

Church of ST. PETER MENDOTA



**February 28, 2016
Third Sunday of Lent**

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-Friday

HOLY DAYS As announced.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fridays, 8 to 8:45 am and Saturdays 3:30 to 4:45 pm
and also any time by appointment.

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Mary LeClair E-mail: maryleclair62@gmail.com
or call the parish office at 651-452-4550.

Reflections from our Deacon

As we continue in this Lenten season and reflect on our faith in this Year of Mercy, I would like to offer this article about guilt. What is guilt? What role does it play in our lives? What is the difference between shame and guilt?

Let's take a simple scenario. Upon his arrival home from school, Johnny's mother surprises him with a batch of freshly baked cookies. Mom sets out three cookies and reminds Johnny that dinner will soon be served so no more cookies until dinner. As soon as Johnny hears Mom go down to start some laundry, he helps himself to three more cookies. Mom returns, discovers the misdeed, and immediately expresses her disappointment in his choice to disobey her. Johnny feels bad about his behavior, recognizes that he did wrong, and quickly apologizes to his mother and receives her forgiveness.

What I have just described is an experience of guilt. Johnny is caught doing something he was told not to do. His mother focuses her attention on his behavior and helps her son see that he has made a bad choice.

Guilt is an awareness that we have done something wrong which has hurt someone and even hurt ourselves. It works with conscience to convict us of our sinful behavior. In our Catholic view, we always measure our behavior against a standard of love for God and for our neighbor. In this light, we are able to see that some of our choices fall short of showing this love. By contrast, shame is the belief that there is something wrong with us because of what we have done. While guilt instills in us a healthy awareness of our sinfulness and of the need to seek God's mercy, shame distorts our view of the mercy of God, making us feel unworthy and unlovable. We enter into an all or nothing mindset that tells us that we are inherently bad because of what we have done. Our self-image is distorted, and we lose our sense of inherent worth as a beloved child of a loving and merciful Father.

The reality is that we are all sinners. At every Mass, we begin by looking at our lives and asking God to forgive us for the times we have sinned - "In my thoughts and in my words; in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do." Just as Johnny's mother quickly forgave her son once he recognized his bad choice and apologized, so too is our loving God ever ready to pour out his abundant mercy upon us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Not only do we receive forgiveness for our sins and a restoration of our broken selves, but we also receive grace and healing!

The Jesuits have a beautiful end of the day exercise called the Examen Prayer. It can help us to enter into a loving conversation with God in which we recall, not only our faults and failings, but also to remember the blessings of the day. You can find many resources for praying the Examen Prayer online or by checking out a good Catholic bookstore.

Just as our bodies have ways of letting us know when we are not in a state of good health, so a well-formed conscience and awareness of our sin helps us to recognize when we need to make that trip to the confessional. Our loving God has made a way for us to be restored and renewed when we fall. . . and fall we will! Let us thank God for those little pangs of guilt that bite us when we know we have failed to love and do His will. Guilt helps us to recognize that we are fallen, but loved, and never without the mercy of God, who is always ready to forgive a repentant sinner.

May we all grow closer in our walk with the Lord by readily and humbly admitting our faults before Him and receiving the grace and mercy that helps us to get up and walk again.

In the Spirit of Our Loving Father,

Deacon Tim

Sincere Sympathy

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of **Deborah Ginder**. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make her a sharer in eternal salvation.



Parish Penance Service

Thursday, March 10, 6:30-8 p.m., Main Church

Six priests will be available to hear
Individual Confessions.

Be Among the First We Tell

We don't know who. We don't when. But we do know who we'll tell first...you! Follow [The Catholic Spirit](#) for the best coverage when our new archbishop is named. Go to www.TheCatholicSpirit.com/NewAbp and sign up to choose how you want to hear the news.

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Grade 2 Classes

First Eucharist Parent Child Sessions

First Eucharist Parent and Child Session II, Tuesday, March 1. There will be no Wednesday class for second grade on Wednesday, March 2. Instead, we will have a Parent and Child Session on Tuesday, March 1 at 6 p.m. Children will go to their classrooms and parents will go 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.

Reconciliation Services

On Wednesday, March 2, grades 3-8 will participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during their regular class times. Students will go to their classroom as usual, then go to the main church as a class. Parents and family are welcome to join us to participate in the Sacrament as well. Grade 1 will have class as scheduled.

Grade 2 does not have class on Wednesday, March 2. However, if families are interested in bringing their second grader to the reconciliation service, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311.

Random Acts of Kindness

Random Acts of Kindness Cross

The Random Acts of Kindness Cross is in the Gathering Space by the elevator. Each time you perform a random act of kindness—an act you perform because of a “desire to connect, to lend a helping hand and/or to extend yourself out into the world”—please put a tissue paper flower into the cross. By Easter we will have a blooming cross of kindness!



Thank you from the Workcamp Youth!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Workcamp trip over the past couple months! Whether you purchased baked goods, attended our pancake breakfast or joined us for the pasta dinner, your participation and support has made a difference in the lives of our youth as they work hard to offset the cost of their trip this summer. For more information about Workcamp, contact Elizabeth at 651-905-4312 or emccanna@stpetersmendota.org.

Pastoral Ministry

Lent Speaker Series

Sacraments in the Light of Mercy: How the sacraments help us to experience and live from God's mercy

Jesus is God's love incarnate, a love that comes to us as mercy. God's merciful love is communicated to us in numerous ways. The seven sacraments, instituted by Christ himself, are especially designed for this purpose: to bring the power of God's merciful love into all the areas of our life.

We hope you will come and join us this Lent, during the Year of Mercy, as we reflect together on how we can live more generously and concretely from these life-giving sources of mercy. All are welcome.

- ♦ **March 3, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** The Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. No reservations are required. Free will donations will be accepted. Fellowship and refreshments will be provided after each evening's talk. For further information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

24 Hours for the Lord

Come back to Confession in the Year of Mercy

Friday, March 4 - Saturday, March 5

Please consider joining in this worldwide celebration of the Lord's mercy by returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As Pope Francis invites us, “Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the center once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands.” Special opportunities include round-the-clock confessions at both the Cathedral of St. Paul and Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis from Friday, 1:30 p.m. to Saturday, 12 noon.

Uganda with Love

Kid's Change for Kids-To Uganda with Love

During Lent, we are asked to give alms. To encourage our youth and children to follow this Lenten practice, St. Peter's is sponsoring a child in Uganda. Please have children and youth bring in money that they have earned to help support this child. They may bring the money to their religion class and put it in the can located on their teacher's desk. All proceeds go to support the child we sponsor in Uganda. We will continue to collect money through Lent.

St. Peter's Community News

Stations of the Cross

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



Fridays, March 4, 11, 18
7 p.m. in the Main Church

Annual Lenten Fish Dinner

Fundraiser for Troop 264

Mark your calendars for a delicious fish dinner! It takes place on Friday, March 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Heritage Center. We will serve scalloped potatoes, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, rolls, assorted desserts and beverages. Plan to bring your family and friends to help support Troop 264, while enjoying great company and tasty food! Cost is \$10 per plate or \$25 per family.

Easter Flowers

We are now accepting donations for Easter flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. If you would like to make a donation, please pick up an envelope from the information counter, or in the parish office, and return it through the Sunday collections or to the parish office by Monday, March 14. All names will be listed in our Easter bulletin.



New Parishioner Registration

Interested in joining the parish? New parishioner registration will be held after all Masses March 5 and 6 in the Gathering Space. You can also register by clicking on the "Community/Join St. Peter's" link on the parish website.



Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

Volunteers Needed

2016 CARONDELET GALA

Spend an hour or two with your friends at Carondelet Village and help a great cause—St. Mary's Health Clinics. Since 1992, the clinics have provided quality health care at no cost to uninsured women, children and men in the Twin Cities. We need your help stuffing and stamping invitations for this major fundraiser on **Wednesday, March 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in Carondelet Village Auditorium. Please contact Mimi at 651-690-7058 or mpizzi@csjministriesfoundation.org. There will be treats and door prizes for your help!

Hearing and Vision Aids

Hearing and Vision Aids Available for Mass

If you find it hard to hear at Mass, or your ability to participate is inhibited by difficulty reading the hymnal or worship aids, we can help with that. Please see one of our friendly ushers and let them know of your need. We have hearing devices and magnifiers available for you to use while you are here. Thank you.

St. Paul Seminary Presents: Moonshine Abbey

The monks at Saint Hippolytus Abbey have been distilling their "elixir of happiness" since they settled in America hundreds of years ago. But with the onset of Prohibition, the civil authorities will stop at nothing to purify the country from the evils of alcohol. What will this band of brothers do to maintain their "pious" way of life?

The show runs Friday, April 22 through Sunday, April 24 at the University of St. Thomas BEC Auditorium. Tickets are required, but are **FREE** at www.sps theatre.org OR join us for the Sunday afternoon show. Pastoral ministry has a limited number of tickets available for those who would like to board a bus at St. Peter's at 1:15pm for the 2 p.m. show. Buses will depart UST immediately following the play. Tickets are free, but free will donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the bus. To reserve your spot on the bus, contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

The Week of February 22

Monday, February 29

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6 pm St Paul Civic Symphony, Heritage Center
7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, March 1

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:30 am Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament until 7 pm, Historic Church
9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
6:00 pm Grade 2 First Communion Parent Child Session, Heritage Center, Classrooms

Wednesday, March 2

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:30 am CCW Board Meeting, Conference Room 1
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
4:30 pm REFF Grades 1, 3-5, Class/Reconciliation Service, Classrooms, Main Church
6:30 pm REFF Grades 1, 3-8, Class/Reconciliation Service, Classrooms, Main Church
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday, March 3

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am Small Faith Group, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm Lent Series, Heritage Center
6:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting, Conference Rm 1
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, March 4

- 8 am** Confessions, Main Church
9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
 Anointings after Mass, Historic Church
5 pm Lenten Fish Dinner, Heritage Center
7 pm Stations of the Cross with Benediction, Main Church

Saturday, March 5

- 9 and 10:30 am** Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
10 am Scripture Study, Community Room
3:30 pm Confessions, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm Mass, Main Church
6 pm Wine and Cheese Night for Young Adults, Ravoux Room

After Mass

New Parishioner Registration, Gathering Space

Sunday, March 6

- 8:30 & 10:30 am** Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass, Main Church
9 am Sunday School, Classrooms
9 & 11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Heritage Center
11 am Mass, Main Church

After Masses

New Parishioner Registration, Gathering Space
 Hospitality Sunday, Heritage Center

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Readings for the Week of February 28

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/1
 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/
 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, February 29— †Paige Duncan
Tuesday, March 1 - †George Zirnelt
Wednesday, March 2 †Helen Hughes
Thursday, March 3 - †Ben Dahlstrom
Friday, March 4 - †Barbara Anderson Thill
Saturday, March 5 - Mass for the People
Sunday, March 6 - 9 a.m. - †Claire Devereaux
11a.m. - Charles Schrader

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Minute Memo from Ms. Shimshock

Sometimes it may seem that we are walking in a fog. There is anxiety regarding the future. We are unsure of what lies ahead or what path is the right one for us. When we listen, really listen to Him, it becomes obvious that He has been leading us down His path the whole time. . . we just did not know it. May this Lent give you the peace you need to find the right path. *The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you or forsake you. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged.* Deuteronomy 31:8.

Faithful Shepherd kept warm during this cold, but sunny month by keeping active in our learning. Our seventh graders took a fantastic trip to Washington D.C. where they toured the White House, Mt. Vernon, met our state senators and learned about our nation's history. It was a great trip! We also hosted 15 families at our February Open House. This brings us to a total of 70 leads for the 2016-2017 school year. Don't forget that as a parish member, if you refer a friend to Faithful Shepherd Catholic School, and they register for the 2016-2017 school year, you can earn \$250. Now doesn't that warm your heart!

Winter blessings,
Ms. Shimshock



Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis asks us to "live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: 'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.'" (cf. Lk 6:36) Participate throughout the year by making a pilgrimage to a Holy Door at the Cathedral of St. Paul or Basilica of Saint Mary, regularly receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and participating in the #MercyWorks video challenge. Find additional ways to pray, learn and act at www.archspm.org/Mercy.

Cursillo Corner

All are welcome to attend the South East Metro Ultreya (monthly meeting) on Sundays, at 7 p.m. in Shamrock Hall at the Church of St. Patrick, 3535 72nd Street East in Inver Grove Heights. Mark your calendars. Upcoming meeting dates are:

- ♦ **February 28** at 6:30 p.m., potluck and meeting
- ♦ **March 27** at 7 p.m., meeting

For more information about all Cursillo events and weekend retreats, see www.tc-cursillo.org or contact janemarie.rief@gmail.com or call 651-485-7089.

Finding Jesus in the Old Testament

The New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New.—St. Ignatius.

Learn how we can know that Jesus is, in fact, the promised Messiah and how to begin the study of scripture. Bill McLeod will demonstrate how to use typology to compare the Old and New Testament scriptures to unveil Christ's message. We invite you to come learn how typology is used to gain a deeper understanding of the meanings in the bible. Thursday, March 3, 7 pm, at Holy Spirit Church, 515 Albert Street South, St. Paul. For more information, visit www.holy-spirit.org.

Prison Ministry Workshop

Prison Ministry Informational Workshop

Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Church of St. Joseph

13900 Biscayne Ave., Rosemount

The workshop provides an opportunity to learn the value of prison ministry and to learn more about the ways to get involved. Attendance is free-lunch will be a free will offering.

The speakers from within the prison ministry community and two former insiders will share their experience in the ministry. Representatives engaged in various activities of prison ministry will be available for questions and conversation during lunch.

RSVP to kjc379@gmail.com or call 952-426-8633

or fay.connors@gmail.com or call 952-250-7613

For more information visit the website: www.stjosephcommunity.org/prison_ministry.aspx.

Global Solidarity Sunday Weekend

March 5/6 is designated as Global Solidarity Sunday weekend in the archdiocese with the theme, "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." This is an opportunity to reach out in solidarity to people around the world and take part in offering the goodness of the Lord to all.

On this Sunday, a special collection will be taken for four global priorities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, as well as humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able and support your brothers and sisters overseas. Thank you.

Neighbors, Inc.

Those who come to the Neighbors, Inc. Food Shelf are grateful for anything they are given. It is often the last chance to get food after other sources have run out. If you'd like to contribute to our local food shelf, please consider bringing any non perishable food items in to our donation bins which can be found in the Gathering Space and upstairs by the door to the parish offices. Some items that are most appreciated by those who rarely get "comfort food" are peanut butter, pancake mix and syrup. Thank you for any way you can help!



"You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That is how prayer works."

*-Pope Francis-
2016 Year of Mercy*

Young Adult Wine and Cheese Night

Calling all young adults, ages 21 to 39!

Come join us after Mass on Saturday, March 5, for our first wine and cheese gathering in the Ravoux Room.



Come to make new friends and visit with old friends. We'll have a great evening of fellowship! We hope to see you there!

Natural Family Planning Classes

The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes for engaged and married couples on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning* at the Church of St. Agnes, 548 Lafond Avenue, St. Paul. This series uses CCL's new streamlined methodology and new materials incorporating Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Classes begin Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. Register at www.twincities.ccli.org. For more information, please call 612-721-3791 or email twincities.ccli.org@gmail.com.

Have you thought of becoming a priest?

Men's Discernment Group

Jesus Christ, High Priest forever, still calls men to share in His priesthood. Have you heard a call to the priesthood? Would you like to learn more about it? Saturdays, March 5, 12, 19 and April, 9, 16 and 23, from 8 to 11 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 2739 Stinson Blvd., Minneapolis. No registration or fee is required and includes Mass, refreshments and discussion led by Fr. David Blume, Director of Vocations. Visit www.10000vocations.org or call the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890 for more information.



Women's Discernment Retreat

Have you thought about entering into the consecrated life?

Join us for a retreat day focused to provide a deeper understanding of consecrated life. Women, ages 18 to 30 are invited. Please join us on Saturday, April 2, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Nativity of Mary Catholic Church, 9900 Lyndale Avenue South, Bloomington. Registration is required. Lunch will be provided. Cost is a free will donation. To register, please contact the Office of Vocations by March 25 at 651-962-6890 or patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu.



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2016 March Minnesota FoodShare Drive



"You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works."

- Pope Francis -
2016 Year of Mercy

For more than 30 years, Minnesota FoodShare has partnered with local food shelves to bring food to people needing help throughout the state. The Minnesota FoodShare Campaign brings together hundreds of companies, civic groups, schools, and congregations to help keep the 300 food shelves statewide stocked throughout the year.

Corporate funds donated to Minnesota FoodShare during this drive are allocated using a formula that includes number of families served, weight of items collected, amount of money donated, and other variables. The more a food shelf collects, the more money they receive from this fund.

**The Church of St. Peter's in Mendota and Neighbors, Inc.
thank you for your generosity.**

Fill a grocery bag for a hungry family.

Church of St. Peter in Mendota
and
Neighbors. Inc. Food Shelf

2016 March Minnesota FoodShare Drive



Bring your donations to
St. Peter's Church by Sunday, April 3.

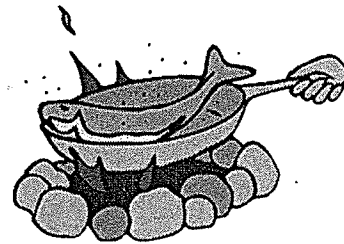
Current Food Shelf Needs:

- Peanut Butter
- Canned Chili
- Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Tuna/Chicken
- Pancake Mix/Syrup
- Toilet Paper

Minnesota FoodShare

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Fish Fry



Join Troop 264
As they host the Church of St. Peter's Fish Fry
Friday, March 4
5:00 to 7:00 PM

Beer Battered Fish
Scalloped Potatoes
Coleslaw
Mac and Cheese
Rolls
Assorted Desserts
Beverages

\$10.00 Per Plate—\$25.00 Per Family



Boy Scout Fundraiser

The Boy Scouts are going to Sea Base in Florida. Any proceeds will go to help fund the trip.