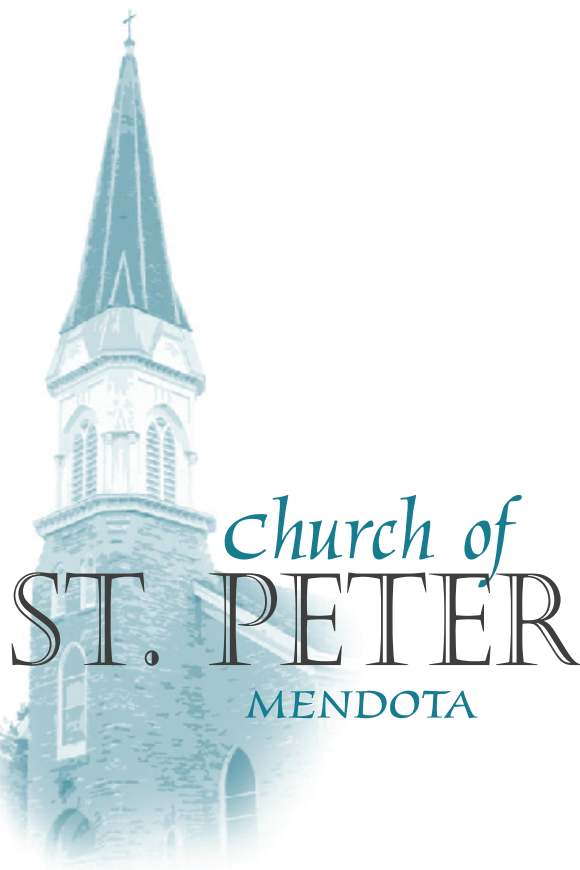




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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday

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From the Pastor's Desk

I have saved an article that is worth considering from a journal called *First Things*. This article, entitled “Secularizations,” was written by Fr. Richard John Neuhaus and published one month after his death in January 2009. What attracted my attention was a reference to the very different levels of church attendance in Europe and the United States. Many people are already aware that church attendance here is much higher than in Europe, among all religious groups. Surveys here indicate that 40% of Americans go to church weekly, but many scholars are challenging this figure, which has held steady in surveys for decades. Even if more Americans than Europeans go to church, if we look around we have to admit that far fewer than 40% of Americans show up in church every week. Fr. Neuhaus says “the interesting question is why Americans who don’t go to church regularly claim that they do. They *think* they should. For most Americans, it is the normal and approved thing to do. People are sometimes better understood by what they think they should do than by what they do. In Europe, going to church is to be in a self-understood minority; it is to take a stand, even to be countercultural.” He grants that religion in the U.S. is often what can be called “Golden Rule Christianity.” Living under Jesus’ command from the Sermon on the Mount to “do unto others as you would have them do unto you” – known as the Golden Rule – is a good policy for most people. Neuhaus says this “can be understood as what Robert Bellah and others have called America’s ‘civil religion.’” As superficial as this might seem, it still serves as a unifying factor among people of different religions. Maybe that is why people in our country go to church often and would like others to think they go even more often than they do. Fr. Neuhaus adds that many studies show immigrants who did not go to church in their home countries tend to begin doing so soon after arriving here.

Americans live at two levels of religious identity: the national (“In God We Trust”) and the personal (“the church of your choice”). The idea of *choice* in religion is very much part of the American experience, so denomination is important to many people here. He says, “A denomination is an elective association that assumes the appurtenances of the (upper-case) Church. The Catholic and Orthodox churches do not understand themselves to be denominations but the Church of Jesus Christ rightly ordered through time. For Catholics and Orthodox, one understands oneself to be baptized, and not usually by choice, into that one expression of the one Church.” I appreciate the author’s clarity here: only members of the Protestant communities can say they are in a denomination; the Catholic Church and the Orthodox churches are not denominations.

Emerging from the importance of choice in religious practice, then, is a phenomenon called *bricolage*

(“tinkering”) by a French sociologist, but which also could be called “patchwork religion.” Among Catholics it is often called “cafeteria Catholicism,” which has a strongly negative tone. It can also be described as “believing without belonging.” Americans, Neuhaus says, are more likely than Europeans “to play *bricolage* within existing religious institutions, or to start yet another denomination. This is closely related to the way people say they are ‘spiritual but not religious.’ They resist taking their religion as a package deal ... insisting that it be tailored to what they describe as ‘their spiritual needs’ ... as is evident in the increasing number of Catholics who church shop for a parish of their preference”

The next phenomenon Fr. Neuhaus describes is fascinating to me, and perhaps you will recognize it among people you know. He credits Grace Davie with the term “vicarious religion,” and then describes it himself in this way: “This is evident in the ways that Europeans view the religiously committed as substitutes or surrogates in practicing the religion that they generally favor but do not want, for whatever reason, to practice themselves. They do not want to be personally involved in the church but want it to be there in time of need (usually associated with death and dying) or as an institution of moral continuity in the society.” How intriguing! There are people who want the Church to be there, even though they don’t practice their faith. Neuhaus cites the example of Germans, who direct 8% of their income tax to support the church unless they opt out: “the very interesting thing is that most people do not.” If I understand this correctly, they could register as having no religion and then 100% of their income tax would go to the state, but instead most people want 8% to continue going to whatever their registered church is. In Germany, even those who don’t go to church usually support their church. That’s an example of vicarious religion.

Neuhaus gives another example, regarding the Episcopal Church in the United States. He says “people who themselves had little interest in heaven, hell, or God, felt themselves betrayed when [the Episcopal Church] failed to do its vicarious duty in upholding what Christians are supposed to believe. Establishment Protestantism was failing to do its duty. It was letting down the side, with unforeseen consequences for the society as a whole, and that worried people who expected the churches to do their believing for them.” Neuhaus is convinced that the idea of vicarious religion exists in reference to the Catholic Church in America, too: “There are undoubtedly many non-Catholics, and also lapsed Catholics – or, as some cleverly say, ‘collapsed Catholics’ – who would be greatly disturbed if the Church failed to keep up the side by continuing to teach what they are not sure they believe, or are sure they do not believe. A Jewish friend remarks, ‘The Catholic Church is the church we mean when we say *Church*. If it goes, that’s the whole game.’” As if we needed any more reasons to remain firm in our faith!

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin

Religious Education/Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Attention: Parents of Students in Grades 1-5

On **Wednesday, October 23**, we will have a **Parent Meeting at 4:30 and again at 6:30 p.m.** in Heritage Center. The purpose of this meeting is to share with you the curriculum for the "NetSmartz" Personal Safety Program that we will be using with the youth in Grades 1-4. If your child attends a Catholic School, you do not need to attend this meeting. Please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 if you have any questions.

Halloween Pizza & Bingo Night!

On Friday, October 25, RE/FF is excited to host another Pizza and Bingo Night. From 6-8 p.m. we will serve pizza and play bingo. Fun for all ages! Children (and adults) 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!



Don't forget **individually-wrapped Halloween candy** to share with the poor children of Kentucky. A box for your donation is located in the coat room of the Main Church and the office entrance until Sunday, November 3.

Pastoral Ministry

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 Sunday, November 17. 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. Again this year our Giving Tree coordinators are Carol Mulvihill and Mike Berndt.



**Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend**

A Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints and a holy day of obligation. Masses are celebrated at 7:00 AM in the Historic Church, 9:00 AM in the Main Church, and 6:00 PM in the Main Church. Our Confirmation candidates will come to the 6:00 Mass on Friday evening before they leave for their retreat in Wisconsin.

Saturday, November 2, we will be celebrating the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day). This is the day of prayer for the souls of those who have died and are being purified by their longing to enter into the presence of God in heaven. It is a good day for us to remember all who have gone before us in faith. Those who have had a loved one buried from St. Peter's within the last year will receive a personal invitation to this Mass, and everyone else is welcome as well. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM 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. The 5:00 Mass on November 2 will not be the Mass for All Souls, but it will be the Mass of the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

About Holy Days

On the Church's calendar, every day has a rank: weekday, optional memorial, obligatory memorial, feast, or solemnity. Some of the solemnities are so important that we have an obligation to observe them as we would observe a Sunday. There are five of these holy days of obligation in our Archdiocese: the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8), Christmas (December 25), Mary, Mother of God (January 1), the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15), and All Saints (November 1).

For the holy days of August 15, November 1, and January 1, there is no obligation to come to Mass if the day falls on a Saturday or a Monday. December 25 is a holy day of obligation every year. When December 8, our national feast day in the United States, is not a Sunday, it, too, is always a holy day of obligation, even if it falls on a Saturday or a Monday. But this year December 8 will be a Sunday. That has not happened since 2002, and it won't occur again until 2019. Even a feast day as important as the Immaculate Conception cannot take precedence over the Second Sunday of Advent, and so the feast is transferred to Monday, December 9, losing its obligatory character in the process. Therefore, you will be invited to come to Mass at 9:00 AM or 7:00 PM on December 9, but there is no obligation to worship at Mass on the Immaculate Conception this year. Because of the feast, the same day has been chosen for the joyful ordination of Fr. Andrew Cozzens as an auxiliary bishop for our Archdiocese.

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 10/7/13-10/13/13	\$14,893
Actual for the period 10/7/13-10/13/13	\$9,786
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$241,471
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$199,884

World Mission Sunday This Weekend

"Do Good on Earth"

Pope Francis has proclaimed in his World Mission Sunday message, "...the power of God's love is able to overcome the darkness of evil and guide us on the path of goodness." As we join in prayer and offer gifts of support to help provide spiritual and physical support to struggling communities, we are in communion with every other parish in the world as they celebrate and take up offerings for World Mission Sunday on the same day. *"Do Good on Earth"* through the power of God's love and be as generous as you are able.

Commemorative Bricks

We are currently accepting order forms for commemorative bricks to be placed on our wall in the Gathering Space. The bricks are \$300 each and can take up to three lines of printing 15 letters, numbers or characters per line. Order forms will be available on the Information Counter in the Gathering Space, online or in the parish office. This brick would make a great Christmas gift and a lasting way to honor a loved one.

Attention Women!

Have you ever thought of becoming an usher and helping with the collections at Mass? This is not only for men! We are in need of parishioners to fill this important liturgical ministry role at both our 5 p.m. and 11 a.m. Masses. You can be scheduled as frequently as you prefer, and you are also able to request weekends off when you will be out of town. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact our Community Life Coordinator, Sara Rogers, at 651-905-4308 or srogers@stpetersmendota.org. Thank you for considering serving our parish in this way!

Sincere Sympathy



St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Shirley Ainhorn, mother of Jackie Battis. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make her a sharer in eternal salvation.

Appalachian Christmas

Drop off your NEW, UNWRAPPED gifts for the people of Appalachia by Sunday, November 3.



Items can be placed in the marked boxes located in the office entrance and the coat room. Also, please remember to donate leftover Halloween candy or bags of wrapped candy—something these children do not get very often.

Packing will occur on Monday, November 4, at 9:35 a.m. in the Ravoux Room. Please consider stopping by to help for a short while!

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help pack on Monday, November 4, please contact Paula Ehrich at 651-686-0235.

Thank you for your donation and support!

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Council of Catholic Women Poinsettia Sale



St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be taking orders for poinsettias this weekend after all Masses. The deadline for orders is Sunday, October 20. Please help support St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women.

Visitation School Open House

Visitation School—located at 2455 Visitation Drive in Mendota Heights—will host an open house for prospective families this fall:

- Upper School (grades 9-12) on Tuesday, October 29, at 7 p.m.

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



The Week of October 21

Monday, October 21

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

Tuesday, October 22

- 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

Wednesday, October 23

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:30 am Cemetery Committee, Conference Room II
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conf. Room I
4:30 pm Grade 1-5 Classes
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Conference Room I
6:30 pm Grade 1-8 Classes

Thursday, October 24

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
10 am Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room
5:30 pm Reconciliation, Main Church
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, October 25

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6 pm Pizza Bingo, Heritage Center

Saturday, October 26

- 9 and 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
10 am Scripture Study, Community Room
4 pm Reconciliation, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
5 pm Mass, Main Church
7 pm St. Peter's Youth Comedy Sportz Outing

Sunday, October 27—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church
9&11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children
9 am Sunday School
10 am Confirmation Class
4 pm VISTA Fall Concert, Main Church

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Readings for the Week of October 20

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14--4:2/Lk 18:1-8
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk
 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-
 18/Lk 18:9-14

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 21 - †Fred Luebstorff, Jr.

Tuesday, October 22 - †Elizabeth M. Robinson

Wednesday, October 23 - †Robert Monson

Thursday, October 24 - †Tom Pahl

Friday, October 25 - †Alfred Zimmeerman

Saturday, October 26 - Mass For the People

Sunday, October 27

9 a.m. - †Jeffrey Weiss

11 a.m. - †Tom Thill

Spaghetti Dinner for Seminarians

On Saturday, October 26, from 6-7:30 p.m., the Knights of Columbus will host a spaghetti dinner and silent auction in the St. John Neumann social hall. Free-will offering. All profits will benefit the education of transitional deacon Rev. Kevin Manthey. All are welcome for food and fellowship.



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Faces of Adoption

If you have ever considered adoption, attend this year's "Faces of Adoption." Featured, will be guest speakers Anita Ruthenbeck and Kristin Goodreau, family case managers and adoptive parents, from God's Children adoption agency in Minnesota.

Anita and Kristin will identify the "faces" of adoption...Who are the children? What is the need? How does our family fit depending on where we are in our lives, and our family makeup?

Also featured, will be spokespersons from Minnesota's Adoption Resource Network, Chris Tiedeman, adopted through Catholic Charities, and Mary Mason, adopted at two years, to provide information on adopting through foster care.

Come learn how you can be a part of God's plan of adoption on Monday, November 18, from 7-9 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church, Eagan.

For further questions, please email Tina at tdraves1165@msn.com.

Visitation/St. Thomas Academy Concert

On Sunday, October 27, at 4 p.m., our parish will be hosting the fall concert for the choirs of Visitation and St. Thomas Academy. The Visitation Chamber Choir, the Bel Canto choir, the St. Thomas Men's Choir, and the 8th grade girls choir will be featured. Come and enjoy the fruits of the hard work and preparation these students have dedicated to the art of music, all in the beautiful setting of our own church.

Benefit Supper for the Poor of Peru

The Bachmeier family is hosting a Benefit Supper on Saturday, November 2, from 6-10 p.m. in Heritage Center. 100% of the proceeds will be sent to the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Peru. We will have great Peruvian food and entertainment. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to 651-224-2868 or 651-757-0757. If you are not able to make it but would still like to donate to a great cause, please mail your donation to: 2205 Pilot Knob Road, Mendota Heights 55120. Thank you and we hope to see you on the 2nd!

Rediscover: Faith 2013 Speaker Series

Rediscover: strength - Overcoming Life's Challenges through God's Grace.
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This third talk in the four-part 2013 Rediscover: faith speakers series explores how the sacraments put us in real contact with the living Lord, who gives us the strength to overcome the challenges of life. With particular focus on the great beauty and mystery of the Mass and the abundant graces of the Eucharist, this talk helps explain how God provides the physical to humans as a way to connect us to the divine.

Monday, October 21: Holy Name of Jesus, Wayzata

Tuesday, October 22: Epiphany, Coon Rapids

Wednesday, October 23: James B. Woulfe Alumni Hall, Anderson Student Center, University of St. Thomas Saint Paul Campus

Thursday, October 24: Pax Christi, Eden Prairie

All talks begin at 7 p.m. and run a total of 90 minutes, including hospitality time. All talks are free and no registration is required.

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2013 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 17. Gifts will be ready for pick up on Monday, December 9.

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.** 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 _____ Clothing Size _____

Gift Suggestion s _____

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

Gift Suggestion s _____

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

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

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5) Name _____ Gender (circle) M / F Age _____ Clothing Size _____

Gift Suggestion s _____

6) Name _____ Gender (circle) M / F Age _____ Clothing Size _____

Gift Suggestion s _____

7) Name _____ Gender (circle) M / F Age _____ Clothing Size _____

Gift Suggestion s _____

8) Name _____ Gender (circle) M / F Age _____ Clothing Size _____

Gift Suggestion s _____