



CHURCH OF ST. PETER

# STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

*“As each one has received a gift,  
use it to serve one another as good stewards  
of God’s varied grace.”*

*1 Peter 4:10*

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“The greatest gift we have all received is our faith, the gift of our salvation in Christ present here and now, and alive in His body the Church. Our parish exists as part of Christ’s body and our goal does not consist in any human program. It is Christ’s mission of salvation towards the world as the Son of God.”

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## **What is Stewardship?**

Stewardship is a way that leads us to a deeper relationship with God. We are not our own, we belong to God our loving father. He gives us everything we need. Stewardship answers the “need to give to God, not giving to a need” as a way to live like Christ like. We learn to offer him our prayers, time and talent, and treasure in gratitude and fulfillment.



August 30, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

**"I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly"** *John 10:10*. This is the theme of our school year and we would like to adopt it for the whole parish too.

You have freely committed generously to the **Stewardship as a Way of Life** during the year 2019-2020, and I hope this experience at St. Peter's community deepened your relationship with God thorough the Church. **Thank you for your "Yes"**.

**During this COVID time stewardship reminds us the following principle: we are not our own.**

God expects us to cultivate the gifts He has given us even more in this time, during which the Coronavirus came into our life as a guest, unexpected, unknown, and lethal; above all, unwanted.

Despite the pandemic, we have been witnessing to a certain beautiful flourishing of faith, charity, and other signs of the creative work of the Holy Spirit through the freedom of believers. The communications given by the Archdiocese of St Paul and Minneapolis, as well as the many opportunities to pray and consecrate our dear country to Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Sacred Heart of Jesus were overwhelmingly beautiful.

**Why do we dare to continue with you the Stewardship as a Way of Life in this uncertain New Year at the Church of St. Peter?**

We humbly dare to continue the **Stewardship as a Way of Life** at the Church of St. Peter, because of the **willingness to abandon the old, what is behind us, and begin to desire to be created again by the power of God's Holy Spirit within the Church.**

**"I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly"** *John 10:10* describes the desire we have at St. Peter's to deepen our Faith, Hope and Charity toward the church and the brothers all over the world.

I look forward to walk the **stewardship as a way of life** path with all of you.

Your Pastor,

Fr. Ettore Ferrario, FSCB

## **Stewardship of Prayer**

*"This power, the grace of the Spirit, is not something we can merit or achieve, but only receive as pure gift. God's love can only unleash its power when it is allowed to change us from within. We have to let it break through the hard crust of our indifference, our spiritual weariness, our blind conformity to the spirit of this age. Only then can we let it ignite our imagination and shape our deepest desires. That is why prayer is so important: daily prayer, private prayer in the quiet of our hearts and before the Blessed Sacrament, and liturgical prayer in the heart of the Church. Prayer is pure receptivity to God's grace, love in action, communion with the Spirit who dwells within us, leading us, through Jesus, in the Church, to our heavenly Father. In the power of his Spirit, Jesus is always present in our hearts, quietly waiting for us to be still with him, to hear his voice, to abide in his love, and to receive "power from on high," enabling us to be salt and light for our world." (Benedict XVI, July 20, 2008)*

Throughout the month of September, we learn about Stewardship of Prayer. We explore the importance of an active prayer life and the many prayerful opportunities to enhance or begin your Stewardship of Prayer. We also have an opportunity to make a commitment of prayer.

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## **Stewardship of Time and Talent**

Our stewardship of prayer is called to mature into a stewardship of time and talent, as Saint Peter reminds us beautifully: *"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever."* (1 Peter, 4:10-11) These words of Saint Peter are very simple, clear, and direct. Saint Peter was addressing the nascent Christian communities, made up by just a few dozen believers. Peter was fully aware that the survival, and the spreading of the Church throughout the world, depended upon the desire to actively respond to the undeserved love of Christ by each of those who were part of the communities. Dear parishioners, we desire to continue in the footsteps of the first Christian communities, here at Saint Peter's in North Saint Paul, 2000 years after the apostle's exhortation.

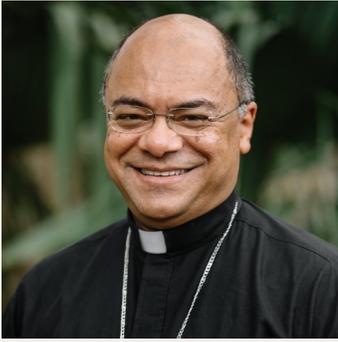
In October, we introduce Stewardship of Time and Talent. We increase awareness and understanding of the many ways God is calling you to share your gifts of time and talent. We also have an opportunity to commit our time and talents to ministries important to our parish family.

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## **Stewardship of Treasure**

**The good steward understands that our charitable giving is based on the key idea that we have a need to give before we give to a need.** Our need to give is a response in love. We give back what is really not ours. God asks a tithe back in thanksgiving for what he has done. He asks us to give our time, talent and treasure. When God sees our response in love, God gives us even more. Giving teaches us to focus on someone other than ourselves. We are so grateful for all of those who have given and continue to give. Our parish is built as a community of stewards and God asks each of us together to give to show the love for him in what he has given all of us.

In November, we focus on Stewardship of Treasure. As members of God's family we are called to give of ourselves in gratitude for the many gifts we've received from the Lord. Each parish household is asked to reflect on their God given gifts, and make a monetary pledge to the parish for their 2021 weekly Sunday giving.



## OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS:

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
CONFRONTS RACISM

Featuring Bishop Shelton Fabre, Bishop of the  
Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux,  
Chairman, USCCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism

[Read \*Open Wide Our Hearts: The enduring call to Love\* and more resources on racism from the USCCB on their website](#)

*Wednesday, September 9, 2020 10:00am-Noon*  
*Zoom Webinar Register at*  
<https://www.mncatholic.org/openwideourhearts/>



## Lebanon is Bleeding

### Lebanon Emergency Appeal



September 5/6 Collection for Lebanon suffering from August 4 Explosion The ammonium nitrate explosion at the Beirut sea port on August 4, killed over 200, injured more than 6,000 and displaced over 350,000. **“Lebanon is bleeding,”** says, Chorbishop Maroun. Many neighborhoods are flattened at a time when the nation is dealing with the COVID pandemic and political unrest.

They need our help with even the basics for survival, including shelter, food, medicine, and hygiene kits. Archbishop Hebda has requested that parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis take up an emergency collection for Catholic Relief Services – the U.S. Bishops international humanitarian aid organization for poor and most vulnerable - and their lifesaving support in Lebanon.

On the weekend of September 5 and 6, we will take up this much needed emergency collection for those suffering in Lebanon. The Center for Mission will forward financial donations to Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able: many are counting on our help.

Please give at your parish if you are able to, or send your check donation to: Center for Mission, 777 Forest Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55106: Add “Lebanon Emergency Collection” on memo line. Or go to [www.centerformission.org/contribute](http://www.centerformission.org/contribute). For questions, contact Deacon Mickey Friesen, [friesenm@archspm.org](mailto:friesenm@archspm.org), 651.291.4445.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

**St. Peter Catholic School** is looking for someone to demonstrate Stewardship of Time as a **substitute teacher** or **volunteer school nurse**. As we prepare to re-open our school as safely as possible, these two positions could support the work we are undergoing in the education of our children. We are looking to add capable substitute teachers to our list of subs. We are also looking for someone to support us as a volunteer nurse. This person would need to have nursing experience. If interested in either of these positions please contact Principal, Alison Dahlman at [adahlman@stpetersnsp.org](mailto:adahlman@stpetersnsp.org) or call at 651-894-6156.

**Church of St. Peter is looking for volunteer Receptionists and Greeters** to assist during Confessions Saturday's 9-11 am. We are in need of volunteers to assist on **Saturday mornings from 9-11 am to greet parishioners and visitors coming to the parish for confessions and to answer the phone at the front desk**. If you are willing to serve in this important ministry, please contact Patti Teachout, Liturgy Coordinator for more information at [pteachout@Stpetersnsp.org](mailto:pteachout@Stpetersnsp.org) or by calling the parish office, 651-777-8304 Ext. 6142.

## STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

*-In these times of COVID, it is important for each visitor to be personally responsible for following safe hygiene protocol and archdiocesan guidelines.*

**-Because of the uncertainty of the future, the chapel is subject to be closed without previous notice as the religious and civil authorities might request.**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS FOR September:**

**TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Weekends CLOSED**

**You must register online at [www.churchofstpetersnsp.org](http://www.churchofstpetersnsp.org)**

Dear Adorers you have decided to adore Christ in the adoration chapel out of your own free will. Please be respectful of guidelines and other adorers. The Church of St Peter commits wholeheartedly to adore Jesus Christ, and at the same time respects the safety and health of the adorers.

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## Opportunities to Encounter Christ

**We are looking forward to resuming opportunities to encounter Christ in September** *safety and in compliance with the archdiocesan normative.*

We welcome you to journey as a parish into this year theme ***"I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly"*** John 10:10, for some incredible opportunities from September to December.

**Eucharistic Adoration Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020** in the Main Church

5:00 pm -7:00 pm

**Lectio Divina** during the Eucharistic Adoration on the First Joyful Mystery of the Rosary "The Annunciation"  
Evening prayer/Benediction.

**Adult Faith Formation – Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020** from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Fellowship Hall or by streaming live

***"The Role of Politics for Catholics in the Modern World"***

Speaker: Jackson Adkins, Executive Director on Minnesota Catholic Conference

## "I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly" John 10:10

This is the theme of our Parish, School and Faith Formation catechetical year 2020-2021. We strongly desire to assist children and families to grow abundantly in the catholic faith. Despite the continued uncertainties related to COVID and the upcoming school year, **we are happy to announce that registration for 2020-2021 Faith Formation is now open.**

After thorough consideration of the many varied factors, including class and space sizes as well as the developmental needs of the children, **it has been determined that monthly in-person classes supported by take-home resources and activities will best promote the health safety of our community while still providing high quality education of our faith.**

We are invited to view the necessary modifications to the usual calendar as an opportunity to grow in **Family Faith Formation**, as the focus of our catechists is expanded from just the child to a broader scope that includes parents and caregivers toward God's call to know Him better and go deeper in our relationship with Him.

### **PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER:**

Friday, September 18, 7-9pm for Faith Formation classes grades 6, 7, and 8

Wednesday, September 23, from 6-7:30, for all CGS students: preschool through grade 3

Wednesday, September 30, for Faith Formation classes grades 4 and 5 and Confirmation (grades 8-12)

### **CLASSES WILL START IN OCTOBER**

We plan to continue this schedule of monthly in-person classes for the duration of the school year.

A full calendar will soon be made available on the website

but here is a quick breakdown of the plan:

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays of every month (October - May)**

- CGS preschool & kindergarten class is offered at 4:30 and 6:00pm
- CGS grade 3 class is offered at 4:30 and 6:00pm
- Confirmation at 6pm

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of every month (October - May)**

- CGS grade 1 and 2 class is offered at 4:00 and 6:00pm
- Faith Formation grades 4 & 5 at 6-7:30pm

#### **Faith Formation grades 6, 7, 8:**

- Meetings two Fridays every month, 7-9pm
- St JPII Society = TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

**High School Youth Group** will meet on Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm

**RCIC students** (children between age 8-18, preparing for the Sacraments of Confession and First Communion) **will meet weekly, day and time to be determined**

Great care will be taken to ensure that current public health safety guidelines from the Archdiocese are followed at all times. This includes, but may not be limited to, the sanitization of spaces and items before and after classes, the use of masks while in the building, and avoiding activities that may increase the risk of COVID transmission.

To register your child for a class, **please visit the Education page of our website.** New this year: registration, payment, and consent forms will all be collected electronically via the form on the webpage. If at any time you need assistance, find something not working, or would prefer to register in person, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer: [jgreger@stpetersnsp.org](mailto:jgreger@stpetersnsp.org) or 651-777-8304.

We are looking forward to the new Faith Formation year and are excited to see all that God has planned for us! Please join us in praying for the children of our parish, their families, for the catechists, and for our Faith Formation program - that all will be open and receptive to how the Holy Spirit guides us during this school year and that we learn to depend on and love God more and more every day.

Fr. Stefano, Faith Formation Coordinator   Fr. Ettore, Pastor   Barb Waldorf, CGS Coordinator  
Jennifer Greger, Faith Formation Assistant

## MASS INTENTIONS

Week of August 30 - September 6, 2020

Sunday:	8:00 AM	Church of St. Peter
	11:00AM	†Bob Pogue Jr.
	6:00 PM	†Ron Dittmer
Monday:	8:00 AM	†Richard Moody
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	†Stephen Hovey
Wednesday:	8:00 AM	†Earl Morelli
Thursday:	8:00 AM	†Sean Patrick Lyons
Friday:	8:00 AM	†Alvina Bever
Saturday:	8:00 AM	†Leona Coenen
	4:00 PM	†Deceased Members of CWA
Sunday:	8:00 AM	†Joseph Francis Schultz
	10:30 AM	†Allison Feldkamp
	6:00 PM	Church of St. Peter

## STARTING SEPTEMBER 6

**NEW**  
**Mass & Confession**  
**Times for 2020-21**

### Mass Schedule

**Monday thru Saturday 8:00 AM**

**Sunday Mass Schedule**

Saturday, 4:00 PM

**Sunday, 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM Live streaming**

**Mass, 6:00 PM**

### Confession Schedule

**7:30 AM Tuesday thru Friday**

**Saturday 9:00-11:00 AM**

**Sunday 1/2 hour before each Mass**



## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please continue to pray for  
 Abby Harris and Thomas Makens  
 who were married this weekend

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

As of August 23 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021

Collected for Week: Envelopes & Plate	\$12,108.
Collected for Week: Electronic Giving	\$10,503.
<b>Total Amount Collected for Week</b>	<b>\$22,611.</b>
<b>Amount Budgeted for Week</b>	<b>\$21,724.</b>
<b>Collected to Date: Stocks &amp; Special Gifts</b>	<b>\$159,595.</b>
<b>Budgeted to Date: Stocks &amp; Special Gifts</b>	<b>\$165,409.</b>
<b>Percentage Above (or Below) Budget</b>	<b>-3.51%</b>
<b>Amount Above (or Below) Budget</b>	<b>(\$5,814.)</b>

## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The **CCW** is an organization of Adult Catholic Women of the Parish. All women are welcome to join. We typically are an active group and members can choose the level of involvement they are comfortable with. Our prayer life is centered around the Rosary and our Catholic faith. **Our activities include worship, fund raising, charitable services, speakers, support for one another and fun get togethers!** Regular meetings are the first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm. Our first meeting of the year will be **Monday, September 14.** Following CDC guidelines, join us in the St. Peter Church **playground, bring a chair and wear a mask.** Annual dues are \$10 this year. If you would like to become a member, call Roxi Lerach at 651-777-4120 or just come! We look forward to seeing you there!

## NEW RECEPTIONIST HIRED



We have hired Claire Jensen for the part time receptionist position. We are excited to have her join the staff of St. Peter. Claire will start on Monday, August. 24, she will be working Monday through Friday 8:30 to noon. Stop by to say hello and introduce yourself.

