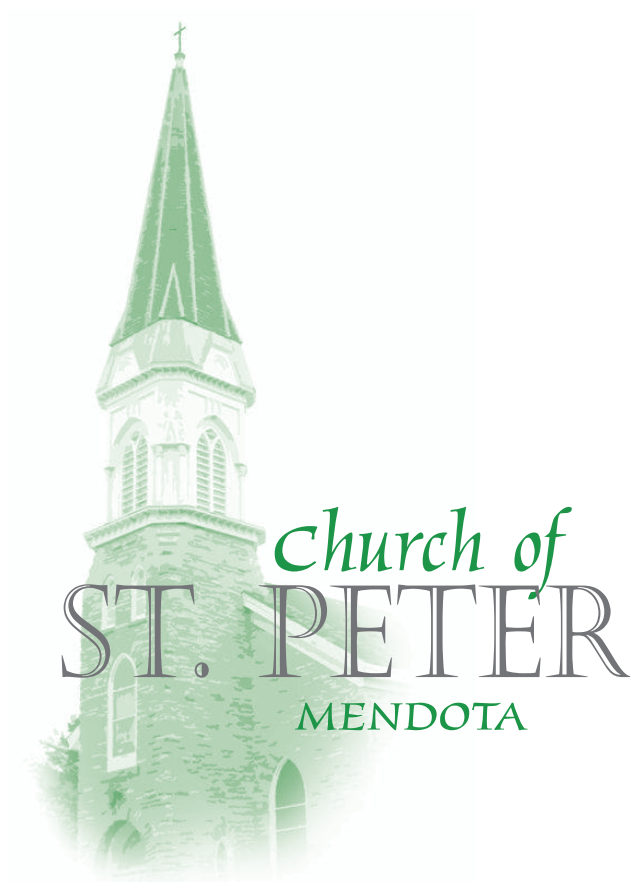




September 28, 2014
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

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Reflections from our Business Manager

*F*all has always been my favorite time of year. I love that the air is cooler and less humid, the trees are at their most glorious colors and apples are ready to be picked. I also love that everything seems to get back into a routine. The daily activities have a certain flow and rhythm to them. There is a sense of normalcy, a set pattern to our days.

Here at the parish the summer routine is substantially different from the rest of the year. There are a few staff members who have the summer months off from work, some work reduced hours, and of course the occasional vacation. Mass attendance is down in the summer, most groups discontinue meeting, councils take a few months off and many of the social activities come to a halt. Some days the office seems like a ghost town!

Beginning in September though all the activities start up again. Many groups such as Women's Bible Study, Divine Mercy Cenacle, Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils are back to meeting on a regular basis. Religious Education classes are ready to start. Children's Liturgy of the Word, Confirmation, and hospitality all make their appearances again on Sunday mornings. Mass attendance is back up, the choir is rehearsing, and the office is once again humming with activity.

Experiencing so much activity and having so many people around the church campus brings a certain amount of joy and excitement. Knowing that people are involved in their church and in their faith and are giving of their time speaks volumes about the type of people we are. We are a giving, growing, vibrant community of believers and followers of the Lord.

This weekend we are holding our annual Ministry Fair in the Heritage Center. This year I had the opportunity to coordinate the fair as Sara Rogers was on maternity leave. As I was pulling out the seemingly endless banners and posters of our ministry groups I was amazed at how much we have going on around the parish. We have activities and volunteer opportunities to satisfy almost every interest.

If you took the opportunity to walk around the Heritage Center, you would have found there were ministries for all age groups. There were the volunteers to bring food to new parents, Mom's Club for those with small children, classes and activities for elementary age children, Week of Hope and Workcamp for teens. We offered faith and

prayer groups, social activities, volunteering opportunities to help those in the parish as well as for the greater community, country and even different parts of the world. We offer individuals the chance to visit the homebound, exercise with the elderly and provide works of mercy for those going through a loss. There are chances to participate in the liturgy by singing in the choir, being an altar server, usher or even decorating the church and keeping the plants alive to name just a few.

We were also fortunate to hear from Jen and Pat Silgen as they spoke to us about what stewardship means to them and their family. The Silgen family has been involved in many areas of the parish over the years from singing in the choir, serving on the Finance Council and most recently being very active in the planning of the Fall Festival (which is next week already!). They have four children, all at Faithful Shepherd and their oldest son is now an altar server. This is a family who really believes and participates in the parish and the concept of giving in appreciation to the Lord.

This weekend was the first in a series of three weekends when we will discuss stewardship and what it means to each of us. In the coming week all families will receive a letter from the Stewardship Committee, their giving statement through August, a stewardship commitment form and a return envelope. We are asking each individual to spend some time to assess the gifts that they have received from God and then determine how they can give back to Him in thanksgiving for these gifts. We can give to God through our time in prayer, sharing our talents with others in parish ministry and allocating some of our financial resources to the church.

The Stewardship Committee is asking each family to complete the commitment form and return it to the parish in the enclosed envelope. All replies may be dropped off in the Sunday collection or mailed to the parish office. Your prompt reply is greatly appreciated and will help eliminate some of the time spent following up with non-responding families.

Don't forget that next weekend is our **Fall Festival**. There will be *one Mass at 10 a.m.* Immediately following Mass join the rest of the parish for kids games, a pork loin dinner, a silent auction (we have a preview of all items on display this weekend), closest to the pin contest, bingo and much more. The festival is an excellent example of parishioners donating their time and talents to the parish. It takes many, many volunteers to make this a successful event and each one is greatly appreciated!

Mary Jubenville

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. We will meet at **6:30 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 8**, 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

Sincere Sympathy

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of **Chas Stuns**, nephew of Kris Novitzki. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make him a sharer in eternal salvation.



Wedding Banns

Third Proclamation

Sara Johnson and Scott Longsdorf

Second Proclamation

Aaron Hellem and Lisa Marthaler

First Proclamation

Lauren Post and Matthew Schmidt

Blood Drive Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in or helped with the blood drive held at St. Peter's on Thursday, September 18. Due to the fantastic turnout we exceeded the goal set by the Red Cross. The 30 pints of blood collected, translates into lives being saved. If you would like to donate blood, but were unable to do so at the blood drive, please contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767. The spring blood drive is scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2015, at St. Peter's Church. Hope to see you next April! Again thank you for your participation in the fall blood drive.

Pastoral Ministry

Eldercare Education at St. Peter's

The POWER and POSSIBILITIES of AGING: Colleen Fritsch, DARTS Director of Community Engagement, will highlight all of DARTS' services and talk about DARTS commitment to helping older adults lead lives that are independent and fulfilled. We invite you to imagine with DARTS what it means to have a prepared and fearless aging journey for everyone!

Join us after Mass on Thursday, October 2, at 9:45 a.m. in Heritage Center for this informative mini-seminar. This is a free event and no registration is required. For more information, please contact Lisa Amos, 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Growing Through Loss

An Interdenominational Coalition
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Kris Linner, M.Div.
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Thursday, October 2
Church of St. John Neumann
4030 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan

Registration, 6:30 p.m.;
Speaker, 7:00 p.m.;
Support Groups (facilitated by trained leaders),
8 p.m. Suggested donation per session: \$3

For additional information call 952-890-0045 or email
growingthroughloss@gmail.com.

A Community Caring for Life

Come join the Community Caring for Life on Sunday, October 5, as we pray the Rosary for Life.

October 5 is Respect Life Sunday and we will be praying the Rosary for Life at 9:30 a.m. in the Main Church, just before the 10 a.m. Mass that day. Hope you can join us!

Only one Mass on Sunday, October 5, 10 a.m. Main Church.
Then spend time enjoying the Fall Festival immediately after Mass!

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary:

Budget for period of Sept. 15-21, 2014	\$20,553
Actual for period of Sept. 15-21, 2014	\$19,910
Year to Date Budget	\$176,646
Year to date Actual	\$165,998

Stewardship

Today we were blessed to hear from the Silgen family and how stewardship has enriched their lives. In Heritage Center we were presented with many opportunities to be involved in the parish. Now is the time to pray and reflect how you can give back to God for all that he has given you. Donating your time and talents to the parish is a true gift of stewardship.

This week you will receive your stewardship renewal materials in the mail. Please consider what you can give through time in prayer, talents and financial gifts. Your renewal materials may be mailed in to the parish office or dropped off in the collection baskets.

Adoration and Rosary for a Priest Assignment

As we wait with hope for the assignment of a new pastor at St. Peter's, coming together as a community to pray together is increasingly important. On Saturday, October 4, we invite you to join us from 7-8 p.m. in the Main Church. We will have an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, which will begin with the rosary. We look forward to a weekend of fun and community for our festival and what better way to begin than by praying for our parish and its eventual new pastor. Contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org with questions.

Hearing and Vision Aids Available for Mass

If you find it hard to hear at Mass or your ability to participate is inhibited by difficulty reading the hymnal or worship aids, we can help with that. Please see one of our friendly ushers and let them know of your need. We have hearing devices and magnifiers available for you to use while you're here. Thank you.



Next Sunday is the annual Fall Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join us for our **only** Mass on Sunday at **10 a.m.** then join us for the festival. There will be games for the kids, a pork loin dinner, boutique vendors, a cake walk, bingo, a silent auction, and lots more!

Now is the time to turn in your raffle ticket stubs. Ticket stubs and payment may be dropped off in the office this week or turned in at the festival. The drawing will be at 2 p.m. next Sunday so be sure to get your tickets turned in on time.

If you have any other donations for the silent auction, gift cards, prizes, soda etc., these items may be dropped off in the parish office this week.

All cakes, pies and desserts may be dropped off next Saturday evening or Sunday before the festival.

See you at the Festival!

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

New Parishioner Registration

Interested in joining the parish? New parishioner registration will be held after all Masses **October 4/5** in the Gathering Space. You can also register by clicking on the "Community/Join St. Peter's" link on the parish website.

The Week of September 29

Monday, September 29

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

Tuesday, September 30

- 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

Wednesday, October 1

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

Thursday, October 2

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 9:30 am Power & Possibilities of Aging,
 Heritage Center
 7 pm AA, Room 5
 7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
 7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, October 3

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

Saturday, October 4

- 9 and 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
 10 am Scripture Study, Conference Room I
 2:30 pm Johnson/Longsdorf Wedding,
 Main Church
 4 pm **Reconciliation, Main Church**
 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
 5 pm **Mass, Main Church**
 After Mass
 New Parishioner Registration
 7 pm Adoration and the Rosary for a New
 Pastor Assignment, Main Church

Sunday, October 5—Respect Life Sunday—FALL FESTIVAL

- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
 10 am **Mass, Main Church**
 10 am Sunday School, Lower Level
 11 am-3pm
 FALL FESTIVAL
 After Masses
 A Community Caring for Life Table,
 New Parishioner Registration

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Readings for the Week of September 28

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 29 - †Roberta Nolan

Tuesday, September 30 - Tom & Mary O'Neill's
 Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, October 1 - †Gertrude Palubicki

Thursday, October 2 - Shawn & Karen Linnell

Friday, October 3 - †Katherine Linnell

Saturday, October 4 - †Gerald O'Brien

Sunday, October 5 - 10 a.m. - †Mary Chapdelaine

Minute Memo from Ms. Shimshock

With October being anti-bullying month it got me to thinking about the importance of friends. The value of a friend is that they don't judge us when we are at our low and are there to celebrate our successes. Building lasting friendships take time and effort. It can also be very easy to forget about the friends in our lives. I know how often I think to myself how I should call a certain friend to check in on how they were doing, only to be distracted by the routines of daily life. I am giving myself a goal during this month of friendship to actually reach out to those important friends in my life rather than just thinking about it. I hope you do to.

*Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship
with each other in the name of the Lord.*

~1 Samuel 20:42

We have rekindled old friendships and made new during this first month of school at Faithful Shepherd. We use three basic principles to guide our school-wide behaviors—respecting others, respecting yourself, and respecting this place to help us with our friendships and to bring about a culture where all feel safe. While these three guiding principles work together, we focus on one specifically each trimester. Our first trimester we are focusing on respecting others. In-class activities and weekly announcements remind the students of small deeds we can do each and every week to reach out to others. In this way, we are living out our mission of creating respectful, responsible students who live out their faith.

Thanks for being our friends and believing in our mission.

Peace,
Ms. Shimshock

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Day of Honor and Recognition for Birthmothers

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, in conjunction with Catholic Charities and the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Life, is offering its annual Day of Honor and Recognition for Birthmothers on Saturday, November 8. This day is set aside to recognize the sacrifices made by those who have relinquished a child to adoption. This day also offers an opportunity for healing, sharing and for learning about resources available for birth mothers. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 5071 Eden Avenue, Edina. Cost is \$15 and will cover lunch and expenses. Scholarships are available. To register e-mail Melissa Miller at melissamiller@olgparish.org or call 952-929-3317 x111. If you have any questions, call Erin at 612-298-9369 or Gretchen at 763-424-1430

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