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September 25, 2016
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR MISSION

St. Peter's is here to bring the good news of the Gospel to all, so that every person can have a personal, life changing, life giving relationship with Jesus Christ.

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 3:30 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

This Sunday's Gospel is one of those passages that is hard to misinterpret and difficult to ignore. It is not a simple comparison; Jesus isn't telling us this story to hold Lazarus, the poor man, up as all that is good, nor is he condemning the rich man as purely evil. This is a story about the importance of opening our eyes to what is right in front of us. It is a caution about getting too wrapped up in the details of one's own life and becoming blind and deaf to the cries of the poor on our doorstep. It is tremendously uncomfortable and humbling, to have to confront the fact that we can become so focused on our own needs and self-sufficiency, and those of our immediate families, that we become immune to the deficiency of basic needs that is faced by so many in the wider world.

St. John of the Cross said, "In the evening of life, we will be examined in love." Much like the rich man is tormented after his death because of his failure to acknowledge and serve the poor man at his gate, our actions- *and our inaction*- will be assessed through the lens of love at the end of our own lives. Where have we failed to see those who suffer? When have we seen but dismissed it, whether because we believe it is someone else's responsibility, or because it looms so large a problem we feel overwhelmed?

The rich man, upon hearing that his own loved ones will suffer his fate, begs Abraham to send Lazarus to show them the error of their ways before it's too late. Abraham knows that it is a request doomed to fail. If even Moses' wisdom and example hasn't opened their eyes by now, it is unlikely that anything will.

In addition to the example we also have of Moses, we have, among others, two amazing women in our lifetime, who have exemplified awareness of the poor and the disadvantaged.

St. Teresa of Calcutta gave her life in service to some of the most impoverished in the world. The Missionaries of Charity, founded by St. Teresa in 1950, would, by 2012 include 4,500 sisters, be active in 133 countries and would focus much of its resources on serving the people who society most scorned - those with HIV/AIDS, leprosy and tuberculosis. She and her sisters would open and run orphanages, schools, clinics and counseling centers.

In addition to the vows common for many orders of chastity, poverty and obedience, members of the Missionaries of Charity also take a fourth vow, which is to give "wholehearted free service to the poorest of the

poor." Despite decades of difficulty and pain in her own prayer life, St. Teresa remained committed to the ministry of those in whom she saw the face of Jesus.

Another example of a life lived with eyes wide open to the needs of the weak and poor is Marian Wright Edelman. Edelman, an activist and voice for children, founded the Children's Defense Fund in 1973 as a voice for poor children, children of color and children with disabilities. She helped to develop Head Start and worked to persuade Congress to overhaul foster care, support adoption, improve child care and protect children who are disabled, homeless, abused or neglected. "If you don't like the way the world is, you have an obligation to change it. Just do it one step at a time," says Edelman.

There are certainly times when I, too, feel like the amount of poverty and need in the world is too vast to contemplate. I find myself wondering what I could possibly do to make even the smallest difference. When I shifted positions from the religious education department here at St. Peter's to my current role, I was excited and confident that I could do a decent job, but I was a little overwhelmed by the enormity of what I would be taking on. My coworkers in religious education gave me a parting gift and a card, which still hangs on the bulletin board in my office 8 years later. It is my reminder that, as St. Teresa once said, "We can do no great things - only small things with great love." Every day, my prayer is that I will see first, the real needs of the world, and second, that I will strive to do the small things that might impact the world for the better in some way. As Ms. Edelman stated so perfectly, "You just need to be a flea against injustice. Enough committed fleas biting strategically can make even the biggest dog uncomfortable and transform even the biggest nation."

Let us say a prayer that God will open our eyes to God's beloved poor. Let us pray that we will keep our hearts and minds free to love them, and in doing so, love and serve God ever more fully. Grant us true freedom - freedom from the excesses of our own lives and freedom from the delusion that we are on our own in the world. Lord, in the evening of our own lives, let it be said that we saw our sisters and brothers in need and served them wholeheartedly.



Lisa Amos

Wedding Banns



Second Proclamation

Bradley Busch and Amy Trainer



Register Your Child for REFF! Classes Start This Week!

REFF Monthly Newsletter

If you have a child between the ages of 3 and 16, you should be receiving the monthly religious education newsletter at your family email address. If you did not receive one, please contact Kathy Raible at kraible@stpetersmendota.org with your family name and email address. Unless you have specified, you will not receive the newsletter through the post office mail.

Start/Resume dates for 2016 - 2017

- ♦ Sunday School (Ages 3 ½ to 5 yrs.) classes begin today, Sunday, September 25 at 9 a.m.
- ♦ Elementary & Middle School (Grades 1-8) classes begin Wednesday, September 28.

Please be aware that we will have an informational meeting for parents on Wednesday, September 28, for the first half hour of class time. The last 20 minutes of each session will be a prayer service in the Main Church. All parents are invited to join us.

♦ Grade 2 Reconciliation Program Parent-Child Session I

On Tuesday, October 11, we will have our first Parent-Child Session for those who have children in the Reconciliation Program. We will meet at 6 p.m. in Heritage Center. All children that are in Grade 2 (public and Catholic school) should be registered in this program. Please remember that the grade 2 children do not go to class on Wednesday, October 12; instead they will accompany you on Tuesday, October 11. Children will go to their classrooms, while the parents meet in Heritage Center.

There will be NO CLASSES for Sunday School or Liturgy of the Word for Children on Sunday, October 2. Mass will be at 10 a.m., followed by the St. Peter's Fall Festival. I hope to see you all there!

Thank you.
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Learn More About FSCS

Learn more about our parish school, Faithful Shepherd Catholic School, at one of our upcoming open house dates:

Thursday, Nov. 10 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.,
Parent Information Night.

Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.,
Open House.

Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., Open House.

More information about these events can be found online at www.fscsmn.org. If you are unable to make one of these events, we invite you to contact the school at 651-406-4747 to schedule a private tour.



Troop 264 Celebrates 50 Years

St. Peter's Boy Scout Troop is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a special event today, Sunday, September 25th, at 2:30 p.m. Our scouts will be demonstrating their skills outdoors, while special exhibits in the Ravoux Room will highlight Troop 264's history and programs. A Court of Honor will follow, beginning at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Current and former St. Peter's scouts and leaders are especially encouraged to attend. Contact Dwight Rabuse at 651-681-9258 for more information.

Cub Scout/Boy Scout Information

Cub Scouts is for boys in kindergarten through grade 5. There will be a signup/information table in the Gathering Space, after the Masses on September 24/25 in the Gathering Space. Experienced scouts will be there to answer your questions.

We are available to talk to boys who might want to join Boy Scouts (ages 11-18) at either of these times.

St Peter's sponsors both a Cub Scout Pack and a Boy Scout Troop. We hope you will stop by to see what we are all about.



ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY NEWS

Fall Festival News



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016

One Mass 10 a.m.

Festival 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Highlights

The Raffle

Tickets sold so far: 579

Tickets remaining: 421

Grand Prize-\$5,000

First Prize-\$2,000

Second Prize-\$1,000

Thank you to all who have purchased tickets so far!
Help us reach our goal by selling the last 421 tickets!

The Wine Raffle

The wine raffle tickets will go on sale beginning this weekend, after every Mass. Take a chance at winning 4, 5, or 6 bottles of wine. Tickets are \$20 each, and only 100 tickets will be sold. Sponsored by Faithful Shepherd Catholic School Parents.

Interested in volunteering or donating items for the Fall Festival? Please sign up in the gathering space. Items can be dropped off in the parish office, or before and after Mass on the weekends.



CCW Collection for Haiti Project

In Haiti, medications come in bulk form and medical personnel have to dispense them in smaller containers. For burials, they use sheets or tablecloths. They are currently cutting sheets in half to make them go further. They use pillowcases to transport rice.

The CCW will be collecting these much needed items:

- Empty pill bottles (with labels removed).
- All sizes of **WHITE ONLY** sheets, pillow cases.
- All sizes of **WHITE ONLY** tablecloths.

In the cloak room, you will find green bins for the collection: one for the sheets/pillowcases/tablecloths and one for the pill bottles.

Thank you so much for your participation.

Adoration for the Sanctification of Priests

A beautiful prayer ministry opportunity awaits you at St. Mary's Chapel at the St. Paul Seminary, located on the University of St. Thomas Campus, 2115 Summit Ave., St. Paul. Adoration for the Sanctification of Priests is held each Thursday, September through May. Adorers commit to one hour shifts. The schedule coincides with the academic calendar for the University of St. Thomas. Two people are needed for each hour, with some hours being filled by three or four adorers. Adoration hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a break between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Mass is offered at 11:35 a.m. Please contact St. Peter's parishioner, Teresa Lodoen, at 952-707-0539 for further information or to sign up.

Appalachia Christmas 2016

Last year's (2015) collection of NEW gifts for the poorest of the poor topped 2014's donations by a landslide. It is that time of year again. Even though we at St. Peter's are involved in several programs, we can take advantage of all the upcoming sales and stock up on items the people of Kentucky are in need of to live a little more comfortably.

As in the past, there will be a flyer in the bulletin with a list of the NEW ITEMS needed. We will also be filling shoeboxes for children as requested by Pope Francis in the "Papal Footprints" program he instituted. Letting our children fill a simple shoe box to donate would be a great way to get them involved, as well.

Thanking you in advance,

Kathi Dumond, Chair and Paula Ehrich, Vice Chair

The Week of September 26

Monday, September 26

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)
6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony, Heritage Center
7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Rm

Tuesday, September 27

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)
9:30 am Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament until 6 pm, Historic Church
10:30 am Mobile Meals (Off campus)

Wednesday, September 28

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

Thursday, September 29

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, September 30

- 8 am** Confessions, Main Church
9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)

Saturday, October 1

- 9 and 10:30 am**
 AA Meeting, Classrooms 2, 4
10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Community Rm
3:30 pm Confessions, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm
5 pm Mass, Main Church
After Mass
 Baptism, Main Church
 Silent Auction, Heritage Center
 New Parishioner Registration, Gathering Space

Sunday, October 2

- 9:30 am** Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm
10 am Mass with Prayer for Vocations, Main Church
After Mass
 New Parishioner Registration, Gathering Space
 Fall Festival, Outside grounds, Heritage Center

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Readings for the Week of September 25

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/
 Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-8/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10-15/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 26 - †Donald Elson

Tuesday, September 27 - †Tom McMenimen

Wednesday, September 28 - †Justin Kaufenberg

Thursday, September 29 †Roberta Nolan

Friday, September 30 - †John Timoney

Saturday, October 1 - †Angelica Flores

Sunday, October 2 - 10 a.m. - Mass For The People

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Divine Mercy Cenacle

St. Peter's Divine Mercy Cenacle will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 28, at 9:45 a.m. in the Ravoux Room. This first meeting is the kick off for existing members, but also a great time for you to check out our group. We study the writings of St. Faustina, Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Join our Divine Mercy Cenacle for a Holy Hour in the Main Church on Wednesday, October 5 from 10 to 11 a.m. We will pray together before the Blessed Sacrament in gratitude for the life of St. Faustina, who shared the message of the gift of Divine Mercy. Refreshments will be shared in the Ravoux Room, following Adoration.

If you would like further information, please contact Carol Mulvihill at 651-356-2970.

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 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Many husbands and wives seem to be caught up in their career, TV, sports or children. Re-examine your married lifestyle and priorities through a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next scheduled Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are October 7-9, in Buffalo, and November 18-20, in Prior Lake. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit our website at twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.



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.”*

Growing Through Loss Series

AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL COALITION OF SOUTH SUBURBAN CHURCHES PRESENTS THE FIRST IN A FOUR-WEEK SERIES

Brenda De Motte, MSW, LICSW will speak on “How Men and Women Grieve Differently,” on Thursday, September 29, at Augustana Lutheran Church in West St. Paul.

Registration starts at 6:30 p.m. The speaker will begin at 7 p.m. We will break into small support groups at 8 p.m.

Freewill offerings will be accepted.

For additional information call 651-452-8261 or email growingthroughloss@gmail.com.

A Tree to Remember Service

Each year, the St. Paul Deaneries' Council of Catholic Women plans a special service of song and prayer with individuals sharing their stories at A Tree to Remember.

The tree was planted in 1993 to commemorate those who died prior to birth or soon after. It is a place to pray, to remember, to meditate and to rest. Come to visit and to seek comfort by this special tree and bench in Como Park. Invite someone to accompany you to visit this special spot, so you can open to sorrows and memories in your heart and pray in this blessed and dedicated area of Como Park.

A plaque placed by the tree reads, **“A TREE TO REMEMBER” FOR SPECIAL LOVED ONES, BORN AND UNBORN, ST. PAUL DEANERIES—COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN.**

The service takes place on Saturday, October 8, at 11 a.m. in Como Park.

Directions: Go to Esterbrook by the parking lot, turn east to Nason Place, turn left, going east. Turn right at the first street, go to the end and park. The tree is on the hill by the bench.

Cursillo Corner

All are welcome to attend the monthly Ultreya (meeting) for the South East Metro which will be held today, Sunday, September 25th, at 7 p.m. in Shamrock Hall at the Church of St. Patrick, 3535 72nd Street East, Inver Grove Heights. Future dates to keep in mind:

- Sunday, October 30th, 7 p.m., South East Metro Ultreya at the Church of St Patrick in Inver Grove Heights.
- Saturday, November 12, 8 a.m., 4th Day Encounter at St John the Baptist in New Brighton.
- Sunday, November 27, 7 p.m., South East Metro Ultreya at the Church of St Patrick in Inver Grove Heights.

For more information about all Cursillo events and weekend retreats, visit www.tc-cursillo.org, email janemarie.rief@gmail.com or call 651-485-7089.

Neighbors, Inc. Duck Races

The annual Great Neighbors' Duck Races fundraising event will be held on October 1, during South St Paul's On The Road Again Festival. This family-fun event will feature duck races throughout the day, children's games/crafts and, of course, photo opportunities with Delbert the Duck. Admission is free, and ducks can be adopted (in advance or day-of) for \$5 each or a family of five ducks for \$25. Prizes are awarded for each race, and the winner of each heat will go on to race in the finals for a chance to win a one-year lease on a Jeep! Funds raised will benefit the emergency and supportive service programs at Neighbors, Inc. For more information, visit <http://www.neighborsmn.org/event/duck-race-2016/>.



neighbors, inc.

Moms/Ladies Night Out



Join us for wine around the fire on Friday, October 7, at 8 p.m., at 1316 Raspberry Lane, Eagan.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

20:20 Vision

PILGRIMAGE WITH BISHOP COZZENS TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE IN LA CROSSE.

Men, you are invited to the upcoming Men's Pilgrimage with Bishop Cozzens on Saturday, October 1, at 8 a.m. The day includes Mass, prayer, and a talk by Bishop Cozzens. The bus leaves from St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Eagan at 8 a.m. and returns by 8 p.m. Due to a generous donation, all tickets are now \$35.00 each and include the Oktoberfest Buffet, program and transportation.

Registration and more information can be found on Eventbrite by visiting eventbrite.com and type in keywords "Bishop Cozzens."

WOMAN AND MAN:

COMPLEMENTARITY AS MISSION

What do both Science and Scripture have to say about the Battle of the Sexes?

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7 to 9 p.m.

You are invited to join in round table discussions on complementarity. This event will take place at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. A free will offering will be accepted. In partnership with The Siena Symposium for Women, Family and Culture, we bring you presentations by:

Dr. Deborah Savage, Director of the Siena Symposium and Professor of Philosophy and Theology at The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity.

Dr. Greg Bottaro, Clinical Psychologist and Director of Catholic Psychological Institute.

For questions please contact Dr. Deborah Savage at pdsavage@stthomas.edu or 651-962-5061 or Susanna Bolle at bolles@archspm.org or 651-291-4411. For more information, visit www.archspm.org/complementarity. The flyer for this event will be posted on the website soon!

St. Peter's Shows Mercy By Feeding the Hungry

During this Year of Mercy, we are called to show mercy by performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy. We invite you to join us to Feed the Hungry at a meal packing event at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) on Thursday, Oct. 13, from 6 -7:30 p.m.

Feed My Starving Children is located at 990 Lone Oak Road (just east of Lexington), Suite 136, in Eagan.

Space can be limited, so if you are interested in joining us, please call Paul or Peggy Hirsch at 651- 431-1832 or email them at phirsch651@aol.com

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Together with other parishes in the Archdiocese, St. Peter's helps to bring Christmas joy to two parishes in western Kentucky each year. Thanks to your generosity, both parents and children can select Christmas gifts for one another at a "free store" hosted by the two parishes, which are located in areas where annual income falls far below the poverty line.

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 items for suggestions.) Because two parishes are involved, we ask that you purchase two of any items, if at all possible.
- Bring the **unwrapped** items to St. Peter's and place them in one of the collection boxes in the coat room that are marked "Appalachian Christmas." Please, **no used or old items**.
- Please make a note of the deadline, which is **Sunday, November 6**. All donations of new, unwrapped gifts are due by noon on that day. We will be packing the boxes on Monday, November 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ravoux Room. We would appreciate any and all help in packing the boxes.

PLEASE DELIVER ALL GIFTS TO THE BOXES IN THE COAT ROOM BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

If you prefer to contribute money to purchase additional needed gifts and food for Christmas dinners for families, mail your checks directly to:

Father Joseph Koury
Queen of All Saints Church & Missions
PO Box 563
90 Railroad St.
Beattyville, KY 41311-0563

Father Richard Watson
St. Francis of Assisi Church & Missions
147 Bryan St.
Pikeville, KY 41501-1404

If you want to volunteer to assist in packing the boxes of gifts on **Monday, November 7**, contact Paula Ehrich at 651-483-3912.

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GIFT SUGGESTIONS – NEW ITEMS ONLY

Infant to 1 Year of Age

Diapers and Pins
Blankets
Shirts

Crib Mobiles
Sleepers
Rattles

Teethers
Powder & Lotions
Baby Toys

Toddlers

Pull Toys
Soft Toys

Cars & Trucks
Blocks

Balls
Dolls

Ages 4-12

Games
Cars & Trucks
Socks & Underwear
Markers

Marbles
Jacks
School Supplies
(GI Joe toys are ok, but no guns, please)

Jump Ropes
Dolls
Coloring Books & Crayons

Ages 12-18

Cosmetics
Wallets
Jewelry
Purses
Sports Equipment

Sports Equipment
Large Sweatshirts
Radios
Belts

Batteries
Fishing Equipment
Watches
Toiletries

Music Box
Camouflage Vests
Socks & Underwear
Hunting Clothes

Adults (18+) & Elderly

Powder/Lotion
Sweatshirts
Socks/Knee Highs
Towels

Slippers
Purses
Jewelry
Underwear

Billfolds
Scarves
Nail Clippers

Larger Size Shirts
Kitchen Items
Blankets & Bedding

Other Items

Toiletries
Christmas Ornaments
Craft Kits

Wrapping Paper, Boxes, Tags, Etc.
Dried Fruits & Nuts
Hard Candy

- Many coats and blankets are used in the sub-zero temperatures, so they are especially needed.
- To prevent moisture spoiling candy, all candy must be placed in a plastic bag, big plastic container or popcorn cans. Be sure to mark the container “candy.”
- Articles that can be damaged by freezing, heavy items or canned goods are not acceptable.

Thank you for your generosity!

