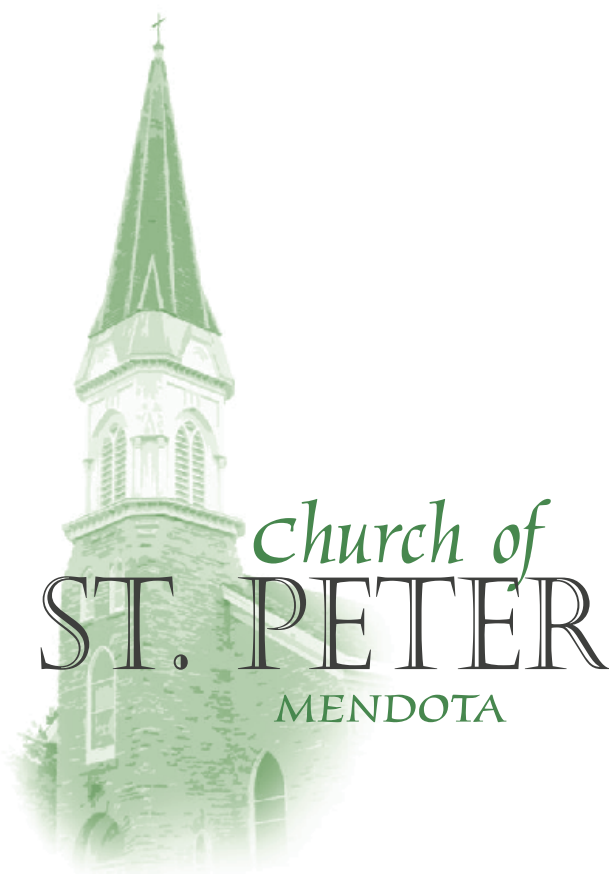




September 29, 2013
26th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

6:30 pm the First Thursday of the Month

HOLY DAYS As announced.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursdays 5:30-6:30 pm, 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

At last Sunday's Masses I made reference during the homily to the interview with Pope Francis that had been published simultaneously in *La Civiltà Cattolica*, *America*, and 14 other Jesuit journals on the previous Thursday. It can be found at <http://americamagazine.org/pope-interview>, and I know you will find it easy and interesting reading. As I continue to read it, I am left wondering how different people can see the same words and take away such vastly different messages. There is nothing in the interview with which I disagree. But the daily newspaper tells me the Pope "sent shock waves through the Roman Catholic Church."

I believe it was the media that sent around those shock waves by saying, for example, that the Pope said "that the church had grown 'obsessed' with abortion, gay marriage and contraception..." whereas he said, "The church's pastoral ministry cannot be obsessed with the transmission of a disjointed multitude of doctrines to be imposed insistently," having referred to "abortion, gay marriage, and the use of contraceptive methods" in the preceding paragraph. It has occurred to me that members of the media may have the impression that if they hung around a Catholic parish, they would hear constant references to these issues in homilies. The reality is that few homilies mention these things. The Holy Father is quite right in saying our emphasis ought to be on healing people, on considering the person, on accompanying them "through the dark night... without getting lost." I hope all of you who come here will hear in the words and actions of your priest and fellow parishioners a proclamation of the salvation that comes through Jesus Christ.

I would like to mention two feasts on the Church's calendar that have to do with angels. If September 29 were not a Sunday this year, it would be the Feast of *Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels*. The Memorial of the *Guardian Angels* will be Wednesday, October 2. The September 29 feast, of course, honors those angels who have the title "archangel" because they bear messages of great importance. Gabriel is the best known, since it was he who visited the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Annunciation. The October 2 feast celebrates the angels who watch over each person individually. Jesus himself tells us (Matthew 18:10) that we are not to despise one of his little ones because their angels in heaven constantly behold the face of our heavenly Father.

People became fascinated with angels a few years ago. As a fad it seems to be fading away, this love of angel books and so on, but angels will probably always be popular in art. We would do ourselves a disservice, though, if we were to say that angels are just a part of holy stories. We cannot dismiss the testimony of Scripture. As the Vatican II

document on Divine Revelation puts it, "Sacred Scripture is the speech of God put down in writing under the breath of the Holy Spirit" (*Dei Verbum* 9). That is why the Catholic Church teaches the following:

The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 328).

St. Augustine says: "'Angel' is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is 'spirit'; if you seek the name of their office, it is 'angel'... (CCC 329).

As purely spiritual creatures angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness (CCC 330).

Christ is the center of the angelic world. They are *his* angels: "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him." They belong to him because they were created through and for him: "for in him all things were created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities - all things were created through him and for him" ... (CCC 331).

From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life." Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God ... (CCC 336).

One final item about the angels: every time the Mass is celebrated, as the Eucharistic prayer is about to begin, we lift our voices to join the angels' song. The Sanctus ("holy, holy, holy ...") is the song of the angels and saints, and when we sing it we are joining the voices of those who are now in complete union with God. Let's think about this during Mass, and recall through our participation in the angelic song that we are surrounded by the angels and saints during the Eucharistic prayer. We all are together as one Church during our worship of God.

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin

Pancake Fundraiser in Rosemount

The people of area parishes are invited to a pancake breakfast fundraiser to help defray the cost of Fr. Paul Jarvis's medical bills. This past spring, Fr. Paul Jarvis became one of the 10% who survive emergency surgery for an aortic dissection. He also amassed \$250,000 in medical bills. His financial responsibility is pretty significant on his priest's salary. The Knights of Columbus—who make a practice of helping out brother-knights and their families—offered to organize a pancake breakfast fundraiser to help with Fr. Paul's medical bills. The breakfast's price: *free will offering* towards his debt. The pancake breakfast will be after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses on Sunday, October 13, at the Church of St. Joseph, 13900 Biscayne Avenue West, Rosemount.

Religious Education/Faith Formation (RE/FF)

REFF Monthly Newsletter: If you have a child between the ages of 3 and 16, you should have received a copy of the monthly newsletter at your family email address. If you did not receive one, please contact Rita Holien in the RE office with your family name and email address. Unless you have specified, you will no longer receive the newsletter through the post office mail.

Catechists Needed!

Religious Education/Faith Formation classes are starting in just a few weeks and our children need you. Teachers are given training and full support by the RE/FF staff. You will find your own faith life growing and strengthening as you share your faith with others. For more information, please contact any RE/FF staff member. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Grade 2 Reconciliation Program: Parent Reconciliation Session I

On **Tuesday, October 8**, 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 should be registered in this program.

Please remember that the grade 2 children **do not go to class on Wednesday, October 9**, instead they will accompany you on Tuesday. Children will go to their classrooms while the parent goes to Heritage Center.

Thank you.

Kathy Raible
651-905-4311

Turn Hunger Into Hope at Feed My Starving Children

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a non-profit Christian organization where volunteers hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and then the meals are shipped to nearly 70 countries. Ages 5 and up can all help. What a simple way to complete a corporal work of mercy by feeding the hungry!

We are looking for someone to organize groups from St. Peter's to serve at FMSC around four times each year. Staff members will help you plan the first service time, but you get to schedule the event based on what works best for you or your family, and you will quickly see how easy it is to put together an event. If you are interested, please contact Sara Rogers at srogers@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4308.

Growing Through Loss



An Interdenominational Coalition of South Suburban Churches presents the third in a four-week series.

Sister Therese Even, SSND
Speaker and Retreat Leader
Sr. Therese will speak on
"The Power of Forgiveness."

Tuesday, October 1

Mary, Mother of the Church
3333 Cliff Road, Burnsville
Registration, 6:30 p.m.;
Speaker, 7:00 p.m.;

Support Groups (facilitated by trained leaders),
8 p.m. Donation per session: \$3

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

Faithfully Fit Forever (FFF) Is Back!

Our body, mind, spirit fitness class for older adults is back and will begin meeting on Thursday mornings from 10-11 a.m. in the Ravoux Room beginning October 3. Our experienced, professional instructors will guide you through educational, spiritual, and physical activities designed for whole wellness. This class is perfect for those with mobility and balance issues. The class is free of charge and no registration is required. Join anytime! Please wear comfortable clothing, bring water, and free weights if you have them. A limited number of weights are available at class. We hope to see you there! For further information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or 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 October 3, from 6:30-7 p.m.

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St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 9/16/13-9/22/13	\$22,473
Actual for the period 9/16/13-9/22/13	\$16,717
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$190,942
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$162,831

Fall Festival on Sunday, October 6



Join us for our annual parish Fall Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on October 6! We will have a variety of children's games, BINGO, a \$1,000 grand prize raffle, a pork loin dinner from noon to 2 p.m., the popular Closest to the Pin contest, local vendors selling their items, and more! Stop by to eat some food, play some games and win some great prizes—there's a lot to enjoy!

Fall Festival Raffle

Quick!! Your time is running out for a chance to win a prize of either \$1,000, \$500 or \$250. Our Fall Festival raffle tickets are for sale and pick-up after Mass today and will be available for purchase at the Fall Festival next Sunday. Tickets are only \$5 and support the operations of the parish. All tickets sold will need to be turned in by the 2 p.m. drawing on Sunday, October 6.



Wedding Banns

Third Proclamation

Lucas Lortie and Stephanie Roos

Second Proclamation

Michael McCanna and Elizabeth Reding

First Proclamation

Nicholas Hagemann and Julie Haman

Sincere Sympathy



St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of **Marie Brinkmann**. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make her a sharer in eternal salvation.

St. Peter's Reaches Out

A Duck Race!

The 6th annual Great Neighbors Duck Race at the On the Road Again event is Saturday October 5, when yellow rubber ducks will come out of hibernation and race for their "owners."



neighbors, Inc.

The races take place from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in South St. Paul on Southview Blvd. Their goal for the event is to raise money for Neighbors, Inc. All of the proceeds from the duck races are used to support neighbors' food shelf and social service programs.

During the duck race you will be able to visit with Delbert the Duck, shop at the duck store and enjoy other duck activities.

You have a 1 in 32 chance on winning a prize! This year we have some incredible prizes that Delbert the Duck will be handing out to the top winners in each race.

Current food shelf needs for Neighbors:

Canned fruit, Jelly, Juice, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter, Soup (anything but tomato, please), Toilet Paper

Collections bins are located at the office entrance and in the Main Church coat room. Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Pastoral Council New Members

At their September meeting, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) welcomed new members Lance Miller, Nancy Stanton and Joe Towle. Thank you to past members Paul Boller, Dave Doty and Joanne Rocco-Carter, whose terms ended in August. The PPC also elected new officers: Kelly Garrett, Chair; Sarah Larsen, Vice-Chair; Alice Sheeler, Secretary.

Parishioners are welcome to attend PPC meetings which are scheduled the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Minutes of the meetings are available in the back of the church and on the website. If you would like to contact the PPC with any comments, suggestions, or concerns that you have, please leave a message for the PPC on their voicemail line at 651-905-4309 or email them at parishpastoralcouncil@stpetersmendota.org.

The Week of September 29

Monday, September 30

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 6 pm St. Paul Orchestra, Heritage Center
 6:30 pm Fall Festival Meeting,
 Conference Room I

Tuesday, October 1

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
 After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm
 9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
 11 am Lilydale Senior Living, Mass
 11 am-12 Noon
 Mobile Meals
 6:30 pm Growing Thru Loss, Mary, Mother of the
 Church, Burnsville

Wednesday, October 2

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

Thursday, October 3

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 10 am Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room
 5:30 pm **Reconciliation, Main Church**
 6:30 pm **Mass, Historic Church**
 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
 7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
 7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, October 4

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

Saturday, October 5

- 9 and 10:30 am
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
 10 am Scripture Study, Community Room
 2 pm Lortie/Reos Wedding
 4 pm **Reconciliation, Main Church**
 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
 5 pm **Mass, Main Church**
 After Mass:
 New Parishioner Registration

Sunday, October 6—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Respect Life Sunday

- 8:30 & 10:30 am
 Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
 9 am Sunday School
 9 & 11 am **Mass, Main Church**
 9 & 11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children
 10 am-2 pm
 Fall Festival
 10 am Confirmation Class
 After Masses
 New Parishioner Registration
 6:30 pm Youth Group, Youth Room

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Readings for the Week of September 29

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 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 30 - Tom & Mary O'Neill's
 Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday, October 1 - †Deceased Lem Reynolds
 Family Members
Wednesday, October 2 - †Gerald O'Brien
Thursday, October 3 - 9 a.m. - †Helena Olson
 6:30 p.m. - Choice of the Priest
Friday, October 4 - †John Clifford
Saturday, October 5 - Mass For the People
Sunday, October 6
 9 a.m. - †Calvin Mulvihill
 11 a.m. - †Tom Koppen

Stewardship Spotlight: Altar Servers

How can a young person become involved at St. Peter's? You can become an altar server and assist Fr. Gallatin at Mass!

Our current altar servers enjoy being involved. The most common remarks we heard from them is that they like serving and it is easy to do, and that Fr. Gallatin helps them a lot. "The parish needs us," as one altar server remarked. One of our servers, who had assisted in another parish, found it easy to continue when his family joined St. Peter's. Another noted, "My parents talked about their involvement in the parish, and I knew this was a way I could become involved."

Once you are trained, you will need to arrive at Mass a little early to get ready, and you can be scheduled with an experienced server to help you learn and gain confidence as you begin. You can be scheduled as frequently as you would like, and at the Mass time you typically attend. You will also be able to request dates off.

If you are in fourth grade or older and you want to become an altar server, talk with your parents about it. The next step is to call the parish office and tell Fr. Gallatin or Sara Rogers that you are interested in becoming an altar server and would like more information about the next training session. We look forward to seeing you at Mass!

Mass of God's Children

**"Can a mother forget her infant,
be without tenderness
for the child of her womb?"**

~Isaiah 49:15

Have you experienced the loss of a baby before or after birth? Would you like to commemorate and honor your child's life in a beautiful, healing Mass? Whether your loss is recent or was years ago, you are warmly invited to attend an **Archdiocesan Mass of God's Children at 7 p.m. Monday, October 23, at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church**, 1900 Stanford Avenue, St. Paul, followed by fellowship downstairs in Steiner Hall. Grandparents, siblings, other family members and friends are welcome. There will also be an opportunity to donate a memorial/grief box in memory of your baby. The Mass is sponsored by Nativity parish and by God's Children, a ministry sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage, Family & Life. For more information or to volunteer, please call 651-291-4488.

New Parishioner Registration

Interested in joining the parish? New parishioner registration will be held after all Masses the first weekend of each month in the Gathering Space. You can also register by contacting Sara Rogers at 651-905-4308 or clicking on the "Community/Join St. Peter's" link on the parish website.

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**

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 651-454-529

or

jvasiliou@comcast.net



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 are being repeated at new locations in fall 2013. The next talk is:

**Rediscover: belonging - Living in
Communion with God**

Talk 2 shows us how personal sin weakens our relationship with God and reveals how living the life we are called to through our baptism unites us with God and to our family of faith. Presented by Father Michael Keating.

- Monday, September 30 – Holy Name of Jesus, Wayzata
- Tuesday, October 1 – Epiphany, Coon Rapids
- Wednesday, October 2 – James B. Woulfe Alumni Hall, Anderson Student Center, University of St. Thomas Saint Paul Campus
- Thursday, October 3 – Pax Christi, 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. Make plans to attend and bring a friend or family member with you! For dates and other details please visit Rediscover-faith.org under events.

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and more!

Sunday
October 6
10 am - 2 pm

\$1000 Raffle
Winner to be drawn
at 2 pm!

Historic Church
tours

BINGO
Play all day and stay
for the \$100 black-out
game at 1:30!

Boutique Vendors

"Closest to the Pin" golf contest
With prizes like two 9-hole green fees with cart
to Lost Spur Golf Course, various golf
merchandise, and a Mendakota Country Club
dinner for 6!

...and MORE!

More details at
www.stpetersmendota.org!