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Parish announces new logo

We are proud and excited to introduce parishioners to the new logo design for the Church of St. Peter. Since the new church building was dedicated last year, The Church of St. Peter has been making use of a diamond and cross motif for its graphic identity. This motif has been incorporated into the new logo, which also utilizes other important symbolic forms more specific to the life and identity of St. Peter, our patron:



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Inverted Cross

The inverted cross symbolizes the martyrdom of Saint Peter, the Prince of the Apostles and our parish patron. As told by Origen of Alexandria, tradition records that the first Pope did not deem himself worthy to be crucified in the same position as his Lord Jesus; so Peter died upside down, with his head in the dust of Rome. As such the inverted cross has become a symbol of the Petrine office and humility.

Keys

Also known as the Keys of Heaven, the Keys of Peter were, according to
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Tune into Fall Festival Fun

Three days of music, food & fun September 18-20

Get ready for three days of fun!

Make plans for this year's Fall Fest, with live music each day and plenty of good food for the whole family. All your old favorites like carnival games, boutique items and crafts galore will be there, plus a few new items for you to enjoy, such as funnel cakes and new games and music.

Feature Act: Free Fallin

On Friday night challenge your friends to a friendly game at the Bingo Extravaganza from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., and then take in the Tom Petty cover band Free Fallin from 9:00 - 11:30 p.m. in O'Reilly Hall. This premier tribute to Tom Petty features his greatest hits from the last three decades, and best of all, admission is free!

Back by popular demand, Fall Fest Saturday brings more great music from local favorite EDGE, followed by the hot jazz sounds of the Beau Koo Jacks. Then on Sunday sing and dance to Yesterday's Top 40 pop hits by Any Day Now.

Don't Forget the Auction Action!

Saturday's live auction will run from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., and this year promises to be packed with bargains. Sports tickets and memorabilia are always a hallmark of the auction, plus there's an opportunity for you to score a delightful afternoon with Father Griffith and Monsignor Habiger at the St. Thomas Alumni Christmas Luncheon. If you would like to make a donation or have your business featured during the auction, please contact Mary Ann Thelen at 651-773-0379.

Lend a hand during Fall Fest!

Donations for the festival are already coming in, but we need lots more handmade items for the Craft Boutique. Please consider donating a sewing, knitting, crocheting or wood working craft project for the boutique.

We also need bakery goods for the Bake Sale and Cake Walk, pies for the Sunday broasted chicken dinner, and theme baskets for the Silent Auction. These fun baskets and business gifts really make a contribution to our fall festival.

Lastly, Fall Festival cannot be a success without the help of valuable volunteers, like you! There are plenty of ways that you can get involved, from selling game tickets to serving food. If one member from every parish household took a volunteer shift during Fall Fest weekend, we would have our best celebration ever. Please consider donating an hour or two of your time. Call Mary Ann Thelen at 651-773-0379 or Pam Germ at 651-773-9134 for more information on how you and your family and friends can help out.

World Youth Day 2011—Madrid, Spain

The world's definition of "youth" is ages 16-35. If you are within these ages by the year 2011, congratulations! World Youth Day might just be something for you! If you are older than the age of 35 and feel called to join us at World Youth Day, I ask you to pray about this and contact me about possibly being a chaperone.

If you haven't heard yet, I'm telling you now that the next World Youth Day will be held in Madrid, Spain! The Church of St. Peter will be deciding soon about the details of our pilgrimage to Spain in 2011. But before I give you the logistical information about WYD, I want to first give you four reasons why you should consider going as a pilgrim with the Church of St. Peter.

Number 1: WYD is one of the best opportunities to meet Catholics from almost every county of the world. As a pilgrim, you are joined by pilgrims from everywhere who are on the same journey as you, they are just coming from somewhere different (in some cases, very different). I have heard many stories of WYD pilgrims who have traded trinkets with people from other countries and had the most amazing time talking with Italians, Russians, Chinese, German, and so many more!

Number 2: This is an opportunity to broaden your understanding of the universality of the Church! Not only are you meeting people from other countries, you are able to view vast crowds of people who have come together to celebrate the same faith in Christ! (Not to mention that the Pope is one of those people you will be with). The view is awe-inspiring as everyone hikes to the closing ceremonies and Mass with the Pope. Flags from various countries can be seen throughout the crowds. Small pockets of people break out into song (some sing the entire way!).

Number 3: You will have the chance to grow in your faith and to take a step closer to Christ through moments of suffering, frustration, joy, and happiness. Being a pilgrim is not supposed to be all glamour all the time. In fact, it's not about the glamour at all! There are times when you will be sleeping on a gymnasium floor with just your sleeping bag and some bunched up clothes as your pillow. There will be times when you are hiking for several miles to get to your destination. Imagine this as our own spiritual way of the cross. By enduring these kinds of sufferings and not turning away from Christ, we are showing ourselves and others that we are serious about what we believe. If we did not truly believe in Christ and his sacrifice for us, there would be no reason to suffer along side of him.

Number 4: You will get to know your fellow travelers from the Church of St. Peter and from the Archdiocese very well and create lasting friendships and bonds. My husband, Sean, had the opportunity to go to WYD when it was held in Germany in 2005. He still tells stories about the experiences he and his fellow travelers had together. And whenever they see each other, they are still connected through the Eucharist and through the times that they shared at WYD. The bonds made at WYD are very strong because they are made in Christ.

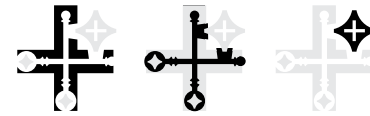
I hope that you will take these reasons to heart and consider joining us as a pilgrim in 2011. Take some time to pray about WYD. The cost for the trip has not been finalized yet, as our travel plans are not yet finalized. I will be holding an informational meeting this fall for all who are the least bit interested in this pilgrimage. At this meeting we will discuss travel plans, cost, and fundraising possibilities. Please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to take part in this informational meeting. hkeisling@churchofstpetersp.org or 651-777-8304 ext. 317

In Christ, Hannah Keisling, Director of Youth Formation

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St. Peter's Inverted Cross

St. Peter's Keys

Church Motif

Christian tradition, received by St. Peter from Jesus, marking Peter's ability to take binding actions. As such the Keys are acknowledged as a symbol of ecclesial authority.

"...you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."
Matthew 16: 18-19

The logo will eventually be depicted in various color combinations as outlined by parish guidelines, but the normative color used will be deep red, warm grey and black. These colors are symbolic of the brick, stone and metal of the new church building. In addition, these colors are symbolic of the person of St. Peter. Red is used as a symbol of his martyrdom and grey as a symbol of the rock upon whom the Church is built.

Questions about Fall Festival?

Contact:

Mary Ann Thelen at 651-773-0379

Pam Germ at 651-773-9134

Parish Office at 651-777-8304

Liturgy Corner

Kathryn Lien, Liturgy/Music Director

Liturgists and musicians look forward to summer as an annual semi-retreat. We dream of having time to thumb through music from publishers, write a descant for that Christmas carol we all love, read the articles from journals that have been piling up all year, and even have a little time left to hone our musical skills. All these things do happen, although never to the degree that we imagined. This summer I was fortunate to attend the conference on worship and music at St John's University. It was timely, since the main discussion of those days surrounded the recent document issued by the American bishops, *Sing to the Lord*. This document follows a long history of the church's insistence on the importance of music in the liturgy. Pius X, in November 1903, issued a papal instruction entitled *Tra le sollecitudini*, which grounded the reform of liturgical music for the twentieth century. In it, Pius X encouraged the use of music ranging from Gregorian Chant to modern hymnody. The important document of Vatican II, *Music in Sacred Worship* grew out of this artistic and liturgical tradition. These documents highlight different elements in response to the cultural situation of the time, but one thing remains clear in every one of them: the purpose of liturgical music is to give glory to God and to unite the worshipping assembly.

"Indeed, God, the giver of song, is present whenever his people sing his praises".

Sing to the Lord is the latest in the church's work to bring musical prayer to the liturgy in a way that recognizes cultural imperatives and retains the musical tradition of the church. The document begins by reminding us all that God is present among us when we pray with song. "Indeed, God, the giver of song, is present whenever his people sing his praises". This is a powerful statement, one that resonates with our well-known Vatican II instruction that Christ is present in the proclamation of sacred scripture.

The human voice is presented as the instrument par excellence, the one God-given means of musical sound that we all possess. The bishops see the possibilities of a singing assembly becoming united in its praise as they lift their voices to their Creator.

Of all the sounds in which human beings, created in the image and likeness of God, are capable, voice is the most privileged and fundamental. Musical instruments in the Liturgy are best understood as an extension of and support to the primary liturgical instrument, which is the human voice. (#86)

Throughout the year I will highlight various parts of *Sing to the Lord*. It is a document of hope and light, one that, with study and practice, we will come to know as means of supporting beautiful music in our liturgies.

Fall Fest Reminders

All large auction item donations should be called in to Mary Ann Thelen at 651-773-0379 or the parish office at 651-777-8304 as soon as possible. Silent and live auction items and theme baskets should be dropped off at the Parish Office during the week of September 14-19, preferably all day on Friday or on Saturday by noon to Fellowship Hall. Bake Sale goodies, Cake Walk cakes, and pies for Sunday dinner should be brought in to Fellowship Hall by noon on Saturday.

Council of Catholic Women wants you!

The Council of Catholic Women will begin meeting in September and will meet every month (with the exception of January and February), through June. Our first meeting is Monday, September 14th beginning with the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All other meetings are the first Monday of the month. Meetings usually include a program or speaker after a small business meeting and conclude with coffee and treats.

Whatever your station in life; a stay-at-home Mom; a woman in the workforce; a retiree; you are no doubt busy doing for others in some way or another, so why not take out a few hours a month just for yourself! We are a social club that tries to enhance our spirituality as well as contribute to the Parish and Community. If you are new to the Parish, it's a wonderful way to feel like you belong and make new friends.

Our Officers are: President Cathy Evans, 651-481-1012; 1st VP Pat Thomas, 651-779-8773; 2nd VP Norma Worm, 651-777-0910; Secretary Joan Dragos, 651-777-4048 and Treasurer Beth Minogue 651-779-6228. Call any Officer if you have questions or just come to our first meeting on September 14th. We would love to have you join us!

Scholarship Help

Last month a scholarship letter from Father Griffith and Ms. Crowley was included in *Parish Life*. They talked about considering a tax-deductible gift that will help shape the minds and hearts of our youth as they grow and learn in an enriching Catholic environment. It is not too late to send in a donation. You may send your donation to the scholarship fund to: St. Peter Catholic School, Development Committee, 2620 North Margaret St., North St. Paul, MN 55109.

Fall Festival Schedule

Friday, September 18

5:00 - 11:30 p.m. Great food & fun in O'Reilley Hall

5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Bingo Extravaganza

9:00 - 11:30 p.m. Enjoy incredible live music by Free Fallin

Saturday, September 19

4:00 p.m. Celebration Mass

5:00 - 10:00 p.m. Festival begins! Pig roast, pizza, popcorn, ice cream, nachos, funnel cakes, beer/pop, silent auction, pull-tabs, games for all ages, bake sale, and craft boutique.

5:00 - 10:00 p.m. Water Wars - the ultimate water balloon game!

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Live music by the band EDGE in O'Reilley Hall

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Live Auction action in O'Reilley Hall

7:30 - 10:00 p.m. More great music with jazz group Beau Koo Jacks

Sunday, September 20

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Celebration Mass

11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Enjoy games for all ages, bake sale, craft boutique, silent auction, pull-tabs, cake walk, tacos in a bag, pizza, ice cream, nachos, hotdogs, funnel cakes, popcorn, and beer/pop.

11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Delicious broasted chicken dinner with pie in the school cafeteria. Raffle in the school cafeteria ~ \$1 gets you five chances at a \$10 Gift Card or a turkey!

12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Watch the Vikings vs. the Detroit Lions on the O'Reilley-Tron big screen.

12:00 - 5:00 p.m. Water Wars

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Magician Mike Wilke in O'Reilley Hall

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Home Depot Kids Workshop outside

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Listen to hits from the '60s, '70s, and '80s by Any Day Now

4:00 p.m. Silent Auction bidding ends

5:00 p.m. Raffle & Lotto Card Drawing

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Save your stuff. Big Sale coming October 16-17

Big Sale is coming into O'Reilley Hall on Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17. Start collecting your gently used household items, books, toys, children's clothes and other treasures for the Church of St. Peter's Big Sale The Big Sale is a delight for bargain hunters of all ages and best yet— all proceeds go to benefit parish ministries. Watch the Bulletin and web site for drop off times and locations.

Sale hours are Friday, October 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Michelle Adam at 651-777-0123.

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Showcase event returns in October

The Church of St. Peter is hosting its second annual Showcase event the weekend of October 24 and 25. The Showcase features informational exhibits on all parish and school ministries, services and groups.

The Showcase is a great opportunity for parishioners and community members to see first hand all of the good works taking place at St. Peter, and meet the people involved. The Showcase will take place on Saturday, October 24 from 5:00-6:00 p.m., and on Sunday, October 26 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in O'Reilley Hall.

All parish and school groups were sent an invitation and exhibit form for this event. If you have not reserved your spot at the Showcase yet, please turn your exhibit information form into the Parish Office at this time. In addition to the various parish groups exhibiting during this two-day event, the Showcase will also include on-going entertainment from several parish and school groups.