



Church of  
**St. Peter**  
MENDOTA

January 27, 2013  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

I certainly am grateful to all who came to the special luncheon after the 11:00 Mass last Sunday! It was great to be with so many people, and to know you were having an enjoyable time visiting with each other and perhaps meeting someone new. A meal is just the sort of place people get to know one another well. Many thanks go to the Council of Catholic Women for organizing such a delicious luncheon. Some of you wrote me some very thoughtful notes, too. When I came back to the parish office after the prayer service at the Cathedral, I debated about reading them before writing my bulletin article, and am I ever glad I did! Your messages made me smile, and I was reminded of how much I enjoy being here with you at St. Peter's.

Today we kick off Catholic Schools Week. These days will be filled with activities at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School, and at the Masses today our parish school will be celebrated a bit more than usual. For those who do not know, our parish and the two parishes in Eagan collaborated with many parents in founding Faithful Shepherd, which opened in the fall of 2000 along Yankee Doodle Road just east of Lexington – a point near the center of a triangle formed by the three churches. There is much to celebrate about our parish school of 515 students, and its dedicated faculty and administration. And at Faithful Shepherd, we at St. Peter's are often praised for a display of support for Catholic education out of all proportion to our size. I want to thank the people of our parish for making a Catholic education possible for our parishioners!

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Have you ever wondered about the Bible? What is it? How did it come to be? Did it fell down from heaven? The Catholic Church answers such questions in a document called *Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation. This was one of the sixteen principal documents of the Second Vatican Council, all issued between December 1963 and December 1965. *Dei Verbum* is the document about the Bible. I would like to describe some of the teachings contained in this rather brief constitution, since they are so important and yet are seldom discussed. If your eyes are beginning to glaze over, I challenge you to read out loud to yourself the paragraph below that begins with the words, "What people often forget...." I promise it will make sense of a lot of things!

The Council Fathers of Vatican II remind us that it pleased God to reveal himself to human beings, to grant access to himself so the people he created could become sharers in his nature. This revelation was made through deeds and words, and "the most intimate truth which this revelation gives us about God and the salvation of man shines forth in Christ, who is himself both the mediator and the sum total of Revelation" (*Dei Verbum* 2). The

Council Fathers explain that Jesus Christ commanded the apostles to preach the Gospel. They "handed on what they themselves received" by means of "the spoken word of their preaching, by the example they gave, [and] by the institutions they established" (*DV* 7). The apostles left bishops as successors, and they passed on the sacred Tradition, together with sacred Scripture, and Scripture and Tradition both serve as a mirror in which the Church contemplates God (*DV* 7). This Tradition (with a capital "T") makes progress in the Church even today, as people gain new insights.

What people often forget today is that Scripture and Tradition are taken together, flowing from the same spring and moving toward the same goal. *Dei Verbum* states: "Sacred Scripture is the speech of God as it is put down in writing under the breath of the Holy Spirit. And Tradition transmits in its entirety the Word of God which has been entrusted to the apostles by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit" (*DV* 9). Together they form a single deposit of the Word of God, entrusted to the Church (*DV* 10). Understanding this teaching of the Catholic Church might help people comprehend why the Church does not consider herself free to change her doctrine: we actually consider the preaching of the apostles, their example, and the institutions of the apostolic age to be part of the deposit of faith, part of divine revelation.

After this, the Vatican II document *Dei Verbum* addresses sacred Scripture specifically. It says that both the Old and New Testaments were "written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit ... have God as their author, and have been handed on as such to the Church herself" (*DV* 11). It also says "the books of Scripture, firmly, faithfully, and without error, teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the sacred Scriptures" (*DV* 11).

The document also takes up the subject of the Bible in the life of Catholics today. No doubt the bishops of Vatican II were aware of how few Catholics had much familiarity with the Bible. We have all heard stories about or experienced ourselves the way Catholics were discouraged from reading the Bible out of concern they would misinterpret it, but I do not think it was ever official Church teaching that lay people would be better off not reading the Bible. In 1965, Catholics were told from the highest level of authority that they *should* read the Bible: "The Sacred Synod forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful, especially those who live the religious life, to learn 'the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ' (Phil. 3:8) by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures" (*DV* 25). The Council Fathers said "all the preaching of the Church, as indeed the entire Christian religion, should be nourished and ruled by sacred Scripture. In the sacred books the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them" (*DV* 21). I hope that memorable line gives you a greater desire to read the Bible.

## Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

### First Eucharist Program

- **Sunday, January 27:** Grade 2 Focus Mass at both the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses
- **Tuesday, January 29:** Parent Session I at 6:30 p.m. Children will go to their classrooms and parents will come to Heritage Center. There will be no Wednesday class for second grade on Wednesday, January 30.

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.

## Catholic Schools Week



This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The staff at Faithful Shepherd would like to thank our three sponsoring parishes. Your support and encouragement helps to make us the strong, vibrant, faith-filled community we are today. There is a table with information about Faithful Shepherd located in the Gathering Space after this weekend's Masses. Please stop by and learn more about our school and Catholic education.

### FAITHFUL SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND TRI-PARISH CENTER

St. John Neumann, St. Peter, St. Thomas Becket

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## 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.*

## Pastoral Ministry

### Growing Through Loss Facilitators Needed

Are you a good listener? Does the idea of easing the burden for those experiencing the pain of loss appeal to you? Join our team of trained listeners in the Growing Through Loss Grief Coalition and begin to make a difference in the lives of the hurting among us. There is no need to come with previous experience; training is provided. Facilitators guide small group discussion following a speaker a few evenings each spring and fall. The next series is here at St. Peter's! If you would like to learn more about this vital ministry, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or [lamos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org).

### Caring Hearts for the Homeless Supply Drive

Given our present economic challenges, there are an increasing number of people living without basic supplies in shelters, transitional housing and in streets or places not intended for human habitation. These people have a great need for hygiene supplies and over-the-counter medications.



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

Non-prescription medications, hygiene supplies and cotton socks are just a few items that homeless people have a great need for. 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.

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!*

### 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](https://facebook.com/stpetersmendota) and our Twitter handle is @StPetersMendota.

## St. Peter's Community News

### Annual Giving

#### Weekly Contribution Summary

|                                             |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Budget for the period 1/14/13-1/20/13 ..... | \$24,035  |
| Actual for the period 1/14/13-1/20/13 ..... | \$21,598  |
| Year-to-Date Budget.....                    | \$519,885 |
| Year-to-Date Actual.....                    | \$509,126 |

### Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card, you still can mail it to the parish. You'll soon receive an extra card in the mail. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of St. Peter's. Please take this opportunity to express your support for our parish with your time, talent, and treasure!

### 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](mailto:jvasiliou@comcast.net).

### New Parishioner Registration

Interested in joining the parish? New parishioner registration will be held after all Masses the first weekend of each month in the Gathering Space. You can also register by contacting Sara Rogers at 651-905-4308 or clicking on the "Join Us" link on the parish website.

### Sincere Sympathy

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



### St. Peter's Reaches Out

Neighbors Food Shelf is currently in need of pancake mix and syrup. We have collection bins in the Gathering Space coat room and the entrance to the office. Remember: Food shelves can stretch cash further than donations of food because of their access to discount products and programs. If you write a check, please make it payable to Neighbors, Inc. and we will forward it to them. Thank you for your generosity!

### 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 January 26/27, February 2/3, and 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.



#### 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



Come as a Guest  
 Leave as a Friend



## The Next Week

### Monday, January 28

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

### Tuesday, January 29

- 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** First Communion Parent Session I

### Wednesday, January 30

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)  
**9:45 am** Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Room I  
**4:30 pm** Grades 1, 3-5  
**6:30 pm** Grades 1, 3-8  
**7 pm** Choir Rehearsal, Conference Room I

### Thursday, January 31

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)  
**9:30 am** Daily Birthday Celebration, Ravoux Room  
**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 1

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

### Saturday, February 2

- 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:**  
 Cana Dinner Reservations  
 New Parishioner Registration

### Sunday, February 3—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 & 10:30 am** Choir Rehearsal, Main Church  
**9 am** Mass, Main Church  
**11 am** Mass with Baptism, Main Church  
**9 & 11 am** Liturgy of the Word for Children  
**9 am** Sunday School  
**10 am** Confirmation Class  
**After Masses:**  
 Cana Dinner Reservations  
 Hospitality  
 New Parishioner Registration

## Parish Pastoral Council

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Parish Pastoral Council Voice Mailbox:

651-905-4309

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### Trustees:

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| Jim Oricchio..... | 651-452-3587 |
| Helen Wilkie..... | 651-365-1334 |

## Readings for the Week of January 27

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| <b>Sunday:</b>      | Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30                             |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35                                 |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>   | Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20                                 |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25                                |
| <b>Friday:</b>      | Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34                                |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40                       |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Lk 4:21-30         |

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## Mass Intentions

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

**Monday, January 28** - Choice of the Priest

**Tuesday, January 29** - †Scott Rabuse

**Wednesday, January 30** - †Fr. Richard Berg

**Thursday, January 31** - †Carole Reinhardt

**Friday, February 1** - †Eleanor O'Neill

**Saturday, February 2** - †John Clifford

**Sunday, February 3 - 9 a.m.** - Mass For the People

**11 a.m.** - †Harriet & †Leo Cloutier

## Minute Memo from Ms. Shimshock, Principal of Faithful Shepherd

**D**uring the week of January 27-February 1, Catholic schools around the nation celebrate Catholic School's Week. It is a week filled with laughter, enthusiasm and even a little bit of chaos. The memories that are made this week are remembered for years to come—the funny outfits worn by the teachers and students, the intensity of the spelling bee competition or the sheer joy of wearing your most comfy clothes to school one day. These activities may seem inconsequential to us as adults, but I believe it helps in cementing the building blocks of their faith. Thank you for your support of Faithful Shepherd. Without your prayers and financial support, we would not be able to do the great work that we do in forming our future faith leaders.

*Be joyful always; pray continuously; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Ms. Shimshock

## 2013 Catholic Services Appeal

***"All the earth is filled with his glory" Isaiah:6:1-2a, 3-8***

Many of you have responded to the Catholic Services Appeal mailing from Archbishop Nienstedt. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the CSA, we thank you for your gifts. If you received the mailing and have not responded, please do so as soon as possible. In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help to other ministries here in our parish.

Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal helps those who have responded to God's call to serve in ministries throughout the Archdiocese. From seminarians to catechists to teachers, from social workers to priests, to deacons and religious, those who serve in and are served by CSA funded ministries throughout the Archdiocese are deeply grateful for your support.

Your financial support for the work our parish, of our Archdiocese and of the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express your gratitude for the gifts that God has given to you. Please give generously to the 2013 Catholic Services Appeal.

When our parish reaches its goal, 25% of all funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish.

## Rediscover: faith 2013 Speakers Series

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: meaning Finding God's Purpose for My Life—Presented by Father Peter Laird

- Monday, February 4—New Brighton:  
Saint John the Baptist,  
835 2nd Avenue NW
- Tuesday, February 5—Eagan:  
Saint John Neumann, 4030 Pilot Knob Road
- Thursday, February 7—Edina:  
Our Lady of Grace, 5071 Eden Avenue

## 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](http://www.archspm.org) or call 651-291-4488.

## Saint Paul Civic Symphony

Sunday, January 27  
3 p.m.

Landmark Center  
75 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Saint Paul

"Requiem" Sing-along

Minnesota Chorale, soloists and the public  
Kathy Salzman Romey, guest conductor

All concerts are free and  
open to the public.

# Aging and Spirituality



Jackie Witter, Ed. D.

## Church of St. Peter

1405 Highway 13, Mendota, MN

February 27, 2013, 10 am – 12 pm

Heritage Center

How is aging affected by our spirituality? Does our spiritual life change as we get older? Should it? Why?

Come hear one of the most sought after speakers on spirituality and the laity explore this very important issue.

### *Entry fees:*

- \$15/ person before February 26
- \$20/ person at the event
- Special discount for pre-registration of four or more made on the same form; \$12/ person

### *Mail form and entry fee*

Church of St. Peter  
Attn: Pastoral Ministry  
PO Box 50679  
Mendota, MN 55150

For more information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304

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I have included a check payable to Church of St. Peter for \$\_\_\_\_\_ per person for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_. (\$15/ person or \$12/ person for registrations that include four or more.)