

**SOMETHING NEW IS STARTING AT ST. PETER!
A MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP!**

Men's discussion group to begin meeting on **January 3rd (Saturday)** at Main Street Frozen Custard—the corner of 173 and 83. Have you ever wondered what the weekly readings can teach us about the issues of today? Are you interested in exploring the Gospels and their relevance in our lives? If you would like to explore and discuss the Scriptures please join us at Main Street Custard on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at 7:30 a.m. for a cup of coffee and conversation. There is no need to register. Just stop in and grab your cup of coffee (or ice cream!) and let's talk. For more information, please contact Bill Fleming (wffleming@comcast.net). *Bill is a recent graduate of the Archdiocese 'Called and Gifted' Program and regularly conducts Children's Liturgy of the Word on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11:30 a.m. Mass as well as Bill and his family oversee Pasta @ Pete's along with another recent graduate from our parish—Arlene Sokulski.

Speaking of 'Pasta @ Pete's' . . .the next opportunity to dine at Pasta @ Pete's is Saturday, December 20th from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in Father Frawley Hall. Come and meet other parishioners and community friends for a pasta dinner. No reservations needed! And **NO CHARGE!**

**NEXT BIBLE STUDY FOCUSING ON THE YEAR
OF ST. PAUL BEGINS TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH.**

We will be studying 2nd Corinthians for 7 consecutive Tuesdays. Two times to choose from to attend: 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. All sessions are held in the Religious Education Center (formerly the convent). If you would like to participate, please call the RE Office and let us know so we have a study set for you (847 395-0246). Arlene Sokulski and Mary Leonard serve as facilitators for this Little Rock Scripture Study.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR STUDENTS IN 1ST THROUGH 5TH GRADE BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH.

If you have a student you need to register, **please do so before January 7th.** Students registering after 4:00 p.m. on the 7th will be starting their first class on the following Wednesday. **All students must be pre-registered before 4:00 p.m. on class days in order to begin attending that evening.**

We are thrilled to announce that we will be sending over 50 teens to Catholic Heart WorkCamp next June!!!! We will be going to Milwaukee with our younger teens and to the Twin Cities (St. Paul/Minneapolis) with our older teens. To make this possible we will be doing a bit of baking. . .rummaging. . .and car washings. Our first baking extravaganza will be just in time for **Super Bowl Sunday—January 31st/February 1st weekend.** Goodies

will be available after all Masses that weekend. Stock up on munchies for the big game. Watch our weekly bulletin for more information about our summer trips. Thank you again for your continued support of our young parishioners. We cannot provide these opportunities without your support in prayer and treasure.

There is another extended ministry at our parish! We have a wonderful Resurrection Choir to sing at our parish funerals and an awesome Funeral Luncheon committee to provide nourishment and a place to gather after our funerals and now we have another addition—Bereavement Ministry. The services provided will be growing gradually in the next two years. Right now we will be providing support and affirmation to our parish families when a loved one dies. There will be a presence at parish wakes and funerals as well as notes of care to the family after the funeral. This ministry is being coordinated by Judy Shaffer who is also a graduate of 'Called and Gifted'. We are truly blessed by the commitment and efforts of Bill, Arlene, and Judy who are working to provide and coordinate opportunities to build up the Kingdom within the St. Peter community.

Ready for Some Good Tax News?

IRA Charitable Rollover Returns!

For a limited time parishioners, age 70 1/2 or over, can make charitable gifts to St. Peter Church directly from their IRA.

Congress recently passed a new law that revives a powerful giving opportunity allowing parishioners to make an immediate impact at St. Peter's in 2008.

- Authorize a qualified charitable distribution directly from your IRA to St. Peter Church of any amount up to \$100,000 in 2008.
- This distribution counts toward your required minimum distribution for the current tax year.
- The funds distributed are never included in your adjusted gross income. The distribution goes St. Peter Church tax-free.
- Even taxpayers who don't itemize their deductions enjoy a tax benefit from giving under this new law.

Time is of the essence. Please call the rectory at 847-395-0274 or the Archdiocese's Office of Planned Giving at 312-655-7848 for answers, information and assistance.

For More information go to: www.parishgift.org