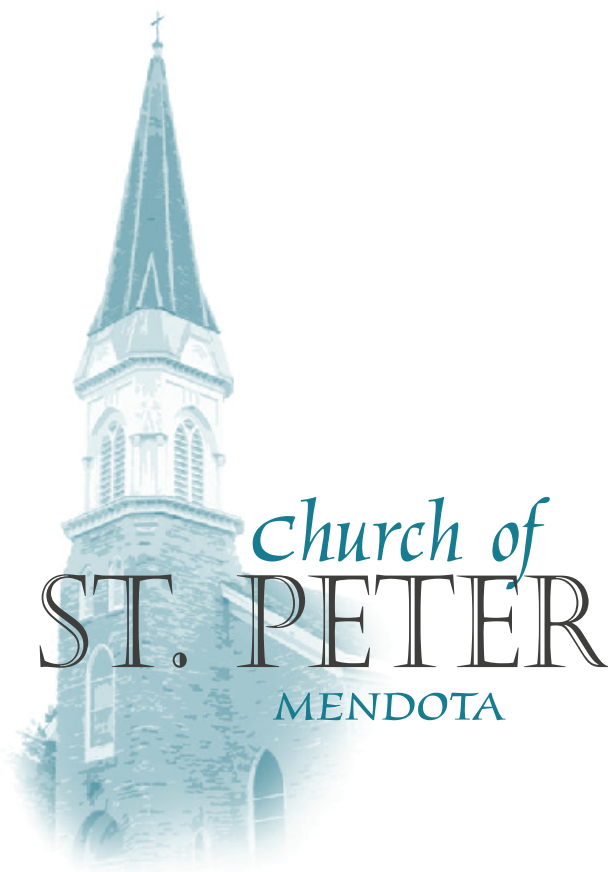




September 8, 2013
23rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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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Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am

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(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

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BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

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From the Pastor's Desk

 In the afternoon of Friday, August 30, our long awaited friends from Uganda arrived. Last Sunday they concelebrated at all of the Masses. This week, as a way of strengthening our connection with St. Anthony's Parish in Uganda, Fr. Lawrence Kimbowa will be the principal celebrant at all of the Masses and preach the homily. He will be leaving our parish a few days from now, but Fr. Charles Muyimba will remain with us, and we will hear from him on the next two Sundays.

I would like to thank the three members of the Parish Pastoral Council whose terms just ended: Paul Boller, Joanne Rocco-Carter, and Dave Doty. Our new members are Lance Miller, Joseph Towle, and Nancy Stanton. I am grateful to them and to all who expressed their willingness to serve! Our first meeting will be on September 17.

Pope Francis has proclaimed that all Catholics make Saturday, September 7, a "day of fasting and prayer for peace in Syria, the Middle East and throughout the world." He announced a prayer vigil in St. Peter's Square on the 7th: "We will gather in prayer and in a spirit of penance, invoking God's great gift of peace upon the beloved nation of Syria and upon each situation of conflict and violence around the world." If you are reading this in time, you should take this as a personal invitation to make Saturday a day of voluntary fasting for peace.

You might have read in the Catholic Spirit or in the secular press that Pope Francis has made the appointment most awaited by observers: that of the Vatican Secretary of State. Archbishop Pietro Parolin is the new man in this position; he has been apostolic nuncio to Venezuela since 2009, when he was appointed nuncio and ordained an archbishop by Pope Benedict. He was born in 1955 in Schiavon, Italy, and was ordained a priest in 1980. He has worked in the diplomatic service of the Holy See since 1986.

On June 29 of this year, Pope Francis published his first encyclical letter, *Lumen Fidei*. Last week I began to summarize most of the first chapter, which centers on the faith of Abraham and ancient Israel, and the transition to Christian faith. As followers of Jesus Christ, we not only believe *that* what Jesus tells us is true, but we also *believe Jesus* and *believe in Jesus*. The remainder of Chapter One speaks about the life of faith. Pope Francis reminds us that St. Paul rejects the idea that we can be justified by the works we do. That would make us the source of our own righteousness, and would lead us away from God, supposedly to "find ourselves." Instead, salvation by faith means recognizing that God's gift came first (paragraph 19). When we have faith in Jesus, our lives become open to a love that existed before us. Faith knows that God has

given Christ to us as a gift that transforms us, and this enlarges our lives (paragraphs 20-21). Because the Holy Spirit dwells in us we can confess Jesus is Lord. So "the life of the believer becomes an ecclesial existence, a life lived in the Church." "Faith is not a private matter... It comes from hearing, and it is meant to find expression in words and to be proclaimed" (paragraph 22).

Chapter Two is called "Unless You Believe, You Will Not Understand." The Pope says that without truth we cannot stand firm. Faith without truth would be just a beautiful story, or a projection of our hope for happiness. Today, many people think that only science discovers what is true. But many of the same people claim there things that are true for an individual but that can't be proposed to others. Out of fear of the totalitarian truth of the 20th Century that imposed itself on people, instead the world has embraced relativism, "in which the question of universal truth—and ultimately this means the question of God—is no longer relevant (paragraph 25). Christian faith may provide a service to the common good by helping people understand truth correctly. Faith helps people become open to truth and love, the Pope states (paragraph 26). Love leads someone "away from self-centeredness and towards another person" (paragraph 27), and ancient Israel, by savoring God's love for his people, came to understand the divine plan. The Pope calls this "faith-knowledge," and it is a form of hearing and a form of seeing. The disciples followed Jesus after hearing his invitation and after seeing the works he accomplished (paragraphs 29-30).

Turning to the important topic of the dialogue between faith and reason, Pope Francis indicates the importance of the encounter of Christianity with the Greek world of philosophy: that encounter "proved a decisive step in the evangelization of all peoples" because of the interaction between faith and reason (paragraph 32). He refers to how in the experience of St. Augustine reason and faith interacted and allowed him to repent from his sinfulness and embrace the good. Truth should not intimidate people. If it is a truth of love, it is not imposed by force and does not stifle the individual (paragraph 34).

Because human beings are religious, they see signs of God in the natural world. The Magi who were led to Bethlehem by the star were like that, allowing themselves to be led. "Because faith is a way, it also has to do with the lives of those ... who, though not believers, nevertheless desire to believe and continue to seek." Those who set out to do good to others are already drawing near to God (paragraph 35). Pope Francis ends Chapter Two speaking about theology, which is first "the acceptance and the pursuit of a deeper understanding of the word which God speaks to us" (paragraph 36).

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin

To be continued...

Religious Education/Faith Formation (RE/FF)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR.

Register for CLASSES

Classes will begin the end of September and we need to have all registrations turned in so that we can finish planning for the year. Please contact a RE/FF staff person, or pick up a form at the Information Counter in the Gathering Space OR go to St. Peter's website for a registration form.

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.

Catechist Training

Wednesday, September 11 - 6:30 pm: Catechist training for those teaching grades 1, 3, 4, and 5 in Conference Room 1.

Tuesday, September 17 - 6:30 pm: Catechist training for those teaching grade 2 in Conference Room 1.

Wednesday, September 18: VIRTUS Training—all volunteers who work with children are required to attend a VIRTUS Training. We have one scheduled here at St. Peter's on Wednesday, September 18, at **6 p.m.** Please remember to pre-register for this training via the Internet. If you have attended a VIRTUS training in the past, you do not need to attend another one.

Teacher Commissioning: Sunday, September 15, at the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses

Family Packet Pick Up

After all Masses on **September 14 and 15**, please stop by the table in the Gathering Space to pick up your family packet if you have already registered your children. These packets contain information regarding your children's religious education classes. If you have not registered your child, please do so immediately. Thank you.

Liturgy of the Word for Children (LWC)

LWC will resume on September 29 at the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. You do not need to register your child for this

Religious Education/Faith Formation, cont.

program. All children, ages 6 through 12, are invited to join us to share God's Word in a format designed for children. This is a ministry that requires many adult volunteers. **We need more volunteers at both the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses.** It is a very enjoyable, rewarding and easy ministry. Please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 for more information or to volunteer your time.

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 everell@stpetersmendota.org.

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. 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.

Sincere Sympathy



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

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 8/26/13-9/1/13	\$14,893
Actual for the period 8/26/13-9/1/13	\$10,370
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$132,833
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$119,823

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) First Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, September 19, the first quarterly meeting of the Saint Paul Deanery of Catholic Women will be held at St. Peter's beginning at 8:30 a.m. Speakers are Gerald Krosnowski of Risen Christ Missions and Father David Kohner, Spiritual Advisor for ACCW. Lunch will be served after the noon Mass. Cost is \$12. If attending, RSVP to Jane at 651-261-2534, Mary Ann at 651-771-9976 or Helen at 651-357-2266. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

Welcome, New Parishioners!

The Church of St. Peter would like to extend a warm welcome to our newly registered parishioners:

Stephen and Cynthia Byelick
Jeff and Beth Blair and family

Leo Fecht
Christine Fink
Josh Gamiao

Joseph and Patricia Gill
Tom Mahoney

Dan and Laura Orme

William Wassweiler and Ann Schwichtenberg and family

We are excited to have you join our faith community!

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.

St. Peter's Reaches Out

St. Peter's Blood Drive Thursday, September 12 1-6 p.m., Ravoux Room

The Red Cross blood drive sign up sheets will be in the Gathering Space after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. Please come and reserve a time that is convenient for you to donate blood. Volunteers will be glad to answer questions you have. You can also sign up on line at <http://www.redcrossblood.org>, enter St. Peter's zip code 55120, or call Rita at 651-454-4773 for an appointment.

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.

Update on Faithfully Fit Forever (FFF)

FFF, a very popular total health fitness class for older adults, will begin meeting again this fall. Classes have not yet been scheduled, but will be continuing this year. Dates will be posted in the bulletin as soon as possible. Many of you have been waiting to hear more about this and we appreciate your patience. This year, we are looking for candidates to be trained to lead the class, as demand has far exceeded our initial expectations. The position requires volunteers with enthusiasm and dedication. Training and teaching materials will be provided.

To learn about participating in the class or to hear more about becoming an instructor, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Wedding Banns

Third Proclamation

Angelina Smith Isaac and Mark Sullivan



The Week of September 8

Monday, September 9

- 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, September 10

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
 Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
 After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm
 7 pm Stewardship Committee,
 Conference Room I

Wednesday, September 11

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
 6:30 pm Grade 1,3,4 and 5 Teacher Training,
 Conference Room I

Thursday, September 12

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
 1-6 pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Ravoux Room
 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
 7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
 7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, September 13

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
 5 pm Pow Wow Begins, Ends Sunday at 5 pm

Saturday, September 14

- 9 and 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
 10 am Scripture Study, Community Room
 11 am Family Potluck Playdate, Marie Park,
 Mendota Heights
 2 pm Sullivan/Smith-Isaac Wedding
 4 pm **Reconciliation, Main Church**
 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
 5 pm **Mass, Main Church**
 Religious Education Family
 Packet Pick Up

Sunday, September 15—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
 9 & 11 am **Mass, Main Church**
 Catechist Commissioning
 9:45 am Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast,
 Heritage Center
After Masses
 Religious Education Family
 Packet Pick Up
 12 Noon Historic Church Tours
 12:30 pm Baptism, Main Church
 1 pm Baptism Class, Conference Room I

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Readings for the Week of September 8

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 9 - Choice of the Priest

Tuesday, September 10 - †George Leba

Wednesday, September 11 - †Harry Marthaler

Thursday, September 12 - Choice of the Priest

Friday, September 13 - Choice of the Priest

Saturday, September 14 - Mass For the People

Sunday, September 15

9 a.m. - †Francesco Cubisino

11 a.m. - †Tom Koppen

Minute Memo from Ms. Shimshock

As a gardener this planting season has had its challenges for sure—extreme rain to extreme heat, to no heat and now extreme heat again—all within one short planting season. I did have my garden successes, my hibiscus is plate-sized and beautiful; my lilies were gorgeous and my rose—stunningly fragrant. I also had some losses—my iris never did bloom, my bee balm sparse and the timing of things this season was hard to explain. As I start this new school year and my time in my garden quickly fades, I remember that God is a master gardener too. He has planted so many things within my soul that will continue to grow under his watchful eye. He, as the Master Gardener, will grow a garden within, fruitful beyond dreaming. Let the growing continue!

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, nor has the mind imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.

1 Corinthians 2:9.

We are very excited to start the 2013-14 school year at Faithful Shepherd. Thank you to all of you, our parish sponsors, for continuing to support us through prayers, financial support and volunteers. While we may not be in sight of the parishes, your generosity is always within our sight. It's nice to know we aren't doing this alone. You will be hearing from us more this school year as we start some new marketing initiatives to keep you at the parishes informed of our events and successes. Please join us on Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m. to share in our weekly all school Masses and see what we do over here!

Terese Shimshock, Faithful Shepherd Principal

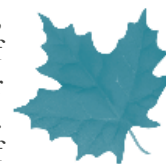
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Our Annual Fall Festival is Coming Soon!

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!



September 20-22, 2013

Celebrate SeptemberFest's 10th anniversary and help raise funds for Faithful Shepherd Catholic School by attending these events!

 Friday Night 9/20 4 PM-8 PM <i>Fun for the whole family!</i>	 Friday Night 9/20 4 PM-8 PM <i>Exhibitors offering many products & services</i>	 Friday Night 9/20 8 PM-Midnight <i>Parish members & friends 21 and older only Tickets on Etix.com</i>	 Saturday Night 9/21 4:30 PM-Midnight <i>Rockin' fun for over 21 with Arch Allies & Hairball! Tickets on Etix.com</i>	 Sunday 9/22 11 AM <i>Mass with Presider Fr. Charlie, Saint John Neumann Lunch following</i>
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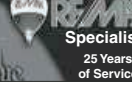
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* Pack a lunch for your family and join other families with young kids from our parish for play-date in the park.
Popsicles will be provided for dessert.

When: Saturday, September 14, 2013

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Where: Marie Park, 1780 Lilac Ln, Mendota Heights



If raining, picnic will move to home of Tom and Paula Kraus
1841 Walsh Ln, Mendota Heights

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