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SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

TEACHINGS FOR AN UNBELIEVING WORLD

Dear parishioners and visitors,

This summer, during my daily time of silence, I read a super interesting book: *Teachings for an Unbelieving World*. This short book collects the newly discovered reflections on Saint Paul's Sermon at the Areopagus (Acts 17:16-34) by the then cardinal Karol Wojtyla, during the years when he was archbishop of Krakow.

These catecheses were written in the period immediately following the Second Vatican Council, probably in 1965. This was an extremely difficult time in the Church, marked by a lot of confusion especially regarding the nature and mission of the Church. Indeed, many theologians began to spread the idea that Christianity was just one of the many religions, and that all religions were equally true. Against such heretical tendencies cardinal Karol Wojtyla reaffirms with decisiveness the truth of the catholic faith, and the necessity of following the commandment of Christ to spread his Kingdom on this earth.

The following passage from *Teachings for an Unbelieving World*, summarizes Saint John Paul II's understanding of the mission of the Catholic Church:

"... But even more strongly the call of the Apostle thunders: Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel. Since God revealed himself, in his ineffable mystery, in Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ entrusted this mystery to the apostles and to the Church the imperative to proclaim the Gospel to every creature resounds unceasingly: to those to whom the Gospel still is not known, to those who know it insufficiently or do not put it into practice enough, and finally to those who know it but, for various reasons, ignore it..."

May we learn the desire to proclaim and know the Gospel from the example of Saint John Paul II. May we walk the path of stewardship opening our life in prayer so that we may listen to the Word of God calling us to serve his Church.

Fr. Pietro, Parochial Vicar

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER



CHURCH OF ST. PETER STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

Abundant Life. It is hard to think about anything in abundance at this time. Social gatherings are limited, supplies at the store are in short supply, even a smile from another person is covered up by a mask. Christ came 2,000 years ago so that we might have an abundant life now.

It is also a time to focus on the most important relationship: our relationship with God. And God wants this relationship with us so we can receive the abundant love he offers. Prayer is the communication of that relationship; it is how we come to know him better.

This time provides a moment in our lives to focus, and rather than waiting for "normal," we can build this relationship now, and emerge from this time better - more deeply a disciple of Christ.



I CAME SO
THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE
AND HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.
JOHN 10:10

Our Parish Mission Statement

The Church of St. Peter is a Roman Catholic community of disciples that strives to continue the saving work of Jesus Christ for our members, the larger community and the universal church by our commitment to hospitality, formation, worship and service.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO HELP
DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
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“Politics, though often denigrated, remains a lofty vocation and one of the highest forms of charity, inasmuch as it seeks the common good.”

- Pope Francis, [205] - The Joy of the Gospel.

Jason Adkins, ESQ. executive director of the Minnesota Catholic Conference will be at the Church of St Peter for a live conference on **“The Role of Politics in the Modern World”**.

Mr. Adkins has served as the executive director of the Minnesota Catholic Conference since March 2011. Prior to his advocacy work for the Church, Jason was a attorney at the Institute for Justice, a public interest law firm. Jason has clerked for both state and federal appellate judges, and received his law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School, where he has served as an adjunct professor. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of St. Thomas (Minnesota), and resides in Saint Paul with his family.

- **October 1st 2020** Fellowship Hall

- **6:30 p.m.**

- Entrance E1 door - ONLY

- We will do our best to provide the streaming of the conference. More details about the streaming to be given.

Please R.S.V.P. to Connie at 894-614. By Monday, September 27, 2020. We will follow the CDC's Guidelines of social distancing and wearing of a face mask.



FALL GATHERING

Hold the Date for our Fall Gathering

Join us for a safe, social distance Fall Gathering on **Sunday, September 20** under two big tents in the parking lot. We have a fun afternoon planned with a catered pulled pork dinner, food truck favorites, beer/wine/pop/water sales, raffle tickets, cornhole tournament and the Vikings vs. Colts game on the Jumbo Screen.

Here are some ways you can help us make the afternoon a success:

Sell and return your raffle tickets

Check out the volunteer opportunities and sign up

You must pre-register for the event to help us maintain our 250 person limit

Pre-pay for your pork dinner to help us with cash handling

Sign up for the cornhole tournament so we can form our brackets

Find your favorite purple and gold Vikings fashion for the game

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy the afternoon with us

Consider helping us by becoming a sponsor. Contact Kari at kari@umn.edu or call

651-332-1070 to learn more about our needs

Visit churchofstpeter.org for more information and access to our online forms.

Need help registering? Contact the parish office at 651-777-8304 and we'll help you!

***Please keep in mind we are following the Archdiocese guidelines to protect the vulnerable and those parishioners age 66+ by limiting their volunteer service at this time.**

SECOND COLLECTION FOR OUR SISTER PARISH IN PARAGAUY



Many students cannot afford the internet so the school is offering free printing and photocopies to those student. The teachers are hand delivering the materials to the students. Student who live near the school are able to come in at certain times to use the internet service. Up to 4 students at one time are allowed keeping social distancing, wearing a mask and washing their hands.

The parish has begun delivering milk to the most deprived families whose parents have lost their jobs due to many of the factories being closed. The number of people who are coming to the parish for the food program has increased from 200-400 a day to over 1000 as

financial resources have disappeared for many families.

Our financial support assisted in providing for a new well for the school children to have access to clean, running water. Prior to this, many hours during the day there was no running water available.

Father Miguel reported that without the financial assistance that St Peter's has provided, he would not have been able to keep the school open and would have already been bankrupt. Our parish has embraced **Stewardship as a Way of Life** through **Stewardship of Prayer** by continuing to pray for our sister parish in Paraguay and the work Fr Miguel is doing. We have been sponsoring school children every year through the Paraguay Sponsorship initiative. This weekend the second collection is to provide continued financial support to our sister parish in **Paraguay by providing financial** support to keep the school opening and functioning as well as the increased need for the food program during this time of pandemic. **Please be generous with your support of this important mission.**

Thank you from the Paraguay Committee! Fr. Ettore, Letty Ruis-Ponce, Cathy Standish, Patti Teachout, Nona Sinn, Debbie Nordling , Shawna Wicker, Jim Wolters



SECOND COLLECTION OCTOBER 3, 2020

Pope Francis has requested us to have a second collection for the Holy Land.



This is a small gesture of solidarity that the whole Church is called to make in order to support through the Custody of the Holy Land, The Christian communities that are in the Holy Land and feel the weight and also the glory of the Cross of Jesus on the their shoulders.

This collection would have taken place during our Good Friday services. Since we did not celebrate public Mass at that time we have been asked to have a collection now.

The Paraguay collection was already scheduled for this weekend so we will have the collection for the

HOLY LAND ON OCTOBER 3RD.

FAITH FORMATION

Register Now For Faith Formation

The new Faith Formation year will begin soon! We have openings in all our courses – from preschool age through High School. Please see the Education section of our website or the rack in the Gathering Space for the calendar, specifics about each course, and registration information. **Information sessions for parents and students start this week!**

- **Grades 6-8 (including St. Peter School students) - Friday, Sept 18, 7-8pm**
- **Catechesis of the Good Shepard (preschool-grade 3) – Wednesday, Sept 23, 6-7:30pm**
- **Grade 4 & 5 – Wednesday, Sept 30, 6-7:30**
- **Confirmation (including St. Peter School students) –Wednesday, Sept 30, 6-7:30**

Questions or concerns? Contact Fr. Stefano, Faith Formation Coordinator, at scolombo@stpetersnsp.org or Jennifer, Faith Formation Assistant at jgreger@stpetersnsp.org or call the Parish Office 651-777-8304. Scholarships are readily available.



Due to the change in class format, it is likely that we may be in need of catechists or assistants. If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry in our parish, please contact Jennifer or Father Stefano.

ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL



St. Peter Catholic School welcomes 229 students back to campus for the 2020-2021 school year. Read the welcome letter to learn how the school community has been encouraged as we returned this year. Thank you for the prayers and support you provide as faithful parishioners!

Welcome to a new school year! A year unlike any other. You would be heartened to see the positive attitude and dedication of our faculty and staff these past weeks. Each person has accepted what work we have to do and is eager to do it with grace, joy, and commitment. Our Scripture Theme for this year comes from the words of Christ in the Gospel of John: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” These words are a powerful framework for the work we have before us this year. We inherit a beautiful gift of faith in which we know abundance of life is not connected to material items, being able to do things the way we always did them, being able to exercise what we want whenever and wherever we want to, but rather abundant life is interwoven with a surrender to Christ himself. What is Christ asking of us this year?

If the education of our children is an essential activity and one that carries with it a moral good, I think it is fair to say Christ is asking something of us this year to perform this sacred work. I'm sure there are many things he is asking of us but it seems the most simple is to have new eyes to imagine how this can be done differently. In some ways it won't be as good, in some ways it will be equal, and in some ways we will see how rethinking how we educate together can be better than we knew possible. Abundance comes from our surrender and faith in Christ - not being able to live exactly the way we wish. And if the education of our children is a sacred and moral work, which I believe deep within, then we do this work under the care and love of Christ himself.

Anxieties are high. Fear abounds. Let St. Peter be a place where abundance lives. Let St. Peter be a place where Christ reigns. Let St. Peter be a place where we do hard work with humility and joy. Thank you for partnering with us this year. Thank you for being a part of our abundance.

God bless our work, God bless our families, God bless our teachers and staff, and above all God bless our precious students.

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of September 13 - September 20, 2020

Sunday:	8:00 AM	†Dorthea Stolz
	10:30AM	†Dennis Weimann Sr.
	6:00 PM	Church of St. Peter
Monday:	8:00 AM	†Richard Wendel
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	†Bette Myers
Wednesday:	8:00 AM	†Frank & Lucille Krolak
Thursday:	8:00 AM	†Richard Fontaine & Mary Ann Schwaab
Friday:	8:00 AM	†Ed Mielke
	9:30 AM	†Russell & Bernice Mitchell School children only
Saturday:	8:00 AM	†Dennis Weimann Sr.
	4:00 PM	†Jean Regan
Sunday:	8:00 AM	†Carol O'Shea
	10:30AM	†George Sinn
	6:00 PM	Church of St. Peter

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITY

All Life Is Precious 

On **Saturday, September 19th**, join the Knights of Columbus on the sidewalk in front of Little Canada Planned Parenthood (91 Viking Drive- by Hwy 36 & Rice St). **We will meet there from 11:30 am-12:30 pm**, and again on the 3rd Saturday of EVERY month. Through prayer and/or holding signs let's defend the unborn. (Signs provided) For info on parking or other questions email Grand Knight John Zakroczymski at johzak@msn.com or call Jan Hawkes at 651-490-0247. **There's plenty of room to social distance on the sidewalk.**

EXTENDED DAY CAREGIVER

St. Peter Catholic School looking for an Extended Day Caregiver

We are looking for someone who would be able to work 6:45am-9:15am Monday-Friday to take care of students who utilize our Before School Extended Day program. You would help serve breakfast, provide a fun spot for students to be before they start the day, and work with the Extended Day Director, Pam Grode, to insure all students are safe and ready for the school day. Please reach out to Pam Grode if you are interested in learning more: pgrode@stpetersnsp.org or call the school office to leave a message so she can get back to you: 651-777-3091

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

As of Sep. 8 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021

Collected for Week: Envelopes & Plate	\$18,150.
Collected for Week: Electronic Giving	\$9,370.
Total Amount Collected for Week	\$27,519.
Amount Budgeted for Week	\$24,707.
Collected to Date: Stocks & Special Gifts	\$202,475.
Budgeted to Date: Stocks & Special Gifts	\$206,498.
Percentage Above (or Below) Budget	-1.95%
Amount Above (or Below) Budget	(\$4,023.)



LEBANON SECOND COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations to the emergency second collection requested by Archbishop Hebda for Lebanon. A **total of \$2,335** was collected.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Gertrude "Gert" Barnes whose funeral were celebrated this past week.



FUNERAL DISHES

We have several dishes from past funerals in the cupboard on the Margaret St. Entrance.

Please stop and get your dishes by September 20th. We will be cleaning the cupboard any dishes left will be donated. Thank you.

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