

Church of ST. PETER MENDOTA



November 16, 2014
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm or 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 Pastor

My dear friends,

For the sake of getting to know each other, I will continue from where I left off in last week's bulletin, sharing with you more of the journey of my life. This is part 3 of the song I sing to God's wonderful Mercy.

It was during my senior year in high school that my soul began to reawaken to the things of God and the Spirit. Together with one of my classmates I began to realize that the egotistical pursuit of machoism, and the selfish lifestyle of building happiness on the passing pleasures and things of this world, was leading no where. It was all vanity; a house built on sand. The seductive happiness promised by the secular culture was an illusion leaving me empty and discouraged. For years I had put on the outward appearance that all was OK, that I had it together, that I was 'having fun.' Yet inside I felt so restless and lost, so tired of all the games one had to play to fit in, measure up, and be accepted. In the span of a few months, several things I had placed my trust in and to which I looked for happiness completely failed. The house I had built on sand was washing away, leaving me feeling very lost and helpless. Though painful, this is a very good place for us to be in if it takes us to God and makes us cry out to Him; and this is exactly what happened. I could have tried once again to seek that quick, temporary relief as I had done so many times before by crashing another party, finding a new girl friend, buying a new car or stereo system to top the previous one, etc. But there, before me, was my brother and his constant witness of New Life—because of his prayers and example I knew there was more, something much better. So I started to pray sincerely from my heart for the first time; seeking a God I did not yet know, and whom I needed so very much.

How beautiful is the mercy of God! I had kept God waiting for so many years, but when I called out to Him in my need I did not have to wait even a second—God was right there, ready to lift me up and bathe me in His mercy. Like my father describing his conversion, "I failed right into the arms of God." I've always liked the way St. Augustine described the moment when his own life turned around, for at this crucial moment they became mine:

"Late have I loved You, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved You!
You were within and I was without.
I was looking for You out there,

throwing myself upon the things which You had made.
You were with me, yet I was not with You.
These things held me far from You.
You called and cried out and burst through my deafness;
You shone forth Your fragrance
and I drew in a breath, and now I pant for You;
I have tasted You, and now I hunger and thirst;
You touched me, and I was inflamed with desire for Your peace."

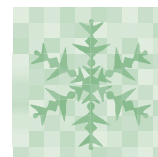
St. Augustine, The Confession, X

In these early beginnings there was a Christian community of men and women who prayed with me to help me repent and give my whole life over to Jesus Christ. It was at this moment that I knew God was real, that He loved me deeply, and that everything was going to be OK. I also became deeply aware that I had to change my life, that I could not live as I had before. And so with God's generous grace, and the help of my brother, my sister and other dear friends, I started to follow Jesus and live as a new creation in Christ. But this was only the beginning. This new journey of faith was to lead me rather quickly into the Catholic Church. In the next bulletin I will share with you how this happened.

God love you,



Fr. Steven



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's on **Thursday, November 27**, 9 a.m. in the Main Church.



We will be collecting donations of nonperishable food for Neighbors, Inc. Please consider bringing items with you when you come to Mass. Thank you!

Parish office hours

Please note the parish office will be **closed** on **Thursday, November 27**, and **Friday, November 28**, in observance of the holiday.

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Christmas Pageant Registration



Christmas pageant registrations were sent to you in the November email. Please remember to register your children. All children ages 4-14 are invited to participate in the pageant OR be in the pageant choir. Rehearsals are Saturdays, December 6, 13, and 20 at 9:30 a.m. for the pageant and/or choir participants. The pageant is on Sunday, **December 21, after the 9:00 Mass**. If you did not receive a registration slip, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311. I hope to hear from you!

**First Rehearsal: Saturday, December 6
at 9:30 a.m.
am in Ravoux Room**

Second Quarterly Meeting Council of Catholic Women Saint Paul Deanery

**Thursday, November 20
Church of Saint Pascal**

A wonderful opportunity! The second quarterly meeting of the Saint Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be held at the Church of Saint Pascal in Saint Paul beginning at 8:30 a.m. Speaker, Brother Conrad of the Franciscan Brothers of Peace, will provide insights into their work. Lunch will be served following Mass. Cost for the day is \$12. If you plan to attend, RSVP by Monday, November 17, by calling Jane at 651-261-2534 or Mary Ann at 651-771-9976. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Please bring boxes of stuffing and/or potatoes to help the Franciscan Brothers serve 550 families a Thanksgiving meal.



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're here. Thank you.

Pastoral Ministry

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is up! Please consider choosing an ornament and purchasing the gift indicated.



****Please note change: this year gifts should be placed under the tree unwrapped!!**** **UNWRAPPED** gifts should be returned to the tree with the doll tag clearly visible. All gifts need to be in Sunday, December 7, by 12 noon. Please make every effort to have them here by the deadline. Late gifts often mean a disappointed child. Thank you for your generosity in advance. Questions about specific gift requests can be directed to Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Other helpers are also needed. The more the merrier. There are small tasks with limited time commitments for adults and young adults, and the rewards are huge. Please consider spreading some Christmas cheer by helping with this very important project! Call Carol 651-453-1345 to help or for more information.

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) Advent Retreat

Everyone is invited to attend the **ACCW Advent Retreat** that will be hosted by St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women in Heritage Center on Saturday morning, December 6. Refreshments will be served starting at 8:30. At 9 a.m. KELLY WAHLQUIST will begin the program—Greeting Advent as Women of Joy! A morning of Prayer, Praise and Presentation.

Vendors will be on site for Christmas shopping during the breaks.

The Archbishop will close the retreat with Mass at noon.

To register send a check for \$15 (made out to ACCW) to the ACCW Office, 328 West Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul 55102. To pay by credit card, visit the ACCW website at <http://www.accwarchspm.org/>. After November 26, the fee will be \$20. A few scholarships are available.



Mark your calendars! The 11th Annual Holiday Classic Boutique, benefiting Faithful Shepherd Catholic School, will be held Saturday, November 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary:

Budget for period of Nov. 3-Nov. 9, 2014.....	\$19,053
Actual for period of Nov. 3-Nov. 9, 2014.....	\$16,280
Year to Date Budget	\$288,317
Year to Date Actual	\$259,344

Stewardship Update

Thank you to everyone who returned their stewardship renewal cards. If you have not yet returned your card, please do so as soon as possible as we will begin our follow-up phase next week.

We are currently in the midst of changing the computer program that holds our parish database. Once our conversion to the new program is completed, those who have submitted their stewardship renewal card, will be contacted by ministry leaders. Thank you for your patience!

Share Your Talent as a Photographer!

The parish is looking for a couple of individuals to be photographers for big parish events in anticipation of our next photo directory in a few years. We ask that you use your own camera and that the photos be digital. Your help would be requested for events each month and you could choose whether or not to attend any events based on your own schedule. This is a great way to give back to the parish by doing something that you love! Contact Sara Rogers if you're interested or have any questions: srogers@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4308.



Walk to End Hunger

The annual 5K (non-competitive) Walk to End Hunger will be held Thanksgiving morning at the Mall of America. Create a team from your church or sign up with your family—either way it's a great tradition to give back before giving thanks. For more information visit www.walktoendhunger.org. Remember to select Neighbors as your partner organization!



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, November 23. If you have not received a postcard but would like to be scheduled, please contact David Dunst at 651-905-4323 or ddunst@stpetersmendota.org.

The January through April schedules will be available and distributed in mid-December. If you have not yet indicated your availability for these months, or are no longer interested in serving in your ministry, please contact David Dunst 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, November 23.** Thank you!



Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

Parents' Night Out

Need to do some Christmas shopping without little hands and eyes around? Want a nice dinner out or some time to work on a few house projects? Bring your kids (ages 6 weeks to 11 years) to St. Peter's first Parents' Night Out!

On Friday, December 5, from 5 to 8 p.m., you are welcome to drop off your children in Heritage Center and have a few hours to yourself. Cost is \$10 for one child, with a \$20 maximum per family, and the profit (above the cost of the supper) goes directly to St. Peter's. Supper will include pizza, carrots, apple slices, and milk or water. (You are welcome to bring a different dinner for your child if they won't or can't eat ours!)

We hope you can take advantage of this event! RSVPs are **strongly encouraged**. For more information or to RSVP, contact Sara Rogers at srogers@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4308.

Help Support Young Families at St. Peter's!

We are looking for people to help us care for kids during our Parents' Night Out event on Friday, December 5. **We could really use your help!** All volunteers will need to have Virtus training as well as a background check. Please contact Sara Rogers at the information above if you are interested, and thank you!

The Week of November 17

Monday, November 17

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

Tuesday, November 18

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
After the 9 am Mass Until 6 pm
9:45 am Women's Bible Study,
Conference Room I, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting,
Conference Room I
7 pm Cana Dinner Meeting,
Conference Room III

Wednesday, November 19

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

Thursday, November 20

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
5:45 pm A Community Caring for Life Meeting,
Conference Room I
6:30 pm Fr. Adrian's Bible Study, Heritage Center
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, November 21

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
5 pm Youth Group Lock In

Saturday, November 22

- 9 and 10:30 am**
Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
10 am Scripture Study, Conference Room I
1 pm First Reconciliation Service, Main Church
4 pm Reconciliation, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm Mass, Main Church
 After Mass:
Boy Scout Wreath Sale

Sunday, November 23—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

- 8:30 & 10:30 am**
Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass, Main Church
9 am Sunday School
9 & 11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children
10 am Confirmation Class
11 am Mass, Main Church
 After Masses:
Boy Scout Wreath Sale
12 pm Baptism, Main Church
6:30 pm Youth Group

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Readings for the Week of November 16

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes
 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-
 21
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26,
 28/Mt 25:31-46

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, November 17 - †Fred Luebstorff

Tuesday, November 18 - †Carl Skally

Wednesday, November 19 - †Cal Mulvihill

Thursday, November 20 - †Bill & †Eva Mulvihill

Friday, November 21 - †Connie Mueller

Saturday, November 22 - Mass For the People

Sunday, November 23 - 9 a.m. - †Jeffrey Weiss

11 a.m. - †Mr. & †Mrs. Edward Reid

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Friday, December 5, from
8:30-10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 25, from 1-3 p.m.



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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 until 6 p.m.

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

Free Parenting KAHNversations

Wednesday, November 19

6:30pm

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School is hosting a FREE parenting KAHNversations series. Please join us for our upcoming session on Wednesday, November 19, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Faithful Shepherd for Dr. Stephen Kahn's discussion—"Staying Connected." This talk will focus on communication strategies that really work with children of all ages, especially as middle school approaches. Learn how to subtly adjust your parenting as they move from 3rd, 4th and 5th grade to 6th, 7th and 8th. Help keep your children sharing their thoughts and feelings with you and strengthen them to minimize the power of peer pressure. No registration is required. All are welcome—bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Faithful Shepherd Catholic School at 651-406-4747.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Pie Sale



St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a Thanksgiving and Christmas Pie Sale in conjunction with Perkins Restaurant on Robert Street.

Orders will be taken in the Gathering Space after all Masses this weekend. **All orders must be received by Monday, November 17.** Pies can be picked up at Perkins on the day you determine. They will give us back \$3 for every pie ordered. All proceeds will be used towards St. Peter's Debt Reduction.

Separated and Divorced Support Group

Starting November 18, a group will be held on Tuesdays at Saint Thomas More Catholic Community at 1079 Summit Avenue. (at Lexington Avenue), Saint Paul from 7 to 8:30. Enter the building from parking lot (north of the church).

For more information, call Pat Williams at 651-227-7669, ext. 312.

It's a Wonderful Life

Back by popular demand is a special performance of "It's a Wonderful Life—a Live Radio Broadcast Play" at The Saint Paul Hotel on Wednesday, December 10. Tickets are \$25 each and all of the proceeds go to Neighbors. Buy your tickets in advance! (Groups are also welcome to attend—ask about group specials.) For more information, visit: www.neighborsmn.org

Little Sisters of the Poor Annual Christmas Boutique

Saturday and Sunday, November 22 and 23
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

330 Exchange Street South, Saint Paul

Ham Dinner ~ Adults \$10, Children 12 and under \$6

Bake sale, doll orphanage, gift baskets, crafts, silent auction, raffles/winery and much more.

If you have any questions, call 651-227-0336.

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—Pope Francis, Apostolic Journey to Rio de Janeiro, July 25, 2013



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

To be just toward others, we must work to ensure they have adequate resources to meet their human needs. Projects supported by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) move beyond providing for immediate needs. They work to build healthy, sustainable futures for communities.

Ten years ago, Boston's Haley House began offering bakery training at the request of a few regular guests at the soup kitchen. Due to high demand, Haley House expanded the training into a six-month course that includes customer relations and basic business principles. Haley House currently has 70 trainees who have completed the program and are now employed in the Boston area. Haley House also offers cooking classes for at-risk teens and holistic, individual support to men and women re-entering the community after incarceration.

Like Haley House, Faith Works recognizes the value of human relationships in the fight against poverty. Operating in the Roanoke Valley, Faith Works builds community through conversation. After listening to residents and members of parishes and congregations in the city's Southeast area, the group worked to get the area recognized as "medically underserved," and thereby secured \$6 million for a new health clinic. This change will make a dramatic difference in the lives of residents, 80 percent of whom are uninsured.

The dialogue fostered by Faith Works also bridges racial divides. One member commented that "nowhere else would we probably have talked to each other, but here we are now working together, gardening [in community gardens] together." Members are working to train leaders in the Hispanic community and to listen to their concerns.

Haley House and Faith Works create a strong local economy by building human relationships and carry on Christ's mission "to bring glad tidings to the poor . . . liberty to captives . . . sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development funds programs like these in communities across the United States and helps people living in poverty join together, identify problems and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods.

CCHD is the official domestic anti-poverty agency of the Catholic bishops in the United States. Your support helps to end poverty one community at a time. Working together, we can reach out and touch the lives of those living on the margins of society. Please visit www.povertyusa.org to read more details of CCHD's efforts to spread Christ's love by helping to break the cycle of poverty in your community and across the country.



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

ORIGINS

CCHD was founded in 1970 by the Catholic bishops of the United States as their domestic anti-poverty program. They realized that outreach through established charitable services was not creating the changes people needed in order to get themselves out of poverty. With this goal in mind, the bishops worked to address the underlying policies and systems that perpetuate poverty, as a complement to direct service.

IMPACT

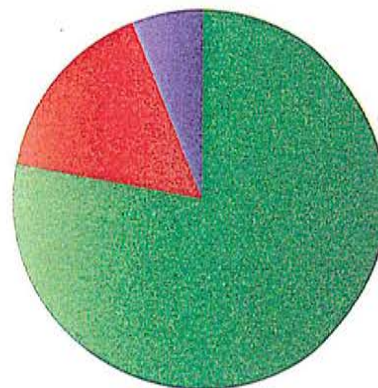
CCHD brings Catholic social teaching to life. It funds community and economic development programs across the United States that help poor and marginalized people join together to make decisions, seek solutions to local problems, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods. Economic development initiatives help create new businesses and jobs. CCHD also provides educational opportunities for Catholics to learn about poverty, stand in solidarity with those affected by it, and reflect on their own responsibility before the great need of others.

INVOLVEMENT

You can make a difference:

1. **DONATE.** Your generous support, in the parish collection and throughout the year, is vital to CCHD's anti-poverty mission and creates real change.
2. **LEARN.** Take advantage of CCHD awareness programs to learn more about poverty, those affected by it, and our responsibilities as members of the Church. Visit www.povertyusa.org.
3. **PRAY** for those who receive CCHD support and for all our brothers and sisters struggling with poverty.

2012-2013 GRANTS



- Community Development: 178
- Economic Development/Job Creation: 36
- Technical Assistance: 10

Total: \$9,299,250

CCHD is committed to accountability and transparency. We allocate funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church. Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd to view funding criteria and see a detailed list of our most recent grants. CCHD's primary source of support is a once-a-year collection held in parishes across the United States. Twenty-five percent of the collection supports anti-poverty projects in the (arch) diocese where the funds are collected.



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