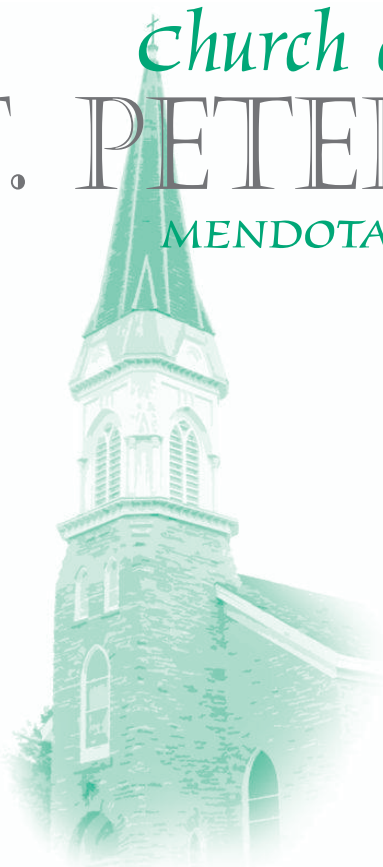


Church of ST. PETER MENDOTA



October 11, 2015
28th 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
or call the parish office at 651-452-4550.

Reflections from our Director of Music and Liturgy

It's pretty widely understood that talking politics is a great way to start an argument or engender hard feelings. However, that'll be the topic for this week. Furthermore, I intend to take a side, but I can guarantee it won't be the side you expect.

In our country we have a pretty cut-and-dried situation in the political realm. While I know there are outliers and exceptions, we are more or less ruled by the two-party, Republican-Democrat, Right-Left, Conservative-Liberal dichotomy.

Now I freely admit that I hold a pretty deep disdain for politics as an avenue of discourse, because so few actual exchange of ideas take place. I don't go blaming "the other side" in your mind now, because essentially everyone is at fault. That being said, I would suggest that politics is the largest religion in the United States.

What do I mean? Simply, it seems a wide majority of folks put greater stock in their votes than in their prayers, and have greater trust in their favored elected officials to bring about God's Kingdom than in God Himself.

In case you were wondering, that responsibility belongs to you and me, not to any government.

This misplacement of trust is, by my admittedly simple analysis, the root of the problem we face as Christians and as Catholics. It is also what made Pope Francis' initial visit to the United States such a refreshing and electric time for the Church in our home country.

His every word was parsed and manipulated by either political pole in efforts to construe the Holy Father as supporting their argument. But if we take it as a whole, the entire visit could be summed up in a sentence or two. If you find yourself siding with either (or any) political party on just about 100% of the issues, you have it wrong. The reason for this is that the Church is found in part on both sides of the aisle, and most of the time, standing astride the middle of it.

Therefore, in embracing the outcast or excluded and in welcoming the marginalized or minority, Pope Francis didn't simultaneously signal that doctrines no longer matter, or that the Church's teachings were weakening, shifting, or otherwise changing. Rather, he demonstrated for us exactly what those doctrines should look like when

planted in the heart, grown and cultivated with care and attention, aged to maturity through suffering and virtue, and finally harvested and shared as loving action and self-giving.

We all got a good papal butt-kicking in terms of what Gospel love looks like, and how Gospel love is formed. Not only that, but it wasn't even merely about the exterior or the way we relate to one another.

We were called to account for the fruit that the truths of Catholic doctrine should yield in the world. The choice to bless prisoners is borne of a love for God's law. The decision to eat with the homeless is the outgrowth of deep respect and reverence for home and family. The call to greater care for "our common home", as he phrased it many times, is the maturity of our responsibility as the "crown jewel" of Creation. Moreover, the call to love and accept those yet born, as well as homosexuals shouldn't divide us. For it is precisely what we hold in common that makes us one. Namely, we are created by God for Himself, and therefore our individual genius is a flattery to our race. We are universally and flawlessly loved by our common Father, simply because we *are* as the result of His willing it. Finally, no matter the wear and tear, the beating and breaking we suffer throughout the earthly journey, and no matter the weight and volume of our sins, His response is changeless, just like His truths and doctrines: Mercy for all who ask.



David Dunst
Director of Music and Liturgy

Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of our Fall Festival Raffle and Wind Raffle drawings:

\$1500	Frank and Christa Gapp
\$750	Patricia Kroemer
\$500	Mary Stevens
iPad	Patty Passeri
\$250 Best Buy	Andrew Larson
\$100 Lucky 13	Riley Grams
Fit Bit	Marie Oricchio
6 Bottles of Wine	Matt Angstman
5 Bottles of Wine	Kelly Gerner
4 Bottles of Wine	Mike Randall

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Elementary & 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, October 14**, due to MEA weekend. Please contact Kathy Raible if you have any questions.

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Sunday School

There is no Sunday School and Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, October 18, due to MEA weekend. Please call Kathy Raible for more information. Thank you.

Halloween Pizza & Bingo Night!!

On Friday, October 23, RE/FF is excited to host another Pizza and Bingo Night. From 6 to 8 p.m. we will serve pizza and play bingo. Fun for all ages!! Children who wear a costume will get a special prize. Although this event is FREE, we ask that you make a "reservation" so we know how much pizza to order. There will be a table in the Gathering Space after all the Masses this weekend to sign up for this event OR you can call Kathy at 651-905-4311 and leave a message to let us know how many are coming. We look forward to seeing you there!!



Don't forget **individually-wrapped Halloween candy** to share with the poor children of Kentucky. Boxes for your donations will be located in the coat room of the Main Church and the office entrance until Sunday, November 8.

Calling All Middle Schoolers!

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

Our first Chill session is Wednesday, October 21, 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!

Have questions? Contact Elizabeth at emcanna@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4312.



Pastoral Ministry

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. Please pre-register by Thursday, November 5. Registrations are limited to 15 couples. Direct inquiries and registrations to Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Holy Hour and Rosary for Our Archdiocese Sunday, October 11, 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.

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Mass (All Souls)



On Monday, November 2, we will be celebrating the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. This is a special time to remember all of our loved ones who have gone before us in faith. Those who have had a loved one buried from St. Peter's within the last year have received a special invitation to this Mass but all are warmly invited to attend. Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Church. Following Mass we will have a reception in Heritage Center. Please hold all who have died and their families in your prayers during the month of November.

Thank You Blood Donors!

St. Peter's Red Cross Blood Drive was a success. Thank you donors for 30 pints of blood. Many lives are saved thanks to your generous donations.

Our next blood drive at St. Peter's will be May 5, 2016.

St. Peter's Community News

Turn Hunger Into Hope at Feed My Starving Children

We hope you can join the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) ministry team at a meal packing event on Tuesday, October 13, from 6-7:30 p.m. at FMSC in Eagan: 990 Lone Oak Road (just east of Lexington).

Space can be limited, so if you are interested in joining us in this, or future food packing events, please contact Paul or Peggy Hirsch at 651-431-1832 or phirsch651@aol.com.

Last time, FMSC ministry members came together with others in the community to assemble 20,300 meals that were to be used for future emergency food needs. Please join us for this fun and rewarding event!

Welcome New Parishioners!

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



Zach Becker
Dan and Tracey Citron and Family
Philip and Linda Gasseling
Kathy Kovar
Peter Putzier
Alex and Beth Roers
Brent and Diane Schutz and Family
Kirsten Staloch

We are excited to have you join our faith community!

Moms' Group

The St. Peter's Moms' Group invites all moms to come enjoy wine, apple cider and fellowship around the fire.

Saturday October 24, 8:30 p.m.
1316 Raspberry Lane, Eagan

Wedding Banns

Third Proclamation

Jenna Hoffman and Joseph Peltier

First Proclamation

Jessica Gaworski and John Simpson IV



Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

Council of Catholic Women Poinsettia Fundraiser

Believe it or not, it's that time of the year! The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be taking orders for their annual Poinsettia Fundraiser on the weekends of October 10-11 and October 17-18. All orders must be placed with Gerten's by Monday, October 19. Stop by the table in the Gathering Space after all Masses to place your order. Delivery of the plants to church will be the weekend of December 12-13.

New for 2015.....Poinsettias will be dressed in a waterproof glittering pot, with a snowflake pattern

Appalachia Christmas 2015

Last year's collection of gifts and shoeboxes for the "poorest of the poor" in Appalachia was a huge success. Many parishes in Minnesota contribute but, we here at St. Peter's, would like to double our collection. We can only do that through the help and generosity of our parishioners. As in the past, we will be collecting **NEW GIFTS**, clothing, toys, and household items during the month of October until Sunday, November 8. On Monday, November 9, we will be packing the gifts to send to two parishes in Kentucky. We will also be filling **SHOEBOXES** at the request of Pope Francis to be included.



Heartfelt Thanks,
Kathi Dumond, Chair
Paula Ehrich, Vice-Chair

Papal Footprints

We are happy to announce the continuation of the Papal Footprints effort as a part of our upcoming Appalachian Christmas Project! This effort, which Pope Francis launched three years ago, allows us to reach out to the poor in two parishes in Kentucky by sending shoe boxes filled with age appropriate gifts for the boys and girls in these same parishes. For more information about the shoe box portion of the Appalachian Christmas Project, please stop by the collection box in the Gathering Space after Mass to see samples of loaded shoe boxes and to pick up the shoebox form for this marvelous effort. Let's make it our goal to pack at least one shoe box per family and help Pope Francis in his mission, the Church's mission, to serve the poor!

The Week of October 12

Monday, October 12

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

Tuesday, October 13

- 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, Ravoux Room
- 6-7:30 pm Feed My Starving Children, Off Campus
- 7 pm Stewardship Committee,
Conference Room I

Wednesday, October 14

Sharing & Caring Hands

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

Thursday, October 15

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
- 6 pm Capital Campaign Meeting,
Heritage Center
- 7 pm A Community Caring for Life Meeting,
Family Room
- 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
- 7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
- 7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6
- 7 pm Finance Council, Conference Room III

Friday, October 16

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

Saturday, October 17

- 9 and 10:30 am
Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
- 10 am Scripture Study, Community Room
- 2 pm Hoffman/Peltier Wedding, Main Church
- 4 pm **Confessions, Main Church**
- 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
- 5 pm **Mass, Main Church**
- After Mass:
Poinsettia Sales, Pizza Bingo Sign Up

Sunday, October 18

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 & 10:30 am
Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
- 9 am **Mass, Main Church**
- 11 am **Mass, Main Church**
- After Masses:
Poinsettia Sales, Pizza Bingo Sign Up
- 12 Noon Baptism, Main Church

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Readings for the Week of October 11

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 12 - †Michael Moosbrugger
Tuesday, October 13 - †Marian Reding
Wednesday, October 14 - †Mary K. Neagle
Thursday, October 15 - †Joe Schuster
Friday, October 16 - Fr. Joseph Gallatin
Saturday, Oct. 17 - 5 p.m. - †Jack Conway
Sunday, October 18 - 9 a.m. - †Mary Chapdelaine
11 a.m. - Mass For the People

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Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

The Faithful Shepherd Knights of Columbus will host a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, October 17, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in St. John Neumann's social hall. The proceeds from this event support seminarian education. These men are giving their lives to God. Can you give an evening to enjoy a delicious meal? There will be a free-will offering for the dinner and many exciting items to bid on in the silent auction. Hope to see you there!

World Mission Sunday, Oct. 18

In Scripture, we read that St. Paul asked the Gentile churches to take up a collection to support the Church in Jerusalem. World Mission Sunday invites us to support the 1,150 of the youngest dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Your prayers and generous gifts to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will help missionaries offer the poor in these areas practical help as they share the mercy of God and will ensure the development of local dioceses, and support the work of priests, religious and lay leaders who serve those in most need. Minister to the whole world through your generous gift!

Blest Art will be Visiting October 24/25

Blest Art will be visiting on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their mission is to support those families in the Holy Land.

For centuries, the Christians in and around Bethlehem have earned a living by carving religious olive wood art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land today, making it difficult for those Christians to support their families. As a result, there has been a dramatic rise in Christian emigration from the Holy Land. Now, less than 1% of the population in the Holy Land is Christian.

Please visit the display **October 24 and 25** after each Mass

Visitation School Open House

Visitation School—located at 2455 Visitation Drive in Mendota Heights—will host an open house for prospective upper school (grades 9-12) families on Tuesday, October 27, at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit their website at www.visitation.net or call 651-683-1700.

Save the Date!

The Bachmeier family will again be hosting their annual benefit supper for the Peruvian Nuns of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Saturday, October 24, from 6-10 p.m. in Heritage Center.

Please save the date and join in on Peruvian food, culture, silent auction, and items to buy.

All for a great cause!

If you already know you want to come, please RSVP to vojanidale@juno.com or call 651-757-0757

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

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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.

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Anonymous (6)

Dale and Yojani Bachmeier

Allan & Gail Barta

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It is only through your help and commitment that we will be able to reach our goal. We have started our volunteer effort. Your fellow parishioners make up our volunteers and they will be contacting you throughout the upcoming weeks to discuss the opportunities available to you for making your sacrificial pledge. We ask each family to please take some time during the weeks ahead to talk to and listen to the campaign volunteers.

Volunteer Meeting

If you would like to volunteer and help the Church of St. Peter reach their goals, our next volunteer meeting is this **Wednesday night, October 21st, at 6:00 PM in the Ravoux Room**. All are encouraged and welcome to come.



In everything give thanks

1 Thessalonians 5:18

A special thank you to everyone who contributed to our Fall Festival! We have so many donors and volunteers who contribute their time, talent, money, food, baskets, encouragement, ideas, and prayers. Without their commitment to their faith and parish we would not have had such a successful Fall Festival. To all who committed to making this a successful parish event: The liturgical ministers including the music ministry, Father Steven, the ushers, the servers, all who helped at the pork dinner, the food booth, bingo, kids' games, teen games, Historic Church tours, the cake walk, the silent auction, the prep work ahead of time, and the clean up after, and to all of our parishioners who joined in and participated in the days events. We thank you.

The Fall Festival Committee,

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