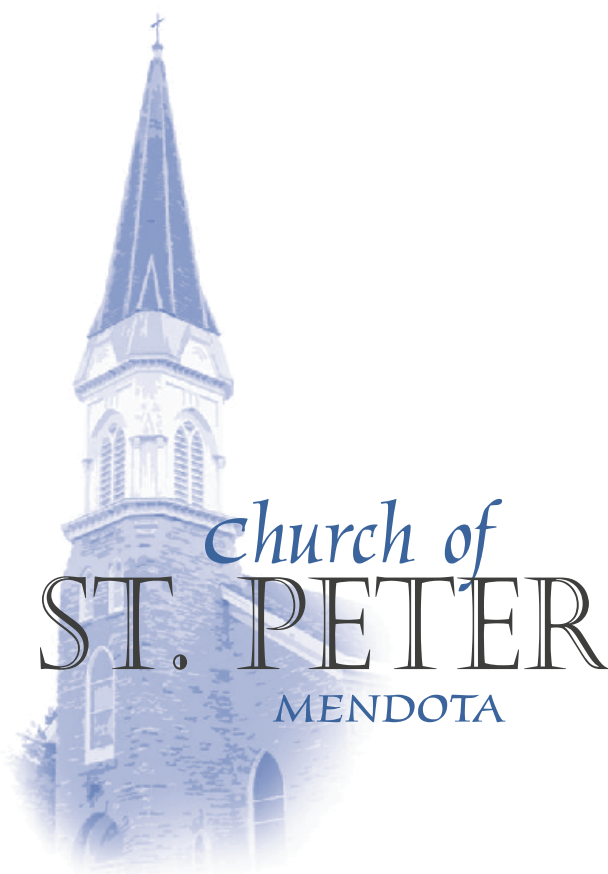




January 13, 2013
Baptism of the Lord

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.

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

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

Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm or by appointment.

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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From the Pastor's Desk

Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the last day of the season of Christmas. The length of the Christmas season depends on the day of the week on which Christmas falls. Advent begins on a Sunday and Christmas ends on a Sunday, and the two of them together are six weeks. But Advent can be short and Christmas long, or Advent long and Christmas short. This year, Advent was 23 days long and Christmas 20 days long.

While the average person might not care, you, who are clever, are probably asking, "How does this 20-day season square with the twelve days of Christmas?" Twelve is the number of days from December 25 through January 5, the day before Epiphany in countries that have not transferred it to a Sunday. In the old days, Epiphany marked the end of Christmas Time and the beginning of a period with the catchy name "Time After Epiphany," which continued until the start of Lent. I assume that's why people said there were twelve days of Christmas.

Many people believe Christmas Time still ends on the Epiphany of the Lord, but it ends today, with the Baptism of the Lord. Today's feast only became part of the Church calendar in 1960, so it probably hasn't really taken root in people's minds. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is always the last day of Christmas—a day on which the season that celebrates the Incarnation races ahead to Jesus' adulthood. The Lord's Baptism in the Jordan River is one aspect of the mystery of the Incarnation: the voice of the Father and the appearance of the Holy Spirit in the presence of the Son reveal God-come-in-the-flesh. So churches remain decorated for Christmas until Sunday, and the following day will be Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time. So Sunday is a good day for putting away the Christmas decorations. I hope you will really feel the difference when you return next week for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

I am excited for our long-planned Annual Stewardship Renewal! I hope you take some time to go through the Ministry Fair today in Heritage Center and learn more about all the ministries we have in our parish, and how you can be involved in them. We won't be taking any names today, though. That will happen next week on Commitment Sunday when you indicate your interest in a ministry on your commitment card. I hope you will remember to bring to church the commitment card that was mailed to your home. That card is where we hope all our members will make their commitments in the areas of time, talent, and treasure.

I know that making a decision about the stewardship of treasure is not always easy. Because some have expressed confusion about what exactly we are asking for on the commitment card in this area, I thought it would be helpful if I explained it in more detail. We at the parish are not asking you to reveal on your card what your total commitment to all charities would be. What we are hoping for is much simpler. On the card that I hope you'll bring next week, we are only asking about what you're intending to give in the offertory each week or month for regular parish operations. Here's an illustration: if my income were \$30,000 per year and I really took the plunge and committed to giving 10% to charity (that's a "tithe"), I might decide to give 5% to my parish, 1% to the Archdiocese, and 4% to other charities. This is how that plan would look: I would give \$1500 to the parish, \$300 to the Archdiocese, and \$1200 to all other charities. Of the \$1500 for St. Peter's, I might give \$20 a week as an offertory gift, which comes to \$1040 in the whole year. I might give the remaining \$460 to the debt reduction campaign (which over the three years of the campaign would amount to a total commitment of \$1380). But on my Stewardship commitment card, I would only write in the weekly gift of \$20, which is an annual offertory gift of \$1040. I hope this helps to clarify things for you. If you have any questions as you are making your commitment, please don't hesitate to call the parish office.

I want to invite you to look ahead to January 22, which will be the 40th anniversary of the day in 1973 on which the United States Supreme Court struck down laws that banned abortion. Archbishop Nienstedt has asked us priests to help spread the word about a Holy Hour for Religious Liberty, Marriage, and Life. This holy hour will take place on Sunday, January 20 at the Cathedral of St. Paul from 3:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon. You can read more about this event elsewhere in the bulletin, as you may wish to make it part of your observance of the 40th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. I hope you will be able to join us!

I made some vacation plans for the week I was most free to be away from the parish, so I will be traveling on the weekdays of January 21-25. Only after I made my plans did I realize that I would be gone on the actual 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, which is a day of penance. I will have to figure out how I am going to observe that day while I am visiting friends in northwestern Florida. But back here, the Prayer Service for Life with Bishop Lee Piché will be at 10:30 on Tuesday, January 22, in the Cathedral of St. Paul. It will be followed by the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) rally outside the State Capitol.

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School Discovery Day

Faithful Shepherd is conducting a Discovery Day for prospective new students and their parents on Sunday, January 27. Check in is at 12:45 and the program begins at 1 p.m.

Kindergarten teachers will be available to discuss their program offerings and answer any questions. Mini-lessons will be given to prospective kindergarten students and a tour of the school will be offered.

Teachers and specialists of different grade levels will also be present to answer questions, explain their programs and a tour of the school is given. Please contact John Boone at 651-406-4747 or jboone@fscsmn.org for more details.

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Visitation School Open Houses

Visitation School, located at 2455 Visitation Drive in Mendota Heights, will host open houses for prospective families this winter:

Lower School (Montessori Preschool-grade 5) on Tuesday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m.

Middle School (grades 6-8) on Tuesday, January 22, at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, visit their website at www.visitation.net or call 651-683-1700.

Saint Thomas Academy Open House

Sunday, January 13, 1 p.m.
949 Mendota Heights Road, Mendota Heights

Saint Thomas Academy is a Catholic, college preparatory school for young men in grades 7-12.

If you have any questions about Saint Thomas Academy or the program, please call the admissions office at 651-683-1515.

Pastoral Ministry

Evening Bible Study Information Session

Are you interested in learning about Scripture and nurturing your own personal relationship with Christ? Please join other interested parishioners on Thursdays, at 7 p.m. in the Family Room to hear more about this exciting opportunity. This study group will meet regularly in the evening to make participation convenient for everyone. Attend the session and talk with Kirsten Staloch, our group leader, and then decide whether this is just the opportunity you've been looking for. For more information, contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Spirituality and Aging Speaker Coming to St. Peter's

We have just confirmed that world-class spirituality speaker, Jackie Witter, will be speaking on the relationship between spirituality and aging on Wednesday, February 27, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. 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.

Pizza & Bingo Night

The Religious Education team is excited to host another Pizza and Bingo Night on Friday, January 25. 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 on January 12 & 13 and January 19 & 20 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.



Workcamp Pancake Breakfast

The annual Workcamp Pancake Breakfast is Sunday morning, January 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Heritage Center! Join us for an all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes, sausage, and egg bake. Tickets are \$5 for kids (5-12), age 4 and under are free, \$8 for adults, or \$25 for a family. All proceeds benefit our Workcamp trip this summer to Troy, Missouri.



St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 12/24/12-12/30/12	\$37,765
Actual for the period 12/24/12-12/30/12	\$49,838
Budget for the period 12/31/12-1/6/13	\$17,575
Actual for the period 12/31/12-1/6/13	\$36,365
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$483,085
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$479,099

Welcome, New Parishioners!



The Church of St. Peter would like to extend a warm welcome to our newly registered parishioners:

Eric and Lisa Brandt and family
 Matthew and Anny Collins and family
 Terrence Galvin
 Nicholas and Nicole Kampa and family
 Jared and Erin Kary and family
 Jerome Kuklok
 Robert and Dianne O'Connell
 Eric and Maria Schwartz and family
 John and Diana Zenner and family

We are excited to have
 you join our faith community!

Sincere Sympathy

St. Peter's Parish extends its **IN CHRIST WE LIVE FOREVER** sympathy to the families and friends of **Betty Sands, Thomas Finn, and Irene Dybdal**. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make them sharers in eternal salvation.

Pastor Appreciation Luncheon

**All Parishioners Invited
 Sunday, January 20**



The Council of Catholic Women will be hosting our annual Pastor Appreciation Luncheon after the 11:00 Mass on January 20. It will be a hot turkey dinner and prepaid reservations will be taken this weekend. Cost: \$10.50 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, under age five are free, or \$30 for a family.

St. Peter's Reaches Out

World Mission Sunday Thank You

On behalf of the Church's missionary efforts, I thank you for your generous World Mission Sunday gift of \$2,612.79 and for your prayerful solidarity with the Church around the world. Your generous missionary spirit makes a difference to those serving in the 1150+ mission dioceses struggling to witness to Christ through word and deed.

While World Mission Sunday is celebrated once a year, I hope you will continue to participate in the mission of Christ throughout the year by your own prayer and sharing of your gifts. Together, like St. Paul, we share in the call to be "servants and apostles of Christ Jesus" (Rom. 1:1).

May God bless you and your participation in this year's celebration of World Mission Sunday!

Peace,
 Deacon Mickey Friesen, D.Min.

Neighbors Thank You

Our sincere thank you for the generous donation of \$548 collected on Thanksgiving Day and the 102 pounds of food you made to us during December and the .

Thanks neighbor!

Many of your neighbors will benefit from these gifts from your heart.

Sincerely,
 Neighbors Inc. Staff and Volunteers

If I had a nickel....

If every person who said, "I'd join choir, but I don't want to be the only one singing," decided to join choir, they wouldn't be the only one singing, would they? If you've thought this or know someone who has, encourage them to join! The commitment is an easy three hours each week, including Mass, which you'd be attending anyhow. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. in Conference Room I.

For more information, contact David Dunst, Director of Music, at 651-905-4323.



**Come as a Guest
 Leave as a Friend**

The Next Week

Monday, January 14

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

Tuesday, January 15

- 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
 6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting,
 Conference Room I

Wednesday, January 16

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 9:30 am Pastoral Visitation Team Meeting,
 Conference Room II
 9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Room I
 1 pm A Community Caring for Life Meeting,
 Conference Room I
 4:30 pm Grades 1-5
 6:30 pm Grades 1-8
 7 pm Choir Rehearsal, Conference Room I

Thursday, January 17

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 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
 7 pm Finance Team, Conference Room III

Friday, January 18

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

Saturday, January 19

- 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
 Rediscover Table

Sunday, January 20—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 & 10:30 am
 Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
 9 & 11 am **Mass, Main Church**
 10 am Hospitality, Gathering Space
 After Masses:
 Pizza Bingo Sign Up
 Rediscover Table
 12 Noon Pastor Appreciation Lunch,
 Heritage Center
 1:30 pm Baptism, Main Church

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Readings for the Week of January 13

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk
 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, January 14 - Choice of the Priest

Tuesday, January 15 - †Lloyd Walker

Wednesday, January 16 - †Fr. Richard Berg

Thursday, January 17 - Alice Mayers' Birthday

Friday, January 18 - †Fr. James Holl

Saturday, January 19 - Mary Harrison

Sunday, January 20 - 9 a.m. - †Robert Weidner

11 a.m. - Mass for the People

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday

Today we will hear from a parishioner who will share what stewardship has meant in his or her life. Reflect on how *you* are involved at St. Peter...Do you serve in parish ministries? Do you come to parish-wide events? Are you taking steps to improve your spiritual life and further study our Catholic Faith? The Commitment Card you received in the mail offers suggestions for how you can take a step forward in all these areas. Don't forget to bring your Commitment Card to Mass next Sunday!

Church Environment Thank You

I would like to thank the following people for their assistance in decorating St. Peter's for the Christmas season.

Thank you....

Margaret Schreiner for making many of the ice candles that were used to decorate the outside of the church.

Gerten's for all of the help with the poinsettia plants and for some of the ideas we received for decorating the church, inside and out. The larger poinsettia plants looked great in our church and Gathering Space.

To the following people for their time and dedication in providing the beautiful environment: Teri Berndt, Rosemary Mossberg, Alice Sheeler, and Joe & Barb Yourczek.

Tom and Mary O'Neill and the group that decorated the Historic Church.

St. Peter's parishioners....for all of the nice comments the Environment Committee has received.

If you are interested in working with the Environment Committee, please contact me. We can always use help during the Easter and Christmas seasons.

Mike Berndt
651-454-4884



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.

Holy Hour at The Cathedral of Saint Paul

In this Year of Faith, the Catholic Bishops of the United States have called for a nationwide effort to advance the movement for Religious Liberty, Life and Marriage, through prayer, penance, and sacrifice. The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis responds by offering a Holy Hour at:

**The Cathedral of St. Paul
Led by Archbishop Nienstedt
Sunday, January 20, 3-4 p.m.**

We ask you to join us and Catholics across the nation to pray for increased protections of religious liberty, and the rebuilding of a culture favorable to life and marriage.

For more information contact the Office of Marriage, Family and Life 651-291-4488 or www.archspm.org.

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.

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Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes of Tuesday, November 20, 2012

Members present: Paul Boller, David Doty, Kelly Garrett, Ann Hoey, Sarah Larsen, Joanne Rocco Carter, Alice Sheeler

Ex-officio members present: Fr. Gallatin

I. Prayer: Joanne Rocco Carter

II. Approval of Agenda: Agreed as presented with one additional item: Feedback Fall Festival.

III. New Business

- A. Finance Council Report: The Council reviewed the reports for September and October and it was noted for the first time in 8 years that the loan for Faithful Shepherd Catholic School is starting to be reduced.
- B. Debt Reduction: Forward in Faith having received several large pledges is off to a good start. The in pew phase of the campaign has come to an end so there will be about 400 letters being sent out to those who have not responded before phone calls will start. Hal Johnson, our advisor for this project, has been well used and has kept the parish on track. The electronic transfer cards confused some parishioners who thought they were making the stewardship financial commitment. Since stewardship did not occur in October, it will be done in January on the weekends of the 6th and 20th. During the 3rd weekend in January letters will be sent out as reminders for the start of the new campaign and the steps that will follow.
- C. Rediscover: Joanne Rocco Carter reported that she along with Fr. Gallatin and Lisa Amos represented the parish at the Archdiocese kickoff for this event which was held at our parish on Thursday, November 15. They were joined by representatives from parishes in the Archdiocese who also sent their pastors along with two representatives. Keynote speaker for the evening was Matthew Kelly whose book "Rediscover Catholicism" will be distributed at all the Christmas Masses here at St. Peter's and throughout the Archdiocese. Fr. Gallatin has ordered enough books to reflect the increased attendance that these Masses attract. Members expressed concern over what could be done to ensure that parish families who travel over the holidays will be able to receive a copy of the book. After the first of the year there will be book clubs available as well as a series of speakers for people to attend.
- D. Fall Festival Feedback: While the temperature and the wind took a toll on the outside activities the dinner along with the silent auction did very well. Due to the small number of volunteers it was unable to move the activities scheduled for outside in. There was also concern over the smaller number of volunteers among Faithful Shepherd Catholic School children and Confirmation students. However, overall it was a very good community building event and not meant to raise a lot of money.

IV. Old business

- A. New parish website: Kelley Garrett, PPC and Tech team member, showed the members the parish's website in the Ravoux Room. Features included the home page, Facebook, and Twitter. Kelly again stated that work is being done on the stewardship piece where all parish families will be able to manage their own accounts and update their parish records.
- B. New Parish Logo: Kelly Garrett presented 4 different logos for approval which will appear on letter head and other documents the committee chose the one that reflected the appropriate steeple lettering and lines for the river.

V. Closing Prayer: Joanne Rocco Carter led closing prayer and meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: December 18, 2012

Church of St. Peter
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Members present Paul Boller, Mary Pat Ferraro, Kelly Garrett, Sarah Larsen, Joanne Rocco Carter, Alice Sheeler

Ex-officio members present Fr. Gallatin

I. Opening Prayer: Mary Pat Ferraro

II. New Business

- A. Financial Council Report: Fr. Gallatin did not have November results to present to committee.
- B. Debt Reduction: Per the snapshot from the December 11, 2012, bulletin insert we are more than half-way to reaching our goal of 2.2 million dollars due to significant aid of large contributions that have come in recently. Renewed effort will be made mid-February to target the 400 families who have made no response to debt reduction campaign in the past.
- C. Fr. Gallatin recorded a message that went out by phone to 301 households regarding the debt reduction campaign.
- D. Stewardship Committee: Will have a new package ready for the weekend of January 5 and 6. The following weekend there will be a witness talk by parishioners telling what stewardship means to them. There will also be ministry fair that weekend. Commitment cards for the upcoming 2013 will be available January 19-20. Leaders and parish ministries were sent a letter regarding their attendance at the Parish Leadership Gathering on Thursday, January 10 at 7 p.m. in Heritage Center. A suggestion was made to thank parishioners for their contributions in the past and remind them their commitment for this next year's stewardship campaign.
- E. Rediscover: Joanne Rocco Carter reported that Matthew Kelly's book "Rediscover Catholicism" copies have arrived and they will be distributed at all Christmas Masses (one per household). Parishioners who aren't here can call to reserve their copy. Starting in January there will be book clubs available. There will be a display in the Gathering Space for more information on book clubs and sign ups. Coming in February and March there will be more information on upcoming lectures at St. John Neumann, a neighboring parish.

III. Closing prayer-Mary Pat Ferraro led closing prayer & meeting adjourned