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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 9 am and 11 am (all in the Main Church)

WEEKDAY MASSES
(all in the Historic Church)
9 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

HOLY DAYS As announced.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm or by appointment.

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS
Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS
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February 19, 2012
7th 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

I have a great deal to cover today in a small amount of space. This week we will observe Ash Wednesday, a day on which almost all practicing Catholics come to Mass even though we are not required to do so. There will even be an early Mass (at 7:00 in the morning) in the Historic Church to accommodate the schedules of working people. At that early Mass I intend to have you on your way at 7:40. The other two Masses are at 9:00 AM in the Main Church and 7:00 PM in the Main Church.

While I can write about other Lenten topics next week, I want to remind you about something that begins this coming Friday. We offer the devotion of the Stations of the Cross twice every Friday of Lent except Good Friday. The daily Mass congregation has its own simplified version of Stations right after morning Mass. The whole parish can come to Stations at 7:00 Friday evenings in the Main Church. It lasts until about 7:35, and is an excellent way to keep Friday a day dedicated to remembering what the Lord has done for us.

My trip to the South seems like a long time ago already, but I would like to say that I did have great weather and enjoyed myself. The Louisiana portion of my journey was most interesting, and I plan to write about it one of these weeks. I found it fascinating to see how New Orleans copes with having most of its neighborhoods below sea level, and to see what life is like in rural Louisiana along the bayous where the land gives way gradually to the Gulf of Mexico.

I must, however, dwell on a topic of extreme importance: the mandate issued January 20 by Department of Health and Human Services of the federal government, which requires, according to the letter inserted in the bulletin on January 29, that “almost all employers, including Catholic employers, will be forced to offer their employees health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception.” The letter from Archbishop Nienstedt was virtually identical in wording to the one read during Mass in Florida when I concelebrated at Sunday Mass at a church called St. Rita’s. It turns out most bishops used the same letter. I must say I was encouraged when the priest finished his reading of the letter and the congregation broke into applause! I wish I had read the letter out loud here at St. Peter’s. If the HHS mandate stands, our parish and any church that objects to offering these “services” can be exempted from offering them if it can prove it serves mostly people who hold the same beliefs. But charitable organizations, hospitals, and colleges that serve many people of different faiths cannot be exempted. The University of St. Thomas, for example,

would have to pay for health care plans that offer drugs that cause a pregnant woman to abort her baby. It’s not just about oral contraceptive pills, which are not permissible because they close off the marriage act to the possibility of conceiving a child. It should be very clear that a Catholic cannot have himself or herself sterilized like a farm animal, and a Catholic certainly can’t make use of abortifacient drugs. It’s appalling to think that a Catholic institution could be forced by the federal government to pay for acts that are forbidden by Catholic moral teaching. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website summarizes it this way: “The mandate forces these institutions and others, against their conscience, to pay for things they consider immoral. Under the mandate, the government *forces religious insurers* to write policies that violate their beliefs; *forces religious employers and schools* to sponsor and subsidize coverage that violates their beliefs; and *forces religious employees and students* to purchase coverage that violates their beliefs.”

On February 10 the administration of President Obama announced a “compromise” by which the contracts signed by Catholic institutions for their employees’ health care would refrain from mentioning the objectionable services, and yet these services will still be provided. This so-called compromise would simply provide an excuse to stop objecting to the mandate. I encourage you to view the bishops’ website at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/conscience-protection/index.cfm> and take advantage of opportunities to write to your representatives in Congress about this matter.

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin

Marriage Minute: Where does marriage come from?



“God himself is the author of marriage” (*Gaudium et Spes*, no. 48). When God created human persons in his own image, as male and female, he placed in their hearts the desire, and the task, to love – to give themselves totally to another person. Marriage is one of two ways someone can make a total self-gift (the other is virginity, devoting oneself entirely to God) (*Familiaris Consortio*, no. 11). Marriage is not something thought up by human society or by any religion – rather, it springs from who the human person is, as male and female, and society and religion affirm and reinforce it. The truth of marriage is therefore accessible to everyone, regardless of their religious beliefs or lack thereof. Both faith and reason speak to the true meaning of marriage. (*USCCB.org, Marriage: Unique for a Reason*)

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (REFF)

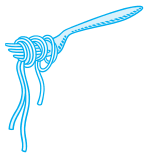
Ash Wednesday Services for Religious Education

On Wednesday, February 22, we will have Ash Wednesday services at both the 4:30 and 6:30 session in the Historic Church. Families are invited to join us and attend the parish "Soup Supper" being held in Heritage Center from 5 to 7 p.m. Call Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 or Ed Overell at 651-905-4312 if you have any questions.

Family Faith in Action Team

With Lent beginning this Wednesday, many of us are thinking about ways to strengthen our faith as we approach the celebration of Christ's resurrection. During Lent we may choose to give something up or do something extra as a sign of our willingness to change. The Family Faith in Action Team invites you to share with each other what you are doing for Lent. There are sheets of paper on the tables in Heritage Center for you to fill out and place in the purple box. Throughout Lent, some of these will be posted in the bulletin.

Workcamp Pasta Dinner



The Annual Workcamp Lenten Pasta Dinner will be on Friday, March 2, from 5-7 p.m. in Heritage Center. Join us for a wonderful dinner of cheese ravioli, fettuccine alfredo and spaghetti with meatless sauce, plus Caesar salad and dessert. For the 6th consecutive year, the meal will be catered by Chelsea's Café in Richfield. Tickets are \$5 for children, \$8 for adults, or \$25 for a family.

During dinner we will also have our Gift Basket Silent Auction, where you will have the opportunity to bid on many wonderful themed gift baskets. Bidding will also be open after Masses next weekend (February 25-26). All proceeds from both events go towards offsetting the cost of Workcamp, and our trip this July to Greenville, Michigan to help serve those in need.

Sincere Sympathy

St. Peter's community extends sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Muriel Kane**. We pray through faith that she is enjoying everlasting life.



Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

Pastoral Ministry

Faithfully Fit Forever (FFF)

FFF, our exercise class for older adults, meets on Thursdays in the Ravoux Room. This class meets weekly for a fun workout designed to meet the needs of all abilities and fitness levels. Our generous and talented instructors will discuss the health topic of the day to stretch your mind, lead you in an energetic yet easy to follow physical exercise routine and end with prayer and reflection to nourish your spirit. New members are always welcome. Pre-registration is not required. Please bring water and a set of lightweight dumbbells if you have them. Weights are available but in limited numbers.

Classes will be held from 2-3 p.m. through March 22. We will take a two-week break for spring break and Holy Week then return to Thursdays with a new time. Beginning April 12, classes will be on Thursday mornings from 10-11 a.m.

For more information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org. We hope to see you there!

Caring Hearts for Homeless People Supply Drive

We need your help! Please donate to the Caring Hearts for Homeless People supply drive. Non-prescription medications, hygiene supplies and cotton socks are just a few items that will be collected for the homeless. Supplies should be dropped off in the bin in the coat room no later than Sunday, February 26. Shopping lists are available at the Information Center. Cash donations are also welcome. Please make checks payable to "HealthEast Foundation Homeless Project." Your generosity is appreciated! For more information please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Lent Prayer and Discussion Group


Are you looking for a way to be more intentional about and engaged in your journey through the season of Lent? Beginning Sunday, February 26, and continuing every Sunday through Palm Sunday, join other parishioners at 12:30 p.m. in the Ravoux Room for prayer and discussion focused on each week of Lent. Pre-registration is not required, coloring activities will be available for your children if they are with you, and each session is expected to last until 1:30 p.m. For further information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org. If you are interested in being a small group leader or prayer leader, please contact Lisa Amos by Wednesday, February 22.

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving


Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 2/6/12-2/12/12	\$12,300
Actual for the period 2/6/12-2/12/12	\$11,024
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$549,600
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$540,386



**Ash Wednesday
February 22**
Mass will be celebrated
at 7 a.m. in the Historic Church
and
9 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the
Main Church

Soup Supper
On Ash Wednesday, the Council
of Catholic Women and the Men's
Club will be hosting a Soup
Supper from 5 to 7 p.m. in
Heritage Center.



Stations of the Cross
Fridays, February 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30,
7-7:35 p.m. in the Main Church

New Parishioner Dinner

There will be a dinner for all new parishioners on **Saturday, February 25**, following the 5 p.m. Mass, to welcome you and give you a chance to meet other new members, the parish staff, and some long-time parishioners. There will be drawings for a few prizes as well! Call or email Sara Rogers to let us know if you'll be attending: 651-905-4308 or srogers @ stpetersmendota.org.

Volunteers Needed!

Interested in helping at the new parishioner dinner? We need people who are excited to welcome new parishioners to St. Peter's! Please contact Sara Rogers at 651-905-4308 or srogers@stpetersmendota.org.

2012 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)

The Catholic Services Appeal will be conducted in our parish next weekend. Your support of the CSA brings God's hope, love, and "His Promise" to countless of our brothers and sisters in our Archdiocese. Please be generous.



2012 Lenten Regulations

The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence and by exercising works of piety and charity. All Fridays through the year, and especially during Lent, are penitential days.



ABSTINENCE

All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent.

FASTING

All those 18 and older, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs. But together, they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be affected seriously. People in doubt about fast or abstinence should consult a parish priest or confessor.

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 651-454-5292 or jvasiliou@comcast.net.



The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 20, in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.

The Next Week

Monday, February 20

Presidents' Day—Parish Office Closed

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

Tuesday, February 21

- 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, Conference Room I
- 11 am-12 Noon**
Mobile Meals
- 6:30 pm** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting,
Conference Room I
- 7 pm** Centering Prayer, Family Room

Wednesday, February 22—Ash Wednesday

- 7 am** Mass, **Historic Church**
- 9 am** Mass, **Main Church** (8:40 rosary)
- 9:45 am** Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Room I
- 4:30 pm** Grades 1-5 Ash Wednesday Service, HC
- 5-7 pm** Soup Supper, Heritage Center
- 6:30 pm** Grades 1-8 Ash Wednesday Service, HC
- 7 pm** Mass, **Main Church**

Thursday, February 23

- 9 am** Mass, **Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
- 9 30 am** Daily Mass Birthday Celebration,
Heritage Center
- 2 pm** Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room
- 7 pm** Al-Anon, Room 7
- 7 pm** Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5

Friday, February 24

- 9 am** Mass, **Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
- 7 pm** Stations of the Cross, Main Church

Saturday, February 25

- 9 and 10:30 am**
Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
- 10 am** Scripture Study, Community Room
- 4 pm** Reconciliation, **Main Church**
- 4:30 pm** Choir Rehearsal
- 5 pm** Mass, **Main Church**
- 6 pm** New Parishioner Dinner, Heritage Center

Sunday, February 26—First Sunday of Lent

Catholic Services Appeal

- 8:30 & 10:30 am**
Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
- 9 am** Sunday School
- 9 & 11 am** Liturgy of the Word for Children
- 9 & 11 am** Mass, **Main Church**
- 12 Noon** RCIA
- 12:30 pm** A Journey Through Lent Study Group,
Ravoux Room

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Readings for the Week of February 19

Sunday:	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/2 Cor 1:18-22/Mk 2:1-12
Monday:	Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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Mass Intentions

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

- Monday, February 20** - †Jimmy Basta
- Tuesday, February 21** - †Patricia Cianciolo
- Wednesday, Feb. 22** - 7 a.m. - Mass For the People
9 a.m. - †Alfred Zimmerman
7 p.m. - Choice of the Priest
- Thursday, February 23** - Choice of the Priest
- Friday, February 24** - †Lucille Zimmerman
- Saturday, February 25** - †Tom Pahl
- Sunday, Feb. 26** - **9 a.m.** - †Jeffrey Weiss
11 a.m. - Mass For the People

The Ignatius Press Catholic Book and Film Fair

Through Friday, March 2, the Faithful Shepherd Home & School Association is sponsoring the **Ignatius Press CATALOG ONLY Catholic Book and Film Fair** offering a large selection of extraordinary DVDs, books, CDs, and other Catholic gift items from Ignatius Press, one of the world's leading Catholic publishers and suppliers of quality Catholic materials. A copy of the **IGNATIUS PRESS CATHOLIC BOOK AND FILM FAIR** catalog is available on the Faithful Shepherd website: www.fscsmn.org. Please contact Cathy Mohs at cathym28@comcast.net if you have any questions. Proceeds will benefit Faithful Shepherd Catholic School. Don't miss this opportunity to order some **fantastic, entertaining, educational, spiritual, and thought-provoking Catholic materials** for everyone from infants to senior citizens—for Lent, Easter, sacramental celebrations and more!

Pizza Bingo at Faithful Shepherd

Friday, March 2

Come as a family ... or as a neighborhood!

Join the fun at this year's "Bingo & Pizza Night" on Friday, March 2, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Faithful Shepherd Catholic School gym. Get in on the bingo action for just \$5/person or \$15/family. Take your chance to win prizes such as Waterpark of America and Nick Universe passes, Timberwolves tickets, Twins memorabilia, Minnesota Wild puck signed by Cal Clutterbuck, gift certificates, and more! Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be available for purchase.

Calling all FSCS 6th-8th graders! Along with bingo, a middle school movie night will be held in the cafeteria. Movie admission is \$2.

If you have any questions, contact Cindy Craighead at dccraighead@comcast.net. Sponsored by the FSCS Home and School Association.

FAITHFUL SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND TRI-PARISH CENTER

St. John Neumann, St. Peter, St. Thomas Becket
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Advertisers, we appreciate your support!

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Jim Oricchio, parishioner
952-894-9460

For information on placing an ad in our bulletin, please call Tim Browne at 1-800-678-4574, ext. 4050 or email tbrowne@4lpi.com.

Meeting Your Child's Emotional Health Needs

As loving and supportive parents we do not hesitate to address our children's **physical** health needs. **What about our children's emotional health needs?**

Join Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Mary Kay Lowe for one or all of three separate 30 minute FREE seminars that will assist you to better understand and address your children's emotional health needs.

The first seminar will be on Sunday, February 19, held in the Ravoux Room, from 10:15 to 10:45 (after Donut Sunday Hospitality at the 9 a.m. Mass). The following health topics will be addressed:

- * Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)
- * Attention Deficit /Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- * Anxiety
- * Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- * Academic (Organization)

We hope you can make it!

Knights of Columbus "Culver's Night"

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a "Culver's Night" on Thursday, February 23, at the Culver's restaurant in Eagan. A percentage of all sales between 5 and 7 p.m. will be donated to the Knights of Columbus. Help support your Knights of Columbus by having dinner at Culver's at 3445 O'Leary Lane in Eagan.

