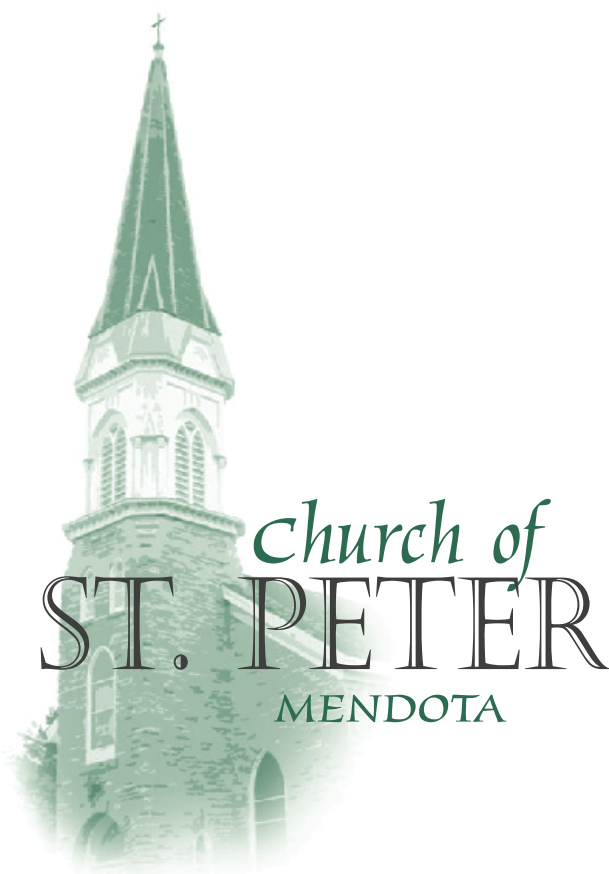




September 1, 2013
22nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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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6:30 pm the First Thursday of the Month

HOLY DAYS As announced.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm or by appointment.

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

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From the Pastor's Desk

We are expecting friends from Uganda to arrive, and I hope by the time you read this they will be with us. Most of you are well acquainted with our relationship with St. Anthony's Parish in Migyera, Uganda. We welcome Fr. Lawrence Kimbowa, former pastor there, back to St. Peter's. We also welcome Fr. Charles Muyimba, who has also been here before. May God bless you and the people of the towns of Migyera and Nabbingo!

On June 29 of this year, Pope Francis published his first encyclical letter. An encyclical is the highest level of papal teaching, and any pope can be expected to write only a small number of them during his entire pontificate. Pope Francis, who was elected on March 13, tells us in the encyclical itself that he took up the text prepared in draft form by his predecessor Benedict XVI, who renounced the papacy effective February 28. He says he added "a few contributions of my own." This is the first time a new pope has acknowledged this cooperative process in preparing an encyclical for publication.

The name of the letter is *Lumen Fidei*. Encyclicals are always referred to by the first several words in the Latin original of the text. *Lumen Fidei* means "the light of faith," and the letter is quite simply written on the topic of faith. I would like to tell you a few things about the letter, which has a special significance to us since we are in the Year of Faith.

The encyclical, which is easily downloaded from the Vatican website, has 60 sections which total 26 pages when printed. It is divided into an introduction and four chapters. In the introduction, Pope Francis states that many people of our day believe the light of faith is only an illusory light that prevents people from searching for knowledge. To them, faith is associated with darkness. So it is necessary for us to recover the understanding that faith is a light born of an encounter with God who reveals his love. God's love allows us to see both the past in the fulfillment of God's promises, and to see the future that guides us on the path from isolation to communion with others. This, I might add, was a consistent theme of Pope Benedict XVI: that we are always being called by God to journey out of our "I" into a relationship with others.

Chapter One is entitled, "We Have Believed in Love." It speaks of the faith of Abraham, and then addresses the faith of all of Israel before speaking specifically about Christian faith and life lived in the Church. Chapter Two, "Unless You Believe, You Will Not Understand," describes the reasonableness of faith. In it, the Holy Father speaks of understanding God's plan through hearing and

sight. He addresses the dialogue between faith and reason, and mentions the search for God.

Chapter Three of *Lumen Fidei* is named, "I Delivered to You What I Also Received." It addresses the fact that we receive our faith through the Church. We are people who are in relation to others. Faith is transmitted to us through the sacraments, especially through Baptism and the Eucharist. Finally, Chapter Four, "God Prepares a City for Them," points out the place of faith in the network of human relationships, both in the family and in society.

Now I would like to go into more detail about what Pope Francis has to say in his first encyclical. Chapter One begins with Abraham, our father in faith. He hears a call and a promise: the call is to leave his land and journey to another, and the promise is that he would be the father of a nation. The Pope says Abraham's faith was an act of remembrance, but not of the past. It would be "the memory of a promise" which "becomes capable of opening up the future." He is promised by God that he would be a father, and then is asked to sacrifice his son Isaac, and he trusts that the God who was able to grant him a son in his old age would also be able to fulfill his promise (paragraph 11).

The faith of ancient Israel was always one of remembering God's mighty deeds. It also shows "the temptation to unbelief to which the people yielded more than once. Here the opposite of faith is shown to be idolatry" (paragraph 13). Pope Francis says that people turn to idols because in idol worship there is no risk that people will be asked to do what they do not want to do, to abandon their security. He even says idols exist "as a pretext for setting ourselves at the centre of reality and worshiping the works of our own hands." Faith, however, "breaks with idols to turn to the living God in a personal encounter." Faith enables us to see the path "to the encounter of God and humanity: the history of salvation."

Christian faith is centered on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. His life is God's definitive intervention in history. Through Jesus' dying for us, we can know the reliability of his love. The Pope says that if God were remote from us, it would make no difference whether we believed in him or not. But Christians "profess their faith in God's tangible and powerful love which really does act in history and determines its final destiny: a love that can be encountered, a love fully revealed in Christ's passion, death, and resurrection" (paragraph 17). We are united with Christ in order to believe. As we would trust one more knowledgeable than we are to build a house, for example, so we can trust Jesus in the matter of knowing God. "We 'believe' Jesus when we accept his word, his testimony ... We 'believe in' Jesus when we personally welcome him into our lives and journey toward him" (paragraph 18).

To be continued...

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin

Workcamp



2014 will mark the 20th anniversary of Workcamp at St. Peter's. The first trip was to Muskegon, Michigan in 1994, and since then

Workcamp has brought thousands of hours of services to communities all over the country. We will be commemorating this anniversary between now and next summer in a variety of ways, including the launch of an online Workcamp archive, and a 20th anniversary celebration in 2014 for all alumni and their families. Currently, we are trying to accumulate pictures and information from previous Workcamp trips, especially from 2000 and earlier. If you or any of your family members are Workcamp alumni, and can help with this project (especially if you have any group pictures from trips in the 90s) please contact Ed Overell.

We are happy to announce that our 20th anniversary trip will be to Kittery, Maine. We will leave via coach bus on Thursday evening July 24, and return Sunday, August 3. Registration will open for new campers the weekend of September 28/29. A deposit of \$250 is required to hold your spot. More information can be found at www.stpetersworkcamp.org or by contacting Ed Overell at 651-905-4312 or coverell@stpetersmendota.org.

Parish Leadership Retreat

On Friday, September 27, and Saturday, September 28, we will be hosting a Parish Leadership Retreat. This retreat will help the leaders of St. Peter's ministries to focus on stewardship as a way of life. All ministry leaders and Parish Pastoral Council members have been contacted, but if we missed you and you are interested in attending, please let the parish office know. You are welcome to join us! If you plan to attend, please let the office know by Sunday, September 15.

New Parishioner Registration Cancelled

If you are new to our parish, welcome! There will be no registration table available after the Masses the first weekend in September, but if you would like to register as a parishioner, please contact the office or stop by the table after the Masses during the first weekend in October.



Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

Pastoral Ministry

Christian Initiation

If you or someone you know has been thinking about becoming Catholic you are invited to join our Christian Initiation process. This process is appropriate for both the baptized and the unbaptized and for some who may already have made their First Communion as a child, but has not received the sacrament of Confirmation. Classes begin in the fall. 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.

First Thursday Weekday Mass

This is a friendly reminder that weekday evening Mass is celebrated in the Historic Church on the first Thursday of every month. Join us in the Historic Church on September 5, from 6:30-7 p.m.

Family Potluck Play Date

Come meet other parish families and enjoy some time outdoors! There will be a family picnic play date for families with young children on Saturday, September 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Marie Park in Mendota Heights. We ask that you pack your own lunches, and popsicles will be provided for dessert. To RSVP and for questions, contact Paula at p.kraus@comcast.net or 651-454-6757.

Our Annual Fall Festival is Coming Soon!



Our Fall Festival will be on Sunday, October 6, this year! It takes a lot of work, and we need people to give their time and talent to help make it a success. You can sign up for a variety of opportunities, such as running games for kids, selling food or tickets, as well as many other options. This is a great chance to help out your parish while having fun and meeting new friends! To sign up online, go to our parish website and under the Community menu, choose "Fall Festival" and follow the link there. Otherwise, contact Sara Rogers at 651-905-4308 or srogers@stpetersmendota.org.

We are also interested in donations of prizes (such as candy, small stuffed animals, or money to buy prizes) for various games at the festival, as well as bottles of any non-alcoholic drinks, such as pop, juice, or water. If you are able to help us out with these items, please drop them off at the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 8/12/13-8/18/13	\$18,965
Actual for the period 8/12/13-8/18/13	\$15,419
Budget for the period 8/19/13-8/25/13	\$11,385
Actual for the period 8/19/13-8/25/13	\$10,293
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$117,940
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$109,453

Deanery Meeting

The St. Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women will hold their first quarterly deanery meeting at St. Peter's Mendota on Thursday, September 19, at 9 a.m.

It includes a business meeting, a program, and Mass. All the ladies of the parish are invited to this meeting. More information will be in next weekend's bulletin

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The St. Paul deanery is also sponsoring a tour of churches for a cost of \$10 each:

- Chùa Phật Ân, a Buddhist Temple, at 475 Minnesota Avenue, Roseville, Thursday, September 12, at 10 a.m.
- Fr. Wolnik, deanery spiritual advisor, will lead a tour at the Cathedral of St. Paul on Thursday, October 10, at 10 a.m.

To register for any of the tours, send your check to Florence Schmidt, 507 Lovell Ave., Roseville, MN 55113.

Lift Up Their Hearts 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, September 14, Northview Park,
980 Northview Park Road, Eagan
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

All participants signing up prior to 11:59 a.m. on Sunday, September 1, are GUARANTEED a t-shirt in their size. All other participants to receive t-shirts on first come first serve basis.

Proceeds from this event will go to the school being built in Butare, Rwanda. Lift Up Their Hearts is an organization dedicated to helping Rwanda's orphans and widows recover from the genocide, and making a better future for Rwanda's children. You will find more information at www.active.com/running/eagan-mn/lift-up-their-hearts-5k-run-walk-2013.

St. Peter's Reaches Out



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School is just around the corner! School supplies are on sale! Please consider buying extras for children of families who can't purchase them. We will donate them to MORE's Multicultural School for Empowerment as we have done in the past. Students need pencils, pens, magic markers, notebooks, lined paper, crayons, rulers, etc. Your contributions are well-received by the staff at MORE. Boxes for the school supplies are located in the Main Church coat room or the office entrance. Deadline for bringing in supplies will be Sunday, September 8.

Neighbors Thank You

Our sincere thank you for the generous donation of 373 pounds of food you made to us during July.

Thanks neighbor!

Many of your neighbors will benefit from these gifts from your heart.

Sincerely,
Neighbors Inc. Staff and Volunteers

St. Peter's Blood Drive Thursday, September 12

You can sign up online for a donation appointment at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>, enter the zip code for St. Peter's—55120—or call Rita at 651-454-4773. You can also sign up after Masses on Sunday, September 8. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Wedding Banns

Third Proclamation

William Funk and Chelsey Rose

Second Proclamation

Angelina Smith Isaac and Mark Sullivan

St. Peter's-Sponsored Boy Scout Troop 264 Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, September 15, 9:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Heritage Center**



Save your appetite for Sunday morning's Boy Scout Troop 264 pancake breakfast fundraiser. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. Tickets are \$4 per child (12 and under), \$7 for adults, or \$20 for a family. All proceeds support Troop 264.

Labor Day Mass and Office Hours

Mass on Labor Day will be celebrated on Monday, September 2, 9 a.m. in the Historic Church. The parish office will be closed on Labor Day in observance of the holiday.



Enjoy your holiday weekend!

The Week of September 2

Monday, September 2—Labor Day

Parish Office Closed

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

Tuesday, September 3

Loaves and Fishes

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm

11 am-12 Noon
Mobile Meals

Wednesday, September 4

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

Thursday, September 5

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6:30 pm Evening Weekday Mass, Historic Church
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, September 6

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

Saturday, September 7

9 and 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
10 am Scripture Study, Community Room
2 pm Funk/Rose Wedding, Main Church
4 pm Reconciliation, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
5 pm Mass, Main Church

Sunday, September 8—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church
After Masses
Hospitality
Blood Drive Appointments

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Readings for the Week of September 1

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19,
22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk
14:25-33

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 1 - Choice of the Priest

Tuesday, September 2 - †Marge Ramstad

Wednesday, September 3 - †Jack Jurewicz

Thursday, September 4 - 9 a.m. - †John Clifford
6:30 p.m. - Choice of the Priest

Friday, September 5 - †Joe Schloegl

Saturday, September 6 - †Howard Unger

Sunday, September 7- 9 a.m. - Barbara & Jeff
 Swant's 40th Wedding Anniversary

11 a.m. - Mass For the People

Rediscover

2013 Rediscover: Catholic Celebration

Join with fellow Catholics from across the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis as we celebrate the depth and beauty of our Catholic faith!

Saturday, October 12
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Doors open at 7 a.m.
Saint Paul RiverCentre

Rediscover: Emceed by Jeff Cavins, the event will feature Archbishop John C. Nienstedt, Matthew Kelly, Fr. Robert Barron, George Weigel, and more dynamic speakers. Programming for Spanish-speakers and youth kindergarten through 10th grade will be offered.

Tickets:
Adult: \$15
Youth grades 7-10: \$7
Children K-grade 6: \$5

Register now at Rediscover-faith.org! For questions or to request a mail-in registration form, please email Rediscover@archspm.org or call 651-291-4411.

Rediscover Busses Leaving St. Peter's

Busses will be leaving from St. Peter's at 7:30 a.m. and returning at 4:30 p.m. If you have registered for this event and would like to ride the bus, registration for the bus service is requested. There is no charge for the bus, but free will donations will be accepted. To register for the bus, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org with your name and the number of people in your party, including children.

Rediscover: Faith 2013 Speaker Series

Attendance at the speakers series talks earlier this year topped 12,000! Due to popular demand, the speakers series talks will be repeated at new locations this fall, beginning the week of September 16. Talks will be held on Mondays at Holy Name of Jesus in Wayzata, Tuesdays at Epiphany in Coon Rapids, Wednesdays at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, and Thursdays at Pax Christi in 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. For dates and other details please visit Rediscover-faith.org under "events."

Schedules Available

The liturgical ministries schedule is now available for September 7 through January 1. If you have not received the schedule, you can find extras near the blue sign-in binder outside the Family Room, or contact Sara Rogers at srogers@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4308.

Calling All Boys in 1st-5th Grade

Looking for fun and adventure? Cub Scout Pack 824 is gearing up for another exciting year of scouting and would love to tell you about it! Come learn more about our pack and activities at a scouting information night in the Faithful Shepherd Catholic School cafeteria on Thursday, September 5, at 7 p.m. For more information, contact John Mark Reimann at 651-336-3531 or johnmarkreimann@yahoo.com.

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Annual Mass for Persons with disAbilities

The Annual Mass for Persons' with disAbilities is set for **Sunday, September 8, at 3 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel at The Saint Paul Seminary.** This special Mass, hosted by The Saint Paul Seminary, begins at 2:30 p.m. with a sing-along. Bishop Lee A. Piché will celebrate the Mass and confer the sacrament of Confirmation. All are invited and welcome. Please call Deacon Sean and Joan Curtan at 651-291-4543 or email curtans@archspm.org for more information.

Holy Family Guild Luncheon/Style Show

Join us at the Holy Family Guild Luncheon & Style Show by Chico's on Grand Avenue. The proceeds benefit Little Sisters of the Poor.

The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 21, at the Pool & Yacht Club. The cost is \$30. Please send your check to Pauline Coleman, 1661 Beechwood Ave., St Paul, MN 55116. If you have any questions, call Mary Edel-Joyce at 651-639-1383.



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Welcome!

September 13, 14, 15, 2013

St. Peter's Church Grounds in Mendota, Minnesota 55150
1405 Sibley Memorial Hwy

Emcee: **Mitch Walking Elk**
Arena Director: **Windy Down Wind**
Host Drum : **Scotty Brown Eyes**
Co Host Drum: **Little Thunder Birds**
Men's Head Dancer: **Nick Anderson**
Women's Head Dancer: **Mary So Happy**
Spiritual Advisor: **Claudia Anderson**

Honoring Bob Brown & Mark LaPointe

Friday, Sep 13

5:05 pm..... Lighting the Sacred Fire
(followed by a potluck dinner)

Saturday, Sep 14

11:00 am..... Dancer Registration
1:00 pm..... Grand Entry
3:30 pm..... Bob Brown Honoring
5:00 pm..... Dancer Registration
7:00 pm..... Grand Entry
8:00 pm..... Mark LaPointe Honoring
8:45 pm..... Registered Dancers Payout
Giveaway this year, donations
needed!!

Sunday, Sep 15

11:00 am Dancer Registration
1:00 pm..... Grand Entry
2:30 pm..... Joey Browner Honoring
3:30 pm Cherokee Park United Church
5:30 pm..... Closing Ceremony & Feast
5:00 pm..... Registered Dancers Payout

\$5 Entry Button Donation, no one turned away!

For more information call 651-452-4141

NO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, FIREARMS, OR PETS ALLOWED

Please note: This is a Traditional Pow-Wow not a competition.
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