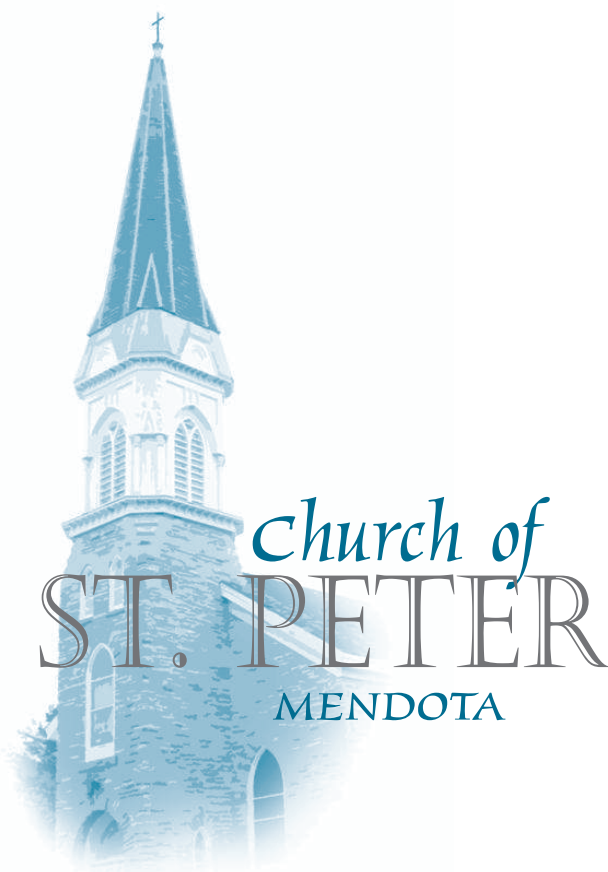




October 5, 2014
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Respect Life Sunday

Fall Festival
Sunday
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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SUNDAY MASSES (all in the Main Church)

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am

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9 am Monday-Friday

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BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

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Mary LeClair E-mail: maryleclair62@gmail.com

or call the parish office at 651-452-4550.

Reflections from our Youth Coordinator, Ed Overell

What, exactly, is a parish in our Catholic church? The Catechism (2179) defines it in a few ways:

- It is “a stable community of the faithful within a particular church or diocese.”
- It is “the place where all the faithful can be gathered together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.”
- It “teaches Christ’s saving doctrine.”
- It “practices the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love.”

The Catechism then quotes St. John Chrysostom, saying: “You cannot pray at home, as at church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests.”

A few months ago, I wrote about the importance of a parish being more than just the place you went to for an hour a week on Sundays. Now, I’d like to make the argument for how a parish is so much more than just who its pastor is (or is not). I also want to point out, for those who may not be aware, that while I am also a staff member, my family and I have also been parishioners of St. Peter’s for over seven years.

My goal is not to denigrate or lessen the importance of any priest or pastor, but to help all of us to remember that **WE** are the parish of St. Peter’s; us, and all the parishioners that have come before us over the past 161 years. If there is any parish in this entire Archdiocese that can claim to be a “stable community of the faithful,” it is St. Peter’s. You can’t be much more stable than to be the oldest parish in the entire state.

2014 has been a trying year for our parish. We all are frustrated in a variety of ways for what has transpired the past nine months. We are all frustrated because we want to have a new pastor appointed for our parish. I did leave out a section of the Catechism’s definition of a parish: “the pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd . . .” But it is important for us all to remember that this parish was here for over 160 years before any of this happened, and will continue to be here for long after this current situation has passed. Whoever the next pastor is, he will leave someday too. And hopefully, most of us will still be here.

Even without a pastor, we are still able to “gather together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.” We have

been blessed to have Fr. O’Brien and many other priests of the Archdiocese who have assisted us by saying masses, presiding over funerals and weddings, and otherwise helping to provide the sacraments to our parishioners during this time. The people of St. Peter’s have continued to gather and celebrate the Eucharist as a community of faith and as a parish family. Our attendance figures for all three Masses are not noticeably different than they were a year ago at this time. As a parish, we are still “teach(ing) Christ’s saving doctrine.” Our religious education enrollment numbers are virtually the same as this time last year, and our youth group participation numbers are higher. We are still “practicing the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love,” as evidenced by Pastoral Ministry groups that continue to reach out to the homebound, the sick and elderly, and the poor. In short, we are still a parish. A parish that is vibrant and alive.

And that is what this weekend, as we celebrate our annual Fall Festival, is really about; celebrating ourselves as a parish. We celebrate our parish because we are, as St. John Chrysostom said, “one great heart.” If you reread his quote at the beginning of the article, you’ll notice it doesn’t mention the Eucharist or the Mass. It mentions prayer, and “the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity.” The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith, but these other things are what make us a parish family. None of these things go away or dissipate because we don’t have a pastor. Our “one great heart” from which we cry out our exclamations to God is not lessened. We are still The Church of St. Peter.

I hope during Mass this weekend, you looked around you. Especially at the special 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, I hope you were proud of the “great multitude” that gathered in the name of Jesus Christ. You are a part of something wonderful, and part of this “one great heart.” You, and the rest of your parish family, have been a part of that even for the last nine months that we have been without a priest. And you will continue to be a part of it.

St. John Chrysostom said “you cannot pray at home as you can at church.” I hope that is something we can all take to heart as we celebrate our parish and all its members. I hope that in the coming weeks and months, whether we have a new pastor or not, we can all take comfort in the “great multitudes” which constitute our parish family that we gather with each week. I hope that we can all continue to find new ways to be a part of that family, and explore what stewardship at St. Peter’s can mean. I hope that we can all continue to love, and be proud of, **OUR** parish.



Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Grade 2 Reconciliation Program: Parent Session I

On **Tuesday, October 7**, we will have our first parent session for those who have children in the Reconciliation Program. Parents will meet at **6 p.m. in Heritage Center**. Children will go to their classrooms while the parent goes to Heritage Center.

Please remember that the grade 2 children **do not go to class on Wednesday, October 8**, instead they will accompany you on Tuesday. Please bring verification of your child's Baptism.

Thank you.
Kathy Raible
651-905-4311

Wedding Banns

Third Proclamation

Aaron Hellem and Lisa Marthaler

Second Proclamation

Lauren Post and Matthew Schmidt

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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

Faithfully Fit Forever

At this time, Faithfully Fit Forever has been suspended. We are in need of teachers and training is provided. If you are interested in teaching or co-teaching, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304.

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.

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary:

Budget for period of Sept. 22-28, 2014	\$13,253
Actual for period of Sept. 22-28, 2014	\$9,701
Year to Date Budget	\$189,899
Year to date Actual	\$175,699

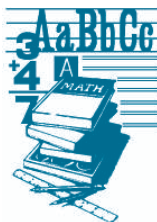
Pope Francis "The Joy of the Gospel" Book Group

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 will be available for purchase beginning Friday, October 10, 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.

School Supplies Thank You

To everyone at the Church of St. Peter,

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If you, or someone you know, are caring for an elderly loved one, there are a great number of community resources available to you. If you would like more information, need a place to give voice to your concerns, or you would like us to provide spiritual care to you, your loved one, or your family, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

From the Suggestion Box

Not long ago, it was suggested that our music ministry should try to sound more like a number of other churches in the area. Let me say that, in short, there are a lot of great reasons we don't and shouldn't.

Music at St. Peter's is a volunteer-based ministry. The music with which we celebrate at Mass is created by people who worship at our church, and willingly they offer their time, skill, and talent to produce the voice of our sung prayer at Mass.

Our music is our parish faith in microcosm. The choir is a miniature of the parish at large. This is our voice, and it does not belong to any other community, just as theirs does not belong to us.

For the past five years, St. Peter's music ministry has been populated by volunteer parishioners, members of this faith community, even those preparing to be confirmed in the Catholic faith here at St. Peter's—your friends, neighbors, family, and children.

Among the reasons we don't sound like some other churches is that in many of those churches, music ministries employ singers to help populate their choirs. In those cases, the musical results can be enjoyable performances, but what is lost is a unity of faith and personal connection to the parish home, since many within those choirs would not consider themselves members of those congregations.

Would you consider joining our church's choir? Would you apply your skill with an instrument to enrich the worship our parish offers to God? Would you add yours to the voice of our parish?

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Sincerely,
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The Week of October 6

Monday, October 6

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony,
 Heritage Center
 7 pm Boy Scouts, Ravoux Room
 7 pm Cub Scouts, Room 10

Tuesday, October 7

- 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
 6 pm First Reconciliation Parent Session I

Wednesday, October 8

Sharing & Caring Hands

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
 1:30 pm CCW Board Meeting, Conference Room I
 4:30 pm Grades 1-5
 6:30 pm Grades 1-8
 7 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday, October 9

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 7 pm AA, Room 5
 7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
 7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, October 10

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

Saturday, October 11

- 9 and 10:30 am
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
 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 12—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Commitment Sunday

- 8:30&10:30 am
 Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
 9 am **Mass, Main Church**
 9 & 11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children
 9 am Sunday School, Lower Level
 11 am **Mass and Baptism**
 After Masses:
 CCW Poinsettia Sale
 Pizza Bingo Sign Up

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Readings for the Week of October 5

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
 Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 6 - †Thomas Wartman

Tuesday, October 7 - Fr. Joseph Gallatin

Wednesday, October 8 - †Bob O'Neill

Thursday, October 9 - †Mary Margaret Trettel

Friday, October 10 - Geri Korman

Saturday, October 11 - †Linda Trosky &

†Dorothy Olberding

Sunday, October 5 - 9 a.m. - †Jack Conway

11 a.m. - Mass For the People

**Learn More about Faithful
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Friday, December 5, from
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Sunday, January 25, from 1-3 p.m.



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be held Saturday, November
22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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

**Council of Catholic Women
(CCW) Board Meeting**

St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women Board will meet
on Wednesday, October 8, 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room
I. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

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.*

**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.
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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Parishioners and friends are
welcome for private prayer before the
Blessed Sacrament in the Historic Church
**on Tuesdays
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until 6 p.m.**

Matthew 26:40-41—Jesus said to Peter:
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Here's how you can help:

- * Select one or more age groups for which you'd like to shop.
- * Purchase **new** items for those age groups. (Please see the reverse side for gift suggestions.) Because two parishes are involved, we ask that you purchase two of any item if at all possible.
- * Bring the **unwrapped** items to St. Peter's, and place them in one of the collection boxes marked for "Appalachian Christmas" in the coat room. Please no **used** or **old** items.
- * Please make a note of the deadline: **Sunday, November 9**. All donations of new, unwrapped gifts are due by noon on that day. We will be packing the boxes on Monday, November 10, 9:30 a.m. in the Ravoux Room. We would appreciate any and all help in packing the boxes.

**Please deliver all gifts to boxes in the Coat Room by
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

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Father Joseph Koury
Queen of All Saints Church & Missions
PO Box 563
90 Railroad Street
Beattyville, KY 41311

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132 Bryan Street (Keel Addition)
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If you want to volunteer to assist in packing the boxes of gifts on Monday, November 10, contact Paula Ehrich at 651-686-0235.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

(New and Unwrapped Items Only)

Infants (to 1 year of age)

Diapers and Pins
Blankets
Undershirts
Sleepers
Crib Mobiles
Teething and Other Baby Toys
Powder, Lotion

Toddlers

Pull Toys
Soft Toys
Blocks
Dolls
Cars, Trucks
Clothing of All Types
Hats and Mittens

Elementary Age

Board Games
Cars, Trucks
Dolls
Coloring Books
Jump Ropes
Building Toys (Legos)
Hats, Mittens, Scarves
School Supplies (folders, scissors, glue, crayons, markers)

Pre-Teens**

Batteries
Board and Card Games
Jewelry
Watches
Hair Accessories
Radios
Purses
Backpacks
Fishing Equipment, Hunting Clothes
Sports Equipment
Craft Kits
Sweatshirts (large and extra large)
School Supplies (notebooks, pens, pencils, folders, scissors, compasses)

Teenagers

Cosmetics
Toiletries
Watches
Jewelry
Hair Accessories
Sports Equipment (fishing poles, baseballs, footballs, basketballs)
Sports Bags
Wallets
Purses
School Supplies (notebooks, pens, pencils, folders, calculators)

Adults/Elderly

Kitchen Items
Kitchen and Bath Towels
Wallets
Jewelry
Blankets and Bedding
Slippers
Toiletries
Christmas Ornaments and Decor

For All Ages

Socks
Underwear (especially large sizes)
Sweatshirts (especially large sizes)
Clothing (especially men's 20-50 and women's 1X, 2X and 3X)
Coats, Hats, Gloves, Scarves
Boots

Halloween or Christmas Candy
(individually wrapped)
Christmas Wrapping Paper

Do not include: War toys or dangerous toys, no articles that can be damaged by freezing, **used articles.**

Note: Any items remaining in the free store after the Christmas shopping season are donated to several mission churches, women's shelters, and homeless shelters in western Kentucky.



**Gifts especially needed for this age group.

Church of St. Peter

2014 Annual Council of Catholic Women

Poinsettia Sale

Ordering Weekends: October 11-12 and 18-19 in the Gathering Space
or mail to CCW, Church of St. Peter

PO Box 50679, Mendota, MN 55150-0679 by October 20



Also for 2014, marblefrost and
holiday dazzler poinsettias, Gertens plant cards.
Pick Up December 13-14

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Address: _____

Standard 5 blooms

Poinsettias	Red	Pink	White	Marble
1 to 3 \$13 each				
4 or more \$11.50 each				

Large/10 Blooms

Poinsettias	Red	Pink	White	Marble Frost	Holiday Dazzler \$30
1 to 3 \$23					Red
4 or more \$21.50 each					White

Cyclamen 6" pots (circle)

\$12 4 or more \$10 each	Red, White or Pink/Purple	
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Total quantity of items ordered: _____ Amount enclosed: \$ _____