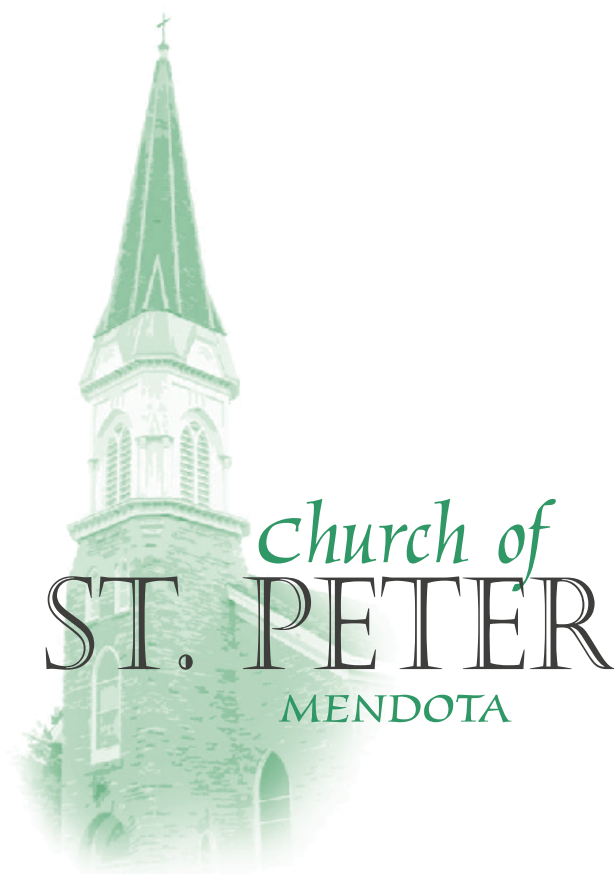




October 27, 2013
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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6:30 pm the First Thursday of the Month

HOLY DAYS As announced.

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Call the parish office for more information.

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From the Pastor's Desk

I thought I would begin this week's column with some information about upcoming events. In recent years, our Archdiocese has organized a "Clergy Study Day" for deacons and priests in the fall and the spring. The autumn Clergy Study Day will be right here at St. Peter's this coming Wednesday. Besides the study topic we will have much to discuss, given the difficult news stories of the last month or so. If you see a lot of cars and a lot of priests making their way toward Heritage Center on your way to morning Mass on Wednesday, you will know why! We can all be honored that our parish is so often used by departments of the Archdiocese—most frequently the Office of Catholic Schools—for meetings large and small. Visitors always think our buildings and the setting are beautiful! And yes, we do receive some rental income from such events, even if it is not a tremendously large amount of money.

Perhaps it is news to you that our Monday-through-Friday 9:00 morning Mass in the Historic Church draws not only our registered members, but also people from outside the parish. Depending on the season, attendance can be as low as 40 and as high as 100. Most of the time we have 60 to 80 people at Mass on weekdays. After Mass on the last Thursday of each month we have a celebration in Heritage Center for all who have a birthday that month, and even visitors are invited to come. This month, that happens to be October 31. Everyone knows that day is Halloween. What is now a purely secular holiday has risen to prominence because it falls in a long stretch of weeks between the end of summer and Thanksgiving. It gives a lot of people an excuse to have fun and it offends almost nobody—making it possible to observe it in homes, schools, and offices. Only a few decades ago Halloween was not a terribly big day. Today, it would be difficult to forget about it. But some people do forget that the origins of Halloween are religious. Its name comes from "All Hallows' Eve," meaning the Eve of All Saints. Yes, the next day, November 1, is All Saints Day. People used to wear masks on the night of October 31 precisely because of the holiness of the following day. From as long ago as the 4th century Christians have observed a celebration in honor of the saints, beginning with the martyrs but developing into a feast of all of the saints. In the 800s its celebration was fixed on November 1 to draw attention away from the Celtic pagan feast of the Druids in Ireland. That is still our day to ask for the prayers of the vast number of souls whose names we do not know who are in heaven.

All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation. This year it will be a Friday, and there will be three Masses at St.

Peter's. I certainly recognize that people are adding Mass to a day that is already quite full, and so Mass will be a little shorter than on a Sunday. The 7:00 AM Mass in the Historic Church is meant to be helpful for people on their way to work: they will be on their way at 7:40. The 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM Masses are in the Main Church. Some of you might consider another option: at Faithful Shepherd School the Mass will be at 8:15 AM on Thursday this week (instead of on Wednesday as it is most weeks), so parents and grandparents might wish to join the children for All Saints Day Mass.

Saturday, November 2 will be the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, or All Souls Day. I hope if you are free you will consider coming to Mass at 10:00 AM, when we pray for all of those who are being purified from sin before entering the presence of God. We will pray especially for all members of our parish who have died in the past year. You might wish to know that a plenary indulgence (full remission of temporal punishment due to sin) applicable only to the souls in purgatory is granted to those who visit a church on All Souls Day and who pray the Lord's Prayer and the Creed in addition to the usual requirements (sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions). If you come to 5:00 Mass that day, please know that it will be a Sunday Mass, not the observance of All Souls Day. But the indulgence would still be granted if you came to church at that hour, of course.

The entire month of November is a special time to pray for the dead, and the Church encourages this by offering a plenary indulgence (also applicable only to the souls in purgatory) to those who devoutly visit a cemetery from November 1 through November 8 and pray for the dead. (It is a plenary indulgence on the first eight days of November and it would be a partial indulgence at other times.) Since we have our parish cemetery just a few hundred yards away, I encourage you to go up there on the hill and spend just a few minutes in that beautiful place praying for the dead.

After all of the activity at the end of this coming week, the first full week of November should begin with great calm. But on Wednesday, November 6 I will travel with my parents to Baltimore to see some relatives and their new baby. We also plan to take the train to New York City one of the days to spend a few hours visiting the National September 11 Memorial. I will be gone for three nights, but I will be back for the Sunday Masses on November 9 and 10.

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin



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. 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.

Learn to Pray the Rosary

Have you often wondered where the devotion of praying the rosary began? Do you feel drawn to this powerful form of prayer but you don't know how to get started? As we begin to look to the season of Advent, what better time is there to spend some time reflecting on the mystery of Jesus Christ? We will be offering a clinic on the rosary in the Historic Church on Thursday, November 7, at 5 p.m. Come learn the history of this prayer and meditation, the special graces we gain from devotion to it and come away with practical knowledge about how to pray it. Free rosaries will be available to those who would like one. Following the clinic, we will pray the rosary together beginning at 6 p.m. Come for the clinic and rosary, or simply join us at 6 p.m. to pray. For further information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.



FALL BACK
Sunday, Nov. 3, 2 AM

All Saints/All Souls

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 have received 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.

Human Sex Trafficking Awareness Event

Every eight seconds, another person is sold into slavery. Minnesota is included in the top 13 largest centers for child sex trafficking. This little talked about, hidden tragedy is happening in our communities even as many of us are unaware. To begin to make very real changes in the lives of the victims, we must take a step toward educating ourselves, despite the difficulty of the subject.

St. Peter's will be hosting a screening of *Nefarious: Merchant of Souls*, an award-winning and eye-opening documentary on the global sex trade. Rebecca Kotz, founder of Students Against Trafficking & Sexploitation will lead us in prayer and discussion, answer our questions, and invite us into action. *Due to the mature subject matter, we strongly recommend children be high-school aged and above and anyone under 18 MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian.* Refreshments will be provided. For further information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org

Nefarious: Merchant of Souls

Saturday, November 9

Gathering Space

9:30 a.m.: Gathering and refreshments

10 a.m.-12 Noon: Screening and discussion

This event is free. Registration is not required

Free Will Offerings to Students Against Trafficking & Sexploitation will be accepted.

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 10/14/13-10/20/13	\$22,473
Actual for the period 10/14/13-10/20/13	\$14,840
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$263,944
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$214,724

National Collections

There are several national collections being taken up at this time of year.

- November 10 a second collection will be taken to support the Catholic chaplains of the Archdiocese of Military Services.
- November 24 you are invited to use the envelope in your packet for the Campaign for Human Development.
- December 8 a second collection will be taken to support the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Beanie Babies and Flip Flops Collection

The Risen Savior Mission has requested Beanie Babies (can be used) and smaller sized flip fops (new). The flip flops provide foot protection for the children who search for food and other treasures in the dumps of the Philippines. There will be collection boxes at the church. This collection will end Sunday, November 17.



New Parishioner Registration

Interested in joining the parish? New parishioner registration will be held after all Masses the first weekend of each month in the Gathering Space. You can also register by contacting Sara Rogers at 651-905-4308 or clicking on the "Community/Join St. Peter's" link on the parish website.

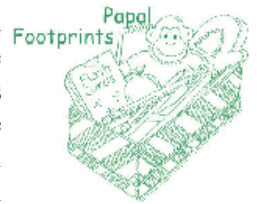
First Thursday Weekday Mass

A weekday evening Mass is celebrated in the Historic Church on the first Thursday of every month. Join us in the Historic Church on November 7, from 6:30-7 p.m.

The 5:30 Thursday confession times have been cancelled on October 31, November 7, 14 and 28. Confessions will be heard on Thursday, November 21.

"Papal Footprints" Christmas Collection

We would like to introduce a new program recently announced and backed by His Holiness, Pope Francis. "PAPAL FOOTPRINTS is geared to be a one-on-one gift to the youth from our schools' Faith Formation programs, and individual families."



The program involves filling a shoebox for a boy or girl, ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Using a theme, you could fill a box with a child's toothbrush, toothpaste, Matchbox car, socks, and a T-shirt (using the Bob the Builder as an example). Girls might like hair barrettes, Barbie, beads, bracelets, etc. Fun things like yo-yos, a deck of cards, ball and jacks, Beanie Babies, suckers, pocket-sized flashlights (and batteries), and anything fun and unbreakable are other items for consideration. DO NOT WRAP! Labels for the boxes will be supplied and available in the Gathering Space.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathi Dumond at 651-456-0986 or Paula Ehrich at 651-686-0235.

St. Thomas Academy Open House

Sunday, November 3
Beginning with a presentation at 1 p.m.

St. Thomas Academy is a Catholic, college preparatory school for young men in grades 7-12.

If you have any questions about Saint Thomas Academy or the program, please call the admissions office at 651-683-1515.

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 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

- 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
11 am-12 Noon
Mobile Meals

Wednesday, October 30

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
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 31

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:30 am Daily Mass Birthday Celebration
Heritage Center
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, November 1—All Saints Day

- 7 am Mass, Historic Church
9 am & 6 pm
Mass, Main Church
(8:40 rosary before 9:00 Mass)
6 pm Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, November 2—All Souls Day

- 9 and 10:30 am
Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
10 am All Souls Day Mass, Main Church
Reception Follows in Heritage Center
4 pm Reconciliation, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
5 pm Mass, Main Church
After Mass New Parishioner Registration
6 pm Peruvian Fundraiser, Heritage Center

Sunday, November 3—31st 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
After Masses
Hospitality, New Parishioner Registration

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Readings for the Week of October 27

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Saturday: Dan 12:1-3/Rom 8:14-23/Jn 6:37-40
Next Sunday: Wis 11:22--12:2/2 Thes 1:11--2:2/Lk 19:1-10

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 28 - †Ralph Schloegle

Tuesday, October 29 - †Don Sault

Wednesday, October 30 - †Raymond & †Doris
 LeClaire

Thursday, October 31 - Tom O'Neill

Friday, November 1- 7 a.m. - Mass For the People

9 a.m. - Choice of the Priest

6 p.m. - Choice of the Priest

Saturday, November 2 - Mass For the People

Sunday, November 3

9 a.m. - †Jean Christenson

11 a.m. - †Dick & †Br. Michael Gaworski

Stewardship Spotlight: Finance Council

A special opportunity for stewardship is membership on the St. Peter's Finance Council. The mission of the Finance Council is to support the pastor in his stewardship of parish resources. It is also accountable to the parish community and to the Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. This is the only volunteer group at the parish in which membership needs to be approved by the pastor.

Members of the Finance Council meet once a month. They review the budget requests of the parish and make budget recommendations to Fr. Gallatin and to the Parish Pastoral Council. They review the monthly financial statements, comparing them to the budget and previous years' results and investigating any variances. They assist parish administration in reviewing internal controls and provide advice on how to manage parish funds and investments. Fr. Gallatin and Mary Jubenville, our parish business manager, attend all meetings as well.

Jim Fink has been the Chair of the Finance Council for over twelve years. When asked about his long-running commitment he said, "I was originally asked by Father Kevin to serve on Finance at the time the parish was considering building the new worship space. That was one building project and four capital campaigns ago. On the question of stewardship, some people enjoy singing in the choir, some enjoy teaching religion, and I enjoy working with numbers, budgets and cash flow. Using the tools God gave me is the way I give back to the church. Plus, I cannot carry a tune."

If you have a finance background and are interested in joining the Finance Council, you can apply for consideration by contacting Mary Jubenville at the parish office.

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

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.

Visitation/St. Thomas Academy Fall 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!

Faithful Shepherd Holiday Classic Boutique is Saturday, November 23

Save the Date! Faithful Shepherd Catholic School's 10th annual Holiday Classic Boutique will take place Saturday, November 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Faithful Shepherd. For 10 years, more than 60 vendors have sold branded products, arts and crafts and fine artisan goods at the Holiday Classic Boutique.

For book lovers, our Scholastic Book Fair is also open during boutique hours. A value-priced lunch including Minnesota wild rice soup and hot breadsticks will also be available between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have any questions, call the school at 651-406-4747 or email fscsholidayboutique@gmail.com. Also, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HolidayClassicBoutique.

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CHURCH OF ST. PETER

Prayer of Remembrance for Our Parish Dead

Month of November 2013



*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

Emily Rosa Renfrew

Connie Mueller

Dianne Taney

Patrick O'Connell

Al Markun

Betty Sands

Thomas Finn

Irene Dybdal

Mercedes Murphy

Dianne O'Connell

Jack Campbell

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Phyllis Joyce

Gerald O'Brien

Marie Brinckmann

William Amadick

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 Gathering Space until right before the service, then 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!