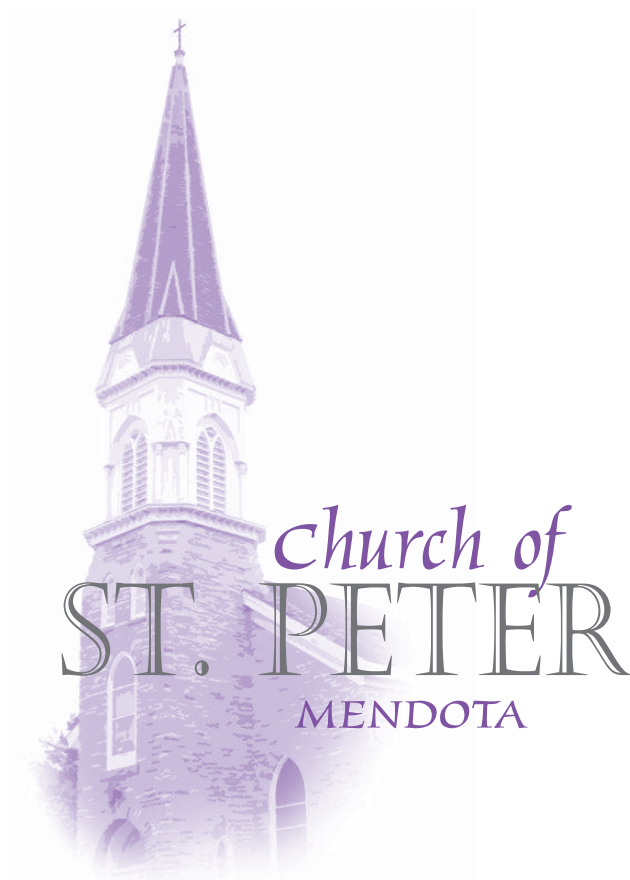




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SUNDAY MASSES (all in the Main Church)

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES (all in the Historic Church)

9 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

6:30 pm the First Thursday of the Month

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.

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Reflections from our Youth Coordinator

Water is one of the most common elements in our lives. It is everywhere, whether it be in rivers and lakes, flowing from our sinks, or falling from the sky. We need this water for life. Even our bodies are comprised mostly of water. Yet when Jesus meets the woman at the well in this week's Gospel, he speaks of "the living water," which is even more vital for our lives. In concrete terms, what is the water that Christ offers? The answer is that there are no concrete terms. The image of water is a metaphor that describes, from a particular angle, the entire gift of eternal life or salvation brought about by Christ. It stands for the sum total of God's gift of salvation to all humanity, a gift now available through Christ not only to the Samaritan woman but also to all who believe in Him. Jesus tells the woman, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The beauty in this image of "a spring of water" is that water flows out of a spring, continuously. If we have drank this "living water," should we not then have Christ's love flowing out of us as well, like water flows from a spring?

In Our Lord's dialogue with the woman at the well, we can see the gracious mercy of God at work. Using the image of water, Jesus leads the woman step by step to the realization that salvation and eternal life are right there before her eyes. Christ's gift of "living water" enables her to understand that the offer of friendship with God entails 1) a conversion of life (the woman must turn away from her sinful state), 2) an authentic worship, and 3) a desire to make Christ known to others. In this season of Lent, we too are called to do as the Samaritan woman did: to recognize God's gift, to put our faith in Jesus our Messiah, and to spread His truth and life. As we spend this time preparing ourselves, it is good for us to evaluate how well we achieve those goals.

How conscious are we, not just of our sins, but of rectifying that which causes us to sin? If you are like me, there are some sins that you tend to repeat. Not with intent necessarily, but out of habit or human weakness. Are we addressing what causes us to commit that sin, whether it be an attitude, or a situation that we might be able to remove ourselves from? Do we pray for assistance and wisdom to deal with that particular recurring sin? Or do we shrug and accept it? One of the beautiful aspects of this Gospel story is how the woman discovers her worth and dignity as a person through her conversation with Jesus. Acknowledging our weakness is not about

making us feel guilty. It is in fact an opportunity for us to grow and feel better about ourselves as we grow closer to being the person that God wants us to be.

The woman is also called by Christ to an authentic worship of God. The Samaritans had broken away from the Hebrews, and one of the main points of contention between the two was how the Samaritans had twisted the faith and their worship. They had discarded the Hebrews guidelines for worship, and had begun to worship pagan gods. Jesus says to the woman, "You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand . . . God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." Lent is a perfect time to ask ourselves how authentic our worship is. Do we reflect on the Gospel we hear at Mass, not just during the liturgy but throughout our day and week? During the celebration of the Eucharist, are we focused on who we are receiving and what is happening, or are our minds wandering? Are we truly engaging in meaningful prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, or are we just paying lip service to what we are called to do?

Lastly, the woman is called to make Christ known to others. She testifies to other Samaritans, and the Gospel tells us that "many more began to believe in him because of his word." During Lent we can examine whether our actions are bringing others to Christ. Are we displaying patience, love, kindness, understanding and generosity to others? Are we displaying these traits even when it is hard, or especially when it is hard? In the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says there is no reward for displaying this characteristics to those who love us, because that is easy. We are called especially to bring Christ's love to others when it is hard. Jews typically would not even look Samaritans in the eye if they came across them. In fact, they would walk far, far out of their way to avoid walking through the Samaritan lands. Jesus intentionally sought out the Samaritans, to bring them his love. Who, in our lives, can we seek out to share his love?



Ed Overell
Youth Coordinator



Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Elementary and Middle School Religious Education Programs

Please note that we **do not** have classes for Grades 1-8 on **Wednesday, March 26**, due to many of the schools being on spring break. Classes will resume on April 2.

Kids' Change for Kids

The children of St. Peter's have adopted a child from Uganda. All children are asked to bring in money that they have earned and place it in one of the cans marked KIDS' CHANGE FOR KIDS. The cans are in every classroom. Please talk to your child about the importance of helping those less fortunate—it will make a difference in their lives. Thank you!

Random Acts of Kindness

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 ourselves out into the world”—please put a tissue paper flower into the cross. By Easter we will have a blooming cross of kindness!

Liturgical Ministry Postcards

A postcard and/or email has been sent out to all liturgical ministers requesting availability dates and preferred ministries. Please return to the parish office, email, or call in your requests by Sunday, March 23. If you have not received a postcard but would like to be scheduled, please contact Sara Rogers at 651-905-4308 or srogers@stpetersmendota.org.

The May through August schedules will be available and distributed in mid-April. If you have not yet indicated your availability for these months, or no longer are interested in serving in your ministry, please contact Sara Rogers at the phone number or email address above and indicate the dates you are **NOT** available during this time period. **The deadline for indicating unavailable dates is Sunday, March 23.** Thank you!

Fridays
March 28,
April 4 & 11
7-7:35 p.m.
Main Church



Pastoral Ministry

Journal Writing as a Spiritual Practice Tuesdays, April 8 and 15

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Heritage Center

Keeping a spiritual journal is a wonderful way to do grow spiritually. You are warmly invited to explore a variety of journaling techniques to gain personal and spiritual insights. Gabriel Ross will use excerpts from spiritual writers, reflection questions and visual aids to initiate journaling. The workshop is appropriate for both experienced journal writers and beginners. Come join us as we celebrate the new life of resurrection and spring through journal writing.

You will need to bring a pen/pencil and a journal (blank sketchbooks size 8.5 x 11 inches work best, the facilitator will have a few of these available for purchase).

Gabriel has a MA from the University of St. Thomas in Catechetics and Liturgy, she is the director of Creative Spirit and she leads adult education courses and spirituality groups throughout the area.

Registration is required. \$25/session or \$40 for both evenings. To register, please contact Lisa Amos at lamos@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4304.

Sincere Sympathy

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the families and friends of **Helen Ekblad** and **Greg Jenniges**.

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



Turn Hunger into Hope at Feed My Starving Children

The Church of St. Peter is sponsoring our first food packing event at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). FMSC is a non-profit Christian organization where volunteers hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and then the meals are shipped to nearly 70 countries. What a simple way to complete a corporal work of mercy by feeding the hungry!

Bring your family and friends and join us to pack meals at FMSC's Eagan location on Tuesday, April 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Adults and children ages 5 and up are welcome to participate! To register to pack meals, please contact Tom Alm at thomasalm@comcast.net or 651-895-5070.

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary:

Budget for the period 3/10/14-3/16/14	\$14,893
Actual for the period 3/10/14-3/16/14	\$11,583
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$671,267
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$587,810

Catholic Services Appeal Summary:

Goal.....	\$41,219
Pledges.....	\$29,930
Balance	\$11,289
Percent of Goal	72.6%



**An Interdenominational Coalition
of South Suburban Churches
presents the third
in a five-week series:**

Growing Through Loss with

Mary Kay Lowe, MA, LMFT
Be Well, Counseling Services, LLC, Wayzata

Mary Kay will speak on
"Grief & Loss—A Family Affair."

Thursday, March 27
Augustana Lutheran Church
1400 South Robert Street, West St. Paul

Registration, 6:30 p.m.; Speaker, 6:55 p.m.;
Support Groups (facilitated by trained leaders),
8 p.m. Freewill offering.

For additional information call 952-890-0045 or email
growingthroughloss@gmail.com.

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

March is Minnesota FoodShare Month

Ode to Minnesota FoodShare Month



March is when Minnesota FoodShare
Month rolls around

Time to share food by the box and
cans by the pound.

This is the time to be generous and great
To make sure that our neighbors have food on their plate.

Let's help kids who can't learn when there's no
food to eat
And grandpas for whom a hot meal is a treat.

Don't forget mom and dad working two jobs every day
Who still have stack upon stack of those bills
they must pay.

We haven't a lot, but enough we can spare
For a generous donation to Neighbors' FoodShare.

Thank you for helping Neighbors, Inc. during Minnesota
FoodShare Month. Remember to bring your filled bag
back next week! Food items and/or money are
encouraged to be donated by Sunday, March 30, to be
eligible for the FoodShare match.

Thank you for your generosity!

Neighbors Thank You



Our sincere thank you for the generous
donation of 715 pounds of food you made
to us during January and February.

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

Sincerely,
Neighbors Inc. Staff and Volunteers

Soup Supper Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in the Ash Wednesday
Soup Supper. Because of your generosity, we were able to
send a check to Sharing and Caring Hands for \$735.



The Week of March 24

Monday, March 24

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

Tuesday, March 25

- 9 am** **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
After the 9 am Mass Until 6 pm
11 am Lilydale Senior Living Holy Communion
6:30 pm Exploring Our Spirituality: Ladyrith,
Heritage Center

Wednesday, March 26

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

Thursday, March 27

- 9 am** **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
9:30 am Daily Mass Birthday Celebration,
Heritage Center
10 am Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, March 28

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

Saturday, March 29

- 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:
Neighbors, Inc. Food Drive

Sunday, March 30—Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 & 10:30 am**
Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
9 & 11 am **Mass, Main Church**
9 & 11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children
9 am Sunday School, Lower Level
After Masses:
Neighbors, Inc. Food Drive

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Readings for the Week of March 23

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, March 24 - †Tom Koppen

Tuesday, March 25 - †John Walker

Wednesday, March 26 - †Jacob & †Mary Ambalam

Thursday, March 27 - †Robert LeMay

Friday, March 28 - Mary Ogg's Birthday

Saturday, March 29 - Mass For the People

Sunday, March 30

9 a.m. - †Odilia Fabio

11 a.m. - Healing for Tom Bohlig

Parish Penance Day

Thursday, April 3, 4-8 p.m.
Main Church

Several priests will be available to hear
Individual Confessions.

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Lenten Alms



This year alms
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Lent will be donated

to Loaves and Fishes. 46 million Americans live in poverty. For over 32 years Loaves and Fishes has worked to end hunger in Minnesota by providing free meals for those facing hunger. If you have questions regarding the hunger ministry they provide, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

"Life-Giving Love" Lenten Reflections

Fr. Leonard Andrie is offering a three-part series on the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Christ as revealed in the Gospel of Matthew. Participants are asked to bring a Bible with them; no registration is required. The series is at the Church of St. Joseph, 1154 Seminole Avenue, West St. Paul, Mondays, March 24, 31 and April 7 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Great Room.

Archdiocesan Marriage Day Celebration

You are invited to celebrate the beautiful mystery of the mutual self-gift between of man and woman in the Sacrament of Matrimony on: **Saturday, June 7, at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 10 a.m.** for Mass, renewal of vows, and a short reception. Couples married 50 years or more will be honored in a special way. Families and friends of honored couples are welcome! Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life. For more information, call 651-291-4488 or visit their website: www.archspm.org.

Easter Flowers

We are now accepting donations for Easter flowers in memory or honor of a loved one. If you would like to make a donation, pick up an envelope on the information counter or in the parish office and return through Sunday collections or in the parish office by Wednesday, April 9. All names will be listed in our Easter bulletin.

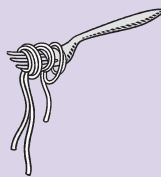


Global Solidarity Sunday

Next Sunday is Global Solidarity Sunday in our Archdiocese. Christ, our light, came to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind and liberty to captives. We are children of that light and have the opportunity to stand with those who are the most vulnerable throughout our world—to offer our gifts that can brighten their lives. You are invited to offer your gifts of support during a special collection for four global initiatives designated by the U.S. Catholic Bishops during Global Solidarity Sunday. Please be as generous as you are able and support your brothers and sisters overseas.

Put Your Unwanted Stuff to Good Use

This year's winter has been especially cold for Minnesotans. But, for families and individuals who do not have essential household furnishings, these extreme temperatures can be unbearable. Can you imagine sleeping on the floor at night, not being able to eat a warm meal with dishes and silverware, and having no kitchen table and chairs to enjoy a meal with loved ones? This is everyday life for over 12,000 people who are served by Bridging, a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, every year. Providing furniture and household goods to those in need year-round, Bridging's warehouse shelves are sparse. But, the demand for furniture and household goods from those transitioning out of homelessness and poverty stays the same. Please help by donating your stuff, time, or dollars for those in need. Learn more and get started by visiting their website at www.bridging.org or calling 952-888-1105.



Workcamp Pasta Dinner
Friday, April 11
5-7 p.m.
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Church of St. Peter
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Members present Kelly Garrett, Ann Hoey, Yvonne Houle-Gillard, Sarah Larsen, Lance Miller, Alice Sheeler, and Joe Towle

Members Not Present: Mary Pat-Ferraro, Nancy Stanton

Ex-officio members present:

Ex-officio members not present: Fr. Gallatin, Helen Wilkie

I. Opening Prayer/Hospitality: Sarah Larsen led members in reciting the St. Peters Prayer.

II. Approval of Agenda: Approved as presented.

III. New Business

A. Stewardship Renewal/PPC Member Recruit

- The Stewardship Renewal process generated 3 names; Anne Hallgren, Cheryl Kielpinski, and Jennifer Silgen. Members were starting to put together a list of additional names.
- Ann Hoey has agreed to compile the list of names she had with those PPC members
- Kelly stated that Helen Wilke had the template for the application process and the bio that will appear in the bulletin.
- It was suggested that we start with our pictures and bio if possible.
- Timeline for New Applicants:
 - Bulletin Notices encouraging people to apply start April 27th (Must be submitted to Darlene by 8am, Mon, April 21st)
 - Deadline for Applications: May 12th
 - Bios for potential candidates published May 26th & June 1st (Must be submitted to Darlene by 8am, Mon, May 19th)
 - Discernment: Sunday Pentecost, June 8th
 - New PPC Members posted June 15th (Must be submitted to Darlene by 8am, Mon June 9th)

B. Financial Report

- Contributions are below the projected need
- Questions about Catholic Stewardship Consultants effectiveness – equivalent of one staff member – what would happen if we cancel out of the remainder of the contract with them?

IV. Old Business

A. GROW (Parish Pastoral Planning):

- Yvonne Houle-Gillard stated that she was trying to increase the numbers of Faithful Shepherd Families who will take the survey.
- Encourage staff to take survey
- Reach out to parishioners in early 30s to take survey

- Committee will meet on Monday, March 10th to review if there has been an increase in surveys
- Archdiocese asked the parish to continue the process and complete – on Sat, March 29th at St. Michaels in Farmington

B. Discussion on Fr. Gallatin's Leave

- Kelly stated there would be a letter in the bulletin Feb 22/23 updating the parish on the process. At meeting time, the text was still being worked on.
- Archdiocese is trying to help, but with the scope of everything it is dealing with, it's hard to be helpful to just our parish.
- Everyone involved on parish level are working hard to keep the parish updated.
- Try to put together parish appreciation to thank staff and parishioners Feb 22/23
- Fr. Charlie will be saying Masses Feb 22/23 so we would like to thank him
- It was suggested to have REFF Students become involved by sending thank you notes to staff
- Ask Jim Fink to draft bulletin update on the need to keep weekly contributions coming into the parish and emphasis on how much these are needed
- PPC will continue to do what it can to promote grass roots support of parish and improve ways to promote the GROW Survey Process

V. **Closing prayer**

Sarah led committee in a prayer for Dynamic Catholic and meeting was adjourned

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2014