Mark your calendars for our annual Lenten delicious fish dinner on February 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. in our Heritage Center. Reservations will be taken the next two weekends after Mass (February 9/10 and 16/17) and are encouraged but not required. Plan to bring your family and friends to help support the parish while enjoying great company and tasty food!



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.

Pastoral Ministry

Vatican II Speaker Coming to St. Peter's

Jackie Witter, much-sought-after Twin Cities speaker on spirituality and the Catholic faith, will be speaking at St. Peter's on the afternoon of Sunday, March 10. Mark your calendars for this—you will be very glad that you did. The cost of this event will be \$15/person but discounts will be available for reservations of four or more *made at the same time*. Bring friends, have more fun, and save money! For more information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Caring Hearts for the Homeless Supply Drive

Just a friendly reminder to please donate to the **Caring Hearts Supply Drive for Homeless People...** We need your help!

Non-prescription medications, hygiene supplies and cotton socks are just a few items that will be collected for the homeless. Supplies must be dropped off



in the Coat Room by Sunday, February 24. Please see the shopping lists on the counter in the Gathering Space for a complete shopping list and drop-off location or call Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304.

Monetary donations are especially welcome. Please make checks payable to the "HealthEast Foundation Homeless Project."

We want to especially thank the children and their families participating in the drive through our Religious Education programs.

Thank you for giving from your heart!

St. Peter's Group Trip Save the Date

Join us for another fun trip on Wednesday, March 13. We will be going to the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis for a tour and lunch. Details will be in a future bulletin and you may sign up after Mass the weekend of February 23 and 24. For further information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.



St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 1/28/13-2/3/13	\$17,575
Actual for the period 1/28/13-2/3/13	\$19,243
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$550,225
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$535,765

2013 Catholic Services Appeal



The Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) will be conducted in our parish this weekend. Your support of the CSA brings God's hope, love, and "His Promise" to countless of our brothers and sisters in our Archdiocese. Please be generous.

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 or
jvasiliou@comcast.net.

Sincere Sympathy

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of **Kenneth Gillette**. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make him sharers in eternal salvation.



Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Board Meeting

The Council of Catholic Women Board will meet on **Thursday, February 14**, 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room I. Please note since Ash Wednesday is the second Wednesday in February, their meeting date has been moved to Thursday. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Cana Dinner—A Celebration of Marriage

St. Peter's is hosting a Cana Dinner in celebration of Marriage on Saturday, February 16, beginning with 5 p.m. Mass. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner catered by Kane's. Reservations and payment will be taken after Masses on February 9/10 at the Cana Dinner table in the Gathering Space. The cost is \$25 per attendee which includes dinner, two drink tickets, and entertainment.

Family Playdate/Potluck

Come meet other parish families and enjoy some food and time together! There will be a family playdate/potluck for families with young children on Saturday, February 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Heritage Center. Hotdogs and paper goods will be provided, but we ask that you bring a kid-friendly food item to share, as well as your own beverages. Several bins of toys will also be provided for the kids! To RSVP and for questions, contact Paula at p.kraus@comcast.net or 651-454-6757.



February 13

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

Fridays, February 15 and 22,
 March 1, 8, 15, and 22
 7-7:35 p.m. in the Main Church



The Next Week

Monday, February 11

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

Tuesday, February 12

- 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
1 pm Faithfully Fit forever, Ravoux Room
7 pm Stewardship Committee,
 Conference Room I

Wednesday, February 13—Ash Wednesday

- 7 am** Mass, Historic Church
9 am Mass, Main Church (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Room I
4:30 pm Grade 1-5 Ash Wednesday Service,
 Historic Church
6:30 pm Grades 1-8 Ash Wednesday Service,
 Historic Church
5-7 pm Soup Supper, Heritage Center
7 pm Mass, Main Church

Thursday, February 14—Valentine's Day

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
1:30 pm CCW Board Meeting, Conference Room I
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Room 7
7 pm Teen Al-Anon Meeting, Room 6
7 pm Bible Study, Family Room

Friday, February 15

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
7-7:35 pm Stations of the Cross, Main Church

Saturday, February 16

- 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
After Mass:
 Faithful Shepherd Raffle Table
 Fish Dinner Reservations
6 pm Cana Dinner, Heritage Center

Sunday, February 17—First Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 & 10:30 am**
 Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church
After Masses:
 Donuts & Refreshments
 Faithful Shepherd Raffle Table
 Fish Dinner Reservations

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Readings for the Week of February 10

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20--2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, February 11 - †Bob O'Neill

Tuesday, February 12 - Choice of the Priest

Wednesday, Feb. 13 - 7 a.m. - Mass For the People

9 a.m. - Choice of the Priest

7 p.m. - Choice of the Priest

Thursday, February 14 - Choice of the Priest

Friday, February 15 - †Marlene Ferguson

Saturday, February 16 - Choice of the Priest

Sunday, February 17 - 9 a.m. - †Bob O'Neill

11 a.m. - †Dick Gaworski

Faithfully Fit Forever (FFF)

Our body, mind, spirit fitness class for older adults meets Tuesday afternoons from 1-2 pm in the Ravoux Room. Our experienced, professional instructors will guide you through educational, spiritual, and physical activities designed for whole wellness. This class is perfect for those with mobility and balance issues. The class is free of charge and no registration is required. Join anytime! Please wear comfortable clothing, bring water, and free weights if you have them. A limited number of weights are available at class. Cards with class dates are available on the counter at the information center in the Gathering Space. We hope to see you there! For further information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

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Men's Conference

The 2013 Archdiocesan Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 16, at the Anderson Field House at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul Campus. Archbishop John Nienstedt will welcome participants during this Year of Faith. Glenn Caruso, Coach of the University of St. Thomas football team, will be a featured speaker. Registration: www.archspm.org or call 651-291-4488.



Women's Lenten Retreat

Saturday, February 23, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Join in the spirit of Lent as we explore Faith in the New Evangelization with a morning prayer, sacraments, reflection and a dynamic presentation by Archbishop Emeritus Harry Flynn. Women of all ages are welcome. Continental breakfast and registration from 8-9 a.m., retreat will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and will conclude after Mass by 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
515 Albert Street South, St. Paul

Register online by February 20 at www.archspm.org. Call 651-291-4489 for more information. Walk-ins welcome.

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2013 Lenten Regulations



The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence and by exercising works of piety and charity. All Fridays through the year, and especially during Lent, are penitential days.

ABSTINENCE

All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent.

FASTING

All those 18 and older, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs. But together, they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be affected seriously. People in doubt about fast or abstinence should consult a parish priest or confessor.

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Join fellow Catholics for one or all of these insightful talks—and bring a friend or family member with you! Engaging speakers will use multi-media to help unpack the big ideas central to our Catholic faith and, most important, show us how those ideas lead to a deeper, more meaningful connection with God in our lives.

All talks are free of charge and all begin at 7 p.m. Each talk runs 90 minutes and is followed by hospitality time. Talks in Spanish are also offered, please see <http://rediscover.archspm.org/redescubre/> for details.

Rediscover: belonging Living in Communion with God

Presented by Father Michael Keating

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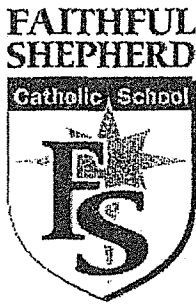
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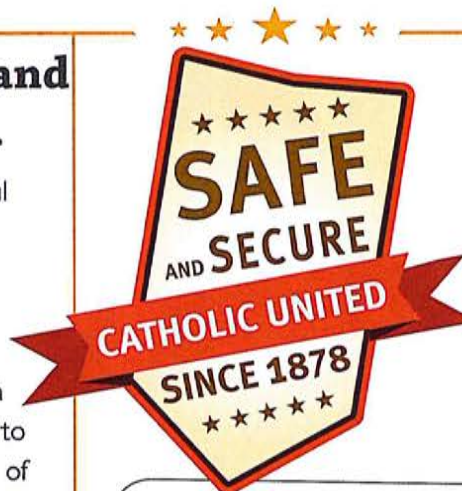
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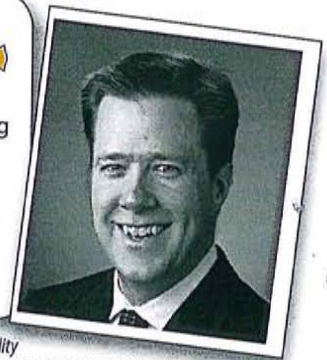
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