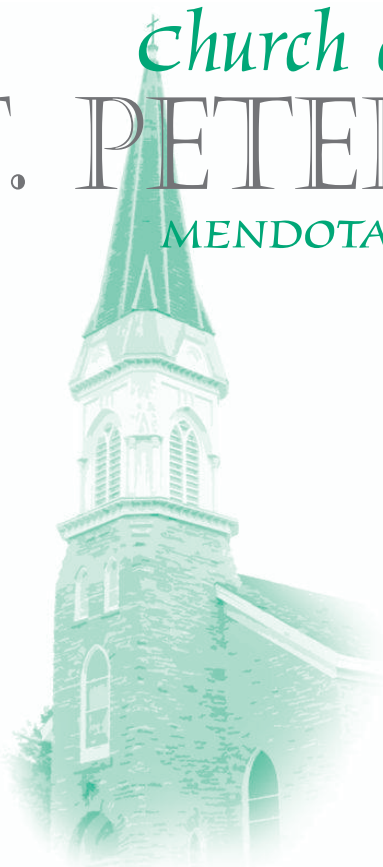


# Church of ST. PETER MENDOTA



**November 8, 2015**  
**32<sup>nd</sup> 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

Fridays, 8 to 8:45 am and Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm  
and also any time by appointment.

### BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

### PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Mary LeClair ..... E-mail: [maryleclair62@gmail.com](mailto:maryleclair62@gmail.com)  
or call the parish office at 651-452-4550.

## Reflections from our Pastor

My dear friends,

In the Gospel we have an example, among many found in Sacred Scripture, which shows that God does not judge by outward appearances, but by what is in the heart. And the question the Gospel invites us to ask is, "Lord, what do you see in the heart of this poor widow that you also want to see in my heart?" As we watch this widow deposit her two small coins into the treasury, our Lord is hoping to deposit something in our hearts by the widow's example (and we also have the widow in the first reading to provide us with yet another example).

What made it possible for these **two widows** to be radically generous in their poverty and need—the first, to give away her last meal, and the second, to give away her last two coins? They could have held back, clinging fearfully and tightly to the little bit they had left.

The bible praises these **two widows** because they are beautiful examples of a disposition very dear to God. They have a persevering hope and trust in the Lord that allows them to remain generous even at the moment of their greatest need. There will always be moments in our life, for one reason or another, when we cannot give as much of our time, treasure or talents—and this is OK—as long we continue living generously, being generous with what we do have and serving in ways we still can.

Another biblical principle follows from this: **God cannot be outdone in generosity and those who place their trust in the Lord will never be disappointed.** Our Lord recommends this radical generosity to all his disciples, "give and it shall be given you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back." (Lk 6:38)

Many of us have experienced how God's blessings often come to us at the moments of our greatest need and vulnerability, when we feel weak, helpless, and limited. Though our hearts can be sorely tempted at these moments to withdraw, to become selfish and self-absorbed. It's at such moments that our trust can grow by leaps and bounds and our hearts discover a deeper capacity for giving to God and others.

Jesus said that this widow gave more than anyone else, even though she gave only two small coins—because by giving her last two coins she was entrusting her whole life to God, giving Him her whole heart. In this she is a beautiful example of the self-emptying generosity of God himself, who will bless abundantly those who generously give and spend themselves right down to the "last meal" or the "last penny"—just as Jesus Christ did not hold back his life, but gave himself for us to the last breath, the last drop of blood.

**Blessed Mother Teresa** knew this secret of true joy and blessedness—which is why she would often encourage her

sisters to "love until it hurts, and when it hurts, to still keep on loving."

In every communion with our Lord in the Eucharist we are recipients of the radical generosity of God in Jesus Christ, who continued to give and pour out his life at the moment of the greatest darkness, pain, and weakness during his passion and death on the Cross. Let us ask the Lord today for the grace to trust like Jesus, and persevere in hope no matter how hard or difficult our situation so that we will not lose the joy, His joy, of giving our lives generously, even when, like the widows, we are asked to give out of our weakness and neediness.

God love you,



Fr. Steven

## Bounty Fund

Because of St. Peter's Bounty Fund, many people have benefited from your anonymous financial gifts. The Bounty Fund gives us the opportunity to direct anonymous financial gifts to those in need in our parish or surrounding community. 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 for your generosity and the sharing of your bounty with our sisters and brothers.

Fr. Steven

## Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) Advent Retreat

Save the Date!

Greet Advent as *Women of Love in Action*

Saturday, December 5, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

St. Peter's, Mendota

A morning of prayer, praise and presentation

Nationally acclaimed speaker Fr. Dom Roscioli

Cost: \$15 prior to November 25, \$20 thereafter.

Contact the ACCW office, 651-291-4545, for more information or if interested in being a vendor/exhibitor.



Come as a Guest  
Leave as a Friend

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

### Grade 2 Reconciliation Program: Parent Session II

On **Tuesday, November 10**, we will have our second parent session for those who have children in the Reconciliation Program. We will meet at **6 p.m. in Heritage Center**. Children are to go to their classrooms; **they will not have class on November 11**. Please try to arrive a few minutes early so we can begin the parent meeting on time. Please remember to contact your child's parish of baptism to receive a verification of baptism. I need one for each child unless he/she was baptized here at St. Peter's. Thank you.

### Baptism Preparation Class

If you are interested in having your child baptized, please contact Kathy Raible. Parents must participate in a preparation class prior to their child being baptized. You are welcome to come to the class either before or after the baby is born. Our next scheduled baptism class is on Sunday, November 22, at 1 p.m. Contact Kathy at 651-905-4311 to register.



## Calling All Middle Schoolers!

### Check out Chill—our new middle school youth group just for you!

Our next Chill session is Wednesday, November 18, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the youth room. What will we be doing? As the name implies—we will chill! We will play games, eat pizza (please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of pizza), and grow in friendship with one another, and with God! If you have any questions, contact Elizabeth at 651-905-4312 or [emccanna@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:emccanna@stpetersmendota.org)!

### Confirmation Retreat

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates while they are on our Confirmation retreat November 14-15. Thank you for your prayers and support of them on their faith journey!

## Sincere Sympathy

**St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy** to the family and friends of **Joel Kavanaugh**. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make him a sharer in eternal salvation.



## Pastoral Ministry

### Giving Tree

It may seem early to think about Christmas and the Giving Tree, but there are so many things that need to be done by those who work with the program that it is necessary to begin now so we have things ready for the families before Christmas. If you are aware of someone, yourself or others, in need of Christmas gifts from the parish, please use one of the flyers available in the Gathering Space to recommend them for the Giving Tree by Sunday, November 8. Your help in identifying recipients is very important. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or [lamos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org).



### Newly Married Social Ministry

We have exciting news for couples married 5 years or less! We want to invite you to join others for evenings of fellowship and fun. The first of these events will be on Tuesday, November 10, from 6-7:30 p.m. at The Olive Grove, 720 Main Street, Mendota Heights. Cost per couple is only \$10 and we will enjoy a short lesson in the use of gourmet balsamics and oils, taste testing and even ice cream. Beverages and snacks will also be provided. Registrations are limited to 15 couples. Direct inquiries and registrations to Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or [lamos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org).

### Holy Hour and Rosary for Our Archdiocese Sunday, November 15, 1-2 p.m. Main Church

As we wait with hope for the assignment of a new archbishop for our archdiocese, coming together as a community to pray is increasingly important.

Please join others for an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, which will begin with the rosary. We will pray together for healing for all of those who have been hurt in any way by the events of the recent past and to pray for the future of our local church, its current leadership, and its eventual new archbishop.

## 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 can still mail it to the parish or contact us for another form if needed. 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, and thank you to those of you who have already returned your card!

## St. Peter's Community News

### Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's on **Thursday, November 26**, 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 26**, and **Friday, November 27**, in observance of the holiday.

### Welcome, New Parishioners!

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



Barbara Ashkar  
Nichole Borell & Family  
Brad Busch  
Donna Cronin  
Michael and Ashley Johnson  
Michael and Jade Pince & Family  
Nick Redd  
Gerry and Martha Tintle  
Amy Trainer

We are excited to have you join our faith community!

### 2016 WINE: Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, February 6  
9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Mary, Mother of the Church,  
3333 Cliff Road East, Burnsville

Mark your calendars now for the annual WINE: Catholic Women's Conference. The theme is Mercy: Encountering Boundless Love. For more details and to register online, visit the [www.archspm.org](http://www.archspm.org) Keyword: WINE or pick up a registration form in the Gathering Space.

Cost: \$55 per person (Early Bird); \$65 per person after January 6. (\$25 for Religious Sisters or Consecrated Women).

### Fall Festival Financial Results

The final result of this year's Fall Festival was a net profit of approximately \$32,750. It was an even greater success than in 2014 earning almost \$4,500 more. Of course the value of the fun, memories and community building was priceless! Our raffle, which is the largest fundraiser of the festival sold 2,897 tickets. Way to go ticket sellers!! If you would like to become involved in this great fundraiser and community builder, please contact Anne in the parish office. One last huge THANK YOU to all who participated through volunteering, sponsoring, attending and prayed for a successful event!!

### Appalachia Christmas 2015 FINAL NOTICE

ALL NEW-UNWRAPPED gifts for the Appalachian people in Kentucky are now due. We will be packing the gifts in the Ravoux Room after the 9 a.m. Mass tomorrow, Monday, November 9. Also, please remember to fill shoeboxes for the "PAPAL FOOTPRINTS" project started by Pope Francis. Any and all help would be appreciated in packing the gifts, candy and shoeboxes.



Thank You,  
Kathi Dumond  
Paula Ehrich

### Blessed Art Thank You

Dear Fr. Steven,

We want to thank you for allowing our representatives to display olivewood carvings at your parish on **October 24 and 25**.

On behalf of the Palestinian Christian families in the Bethlehem area, my family, and my staff, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your trust. Thanks to the support of your parishioners, our total sales were **\$5,053.99**. We are grateful for your understanding, interest and especially for your kind hospitality during our visit with you.

As discussed, we will be visiting you again **October 21 and 22, 2017**.

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
Awad Qumseya

## The Week of November 9

### Monday, November 9

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
- 9:30 am Appalachia Packing, Ravoux Room
- 6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony, Heritage Center
- 6 pm Cub Scout Meeting, Rooms 2, 4
- 7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room

### Tuesday, November 10

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)  
Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament  
After the 9 am Mass Until 7 pm
- 9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
- 6 pm First Reconciliation Parent Session
- 6 pm Social Gathering for Newly Married  
at the Olive Grove
- 7 pm Stewardship Committee,  
Conference Room I

### Wednesday, November 11—Veterans' Day

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

### Thursday, November 12

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
- 6:30 pm Capital Campaign Meeting,  
Ravoux Room
- 6:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting,  
Conference Room I
- 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
- 7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7

### Friday, November 13

- 8-8:45 am **Confessions, Main Church**
- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)

### Saturday, November 14

- 8:30 am Confirmation Retreat Gathering
- 9 and 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
- 10 am Scripture Study, Community Room
- 4 pm **Confessions, Main Church**
- 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
- 5 pm **Mass With Expectant Mothers Blessing,**  
Main Church

### Sunday, November 15

#### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
- 9 & 11 am **Mass With Expectant Mothers Blessing,**  
Main Church
- 9 & 11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children
- 9 am Sunday School
- After Masses:**  
Hospitality, Mistletoe Market Ticket Sales
- 1 pm Baptism Prep Class, Conference Room I
- 1 pm Holy Hour and Rosary for Archdiocese,  
Main Church

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## Readings for the Week of November 8

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk  
 12:38-44 or 12:41-44  
**Monday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-  
 17/Jn 2:13-22  
**Tuesday:** Wis 2:23--3:9/Lk 17:7-10  
**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19  
**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b--8:1/Lk 17:20-25  
**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37  
**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8  
**Next Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk  
 13:24-32

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## Mass Intentions

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

**Monday, November 9** - †Jim McBride

**Tuesday, November 10** - †Estelle Knapp

**Wednesday, November 11** - †Quentin Mayers

**Thursday, November 12** - †Suzie Floeder

**Friday, November 13** - †Robert Ehr

**Saturday, Nov. 14 - 5 p.m.** - Mass For the People

**Sunday, Nov. 15 - 9 a.m.** - †Mary Chapdelaine

**11 a.m.** - Linda Christen

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### Knights of Columbus Pizza Night at Solos

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a pizza night at Solos Pizza in the Eagan Promenade (1270 Promenade Place). Simply print the flyer from the KofC website ([eaganknights.com](http://eaganknights.com)) and come in to Solos on Wednesday, November 11, between 4 and 9 p.m. Thirty percent (30%) of your purchase will be donated to the Knights to benefit the good work being done in our community. Thank you for your support.



### Mistletoe Market at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School (FSCS)

Tickets for Mistletoe Market at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School will be sold after Sunday Masses the weekends of November 8 and 15. Tickets are \$15 in advance and your purchase includes one drink ticket, appetizers prepared by Tuan Nguyen, executive chef for Chino Latino, and desserts supplied by Pool & Yacht Club and Nothing Bundt Cakes! Mistletoe Market will be held at FSCS on Saturday, November 21, from 4-9 p.m. This premiere holiday shopping event features 75+ vendors with unique holiday gift ideas!

To learn more about this event, please visit [www.mistletoemarketeagan.com](http://www.mistletoemarketeagan.com).

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

**November 20-22  
Prior Lake**

[www.twincitieswwme.org](http://www.twincitieswwme.org)  
612-756-8720

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world and promotes weekend experiences for couples who want to make their good marriage even better. Weekends are for Catholic priests and religious too! Come and see what a weekend is all about. You Deserve It!

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

### 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.

### Cathedral Young Adults Annual Barn Dance

**Saturday, November 21**

Come join the Cathedral Young Adults  
for their annual Barn Dance  
Saturday, November 21  
7-10 p.m.

Cathedral of Saint Paul, Hayden Hall  
\$8 Adult, \$22 Family

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Lessons begin at 7 p.m. Square dancing from 7-9 p.m. Variety dancing, including swing, polka, waltz, and foxtrot from 9-10 p.m.

Come in your best square dancing outfit! No partners required. Beginners welcome. Light snacks will be provided.



Wednesday, November 11

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| Statement of Financial Position                                                         |                            |                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| June 30, 2015-14                                                                        |                            |                            |
|                                                                                         | June 30, 2015              | June 30, 2014              |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                                                           |                            |                            |
| Cash                                                                                    |                            |                            |
| Operations                                                                              | \$274,278                  | \$182,343                  |
| Operations - designated                                                                 | 123,830                    | 108,183                    |
| Building Fund                                                                           | 145,641                    | 217,912                    |
| Reserves                                                                                | <u>523,319</u>             | <u>522,021</u>             |
|                                                                                         | 1,067,068                  | 1,030,459                  |
|                                                                                         |                            |                            |
| Property and Equipment*                                                                 | 13,108,668                 | 12,973,668                 |
| Investment in FSCS                                                                      | 1,719,665                  | 1,781,997                  |
| Other Assets                                                                            | <u>52,618</u>              | <u>56,841</u>              |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                                                                     | <b><u>\$15,948,019</u></b> | <b><u>\$15,842,965</u></b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>                                                           |                            |                            |
| Liabilities                                                                             |                            |                            |
| Payables                                                                                | \$187,564                  | \$99,703                   |
| Building Loan                                                                           | 4,006,875                  | 4,016,120                  |
| CFC Loan                                                                                | <u>1,731,912</u>           | <u>1,735,260</u>           |
|                                                                                         |                            |                            |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                                                                | 5,926,351                  | 5,851,083                  |
|                                                                                         |                            |                            |
| <b>Equity</b>                                                                           | <u>10,021,668</u>          | <u>9,991,882</u>           |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>                                                     | <b><u>\$15,948,019</u></b> | <b><u>\$15,842,965</u></b> |
| * Property and Equipment is recorded at insured value as determined by the Archdiocese. |                            |                            |

### 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.*



## Annual Financial Report

My dear friends,

As I look back on our first year together my heart fills with amazement and gratitude. How fast the time has passed, and God has been so good to us, so many blessings! “Great are the works of the Lord . . . many are Your wonders . . . too numerous to be counted” (Ps 40:5 & Ps 111:2).

The history of God’s goodness to our community is why I have great hope for our future together, a hope that is also firmly based on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Since Jesus lives and desires to extend His reign of Agape love here and now, unto eternal life, such hope is the only true and living hope worth having, for it alone carries the certainty of promises backed by God himself.

Another way to understand and express our hope is that there is never a moment in our lives, in the life of our parish family, where God takes a break from loving us, from working in us and through every situation. Our way forward then is anchored in the certainty that God wants to act and will act on our behalf for our greatest good, that God is always seeking fresh new ways to express His redeeming love for us. While this love works in and through everything, in what God allows and brings about, it continues to work very powerfully through the proclamation of the Word and the celebration of the Sacraments.

My prayer is for all of us together to open our hearts anew each day to this unceasing flow of Grace from the heart of Jesus, from the heart of His Father. The more we allow God to cleanse and transform us, to heal and free us, the greater will be our ability to be instruments of the Holy Spirit, vessels of grace for each other in the Body of Christ.

To help us in this exciting venture of building up the kingdom of God, which makes life worth living and the world more beautiful, I’d like to invite us all to invoke the special help of Mary, the Mother of God. I offer the following prayer, one of my favorites, as a way for us to seek her powerful intercession:

“As the Father has chosen you, O Mary, to be his Immaculate child and the Mother of his beloved Son and of the whole Church, in loving obedience to the will of Jesus upon the Cross, and in full communion with the Holy Spirit, I joyfully and whole heartedly embrace you as my Mother. Enveloped and aided by the maternal love of your Immaculate heart, I freely entrust myself through you, to your Son, Jesus Christ, giving to Him all that I am, all that I have, and all that I do, without exception. Bring me, dear Mother, into your perfect union with the Father’s will, so that everything I do in this life may help toward the salvation of souls and the greater glory of God. Help me to love Jesus each day with your own love, so that together with you I may satiate Jesus’ burning thirst for love, and bear witness in the world to the love of Jesus victorious over all evil. And finally, most tender and merciful Mother, if I should ever fall or stray from this covenant of complete entrustment, bring me quickly to the pierced heart of Jesus to be washed and renewed in the fountain of His Mercy. Amen ”

God love you,  
Fr. Steven

INCOME STATEMENT - OPERATIONS  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2015

|                                        | Actual<br>2014-15 | Budget<br>2014-15  | Budget<br>2015-16 |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>                        |                   |                    |                   |
| Contributions                          | \$867,049         | \$ 850,000         | \$ 882,500        |
| Tuition                                | 9,385             | 12,000             | 9,000             |
| Fund-raising, net                      | 30,521            | 15,000             | 25,000            |
| Other Liturgical Income                | 13,273            | 11,700             | 12,300            |
| Diocesan Rebates                       | 20,958            | 12,500             | 12,500            |
| Other Income                           | 23,789            | 22,000             | 20,450            |
|                                        | <u>\$964,975</u>  | <u>\$ 923,200</u>  | <u>\$ 961,750</u> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                        |                   |                    |                   |
| Liturgical Ministry                    | \$ 196,566        | \$ 218,803         | \$ 224,595        |
| Pastoral Care & Outreach               | 141,384           | 135,762            | 143,375           |
| Community Life                         | 78,906            | 87,509             | 90,269            |
| Religious Education                    | 194,093           | 186,888            | 168,430           |
| Subsidy to Faithful Shepherd School    | 100,000           | 100,000            | 100,000           |
| Buildings & Grounds                    | 206,550           | 223,733            | 234,419           |
|                                        | <u>917,499</u>    | <u>952,695</u>     | <u>961,088</u>    |
| <b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b> | <u>\$ 47,476</u>  | <u>\$ (29,495)</u> | <u>\$ 662</u>     |

St. Peter’s Income

The majority of the financial support of the parish is provided through weekly contributions. Annually, the parish asks all parishioners to commit to time, talent and treasure through our Stewardship Commitment weekends. Not only does this express our thanks to God for all the gifts he has provided for us but it also helps the parish to plan for the upcoming year. Without these gifts of contributions the parish would not be able to support our vision and our mission.

Other forms of income include funds received for tuition in our religious education programs, income from our Fall Festival, other Liturgical income such as Mass intentions, stipends, and votive candles. We also receive a rebate from the Catholic Services Appeal for reaching our appeal goal. The rental of Heritage Center and other minor sources of income finish providing parish support.

Programs Supported by Your Contributions

Religious Education and Faith Formation

There are approximately 130 children/youth involved in our programs with ages ranging from pre-school through high school. The programs that we offer are: Religious Education classes for ages 3 ½ to Grade 8, Middle School and High School Youth Group, Children’s Liturgy of the Word, preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation, and Workcamp. During the 2014 - 2015 year, we had 25 children participate in the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. We also had 22 high school students participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

There are more than 40 parishioners that share their time, gifts, and faith with the young people of this parish. These parishioners are what enable St. Peter’s to have a vibrant and healthy religious education ministry at so many levels.

We also continued our successful social program for the parish – “Pizza and Bingo Night” and had wonderful participation in the Christmas pageant.

Liturgical Ministries

This year the music ministry has gained several new volunteers, and instrumentalists, including young people offering their talent in service of the parish. We celebrated our 175 year anniversary and our parish festival with appropriately elevated joy and energy, and the choir added an activity, visiting two local homes for the elderly to sing Christmas carols with them. Our weekly masses continue to grow in both attendance and with those participating in various ministries. While scheduling had been a struggle with the archdiocese-wide transition to new software, we moved to a much simpler, more capable software that makes the entire scheduling process faster and more user friendly, especially for the volunteer ministers. Without the time and dedication of these volunteers it would be impossible to bring the Word of God to so many.

Pastoral Care and Outreach

Pastoral Ministry continues to see growth in many areas including marriage preparation, sacrament preparation, and adult faith formation. Care for the sick, the elderly, and those otherwise in need of pastoral outreach, as well as the nursing care facilities in our parish, remains a priority of this ministry. In addition, our care for the bereaved has been strengthened further this past year and opportunities for spiritual care to the sick, including the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, have increased. In the coming year, we are committed to maintaining a strong, vibrant ministry in these, and other, existing areas. In the next year, there will also be a focus on providing new and exciting ways to pray with and for our community and working with the pastor on evangelization initiatives.

Community Life and Buildings & Grounds

St. Peter’s is a very busy and active community. There are hundreds of volunteers who participate in a large variety of ministries. We offer quite a selection of outreach, educational and social activities for all age groups. This vibrant community along with the outside use of Heritage Center and other rooms keeps the building in almost constant use. That doesn’t even count the daily and weekend Masses, weddings and funerals that are all a part of parish life. We have both a beautiful Historic Church as well as the 10 year old “new” worship space, Heritage Center, the Ravoux Room, classrooms and offices. All this space takes quite a bit to heat, cool, insure and maintain. Of course we still have the beautiful grounds of gardens, flowering trees and shrubs, fire pits, fields and vast amounts of parking lots! These areas are in constant need of tending, mowing and plowing. We are a busy place in deed!

# FORWARD IN PRAISE OF GOD'S GOODNESS

Vol. 5

November 7 – 8, 2015

## ***OVER \$643,000 FROM 87 FAMILIES!! THIS IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND!! HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE YET?!***

### **How Can I Make My Pledge To The Campaign?**

We are asking each parishioner to consider making a gift of or \$75 a month over a period of three years. This amounts to a little over \$3 a day. **We realize that not everyone can make the same size gift, but everyone can make the same size sacrifice.** Pledges and gifts in all amounts are gratefully accepted. Together we can continue the best and reach our goal.

- You may fill out a blank pledge card in the pew and place it in the offertory basket.
- If you happen to be driving or walking by the church you can drop off your pledge card in the parish office.
- **A volunteer may contact you with additional information regarding the campaign or you can leave your pledge card with a campaign volunteer located in the main entrance of the church.**
- If you take a pledge card home you may also mail your pledge card to the parish office using the envelope provided.
- You may also call the parish office at (651) 452-4550 with any additional questions regarding the campaign.

| Giving Plans to Consider |                  |                   |                       |                             |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Total Pledge             | 10% Down Payment | 3 Annual Payments | 12 Quarterly Payments | Suggested 36 Month Payments |
| \$25,000                 | \$2,500          | \$7,500           | \$1,875               | \$625                       |
| \$20,000                 | \$2,000          | \$6,000           | \$1,500               | \$500                       |
| \$15,000                 | \$1,500          | \$4,500           | \$1,125               | \$375                       |
| \$10,000                 | \$1,000          | \$3,000           | \$750                 | \$250                       |
| \$7,500                  | \$750            | \$2,250           | \$562.50              | \$187.50                    |
| \$5,000                  | \$500            | \$1,500           | \$375                 | \$125                       |
| \$4,000                  | \$400            | \$1,200           | \$300                 | \$100                       |
| \$3,000                  | \$300            | \$900             | \$225                 | \$75                        |

### **Volunteer Meeting**

If you would like to volunteer and help the Church of St. Peter reach their goals, our next volunteer meeting is this **Thursday night, November 12, at 6:30 PM in the Heritage Center.** We will also have an opportunity to help with a mailing on **Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM in Conference Room 1, and again at 6:30 PM in Conference Room 1.** All are encouraged and welcome to come!

Thank you to the following parishioners who have made their pledge of sacrifice to our Capital Campaign. Our campaign is off to a great start; however we can only meet our goal through the participation of the entire parish. **This listing is up to date as of Friday, October 30, at 12:00 p.m.**

|                                          |                                         |                                         |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <i>Anonymous (6)</i>                     | <i>Paul &amp; Peggy Hirsch</i>          | <i>David &amp; Patricia Peterson</i>    |
| <i>Patricia Amann</i>                    | <i>Donna Heir</i>                       | <i>Walter &amp; Dorothy Petroski</i>    |
| <i>Dale &amp; Yojani Bachmeier</i>       | <i>Jerome &amp; Barbara Hirsch</i>      | <i>Frank &amp; Joan Pilney</i>          |
| <i>Stephen &amp; Lisa Baker</i>          | <i>James &amp; Ann Hoey</i>             | <i>David &amp; Phyllis Plum</i>         |
| <i>Allan &amp; Gail Barta</i>            | <i>Joan Hoffmann</i>                    | <i>Connie Powell</i>                    |
| <i>Jim &amp; Mary Berry</i>              | <i>Jane Hofmeister</i>                  | <i>Thor &amp; Paula Raarup</i>          |
| <i>Lorene Boedigheimer</i>               | <i>Jacqueline Huot</i>                  | <i>Peggy Rabuse</i>                     |
| <i>Margaret Boland</i>                   | <i>Jim Kamish &amp; Gloria Woog-</i>    | <i>Dwight &amp; Sandy Rabuse</i>        |
| <i>Suzanne Bolger</i>                    | <i>Kamish</i>                           | <i>Laurie Reding</i>                    |
| <i>Joe &amp; Eileen Capecci</i>          | <i>Tom &amp; Lynn Kelley</i>            | <i>Dick &amp; Mona Reid</i>             |
| <i>Jean &amp; Pauline Chaput</i>         | <i>Mary Kent</i>                        | <i>Joe &amp; Pat Reymann</i>            |
| <i>Kurian &amp; Pennamma Cherucheril</i> | <i>Donald &amp; Patricia LaForte</i>    | <i>George &amp; Joanne Rocco Carter</i> |
| <i>Annette Conklin</i>                   | <i>Sandy Larsen</i>                     | <i>Rita Ryan</i>                        |
| <i>Alice DeBlauw</i>                     | <i>Michael &amp; Sarah Larsen</i>       | <i>Jerome Schiltgen</i>                 |
| <i>Sally Dedrickson</i>                  | <i>Jim &amp; Teresa Lodoen</i>          | <i>Patrick &amp; Jennifer Silgen</i>    |
| <i>Richard &amp; Yvonne</i>              | <i>Barbara Lowe</i>                     | <i>Keith &amp; Nancy Stanton</i>        |
| <i>Dugan</i>                             | <i>Mary Ann &amp; Edward Maehren</i>    | <i>Marjorie Sullivan</i>                |
| <i>Ralph &amp; Kathi Dumond</i>          | <i>J. Anthony Malerich</i>              | <i>Dan &amp; Stephanie Taney</i>        |
| <i>David &amp; Jonna Dunst</i>           | <i>Norie McGivern</i>                   | <i>David &amp; Kathy Tregilgas</i>      |
| <i>Sheila Fitzgerald</i>                 | <i>Jerry &amp; Donna McKoskey</i>       | <i>George &amp; Jane Vasiliou</i>       |
| <i>Tom Fournelle</i>                     | <i>George &amp; Meg McManmon</i>        | <i>John &amp; Jennifer Vogel</i>        |
| <i>Donald Fritz</i>                      | <i>Don &amp; Maureen Miller</i>         | <i>Marcella Wartman</i>                 |
| <i>Daniel &amp; Mary Grace Garry</i>     | <i>Arthur &amp; Diana Mulvihill</i>     | <i>Fred &amp; McKenzie Williams</i>     |
| <i>Lewis &amp; Margaret Gerten</i>       | <i>Thomas &amp; Colette Norman</i>      | <i>Jane Weidner</i>                     |
| <i>Maureen Giblin</i>                    | <i>Norine O'Brien</i>                   | <i>Thomas Wernersbach</i>               |
| <i>Gary Gillard &amp; Yvonne Houle-</i>  | <i>Steven &amp; Toni Marie O'Daniel</i> | <i>Joan Wilhelmy</i>                    |
| <i>Gillard</i>                           | <i>Tom &amp; Mary O'Neill</i>           | <i>Bernard &amp; Jane Worth</i>         |
| <i>Freda Grainger</i>                    | <i>Jim &amp; Donna Oricchio</i>         | <i>Joseph &amp; Barbara Yourczek</i>    |
| <i>Jerome &amp; Elvira Grundmayer</i>    | <i>Dick &amp; Genevieve Paul</i>        |                                         |

We also extend our gratitude to all parishioners who have made sacrifices throughout the history of our parish, including the contributors of our previous capital campaigns.

THANK YOU!