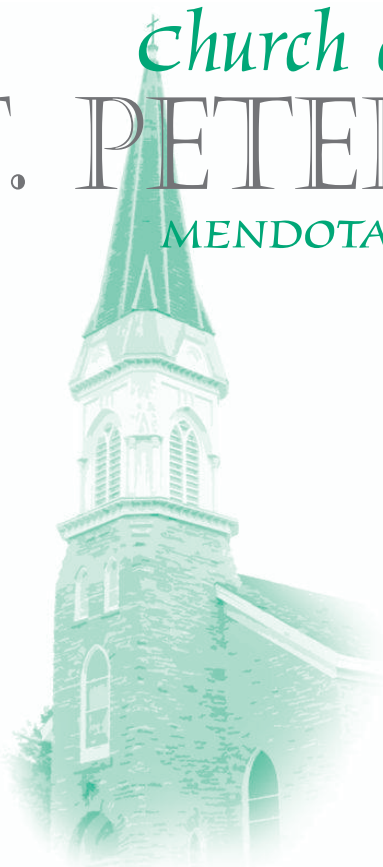


Church of ST. PETER MENDOTA



October 25, 2015
30th 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 Pastoral Associate

It's human nature to want to do the right thing. In the area of faith formation especially, I am often called upon to share the doctrines of our tradition with those seeking to become Catholic, and also to help with continuing formation for those who are already Catholic but wish to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith.

In Mark's Gospel, Peter is shown to be someone who understands the doctrine of who Jesus is (Mark 8:29). His title of "Christ" for him is not what Jesus corrects, but rather his faith when Peter calls into question Jesus' prediction of his coming suffering. Just two chapters later in this Gospel, we are given a deeper look into what Jesus has been trying to teach the disciples about what true faith is and why it's important. And so, today, we have come to the story of the blind man, Bartimaeus.

While it is true that this is another in a growing number of stories in which Jesus' ability to heal is evident, there is something much greater to be drawn from this text. This story highlights that faith is so necessary for us as Christians that it can even overcome misunderstandings of doctrine and completely alter the life of the believer. Faith is not something we can just read about, but we must allow it in through the power and influence of an active and vital prayer life.

The healing of Bartimaeus' sight speaks to the true power of faith. Bartimaeus' call to Jesus is one of faith in who and what Jesus truly is—namely the one who has come to heal us all—which we can compare to the earlier title of "Christ" by Peter. Peter's doctrine is absolutely correct. Jesus *is* the Christ, the Messiah. Despite this, Jesus uses the opportunity to call him out for his lack of faith after Peter doubts Jesus' statement regarding his own impending suffering and death. Similarly, in today's verse, Jesus chooses to focus not on *what* Bartimaeus calls him, but rather on the *faith* with which Bartimaeus has called. Jesus doesn't declare that he, the Christ, has saved him, but tells him, "Your faith has saved you."

Bartimaeus' shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" is an early example of what is today called, "the Jesus Prayer." There is no evidence that it was in fact Bartimaeus' use of the phrase that inspired centuries of monks and, later, laypersons, to incorporate this tradition of invocation into their prayer, "O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." For now, it's enough that it calls it to mind. It's a timely and beautiful

reminder that we are all called to have Bartimaeus' faith and that the way to go about it is to begin, follow through, and end with prayer.

As St. Paul tells the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." Throughout our history, this calling out to Jesus by name for mercy has been used time and again to aid in doing as Paul instructs. A person begins by repeating it, or something similar, orally, all the time, as they go about their labors. From the mouth it spreads to the heart. Then, after a short time, this person no longer prays so much as they have become prayer.

For some of us, incorporating prayer into our days is difficult. Our time is over-accounted for, we get distracted by the people and obligations in our lives, and perhaps we don't even know *how* to begin. Prayer is less about what we say and more about our openness to what it means to pray. Jesus didn't even comment on what Bartimaeus words were. What Jesus responds to is Bartimaeus' faith in Jesus.

I have learned, sometimes not easily, that praying is not only something I should be doing, but something that I need to be doing in the same way I need food and exercise. The busier I get, the more vital it becomes. I often need to step back, to find silence, to open myself up to the One who loves me beyond all limits. Without a personal experience of Jesus, all the correct doctrine in the world isn't enough. Prayer is our door to that relationship. Sometimes, in our human limitations, there aren't words for the prayers we make. The name of Jesus is itself a prayer, however. This prayer, repeated in our hearts and on our lips, it is enough. There are times when it's even best. It travels well, too, going with us throughout those busy days.

Our prayer brings us to faith. Our faith, like that of Bartimaeus, compels us to follow Jesus. In our certainty of walking with Jesus, we find the source of love and the seed of the victory on the cross.

Amen.



Lisa Amos
Pastoral Associate



Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)



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.

Council of Catholic Women Poinsettia Fundraiser

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be taking orders for their annual Poinsettia Fundraiser this weekend. Stop by the table in the Gathering Space after all Masses to place your order.

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

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 jvasiliou@comcast.net

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 **6:30 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.



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.



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.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know has been thinking about becoming Catholic, we would very much like to hear from you! To begin, we'd like to get to know you and help you to learn more about the process and have your questions answered. We look forward to helping those baptized in other Christian traditions, the unbaptized and anyone who may already have made their First Communion as a child, but has not received the sacrament of Confirmation. For more information or to schedule a private inquiry meeting to discuss your own faith journey, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or email lamos@stpetersmendota.org.



**TURN YOUR
CLOCKS BACK!**
Sunday, November 1, 2 a.m.

St. Peter's Community News

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!

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 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!



Wedding Banns

Third Proclamation

Jessica Gaworski and John Simpson IV

Blest Art will be Visiting This Weekend

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 (this weekend)** after each Mass.

Visitation/Saint Thomas Academy Fall Concert

Sunday, October 25, 4 p.m.
St. Peter's Main Church
VISTA (Visitation and Saint Thomas Academy) 8-12th grade

Students will perform a varied collection of music including sacred, secular, Afro-Cuban, Latin, folksong, and American Gospel styles. The concert is free and open to the public.

Neighbors Food Shelf

Those who come to the Neighbors, Inc., food shelf are grateful for anything they are given. It is often the last chance to get food after other sources have run out. If you'd like to contribute to our local food shelf, please consider bringing any nonperishable food in to our donation bins, which can be found in the Gathering Space and by the door to the parish office. Some items that are most appreciated by those who rarely get "comfort food" are peanut butter, pancake mix, and syrup. Thank you for any way you can help!

Thanks neighbor!

The Week of October 26

Monday, October 26

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

Tuesday, October 27

- 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
 11 am-1 pm Mobile Meals, Off Campus

Wednesday, October 28

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
 9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
 4:30 pm Grades 1-5 Classes
 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
 6:30 pm Grades 1-8 Classes

Thursday, October 29

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
 9:45 am Daily Mass Birthday Celebration,
 Heritage Center
 6 pm Capital Campaign Meeting, Heritage Center
 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
 7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
 7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, October 30

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

Saturday, October 31

- 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, Main Church

Sunday, November 1—All Saints Day Daylight Savings Time Ends

- 8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
 9 am Mass, Main Church
 9 am Sunday School
 9 & 11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children
 10 am Confirmation Class
 11 am Mass, Main Church
 After Masses:
 Hospitality
 12 pm Workcamp Meeting, Youth Room

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Readings for the Week of October 25

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 26 - The Healing of Gerard Schmit
Tuesday, October 27 - †Tom Thill
Wednesday, October 28 - †Ralph Schloegl
Thursday, October 29 - †Don Sault
Friday, October 30 - †George Zirnelt
Saturday, October 31 - 5 p.m. - †LeRoy Hays
Sunday, November 1 - 9 a.m. - Mass For the People
11 a.m. - †Herbert & †Verna Fox

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School Open House Thursday, November 5



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Interested parents are invited to attend an open house at our parish school on Thursday, November 5, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Explore Faithful Shepherd in action, talk with staff, parents and students along with a guided tour of the school. Learn about the school's challenging curriculum, interactive use of technology, and inspiring faith community. For more information, please contact Leah Bungener at lbungener@fscsmn.org or 651-262-2898.

Minute Memo from Ms. Shimshock

It may be serendipity, but I think it is something else that partnered October, the month of the rosary, with October, the anti-bullying, or as I prefer to call it, friendship month. Friends applaud your success, laugh at your mistakes, and share your tears. Friends forgive us when we need it, believe in us when we are down, and carry us when we can't do anymore. Hmmm.....what better model do we have than Mary, Jesus' mother, in being a friend.

*Go in peace,
for we have sworn friendship
with each other in the name of the Lord.
1 Samuel 20:42.*

Faithful Shepherd has had a great start to the 2015-16 school year. Our eighth graders spent three days at Eagle Bluff, an environmental learning camp, where they cemented their friendships and began to think about life beyond Faithful Shepherd. The whole student body had their school pictures taken and are sharing these photos with friends to remember good times. Our students in grades 3-8 took the Fall NWEA standardized tests on the computer for the first time and learned that friends are given different learning styles and gifts and that's ok. We have welcomed new staff to Faithful Shepherd and we are very excited to call them friends. We invite all of our friends at St. Peter's to come and visit us at Faithful Shepherd. We can't wait to see you!

Your friend,

Ms. Shimshock
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Cash or check preferred. For more information contact Jeanne Creegan at 651-681-9575.

St. Peter's Women's Golf

Ladies you have an opportunity to join a very friendly group known as St. Peter's Women's Golf. We will have a get acquainted lunch, time to be determined, before we start to play on Thursday, May 12. Play every Thursday until September 8 at Highland 9. The first tee time is 8:30 a.m.

For more information call Judy Hillstead at 651-454-2775; Mary LeClaire at 651-730-8649; or Bernie Bordenave at 651-683-9719.

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) Advent Retreat

Save the Date!

Greet Advent as *Women of Love in Action*

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

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

Neighbors, Inc. Fundraiser

The Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra will present "Te Deum -- We Praise Thee O God" at 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 8, at St Stephen's Lutheran Church, 1575 Charlton, West St. Paul. This concert of orchestral and choral music will feature songs of Praise to God in a variety of settings. The concert is free and no tickets are required.

During the program, a free will offering will be taken to benefit the Neighbor's Inc. Food Shelf. Since 1997 they performed over 25 times to benefit Neighbors, Inc., and since 1991, in concerts in Minnesota and western Wisconsin, have helped raise enough money for food shelves to buy over 2,150,000 meals.

Woodbury Chorus and Orchestra, founded in 1985, is an arts organization that is unique in the Twin Cities. All members, including the directors, are unpaid volunteers and dedicated to helping those in need. Their primary mission is to raise funds for food shelves in the areas where they perform, through freewill offerings taken at their concerts.

WINE: Catholic Women's Conference 2016

Saturday, February 6, 2016

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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WINE: Women In the New Evangelization, along with the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, invite women of all ages to the *WINE: Catholic Women's Conference*. During this year that Pope Francis has designated as an Extraordinary Year of Mercy, the theme is.... *Mercy: Encountering Boundless Love*.

Join women from around the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis (and from all around the country) for a day of inspiration, faith, fellowship, and fun. The doors open at 8:30 a.m. allowing time for registration, shopping, and coffee. The conference will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. with emcee Kelly Wahlquist. Keynote speaker Teresa Tomeo, testimony speaker Laura Sobiech, and the very inspirational Barbara Heil will enliven our spirits and light our hearts on fire with a renewed understanding of the boundless mercy of God!

The day will include praise and worship music, shopping, opportunities to be prayed for, confession, adoration, tons of laughter, a fabulous lunch, CHOCOLATE, and the option to go to Mass at 4 p.m.

Deadline is February 1, 2016, unless the event is sold out. (Just FYI: All WINE events to date have sold out, so you may want to get your tickets now! Yep, tickets, because you will definitely want to bring your friends! Pray about it and invite a friend or three. You'll be amazed at the power of one prayerful invitation!)

Cost: \$55 per person (Early Bird); \$65 per person after January 6. (\$25 for Religious Sisters or Consecrated Women). Register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wine-catholic-womens-conference-2016-tickets-18467230985> or pick up a registration form in the Gathering Space.

Marriage Encounter

"Be of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing." St. Paul challenges us to have in us the same attitude that is also in Jesus Christ. Start now by loving your spouse as Christ calls us to. For the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720. Early registration is highly recommended!

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OVER \$529,890 FROM 65 FAMILIES!!!

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 Thursday, October 15, at 5 p.m.**

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How Can I Make My Pledge To The Campaign?

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 **Thursday night, October 29th, at 6:30 PM in the Heritage Center**. All are encouraged and welcome to come.

CHURCH OF ST. PETER

Prayer of Remembrance for Our Parish Dead

Month of November 2015



*Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,
and, as our faith in your Son,
Raised from the dead, is deepened,
so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find
new strength.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

*~Collect (formerly called the Opening Prayer),
First Mass, All Souls Day*

For all the faithful who have died we pray, but in particular for

*Carol Grayson
Mark Toetschinger
Peg Eilers
John Hettinger
James Krakowski
Margaret Kane
James McBride
Patricia Gill
Fred Sharpe
Arlean Mertensotto
Duane Hitz
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Steve Smith
Patricia Black Peyton
Gerald Ferrian
Ryan Giguere
Richard Gangl
Michael Woolley
Robert Weinzettel
June Hall*

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Amen.

†A remembrance book to write the names of your deceased loved ones will be placed in the Main Church through the month of November.

NOVEMBER

“The Close of the Liturgical Year”

November brings us to the end of the liturgical year, beginning with the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1 and ending with the final Sunday of the year, The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. As we draw closer to the end of the year, the focus of our Sunday readings turns to the end of time. We are challenged to examine our own lives in terms of their final, last moments.



On All Saints Day we come to realize that, like our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, we are called to holiness of life and perfect union with God one day in heaven. All Souls Day reminds us of our need to pray for the dead who are being purified.

As in the Gospel, the wedding party waiting at the groom's house need to have their lamps prepared and burning to be ever ready. We too are challenged to be prepared, since we know neither the day nor the hour.

We are also challenged to be good stewards of that which God has entrusted to us. We have an obligation to care for these goods, but also to use them wisely, in order to help the Kingdom grow.

And finally, our actions need to be in line with our words. It is not what we say that is significant, but what we do. Have we been willing to take risks because of the Kingdom? The task of building up the Kingdom of God in the present continues. May the presence of Christ in the Eucharist move us to make a gift of our very self so that our world might have life!