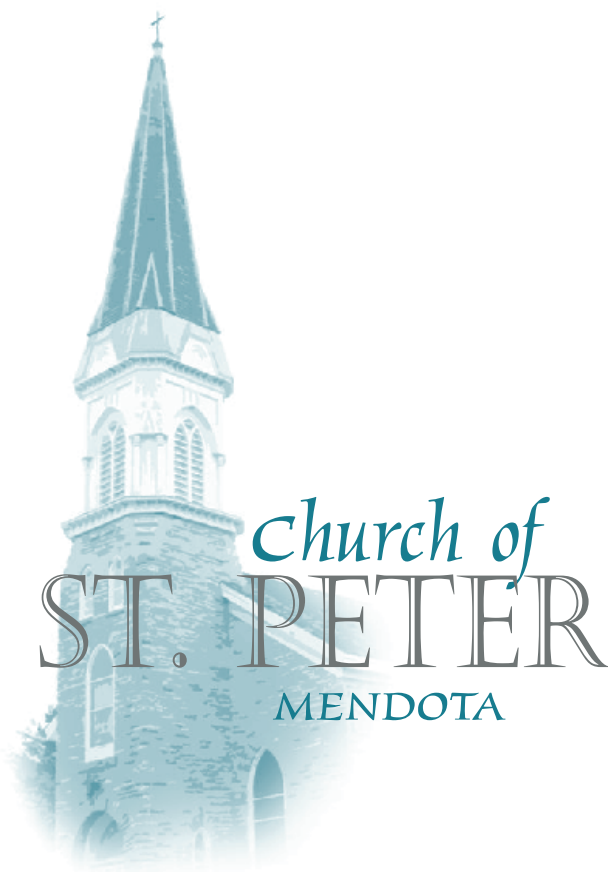




January 12, 2014
Baptism of the Lord

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.

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SUNDAY MASSES (all in the Main Church)

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Sunday 9 am and 11 am

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9 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
6:30 pm the First Thursday of the Month

HOLY DAYS As announced.

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BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

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Reflections from our Director of Religious Education/ Faith Formation

One of the privileges of my ministry here at St. Peter's is meeting with families as they are preparing to have their baby baptized. Many of these parents meet with me when the babies are first born. The parents have a wonderful mixture of awe regarding this beautiful gift they have received and total exhaustion of having a newborn in their home! We meet to help the parents have a better understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism; to help them understand what they are asking of the Church, of themselves, and of their child by coming to the Church and asking that their child be baptized.

"Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life... and the door which gives access to the other sacraments" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1213).

As parents, when we have our children baptized, we are promising to raise them in our Catholic faith tradition—that through our words and actions, we will teach them and model for them what it means to live as a follower of Christ. This can be a challenge in our secular culture which doesn't always appreciate or encourage the values of living the life of a Christian. But what better gift can we give our children?

Through Baptism, we are purified and born into the Holy Spirit. We become part of the Body of Christ and begin the process of being a fully initiated member of the Church. We receive an identity (Christian) and a mission (to share the Gospel message and continue the work of Christ). To live the Gospel message of love, respect and forgiveness on a daily basis requires strength and wisdom that we as human beings do not have without the help of the Holy Trinity and the help of the community of fellow Christians.

One of the many beautiful aspects of Baptism is that it recognizes we are created in God's image; we are good. However, it acknowledges that we are also very human—every single one of us sins. We need each other and God to help us find forgiveness and strength to grow in goodness. Our Baptism is a gift that bestows upon us our welcoming into the Christian community. It is the gateway to the other sacraments of our faith, such as Reconciliation and Eucharist, which enable us to share in that forgiveness and strength. It is through this nourishment from God and others that we are able to go forth and continue to share the Gospel message—to

continue with and to strengthen the identity and mission given to us at our Baptism.

The "real life" pressures and frustrations of work, family, health, our own sinfulness, etc., can overwhelm us when we forget to turn to God and each other for help and support. We gather together on a regular basis to praise God and to receive the spiritual, emotional and sometimes even physical support of God and our community. This empowers us to face the challenges of our lives. Just as any family gathers to help each other through the rough times, to celebrate the good times, and to just be present to each other, we need to come together as God's family to be there for each other. Being a member of the Body of Christ, does not mean that life is easy and that we won't face obstacles—both internal and external. However, it does mean we don't have to face these obstacles alone. As a community, we will not only survive but may grow due to hardships we face as individuals and as a group. This becomes possible when we remember the gift, the Grace, we are given at our Baptism.

I pray that we all open ourselves to the presence of God in our lives and to the support of one another. I hope that the next time we witness a Baptism or make the Sign of the Cross, we remember the gift that is being given to each of us in Baptism. I encourage and challenge all of us to live our lives with the identification of Christian and the mission of continuing the work of Christ—to live out that which we are called to in our Baptism.



Kathy Raible
Director of Religious Education/
Faith Formation

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.



Religious Education/Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Pizza & Bingo Night



The Religious Education team is excited to host another Pizza and Bingo Night on Friday, January 24. From 6 to 8 p.m. we will serve pizza and play bingo. Fun for all ages!! 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 this weekend 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.

Annual Prayer Service for Life

Wednesday, January 22, 2014
10:30 a.m.

Cathedral of Saint Paul
239 Selby Avenue, St. Paul

See www.archspm.org for more details.

Parking space is limited. Please consider carpool or bus. Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) Rally to follow at the State Capitol.

Members of A Community Caring for Life will be carpooling to the Cathedral for the prayer service, which begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in carpooling, please call Carol Mulvihill at 651-453-1345.

March for Life at Capitol

12 Noon
Wednesday, January 22

Plan to march with your fellow parishioners and people from across the state to let legislators know we want protection of unborn children throughout pregnancy.

Bus leaves Mary Mother of the Church, 3333 Cliff Road, Burnsville at 11:15 a.m. Call to reserve your seat on the bus. Childcare available, must request by Friday, January 17.

For more information call Jamie Moloney at 952-890-0045, ext. 234 or email jmoloney@mmotc.org



Pastoral Ministry

St. Peter's Book Club

Book Clubs have formed for discussion about the book "Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic," by Matthew Kelly. Free copies were handed out at Christmas Masses. If you didn't receive one, please take a copy, available on the information counter near the coatroom in the Main Church. To sign up, please stop by our table in the Gathering Space on Sunday, January 12, or at the Ministry Fair, or call Joanne Rocco Carter at 651-454-7853.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

Pastoral ministry is looking for commissioned EMHC to visit the sick in their homes, nursing homes, and hospitals. Qualifications for this ministry are compassion, a willingness to bring warmth and the Blessed Sacrament to those facing physical challenges. There are many levels of time commitment. Background check and participation in a training session required. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.



Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

Parish Survey

As part of the parish's involvement in the GROW Parish Pastoral Planning process offered through the Archdiocese, the parish will be conducting an online survey. The survey will run **until Sunday, January 19, 2014**. The survey can be completed at your convenience anytime until the above mentioned date. We strongly suggest you set aside 15-20 minutes to answer the questions in a thoughtful and complete manner.

In the event that you do not have access to the internet or need additional help with the survey, we will have several computers set up and volunteers to assist you in the Heritage Center this weekend and January 18/19. You may also stop in the office during regular business hours for assistance.

This survey is very important in determining what the parish does well, what it needs to improve upon and a chance for every parishioner to voice their opinion. We hope that you will take the time to reflect upon the questions and complete the survey. You may access it through our website or through the following:

<http://fluidsurveys.com/s/GROWChurchofStPeterMendota/>

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 12/23/13-12/29/13	\$39,893
Actual for the period 12/23/13-12/29/13	\$45,013
Budget for the period 12/30/13-1/5/14	\$30,743
Actual for the period 12/30/13-1/5/14	\$46,125
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$495,477
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$456,776

All Night Prayer Vigil for Hope, Healing and Mercy

For over forty years, legalized abortion has left many men and women empty, confused and longing to be whole again. This vigil is open to all and is a special invitation to those who have been hurt by abortion.

Tuesday, January 21

7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

January 22, 2014

St. Mary's Chapel at the St. Paul Seminary

The chapel will be open all night.

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Single Parent Retreat

The Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life will be offering a **Single Parent Morning Retreat, Saturday, February 8, 9 a.m.-12 noon.** (Optional Mass at 8 a.m.) at **Maternity of Mary**, 1414 Dale Street North, St. Paul.

Very Rev. Timothy Cloutier, Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and Catherine Mollner, Licensed Psychologist and the Clinical Director of The MidWest Center for Personal and Family Development, will offer energetic presentations to you on *"Heavenly Help in Raising Your Children"* and *"Instilling Resilience; establishing a firm foundation of healthy self-esteem and boundaries."*

The cost is \$10/family. Register online at www.archspm.org. Free childcare is provided if needed. If you have any questions about this retreat, please feel free to contact the Marriage, Family and Life office at 651-291-4489.

Neighbors Food Shelf

Thanks neighbor!

The food shelves at Neighbors, Inc. have been without pancake mix and syrup for several months now and Neighbors has asked our parish to help by focusing our efforts on donating these items. Pancake mix and syrup are very popular items and a great comfort food. They are easy to make, warm, and yummy to eat! Donation boxes are located in the coat room and inside the doors to the parish office entrance. Let's work together to donate stacks and stacks of pancakes for the food shelf.

Sincere Sympathy

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the families and friends of **Florence Reid** and **John Morson**. We

invite all to join us in praying that God may make them sharers in eternal salvation.



Rediscover: Faith 2014 Speakers Series

Mark your calendars now for talks in the Rediscover: Faith 2014 Speakers Series. Total attendance topped 15,000 for the 2013 series. Make sure you are among those to participate in the all new talks this year!

Rediscover: why pray and **Rediscover: how to pray** are two inspiring talks that highlight the beauty of prayer and offer insight on how to pray, gathered from two-thousand years of Church experience. Discover how your life can change and grow in new and powerful ways by building a personal friendship with Jesus Christ. The two talks are offered on consecutive weeks at each location:

February 3 & 10 – Holy Name of Jesus, Wayzata

February 4 & 11 – St. John Neumann, Eagan

February 24 & March 3 – Our Lady of Grace, Edina

February 25 & March 4 – St. John the Baptist, New Brighton

All Rediscover: Faith 2014 Speakers Series talks begin at 7 p.m. and run 90 minutes, including hospitality time. Details at Rediscover-faith.org, under "events."



The Week of January 13

Monday, January 13

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony, Heritage Center
6:30 pm Cana Dinner Committee Meeting,
Conference Room I

Tuesday, January 14

- 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 Lilydale Senior Living Holy Communion
7 pm Stewardship Committee,
Conference Room I

Wednesday, January 15

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conf. Room I
9:45 am Pastoral Visitation Team Meeting,
Conference Room II
4:30 pm Grades 1-5 Classes
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Conference Room I
6:30 pm Grades 1-8 Classes

Thursday, January 16

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
10 am Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room
7 pm A Community Caring for Life Meeting,
Conference Room I
7 pm Finance Council, Conference Room III
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, January 17

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6 pm Youth Group Movie Night

Saturday, January 18

- 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:
Pizza Bingo Sign Up, Stewardship Fair

Sunday, January 19—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 & 10:30 am
Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church
After Masses:
Hospitality, Pizza Bingo Sign Up,
Stewardship Fair

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Readings for the Week of January 12

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, January 13 - †Marie Brinckmann

Tuesday, January 14 - †Marlene Ferguson

Wednesday, January 15 - †Gerald O'Brien

Thursday, January 16 - †William Kiffe

Friday, January 17 - †Mary Schloegl

Saturday, January 18 - †Yvonne Lussier

Sunday, January 19

9 a.m. - Mass For the People

11 a.m. - †Carole Reinhardt

Stewardship Spotlight: Ugandan Mission Team

Over seven years ago, on a Mission Sunday, Fr. Lawrence Kimbowa from Uganda visited St. Peter's. Uganda is a poor and predominantly rural African country where many families do not have the financial means to send their children to school. As a child, Fr. Lawrence was sponsored by an American family, and was the first in his family to graduate from secondary school. Fr. Lawrence believes that the best gift he could give to others in Uganda is to find educational sponsors for children.

The Ugandan Mission Team focuses on raising money for child sponsorships to aid in the education of children in Migyera and Nabbingo, Uganda. Since the team's formation, the parishioners of St. Peter's have sponsored well over 100 children and raised several hundred thousand dollars in the process. In 2013 alone, the fundraising efforts raised \$64,346 thanks to the generosity and kindness of St. Peter's parishioners.

The Ugandan Mission Team's activities include regular meetings and planning fundraising events. One of the favorite fundraisers is a pig roast with Ugandan side dishes. The dinner is usually accompanied by a silent auction and often occurs in conjunction with a visit from Fr. Lawrence. Ralph Dumond leads the Ugandan Mission Team and says, "I thoroughly enjoy working with this team. It is particularly gratifying to see the wonderful support from the parishioners of St. Peter's, both financially and through prayer and participation in our various activities."

The Ugandan Mission Team would love to have you join us as a member. If you are interested, please contact Ralph Dumond at ashjonmike@comcast.net or 651-456-0986.

Stewardship Renewal Begins Today

This week we kick off our parish Stewardship Renewal. Check your mailbox for a package of materials that explain what stewardship means at St. Peter's. Over the next few weeks, please pray about your role in our parish. Two Sundays from now, each parish family is asked to make commitments of time, talent and treasure.



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

The Eagan Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual free throw contest for boys and girls ages 9-14 on Saturday, January 18. The contest will be held from 1-3 p.m. in the Faithful Shepherd Catholic School gym located at 3355 Columbia Drive in Eagan. Age bracket winners will advance to the district competition in February. If you have any questions, call Phill at 651-683-9390.

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Save the Date -- February 1, 2014 -- for Faithful Shepherd's Biggest Fundraiser, the Gala for Giving's the Stars are Out Tonight Celebration

There are several ways you can take part in and support the Gala for Giving event. Tickets to the event can be purchased online or bid on some fabulous items at our online auction January 22 through January 25. We will also have sweepstakes raffle tickets for sale after each Mass on the weekend of January 25/26. The sweepstakes prize this year is a 50/50 cash raffle with 50% of the raffle proceeds going to the winner and 50% going to Faithful Shepherd!

For more information about the Gala for Giving event, visit the event website at <https://fscsmn.ejoinme.org/?tabid=484438>.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

What am I most thankful for in my marriage for this past year? Make the blessing of your spouse come alive in your life by enriching your marriage. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are February 7-9, 2014, in Buffalo and May 2-4, 2014, in Buffalo. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brian & Becky Tarbox at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 763-434-4332.

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January 10, 2014

Dear Parishioners of St. Peter's,

We assume you may have questions and mixed emotions regarding Father Gallatin's announcement at the December 28/29 Masses that he was taking a leave of absence from active ministry while an outside professional firm hired by the Archdiocese reviews his clergy file. For those of you who may have missed his announcement, a statement issued by the Archdiocese is available on our parish website: <http://www.stpetersmendota.org/archives/4451>.

In Father Gallatin's absence, the lay leadership of the parish would like to share the following messages that we hope will be helpful.

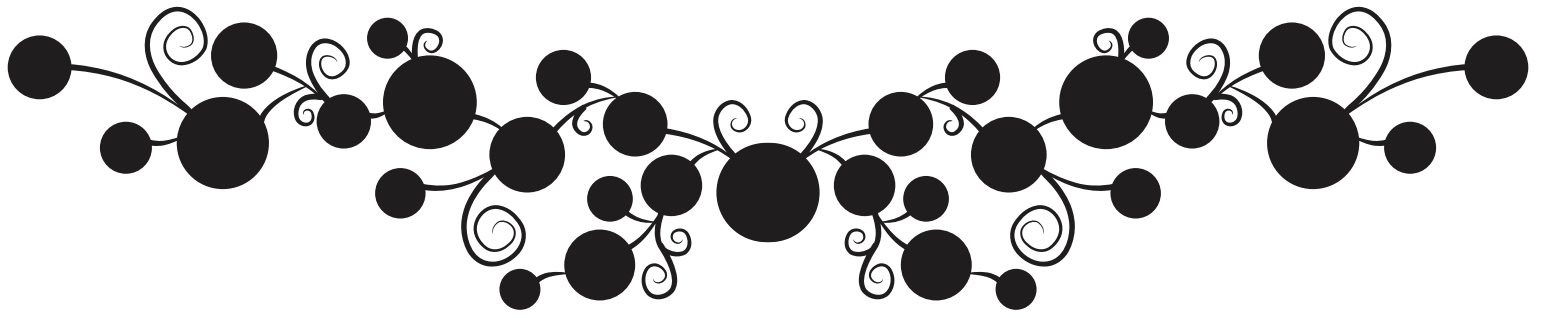
- We want to assure everyone that the parish staff is working as usual and coordinating with other priests to ensure that all Masses, Sacramental needs and programs at St. Peter's continue as they normally would.
- We encourage all to pray for our parish, Father Gallatin and those involved in reviewing his file. Our worship aid each weekend will include a prayer for the parish that we will pray together at weekend Masses. Please also hold our community in your personal prayer.
- We have asked Father Charles Lachowitzer, the former Pastor at our neighbor parish, Saint John Neumann, and the current Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, to join us next **Thursday, January 16 at 7 p.m. in Heritage Center for a Community Meeting** to listen to parishioner's concerns and answer questions regarding the current situation at St. Peter's.
- We are committed to sharing information when it becomes available. Updates, as appropriate, will be included in the weekend bulletins, posted on our website and Facebook page.

Please don't hesitate to contact any of us if you would like to discuss parish business. Our names and numbers are available in the weekend bulletin and on our website.

Together in Christ,

The Parish Pastoral Council, Staff and Trustees of St. Peter's

PS: All members of the parish are encouraged to attend the community meeting on Thursday, January 16 at 7 p.m. in Heritage Center. For those interested in praying the Rosary together before the community meeting, please meet in the Main Church at 6:40 p.m.



CANA DINNER AND MASS

Saturday, February 8th, 2014

Times

Mass ~ 5:00 PM Social ~ 6:00 PM Dinner ~ 7:00 PM

Dinner

**Appetizers ~ Baby Greens Salad ~ Roast Beef au Jus ~ Fettuccine Alfredo/Veg
Ratatouille ~ Garlic Cheddar Mashed Potatoes ~ Assorted Breads
Coffee ~ Tea ~ Punch
Assorted Pies**

Musical Entertainment

**Elsa Dosh ~ Social Hour
Britta Peterson ~ After Dinner**

Tickets

**Seating is limited. Make your reservation via payment after Masses
on the weekends of January 18/19, 25/26, and February 1/2**

Cost

\$25 per attendee, includes two drinks ~ Wine/Beer

For more information, please contact Gail and Al Barta 651-454-9552

