

# Church of St. Peter

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MENDOTA, MINNESOTA



Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

## Reflections from our Community Life Coordinator

Today, Divine Mercy Sunday, the first Sunday after Easter, Popes John Paul II and John XXIII will be canonized in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. I know a few people who will be sitting in St. Peter's square and celebrating the Mass, and although I can't be there in person (oh, how I wish!), I plan to join them in prayer.

The day chosen for today's canonizations has quite a bit of significance. Divine Mercy Sunday was officially instituted as such by Blessed (now Saint!) John Paul II in 2000, at the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, whose personal revelations from Jesus called us all to focus on His Divine Mercy. Five years later, John Paul died shortly after celebrating the vigil Mass of—you guessed it—Divine Mercy Sunday. (This holds a special significance for me, as I was studying in Rome at the time and was able to view his body as well as attend his funeral with around four million other people.) And now, his canonization will take place on the same day in this liturgical year.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a continuation of our Easter celebrations. Jesus died and rose from the dead for us, through God's mercy for every single one of His people. Even the image of the Divine Mercy shows the merciful heart of Christ radiating out toward us, showing us how God's forgiveness flowed out of Jesus Christ, like the blood and water seen by the Gospel writer John at the crucifixion. On this Octave Sunday of Easter, we are each called to show our thankfulness for the mercy God has shown us.

Jesus gave us, through St. Faustina, a calling to be merciful as God our Father is merciful. He asked us to practice mercy towards our neighbors by action (completing spiritual and corporal works of mercy), by word, and by prayer. Some of the most simple and powerful prayers I have ever encountered are contained within the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which is said using short, repetitive prayers on normal rosary beads. It is even more meaningful when repeated over the course of nine days, as a Novena to the Divine Mercy. If you've never tried it, look it up and give it a chance. You could also join our Divine Mercy Cenacle group here at St. Peter's, which carries out Jesus' call to pray for and act out mercy for yourself and others.

As we celebrate the canonizations of two great men, as well as the joy that God has given us by sharing eternal life with us through his death and resurrection, I would

like to leave you with the (optional) closing prayer to the Divine Mercy chaplet. Please pray it with me today in union with other St. Peter's parishioners and Catholics around the world.

"Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself."



Sara Rogers  
Community Life Coordinator

Thank you to the additional donation toward our Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. Your generosity has helped make the church a beautiful space to worship.

*In Memory of William Fitzgerald*  
*Family Members*  
*By Sheila Fitzgerald*

## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

St. Peter's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is **Thursday, May 15**, starting at 6 p.m. in Heritage Center. There will be entertainment provided by the parish staff again this year, so you don't want to miss out! If you plan on attending, please fill out the form in the Gathering Space and turn it in to the collection basket or parish office. You can also leave a message at 651-452-4550 or email [volunteer@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:volunteer@stpetersmendota.org). **Please respond by Sunday, May 11**, if attending. We hope to see you there!



## Our Annual Parish Directory

The annual parish directory will be available in the fall for all registered parishioners. This is not the kind of directory that includes photos. It will include last name, head of household and spouse, address, and phone number. If you have an unlisted number and would like it listed in this directory, or if you request other changes; i.e., no name, phone number, address, etc., please contact Darlene Olson at 651-905-4302 or [dolson@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:dolson@stpetersmendota.org).



## St. Peter's Community News

### Annual Giving

#### Weekly Contribution Summary

|                                             |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Budget for the period 4/14/14-4/20/14 ..... | \$22,473  |
| Actual for the period 4/14/14-4/20/14 ..... | \$27,850  |
| Year-to-Date Budget.....                    | \$766,742 |
| Year-to-Date Actual .....                   | \$677,826 |

### Grow Survey

Now that we have the results of the survey we can start by letting you know who the participants were. There were a total of 202 respondents; of these 64% were female, 36% male. The largest age group represented was those between the ages of 40-65 (51%) followed by 65-80 (23%). We had 12% participate below the age of 39 and 14% participate over the age of 80. Thirty-six percent of the respondents had children between the ages of 4-18.

The vast majority—42%—have been a member of the parish for 11-30 years. Those who were here less than 4 years made up 15%, and 18% in both 4-10 years and 31-50 years. We even had 12 parishioners who have been members for 50 years or more!

Keep watch over the next weeks as we share more results.

### Save the Date!



Help bring in the first day of summer and help support your parish with a fun afternoon of golfing on Saturday, June 21, at Emerald Greens in Hastings.

Start planning now on getting your friends and family together for lunch, golf and fellowship. Watch the bulletin in the following weeks for additional information.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or donating prizes for this event, please contact the parish office at 651-452-4550.



### Stewardship Spotlight

At Mass, the roles played by the priest, servers, lectors, and ushers are easy to see. Behind the scene is a sacristan that helps coordinate all the details and people that go into making the Mass run smoothly. At St. Peter's there are often two sacristans at each Mass to help balance the work.

Well before Mass begins, the sacristan arrives early to make sure the church is ready by unlocking the doors and turning on the lights. Next, the sacristan prepares the plates and cups to be used for communion. This includes estimating how many hosts will need to be consecrated based on Mass attendance.

As it gets closer to Mass time, the sacristan monitors the sign-in sheet to make sure there are servers to assist the priest, lectors to read the readings, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to help distribute the Eucharist. If there are unfilled positions the sacristan searches for substitutes. The sacristan also selects two people from the congregation to bring the gifts forward during the offertory.

During Mass, and after the petitions have been read, the sacristan brings the plates, cups, and unconsecrated hosts to the altar. After the sign of peace, the sacristan transfers the consecrated hosts from the tabernacle to the altar to be used for communion.

After Mass is complete, the sacristan is responsible for washing the plates and cups used during communion and putting away any of the other items used during Mass. If there are baptisms scheduled to occur after Mass, the sacristan will make the necessary preparations by the baptismal font.

Being a sacristan is an engaging and rewarding opportunity to learn more about what goes into each Mass. For more information about being a sacristan, contact Al and Gail Barta at 651-454-9552.

### Weigh to go, St. Peter's

March was Minnesota Food Share month at Neighbors, Inc., our local food shelf. As a parish, our goal was to donate at least one ton (2,000 pounds) of food or the financial equivalent. Thanks to YOU, we exceeded our goal by 50%! We had a total of 1,951 pounds of food, in addition to \$1,087, which adds up to a total of 3,038 pounds. Thank you, St. Peter's, for your generosity to your neighbors in need!

## Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

### Pizza & Bingo Night

On Friday, May 2, the Religious Education/Faith Formation team is hosting pizza and bingo night. From 6 to 8 p.m. we will serve pizza and play bingo. Although this event is FREE, we ask that you make a “reservation” so we know how much pizza to order. There will be a table in the Gathering Space after all the Masses this weekend to sign up for this event OR you can call the RE Phone Line at 651-905-4314 and leave a message to let us know how many are coming. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Council of Catholic Women Spring Gerten Plant Card Sale



The Council of Catholic Women will be selling Gerten Plant cards for their annual spring fundraiser in Heritage Center the weekends of May 3 and 4 and May 10 and 11. They make wonderful Mother's day and Father's day gifts, as well as for birthdays, etc. The cards are \$25 each.

We will also be taking reservations for our annual spring fashion show and luncheon which will be held on May 17. The cost for the luncheon and fashion show is \$15. Look for a flyer in the May 3-4 bulletin with full details.



## Blood Drive Thursday, May 1 1-6 p.m.



The terrible winter all over the country this year forced the cancellation of about 1,500 blood drives. Donors of all blood types continued to be needed. Every day donated blood helps to save lives. You can sign up on line <http://www.redcrossblood.org/> enter St. Peter's zip code—55120—or call Rita at 651-454-4773 for an appointment. Hope to see you May 1 in the Ravoux Room between 1-6.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT**  
**[www.stpetersmendota.org](http://www.stpetersmendota.org)**

## Pastoral Ministry

Please join us for a special observance of the **Feast of Divine Mercy** on Sunday, April 27, at 2 p.m. in the Main Church. We will take time to reflect on the lives of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II in recognition of their canonization, pray the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, and observe a time of silent prayer.

## Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Next weekend (May 3-4) Wakota Life Care Center—our local prolife pregnancy help center—will conduct a baby bottle fundraiser. Empty baby bottles will be passed out when leaving church to be returned the following weekend with coins and other contributions.



## Beauty and the Beast, Jr. at Faithful Shepherd

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School would like to thank everyone who stopped by the Faithful Shepherd table a few weeks ago to say hello and purchase a candy bar in support of the arts in our school. The “Be our Guest” free ticket winner to our spring performance of “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast, Jr.” was **Dawn McGibbon** from St. Peter’s! The spring middle school performances of “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast, Jr.” will be Saturday, May 19, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 20, at 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School in Eagan. Tickets will be available on our school website, [www.fscsmn.org](http://www.fscsmn.org), beginning Thursday, May 1. Adult tickets are \$3 and students K-12 are \$2.

## Middle School Girls Personal Safety Seminar

Middle School Girls—learn how to protect yourself! Join us at Faithful Shepherd for a fun and educational evening learning personal safety tips and techniques for middle school girls from Deputy Krystal Johnson and Sergeant Toni Weinbeck. You will tour the school to identify personal safety issues, enjoy a casual dinner/discussion with Deputy Johnson, and learn self-defense moves on the gym mats with Sergeant Weinbeck. Space is limited—sign-up today!

Date: Monday, April 28

Time: 5-7 p.m.

For: Girls in grades 6, 7, & 8

Cost: \$20

Sign Up: [https://ssl.dwebsite.com/secure2/rss\\_fscs/php/productmgr.php?action=listCategories&programId=9](https://ssl.dwebsite.com/secure2/rss_fscs/php/productmgr.php?action=listCategories&programId=9)

Questions? Contact Linda

Kautzky, [kautzkym1@comcast.net](mailto:kautzkym1@comcast.net)

## The Week of April 28

### Monday, April 28

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)  
**6 pm** St. Paul Civic Symphony, Heritage Center  
**7 pm** Historic Church Tour Guide Meeting, Conference Room I

### Tuesday, April 29

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)  
 Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament  
 After the 9 am Mass Until 6 pm  
**9:45 am** Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room  
**11 am** Lilydale Senior Living Holy Communion

### Wednesday, April 30

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)  
**9:45 am** Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Room I  
**6:30 pm** Choir Rehearsal, Conference Room I  
**6:30 pm** Grades 1-8 Closing Service

### Thursday, May 1

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)  
**10 am** Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room  
**1-6 pm** Blood Drive, Ravoux Room  
**6:30 pm** Mass, Historic Church  
**7 pm** Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5  
**7 pm** Al-Anon, Room 7  
**7 pm** Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

### Friday, May 2

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)  
**6 pm** Pizza Bingo, Heritage Center

### Saturday, May 3

- 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 with First Communion, Main Church

#### After Mass:

Baby Bottle Drive, CCW Spring Plant Sale,  
 Fashion Show Reservations,  
 New Parishioner Registration

- 6 pm** Baptism, Main Church

### Sunday, May 4—Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 & 10:30 am**  
 Choir Rehearsal, Main Church  
**9 am** Confirmation Class  
**10 am** Sunday School Closing Program, Ravoux Room  
**9 & 11 am** Mass, Main Church

#### After Masses:

Hospitality, Baby Bottle Drive,  
 CCW Spring Plant Sale,  
 Fashion Show Reservations,  
 New Parishioner Registration

- 6:30 pm** Youth Group

## Parish Pastoral Council

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
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 651-905-4309

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### Trustees:

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|--------------------|--------------|
| Jim Oricchio ..... | 651-452-3587 |
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## Readings for the Week of April 27

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|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>      | Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31                                                  |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8                                                                |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15                                                              |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>   | Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21                                                              |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 or Gn 1:26--<br>2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt<br>13:54-58 |
| <b>Friday:</b>      | Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15                                                               |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14                                                              |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk<br>24:13-35                                         |

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## Mass Intentions

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

**Monday, April 28** - †Tony Basta

**Tuesday, April 29** - †Virginia Hughes Reault

**Wednesday, April 30** - †Patricia Christensen

**Thursday, May 1** - †Elizabeth O'Shaughnessy

**Friday, May 2** - †Bill Olson

**Saturday, May 3** - †Alfred Zimmerman

**Sunday, May 4 - 9 a.m.** - †Mary Chapdelaine

**11 a.m.** - Mass For the People



Come as a Guest  
 Leave as a Friend

## New Parishioner Registration

Interested in joining the parish? New parishioner registration will be held after all Masses the first weekend of each month in the Gathering Space. You can also register by clicking on the "Community/Join St. Peter's" link on the parish website.

## Minute Memo from Ms. Shimshock, Principal of Faithful Shepherd Catholic School

Whew! Is it finally over—this endless winter?? There were definitely times this winter when I thought it would never end. The same with this year. There were days during this school year when I thought, now what...really? But even on the darkest days, God was there, guiding and encouraging. What an ideal companion to have. We simply have to take God at his word and follow his footsteps.

*I'll take the hand of those who don't know the way, who can't see where they're going. I'll be a personal guide to them, directing them through unknown country.*

~Isaiah 42:16

Faithful Shepherd has been buzzing with activity. During Holy Week our middle school students performed the Stations of the Cross for the school. It was a perfect reflection to start the Easter Triduum. The very next week, our students participated in Faithful Shepherd's "Ecothon," a fundraiser that celebrates Earth Day. Activities that day included helping our community neighbors with road and park clean up, cleaning up at the parishes and our own school grounds. Students also learned ways to take care of the earth each and every day. Flying through the month, we celebrated the wonderful work that our volunteers do for our school with a special Mass and reception and we'll end this month with our K-2 students showing off their bee-utiful musical talents with a concert for their parents. Please check our website to join us and see what all the buzz is about at your parish school.

Ms. Shimshock  
Faithful Shepherd Principal

### FAITHFUL SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND TRI-PARISH CENTER

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#### Parish School: Faithful Shepherd

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#### SUNDAY MASSES

(all in the Main Church)

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

(all in the Historic Church)

9 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday and Friday

6:30 pm the First Thursday of the Month

**HOLY DAYS** As announced.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm or by appointment.

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#### BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

#### PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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