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From the Pastor's Desk

On this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, the Year of Faith draws to a close. What began on October 11, 2012, the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, as well as the 20th anniversary of the publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, is now ending. Much has changed. Pope Benedict XVI, who announced the Year of Faith, surprised the world last February with his renunciation of the papacy. On March 13 Pope Francis was elected, and he continues to surprise the world whenever he speaks in the fresh, startling manner he favors.

Pope Benedict, in an address on August 2, 2012, reflected on the opening of Vatican II this way:

It was a splendid day on 11 October 1962 when the Second Vatican Council opened with the solemn procession into St. Peter's Basilica in Rome of more than two thousand Council Fathers. ... It was impressive to see in the entrance procession bishops from all over the world, from all peoples and all races: an image of the Church of Jesus Christ which embraces the whole world, in which the peoples of the earth know they are united in his peace.

It was a moment of extraordinary expectation. Great things were about to happen. The previous Councils had almost always been convoked for a precise question to which they were to provide an answer. This time there was no specific problem to resolve. But precisely because of this, a general sense of expectation hovered in the air: Christianity, which had built and formed the Western world, seemed more and more to be losing its power to shape society. It appeared weary and it looked as if the future would be determined by other spiritual forces. The sense of this loss of the present on the part of Christianity, and of the task following on from that, was well summed up in the word "*aggiornamento*" (updating). Christianity must be in the present if it is to be able to form the future. So that it might once again be a force to shape the future, John XXIII had convoked the Council without indicating to it any specific problems or programs. This was the greatness and at the same time the difficulty of the task that was set before the ecclesial assembly.

Vatican II would indeed have a tremendous impact on the world, as those words of the Pope emeritus suggest. It has highlighted the need for all of God's people to know about their faith and take that knowledge into their daily lives. We can do this by focusing a bit more directly on two different synopses of the faith.

The Year of Faith was intended to be a time for all of us members of the Church to pay more attention to the Creed, and to become more aware of the riches that can be found in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. I hope that you have a copy of the Catechism at your house. The first edition in English was tan in color, and the current one (from 2000) is green. There are also editions the size of a paperback novel that can be found in most bookstores, and of course the whole book is online on the Vatican website. The Catechism uses language that is not too difficult to understand. It is easy to look up the answers to questions you might have about the faith by using the index. For example, I just took my copy and looked in the index under "angel." Under that heading, a person can find "existence of angels as a truth of the faith," and see that section 328 of the Catechism covers that. Under "grace," you can find a reference for the grace "of the sacrament of Matrimony" and read all about it in sections 1641-1642. Under "euthanasia," you can see that in section 2278 the Catechism covers the "distinction between euthanasia and the rejection of overzealous treatment." So you can see this important volume has information about what the Church teaches on matters that pertain to today's great questions.

Illustrating perfectly the way he reaches people in a fresh way, in his November 13 general audience Pope Francis made the message of the Year of Faith very practical. He spoke about Baptism, saying that it "is in a certain sense the identity card of the Christian, his birth certificate, and the act of his birth into the Church."

All of you know the day on which you were born and you celebrate it as your birthday, don't you? We all celebrate our birthday. I ask you a question that I have already asked several times, but I'll ask it again: who among you remembers the date of your Baptism? Raise your hands: they are few (and I am not asking the Bishops so as not to embarrass them...). Let's do something: today, when you go home, find out what day you were baptized, look for it, because this is your second birthday. The first birthday is the day you came into life and the second birthday is the one on which you came into the Church. Will you do this? This is your homework: find out the day on which you were born to the Church, and give thanks to the Lord, because at Baptism he has opened the door of his Church to us. ... We can ask ourselves: is Baptism, for me, a fact of the past, relegated to a date, that date which you are going to go look for today, or is it a living reality, that pertains to my present, to every moment? ... We need to take the grace of Baptism, which is a gift, and become a light for all people!

Religious Education/Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Elementary and Middle School Religious Education Programs

Please remember there will be no elementary classes (grades 1-5) OR middle school classes (grades 6-8) on Wednesday, November 27, due to Thanksgiving weekend. Please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 if you have any questions.

Sunday, December 1, there will be no Sunday School or Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Christmas Pageant Sign Ups:

It's not too late to sign up to be in the Christmas Pageant!! All children ages 4-12 are invited to participate in the pageant OR be in the pageant choir. Rehearsals are December 7, 14, and 21 at 9:30 a.m. for the pageant and/or choir participants. The pageant is on **December 22 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 7
9:30 a.m. in the Ravoux Room**

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 24. 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 January through April schedules will be available and distributed in mid-December. 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, November 24.** Thank you!

Christmas Flowers

We are now accepting donations for Christmas 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 it through Sunday collections or in the parish office by Monday, December 16. All names will be listed in our Christmas bulletin.



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's on **Thursday, November 28**, 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 28**, and **Friday, November 29**, in observance of the holiday.

Bounty Fund

St. Peter's Bounty Fund is now almost completely depleted. Recent bulletin notices have not led to more contributions to the Bounty Fund, by which many people normally benefit from your anonymous financial gifts. The fund is used for everything from requests for gasoline or groceries to assistance with rent. If you wish to contribute to the Bounty Fund, please make a check to St. Peter's and direct it to my attention. God bless you!

Fr. Gallatin

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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.

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 11/11/13-11/17/13	\$22,473
Actual for the period 11/11/13-11/17/13	\$17,788
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$336,946
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$269,305

St. Paul Civic Symphony

The St. Paul Civic Symphony will be giving a concert here on Sunday, December 15, at 3 p.m. Admission is free. All ages welcome! The Civic Symphony is an ensemble that rehearses each Monday evening, preparing programs for a number of concert performances throughout the fall, winter, and spring. In addition, a number of their members also join our music ministry for the celebrations of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Come and enjoy an afternoon of music by great composers including Tchaikovsky, Borodin and Artunian, and featuring trumpet soloist Lynn Erickson of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra.

www.saintpaulcivicsymphony.org

Catechetical Institute Presents: Fr. Jacques Philippe

Feeling overwhelmed by the business of life? Thought so... Why not take a moment in the hustle and bustle of the season to learn the ingredient for true peace and happiness?

The Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute invites you to the second talk in their fall Learn & Live Lecture Series, featuring best selling author Fr. Jacques Philippe. Fr. Philippe will present "Inner Peace" on Sunday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in St. Paul. The presentation will be followed with time for Q & A and book signing.

The Learn & Live event is FREE and all are welcome to attend. Bring a friend, and together learn the key to true happiness.

The event is co-sponsored by St. George Catholic Books & Gifts. For more information visit www.CIstudent.com

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Neighbor's Thank You

Our sincere thank you for the generous donation of 774 pounds of food you made to us during October.



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

Sincerely,
Neighbors Inc. Staff and Volunteers

Neighbors Donations Next Weekend at Donut Sunday

While we, the parishioners of St. Peter's, are enjoying our coffee and donuts (FREE WILL DONATION) next Sunday, we are asking you to remember the many needy people who can't afford to feed themselves or their families. If you could bring in a food donation when you come in to enjoy your donuts, coffee, milk and juice, and drop it in the box for the "Neighbors Food Shelf" it would be deeply appreciated.

Wine Tasting!



Friday, December 6

7-9 p.m.

Ravoux Room

\$10 per person

Tickets available at the door.

For more information,
call John Vogel at 651-688-7427.

Hope to see you there!

Greet Advent as WOMEN OF FAITH

An Advent Retreat sponsored by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic woman will be held on Saturday, December 7, at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Mendota. Aimée Petra and Janae Bower of FaithWalk Retreats will be the presenters. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Join us for a morning of prayer, praise and presentation concluding with Mass at 12 noon with Archbishop John Nienstedt. Cost is \$15 before November 23 and \$20 thereafter. Register on line: <https://giving.archspm.org/accwadvent2013> If you have any questions or for more information, call 651-291-4545.

The Week of November 25

Monday, November 25

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

Tuesday, November 26

- 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
12 Noon-1 pm
Mobile Meals

Wednesday, November 27

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conf. Room I

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Day

Parish Office Closed

- 9 am Mass, Main Church (8:40 rosary)
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, November 29

Parish Office Closed

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

Saturday, November 30

- 9 and 10:30 am
Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
4 pm Reconciliation, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
5 pm Mass, Main Church

Sunday, December 1—First Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 & 10:30 am
Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church
After Masses:
Hospitality
Neighbor's Food Shelf Donations

Do You Have an Extra Nativity Set?

We are planning to decorate the glass cases between the Atrium and Heritage Center with Nativity sets. If you have a Nativity set that you would like displayed until mid-January, bring the Nativity set to the office by Monday, December 2, to Sara Rogers. Please put your Nativity set in a box with your name and phone number.

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Readings for the Week of November 24

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk
 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, November 25 - †Mary Meysembourg
Tuesday, November 26 - †Reno Rossini
Wednesday, November 27 - †Jill Taylor
Thursday, November 28 - †Joseph McCarthy
Friday, November 29 - †Michael Walter Hughes
Saturday, November 30 - †Raymond LeClaire
Sunday, December 1

9 a.m. - †Florence May

11 a.m. - Mass For the People

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.

Special Collection for Typhoon Haiyan Relief—November 30 and December 1

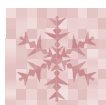
The recent devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan has left thousands of people dead and millions of people without adequate shelter, food and water. Please give what you can in the special second collection November 30/December 1 to help our brothers and sisters in the Philippines and Vietnam. The disaster relief is being coordinated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services.

The money we send will be used to provide immediate assistance and to address emergency needs for water, food, shelter, and medical care. Any funds collected that are not needed for these immediate measures will be used to support the long-term recovery and the rebuilding of the affected communities.

Thank you for your assistance in this important and urgently needed work of charity, and please also remember the people of the Philippines and Vietnam in your prayers.

Receive the Gift of Healing this Christmas

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of children to abortion, come and experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities retreat is January 10-12. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313, or see www.rvineyardmn.org.



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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.

Thursdays 5:30-6:30 pm, Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm
or by appointment.

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

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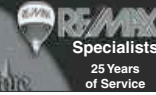
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