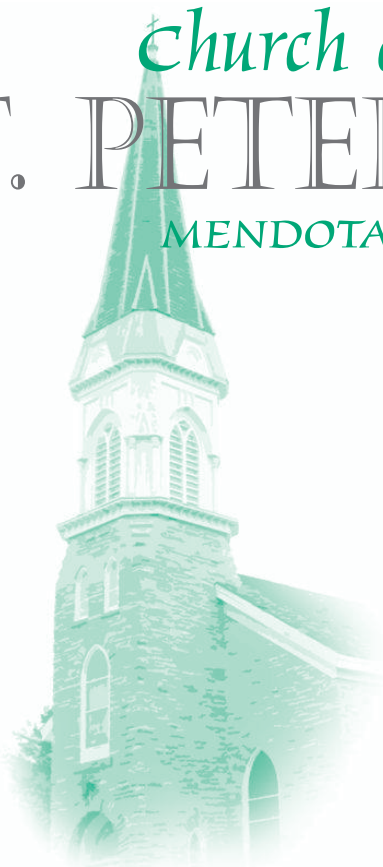


Church of ST. PETER MENDOTA



September 27, 2015
26th 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

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

Reflections from our Pastor

My dear friends,

We have all heard the saying, “a family that prays together, stays together.” I personally don’t think this is always necessarily the case, for obviously it depends on how a family prays. Prayer, as Jesus said, needs to come from the heart, and not just recited with the lips.

Prayer is as necessary for the soul as breathing is for the body. But what if I do not know how to speak with God? What if I never learned how to pray beyond the few formulas I learned as a child? What if prayer was missing altogether in my family, beyond an occasional meal-time prayer?

I remember my first heart-felt prayer. I was 19 and it was simply a cry to God at a moment of personal crisis, nothing polished or impressive, but very honest and sincere. Soon afterward, as I began to turn my whole life over to God, the Lord put a woman in my family’s life who taught each of us how to pray. She knew that we needed something simple, and so she passed onto us what the Lord had given her many years earlier. The prayer she taught us had 4 simple steps, which she encouraged us to pray sincerely at least 3 times a day: 1. Call to mind the presence of God. 2. Ask for the meekness and humility of Jesus. 3. Surrender our entire will to God. And 4. ask for God’s will to be done in return.

Before the 3rd time at the end of the day, this same Christian woman encouraged us to examine our conscience and ask God’s forgiveness for any sins we were aware of, any failures to love. As I began to take up this practice of talking with God and surrendering my will to Him, it made me realize why I was so lost before and so unhappy. I was trying to figure life out on my own, while leaning on my own fallen, frail, weak little self. Prayer opened my heart to a much larger, more hopeful vision of life, while linking me to the strength, wisdom and grace that I did not have on my own. Prayer made me more aware of the presence of God, I could see blessings that I formerly missed. I found courage and strength to face life’s troubles. How did I live without prayer before? The truth is, I wasn’t living, I was barely surviving.

About 10 years ago I came across another simple approach to prayer of the heart that was very similar to the one offered to me and my family, but filled in with a little more explanation. I offer this for anyone who, like me, may have never been taught how to pray, or anyone

who may feel lost or stuck in their prayer life. It’s important, as I said in the beginning, that spouses and families also pray together, but it is equally important that each family member has their own personal prayer life as well. Many people like myself, have found meal prayers inadequate to sustain a healthy relationship with God. They cannot carry us through life. They are not able to equip us for the daily trials and hardship. We need something more, like the prayer below, or something similar.

This prayer need only take 5 or 10 minutes, though one is certainly free to take more time if needed or desired. The prayer can be addressed to God the Father, to Jesus, or to the Holy Spirit. Go where your heart is naturally drawn. Here are the steps:

1. Find a quiet place and be still. It may help to close your eyes. Ask the Lord to quiet your mind and heart, and make a simple act of faith in God’s presence, like, “I believe Lord that you are here with me, that you are listening to me, and that you have been waiting in love for this special time with me.”
2. Talk to God about your day, about anything, in a simple, child-like manner. Thank Him for a special moment, ask for help with a decision you need to make or something you are struggling with, a concern you have for someone or something that has hurt you.
3. Trustful Surrender to God: Place the difficulty, the problem or hurt into your hands and surrender this to God, surrendering also yourself, your whole life, all the persons involved in your life. Surrender all this with your heart to God and ask God for His perfect Will to be done in your Life. Be sure to ask Him for anything special you need, like patience, or courage, or forgiveness.
4. Listen to God: Prayer is a two-way conversation. We also need to listen. Rest in the silence of God’s presence, in the embrace of His peace and love, and listen. Be still and be ready and open to receive God’s light and grace. They may be unfelt and imperceptible but that’s OK. You will still notice wonderful changes in your life.
5. Finally, thank God for this time with Him and for at least one blessing of that day.

There are slips of paper at the back of the Church on the choir side with this prayer, be sure to take some for your family and friends. God will certainly bless abundantly any efforts we make to spend time with Him and open our hearts to His love.

God love you,



Fr. Steven

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Start/Resume dates for 2015-2016:

Elementary & Middle School (Grades 1–8)

Classes begin Wednesday, September 30. Please be aware that we will have an information meeting for parents on September 30 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 Reconciliation Session I

On **Tuesday, October 6**, we will have our first parent 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 school and Catholic school) should be registered in this program.

Please remember that the grade 2 children **do not go to class on Wednesday, October 7**, instead they will accompany you on Tuesday. Children will go to their classrooms while the parents meet in Heritage Center.

Thank you.

Kathy Raible

651-905-4311

Fall Festival and Religion Programs on October 4

Sunday School Program

Sunday School children will have class at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 4, so we coincide with the scheduled Mass.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

and Confirmation class will not be held on October 4.

Youth Group Starts September 27!

All high school aged students are welcome to join us as we kick off our youth ministry year with a youth group bonfire on Sunday, September 27, from 6:30-8 p.m. Bring your friends and an appetite for S'mores! For more information, contact Elizabeth at emccanna@stpetersmendota.org. Our next youth group event will be apple picking on October 11 at 12 noon. Registration for apple picking is required. Contact Elizabeth today to sign up!

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Tuesday, September 29

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Registration, 6:30; Speaker, 7:00; Support Groups

(facilitated by trained leaders), 8:00

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For additional information call 651-452-8261 or

email growingthroughloss@gmail.com

Pastoral Ministry

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.

Holy Hour and Rosary for Our Archdiocese

Sunday, October 11, 1-2 p.m.

Main Church

As we wait with hope for the assignment of a new archbishop for our archdiocese, coming together as a community to pray is increasingly important.

Please join others for an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, which will begin with the rosary. We will pray together for healing for all of those who have been hurt in any way by the events of the recent past and to pray for the future of our local church, its current leadership, and its eventual new archbishop.



St. Peter's Community News

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY - August		
Month - August	Actual	Budget
Contribution Income	\$ 63,868	\$ 69,932
Other Income	9,958	6,541
	73,826	76,473
Expenses	(73,087)	(73,595)
Net Income (Expense)	\$ 739	\$ 2,878
Year to Date		
Contribution Income	\$ 124,283	\$ 128,967
Other Income	12,539	9,584
	136,822	138,551
Expenses	(157,474)	(158,201)
Net Income (Expense)	\$ (20,652)	\$ (19,650)
Parish Debt		
Principal Balance Beginning of Month		\$ 5,727,639
Principal Paid		11,198
Principal Balance End of Month		\$ 5,716,441

Don't Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card

Remember to turn in your Commitment Card either through Sunday collections or the parish office. 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. Thank you to those of you who have already returned your card!

Turn Hunger Into Hope at Feed My Starving Children

We hope you can join the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) ministry team at a meal packing event on Tuesday, October 13, from 6-7:30 p.m. at FMSC in Eagan: 990 Lone Oak Road (just east of Lexington)

Space can be limited, so if you are interested in joining us in this, or future food packing events, please contact Paul or Peggy Hirsch at 651-431-1832 or phirsch651@aol.com

Last time, FMSC Ministry members came together with others in the community to assemble 20,300 meals that were to be used for future emergency food needs. Please join us for this fun and rewarding event!

Women's Bible Study

New members welcome! St. Peter's Women's Bible Study will be meeting on Tuesdays from 9:45-11:15 a.m. in the Ravoux Room beginning September 29 running through mid-May. This year we will be studying the Gospel of Matthew (published by *Catholic Scripture Study*). If you are interested in joining or have any questions about this study, please contact Jennifer Vogel at 651-688-7427 or jennifervogel@comcast.net

Wedding Banns

Third Proclamation

Ashley Hommedahl and Michael Johnson

First Proclamation

Jenna Hoffman and Joseph Peltier

St. Peter's Fall Festival
Sunday, October 4
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Mass celebrated at 10 a.m.
No 9 or 11 a.m. Masses

The Week of Sept. 28

Monday, September 28

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony, Heritage Center
6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, September 29

- 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
6 pm Capital Campaign Reception,
Heritage Center

Wednesday, September 30

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
4:30 pm Grades 1-5 Class
6:30 pm Grades 1-8 Class
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday, October 1

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

Friday, October 2

- 8-8:45 am** Confessions, Main Church
9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
Anointings After Mass, Historic Church
4 pm Hommedahl/Johnson Wedding,
Main Church

Saturday, October 3

- 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
After Mass:
New Parishioner Registration
Silent Auction Items

Sunday, October 4

FALL FESTIVAL

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life

- 9:30 am**
Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
10 am Mass, Main Church
10 am Sunday School
11 am-3 pm
Fall Festival

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Readings for the Week of September 27

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43,
 45, 47-48
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Jn
 1:47-51
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16
 or 10:2-12

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 28 - †Ruby Minchak

Tuesday, September 29 - †Roberta Nolan

Wednesday, September 30 - †Kay Doyle Nelson

Thursday, October 1 - †Gertrude Palubicki

Friday, October 2 - †Quentin Mayers

Saturday, Oct. 3 - 5 p.m. - Mass For the People

Sunday, October 4 - 10 a.m. - †Jess Fontecha

New Parishioner Registration

Interested in joining the parish? New parishioner registration will be held after all Masses October 3 and 4 in the Gathering Space. You can also register by clicking on the "Community/Join St. Peter's" link on the parish website.



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 during the month of October until Sunday, November 8. A list of **new** items in need will be listed on a flyer in next weekend's bulletin. 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

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Our sincere thank you for the generous donation of 791 pounds of food you made to us during July and August.



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Save the Date!

The Bachmeier family will again be hosting their annual benefit supper for the Peruvian Nuns of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Saturday, October 24, from 6-10 p.m. in Heritage Center.

Please save the date and join in on Peruvian food, culture, silent auction, and items to buy.

All for a great cause!

If you already know you want to come, please RSVP to vojanidale@juno.com or call 651-757-0757

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

Men's Club Kick-off Meeting

The men's club will have their kick-off meeting on Sunday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Heritage Center until 7:30 p.m.

Men interested in learning more about the men's club and its activities are encouraged to attend. Those interested in support positions in the men's club are also encouraged to attend.

New this year will be a men's group study on Sunday nights. This group will study spirituality and men's role in the challenges in society. For more information contact John Vogel at 651-688-7427



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