

Church of ST. PETER MENDOTA

Welcome Fr. Steven!

The Church of St. Peter welcomes Fr. Steven Hoffman! Fr. Steven comes to us from the Church of St. Luke in Clearwater and will begin on Thursday, October 23.

After each Mass the weekend of October 25 and 26, join Fr. Steven for cake, refreshments, plus a meet and greet!

October 12, 2014
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

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 Community Life Coordinator

A year and a half ago I made a commitment to prayer. I set a specific goal during that Lent to pray for ten minutes each day—not fifteen, and not five, but exactly ten minutes—just me and God. I knew that a specific commitment like that was what I needed. If I told myself that I would “pray every day,” I knew that I would likely be too lenient with myself and would count my mealtime and family prayer as “enough” (even if my conscience would have bothered me a bit).

I didn’t specifically plan for my daily prayer commitment to continue after Easter, but I knew that it *should*. Of course, I realized that while my life may not have been particularly easier, I was definitely more joyful and thought more clearly about my priorities when I was in the habit of daily personal prayer. While it was hard to start prayer each day, I was so thankful when I did. And so I kept going, and even renewed my commitment last Advent when I’d started getting lazy.

Now God is calling me through St. Peter’s Commitment Weekend. Not only is He asking me to once again make a commitment to daily prayer, but I know He wants me to increase the amount of time I spend with Him. To be completely honest, I feel guilty that, right now, I can rarely fit in ten minutes of purposeful prayer each day; I mean really, that’s what—just over an hour each week? It would be embarrassing to track the amount of time I spend on Facebook each week in comparison. Can I truly not give more time to God... or do I just not feel like it?

When I’m falling asleep at night I realize, more often than not, that I didn’t pray that day. I had put it off, thinking I’d get to it later (you know, when I don’t have as much to *do*). I can come up with a hundred excuses, none of them really valid. There will always be more excuses. In the end, it all comes down to this: I believe that God gave me life. And therefore, He gave me my family, my talents, my job... my everything. Do you believe the same? If so, we should be offering all of it back to God. Not 10%, not 50%, but all of it; to make our life a prayer with how we treat people, how we spend our time, how we use our money, and how we share our gifts.

I am taking this weekend as an opportunity to make a new, purposeful, and prayerful commitment with my time. I know I will be better for it, and thankful for it. Even when I don’t feel like I have the time, it’s worth it.

The funny thing is, if you want to give God your time, money, talent, etc., He will always make it possible for you. You will receive the graces you need to shoulder the changes that come with your commitment. As St. Paul told the Philippians in today’s second reading, “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

What is God asking YOU to give?

We are inviting parishioners to make commitments in all three areas of time, talent, and treasure this weekend on your commitment card. Maybe you’re not feeling as called, like I am, to increase your time commitment. Maybe you feel the pull to meet more people at St. Peter’s by getting involved in one of our many ministries or groups. Or maybe you’re feeling called to increase your pledges in all three areas! In any case, the Church of St. Peter will be healthier and holier because of the commitments we each make as a part of the Body of Christ.

As you consider your contributions to our community, remember that besides prayer, one of the best things you can do is foster relationships. Talk to others, make friends, and consider fellow parishioners your extended family. One way to do this is to introduce yourself to others around you after Mass, such as at a table while sharing donuts and coffee. An easier way to do it would be to jump into a group or a ministry and meet people who share your talents or your goals: if you’re a mom, join the moms’ group; if you’re a man, join Men’s Club; if you like playing an instrument, join the music ministry; and so on. There is something here for everyone.

During this Commitment Weekend here at St. Peter, I hope, along with the Stewardship Committee and parish staff, that you pray about your options and listen to what God is asking of you in each of these areas as you complete and return your commitment card. Remember that God will give you what you need to grow closer to Him. Take this chance to say “yes” and make a solid, purposeful commitment to give Him your time, talents, and treasure. May you look back next year and realize that both you and our entire community are better, stronger, and holier because of the choices you made now.



Sara Rogers
Community Life Coordinator



Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

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 15**, due to MEA weekend. Please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 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 19, due to MEA weekend. Please call Kathy Raible for more information. Thank you.

Halloween Pizza & Bingo Night!!



On Friday, October 24, 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 the RE Phone Line at 651-905-4314 and leave a message to let us know how many are coming. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Youth Group Bonfire

Sunday night (October 12) is a youth group bonfire! All youth in grades 8-12 are invited to join us by the fire pit from 6:30-8 p.m. for food, games and fun.



All Souls Mass

This year the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) falls on Sunday. This is a special time to remember all of our loved ones who have gone before us in faith. At all three Sunday Masses we will remember by name all of those we celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial for or were members of our parish community. Please hold all who have died in your prayers during the month of November.



Pastoral Ministry

Scripture Study with Fr. Stephen Adrian

Apart from the Passion Narratives of the Gospel, no part of scripture has engaged the mind and heart of women and men as have the first two chapters of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke—the Christmas Story. These four chapters of scripture have inspired authors, composers, artists, and poets.

Each of these two authors tells the story, but very differently. Together they have been merged into the one Christmas Story, but taken separately they open doors to a deeper understanding of the mystery of God in human flesh and the purpose of Jesus' life.

Often the last part of a work an author writes is the "Introduction," the "Forward," or the "Preface." The purpose of the forward or preface is to introduce the reader to the purpose and theme of the author and the manner in which the author will proceed in developing the theme.

These first two chapters in Matthew and Luke are in introductions to the Gospel.

Scripture Study Topic: The Infancy Narratives, Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2

When: Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20 and December 4, 11, 18, 6:30-8 p.m.

Presenter/Leader: Father Stephen Adrian

Location: Ravoux Room, St. Peter, Mendota

There is no fee for this study, but your preregistration will be appreciated so that we may prepare a sufficient number of resource packets. To register, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org

Marriage Ministry Opportunity

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Would you like to provide support to a couple in the first year of marriage? Pastoral ministry is looking for individuals interested in forming a brainstorming group for ministry to newly married couples. If you would like to be part of this exciting opportunity, please call Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304.

Wedding Banns

Third Proclamation

Lauren Post and Matthew Schmidt

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary:

Budget for period of Sept. 29-Oct. 5, 2014.....	\$20,743
Actual for period of Sept. 29-Oct. 5, 2014	\$14,835
Year to Date Budget	\$210,642
Year to date Actual	\$190,534

World Mission Sunday October 19

Give Hope is the theme for World Mission Sunday on October 19. Through your gifts of support and prayers, that is what you are giving to mission dioceses on World Mission Sunday: giving hope to those who suffer spiritually and emotionally; giving hope to those who lack the basic necessities of food and healthcare; giving hope to those who have lost hope in a difficult and dangerous world. Give the hope of Christ to over 1,150 poor and struggling dioceses worldwide on October 19.

Pope Francis "The Joy of the Gospel" Book Group

Pope Francis has brought new hope and joy to our Catholic faith. Learn what our Holy Father has to say about what the Gospel teaches us about Christianity in the modern world. His first letter is easy to read, deeply profound, and joyfully motivating. The group will meet on Sunday mornings between Masses every other week beginning October 19 and will continue through the holiday season. Copies of the book are available for purchase for those who would need a copy. The letter is also free online on the USCCB website. There is no fee, but pre-registration is helpful to ensure enough resources are available. For more information or to register, please contact 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Council of Catholic Women Poinsettia Sale

St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be taking orders for poinsettias October 11/12 and 18/19 after all Masses. The deadline for orders is Sunday, October 19. Please help support St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women.



Giving Tree

It may seem very 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 November 9. 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.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of our big winners at the Fall Festival this year!

Raffle:

- 1st Prize (\$1,500): Sheila Fitzgerald
- 2nd Prize (\$750): Mike & Teri Berndt
- 3rd Prize (\$500): Ashley Cherucheril

Wine Lottery Drawing 1:

- 1st Prize: Sarah Jensen (6 bottles of wine)
- 2nd Prize: Dave Kelly (5 bottles of wine)
- 3rd Prize: Lori Lavigne (4 bottles of wine)

Wine Lottery Drawing 2:

- 1st Prize: Thor Raarup (6 bottles of wine)
- 2nd Prize: Bill Patient (5 bottles of wine)
- 3rd Prize: Jerry McKoskey (4 bottles of wine)

\$100 Black-out Bingo:

Chad Trochil

Closest to the Pin:

- 1st Place: Claire Grannes with a shot 1 yard from the pin
9 holes for two at Lost Spur Golf Course, two golf shirts and a box of balls
- 2nd Place: Tom Brennan with a shot 1½ yards from the hole
9 holes for two at Lost Spur Golf Course
- Kids Winner: Jay Silgen with a shot 4½ yards from the pin
\$15 I-Tunes Card

The Week of October 13

Monday, October 13

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

Tuesday, October 14

- 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
 7 pm Stewardship Committee,
 Conference Room I

Wednesday, October 15

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

Thursday, October 16

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 6:30 pm A Community Caring for Life Meeting,
 Conference Room I
 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
 7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
 7 pm Finance Council, Conference Room III
 7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, October 17

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

Saturday, October 18

- 9 and 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
 9 am Alcoholics Anonymous District Meeting,
 Room 10
 10 am Scripture Study, Conference Room I
 4 pm **Reconciliation, Main Church**
 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
 5 pm **Mass, Main Church**
 After Mass:
 CCW Poinsettia Sale
 Pizza Bingo Sign Up

Sunday, October 19—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time/World Mission Sunday

- 8:30&10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
 9 am **Mass, Main Church**
 10 am The Joy of the Gospel Book Group,
 Conference Room I
 11 am **Mass, Main Church**
 After Masses:
 CCW Poinsettia Sale,
 Donuts & Refreshments,
 Pizza Bingo Sign Up
 12 Noon Baptism, Main Church

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Readings for the Week of October 12

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 13 - †Mary Margaret Trettel

Tuesday, October 14 - †Estelle Knapp

Wednesday, October 15 - †Douglas Grainger

Thursday, October 16 - †Andy Powers

Friday, October 17 - †Joe Thill

Saturday, October 18 - †Mary Margaret Trettel

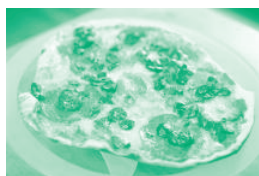
Sunday, October 19 - 9 a.m. - Mass For the People
 11 a.m. - †Allen May

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Faithful Shepherd Knights of Columbus Pizza Night at Solo's



The Faithful Shepherd Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pizza Night at Solo's Pizza in the Eagan Promenade—1270 Promenade Place. Simply print the flyer from the K of C website

(eaganknights.com) and come in to Solo's on Wednesday, October 15, 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.

Faithful Shepherd Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

The Faithful Shepherd Knights of Columbus will be serving a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, October 18, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the St. John Neumann Social Hall.

Proceeds from the free-will offering will go to support seminarian education in our diocese. A silent auction will also be held with many great prizes including: wine, restaurant packages, and fine jewelry.



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 28, at 7 p.m.

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



Appalachian Christmas Drive



Following up on our notice in the September 21 bulletin, we now have the boxes for the

Appalachian Christmas drive placed outside the coatroom and in the front entrance of the church. A few shoeboxes, along with some flyers for the “Papal Footprints” shoebox collection will also be available. This is a project that children might like to be involved in by choosing some necessary things, (toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, deodorant (no liquids)) and some not so necessary things (hair bands or clips, little craft kits, Matchbox cars, Lego sets, etc.) Maybe even some hard candy. Indicate on the flyer for which age group the box is intended. Again, please DO NOT WRAP the items. St. Peter's parishioners have been extremely generous in past years and we're sure this year will be the same.

THANK YOU TO ALL!

The Appalachian Committee



St. Peter's Fall Group Tour The Museum of Russian Art

Join us for another St. Peter's group tour. On Wednesday, November 5, we will be visiting The Museum of Russian Art where we will have a private tour with a docent. The tour will include their featured exhibit—“Life on the Edge of the Forest: Russian Traditions in Wood.” This exhibition will focus on the folk traditions of Russian woodworking as well as how the Russian forest played a role in cultural identity and the traditional way of life. Specifically it will examine three perspectives of Russian traditions in wood: wood as building and crafts material; forests as sustainable ecosystems for renewable resources that support life in Russian communities; and the forest as a spiritual and cultural resource that inspires artists and folktales while also serving as a component of cultural identity.

The bus will depart from St. Peter's following the 9 a.m. Mass, at approximately 9:45. Following the tour, as well as some free time to explore as you see fit, we will have a traditional Russian meal at Moscow on the Hill. We will return to St. Peter's by 2 p.m. Reservations must be made by Friday, October 31; cost is \$35/person and includes transportation, tour, and lunch. To make reservations or for more information, contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

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2014 Giving Tree

Each year many are in particular need of our help and generosity, especially during the holiday season. Last year, our Giving Tree sponsored over 50 families. In addition to the parishioners who received gifts and grocery certificates, we were able to help families from Armful of Love, CHAPS, The Lewis House and Neighbors, Inc. Please take a few minutes to think about your friends, neighbors, the family who may sit next to you at Mass, or even your own situation. Is there someone you know who may need some help this season? Eligible families may be registered parish families, non-registered families recommended by a parishioner, or other families who meet with the pastor or pastoral associate.

Because the need has been increasing each year, and we expect this year to do the same, we do ask that selected families have at least one child in the home under age 18.

To recommend a family or request help for your own, please complete both sides of this form as completely as possible. Your requests are confidential.

Thank you and may God bless you and your families.

Please feel free to call Lisa Amos, pastoral associate, at 651-905-4304 for more information. To submit a recommendation, fill out this form and return it to Lisa Amos, Church of St. Peter, PO Box 50679, Mendota, MN 55150. All forms must be filled in completely. Requests without a contact phone number cannot be filled. Names will be kept confidential.

Your Name

Your daytime phone number

Are you a registered member of St. Peter's? _____

If you are requesting help for your own family, please turn to the back of this page and complete the information regarding the members of your family.

If you are recommending another family, please complete the information below and ask the family to complete the information regarding their individual members on the back of this page.

Information Regarding Sponsored Family

Head of Household

Daytime Phone Number

Street Address

City, State

Zip Code

How do you know this family? _____

Does the family know that you are recommending them for The Giving Tree (suggested)? _____

**All entries must be received no later than Sunday, November 9.
Gifts will be ready for pick up on Monday, December 15.**

You will be contacted by phone when your gifts are ready for pickup. May we leave a message at this number if there is no answer? YES NO

I would prefer to be notified by email. _____
Email address

Family members: for children please include gender, age, clothing size and a gift suggestion. This information is very important to us. Please be specific! If you need additional space, please use a separate sheet of paper.

Head of Household _____ Clothing Size _____

Household Needs/ Gift Ideas _____

Other adult in Household _____ Clothing Size _____

Household Needs/ Gift Ideas _____

Children:

1) Name _____ Gender (circle) M / F Age _____

Shirt size _____ Pants size _____ Dress size _____ Shoe size _____

Gift Suggestion s _____

2) Name _____ Gender (circle) M / F Age _____

Shirt size _____ Pants size _____ Dress size _____ Shoe size _____

Gift Suggestion s _____

3) Name _____ Gender (circle) M / F Age _____

Shirt size _____ Pants size _____ Dress size _____ Shoe size _____

Gift Suggestion s _____

4) Name _____ Gender (circle) M / F Age _____

Shirt size _____ Pants size _____ Dress size _____ Shoe size _____

Gift Suggestion s _____