

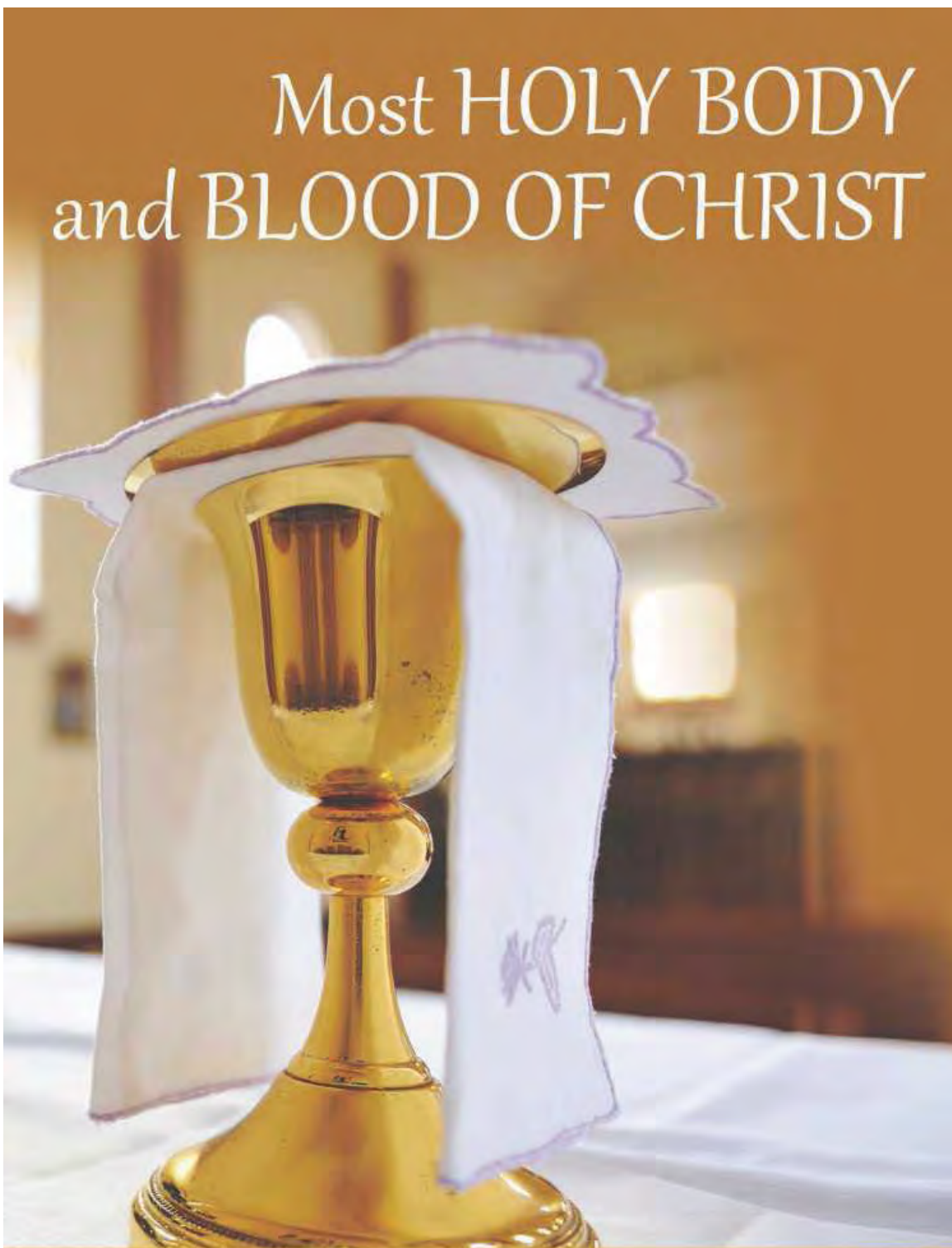
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From the Pastor's Desk

I hope all of you at St. Peter's are enjoying the observance of the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. While I am out of state, Fr. Thomas McDonough is at the parish for the celebration of Mass. I know you will give him a warm welcome as he returns to assist us again! A new face will soon be among us: this coming Tuesday will be the first day of the ten-week assignment of Deacon Joseph Kavuma to St. Peter's. I am looking forward to his arrival.

Last Saturday was ordination day for our Archdiocese. It really did feel special to me this year—perhaps it was because there were so many seminarians who became priests. They were ten in number! Besides being a remarkably large number of men to be ordained at one time, I feel convinced that they are going to be good priests.

Right before the Mass, someone claimed that it was going to last three hours. I dismissed that: "Oh, no; two and a half!" But he was right. It lasted three hours. You might wonder how that can be. This might help you to understand: between the Gospel reading and the start of the Eucharistic Prayer is inserted the Ordination Rite. At a normal Sunday Mass, for example, that section includes the homily, the Profession of Faith, and the Prayer of the Faithful. But at an ordination, that section includes a great deal more.

After the Gospel reading the candidates are called forward. The name of one of them is called, and he stands in the pew and says, "Present," and then walks up the steps to stand before the Archbishop. When all have been called and the Archbishop has been assured that they have been found worthy, the congregation applauds and the candidates are seated for the homily.

After the homily, the candidates together make their promises by answering the Archbishop's questions, and then go individually to promise their obedience to him and to his successors while kneeling before him with their folded hands in his. Then they prostrate themselves, laying flat on the floor while the Litany of Supplication is sung: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us..." At the end of the litany, each candidate kneels again before the Archbishop, who lays hands on his head in silence. On Saturday, the choir took up one chant after another as the candidates lined up in two rows of five, and all 150 concelebrating priests filed out of the pews and up the sanctuary steps to lay hands on each one in turn. That alone accounts for 25 minutes of the Mass, and while I suppose it is not too exciting for the congregation in the pews, it is an intense moment for us priests. More than in

any previous year I found myself deeply moved by the opportunity to stand before these ten men and place my hands on each one's head in turn. The candidates themselves were immersed in prayer during this remarkable time. I believe this experience is what leads me to declare that they will be good priests!

When the laying on of hands concluded, the Archbishop prayed the Prayer of Ordination. The central part of the lengthy prayer is: "And now we beseech you, Lord, in our weakness, to grant us these helpers that we need to exercise the priesthood that comes from the Apostles. **Grant, we pray, Almighty Father, to these your servants, the dignity of the Priesthood;** renew deep within them the spirit of holiness ..." With those words, the deacons became priests. After that point, everything else was a kind of explanation of what had already taken place. The new priests were vested in stoles and chasubles, their hands were anointed with Sacred Chrism, and they were given the people's gifts of bread and wine. Then came the Kiss of Peace: an embrace by the Archbishop and by each of the 150 concelebrating priests, who walked into the sanctuary for a second time. This time the encounter is as joyful as the first one was solemn, since we were able to greet each new priest. The Mass then continued with the Eucharistic Prayer, and the ten new priests joined the rest of us as concelebrants.

A rather complimentary article about the ordination appeared on page B3 of the Star Tribune on Sunday, May 26. The reporter stated that there are 437 priests in the Archdiocese: 325 in parishes and 112 retired. Those figures were probably prepared as part of a media packet. They include about 100 priests who are members of religious orders, as opposed to priests who actually are priests of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. (Diocesan priests or secular priests make promises at their ordination and are tied to a geographic area. Religious priests follow the evangelical counsels and make vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and ordained to serve their religious communities wherever they are sent.) By my reckoning there are 235 active priests of our Archdiocese, and 96 retired priests of our Archdiocese. As part of the process leading to the October 2010 announcement of the Strategic Plan for our Archdiocese, a 2009 study predicted that in the rosier possible scenario we would have only 230 active Archdiocesan priests by 2013. We are doing better than that! We had 182 pastors in all in 2009, including the pastors who are members of religious orders. The document states that by 2013 among the priests of our Archdiocese we would have 150 pastors, 32 parochial vicars, 22 priests in specialized ministry (such as hospital chaplains, for example), and 18 priests in academic ministry (professors, etc.). That comes to 222 priests, so we must have more in each of those various ways of serving our local Church. It's admirable that so many of my brothers decide to delay their retirement and continue serving in parishes after age 70.

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin

Golf Tournament

St. Peter's will once again be co-hosting a golf tournament with Faithful Shepherd Catholic School on Saturday, June 15, at Emerald Greens Golf Course in Hastings. We will begin at 8 a.m., enjoy a morning of golf and have lunch at the golf course. All golfers will receive a welcome bag. Team and individual prizes will be awarded. Registration forms are available on the Information Counter or the parish office.



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

Wedding Banns

Third Proclamation:

Jeremy Kangas and Gianna Smith-Isaac

Second Proclamation:

Levi Halbert and Elizabeth Newton

Letter from the Archbishop

Dear Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful,

Blessed John Paul II asked that the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus be designated for Sanctification of Priests. That feast occurs this year on Friday, June 7.

I ask our pastors to offer the votive Mass of the Sacred Heart that day and I ask all Catholics to make a Holy Hour at home or in Church for this intention. At the same time, I encourage praying the rosary for priests and fasting from food or alcohol for this same intention. We are all aware of the terrible shame that some priests have brought to the priesthood by their evil actions. This has reflected badly on all priests. Yet, we know that priests are under enormous pressures in terms of what is expected of them. Therefore, we need to offer them our encouragement, our affirmation and our prayers.

On June 7, I ask as many of our Catholic people who are able to attend Mass for the Sanctification of Priests as well as to perform the other devotions I recommended above. Our priests are one of the greatest resources of our local Church. Let's remind them that they are appreciated and loved!

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours in Christ,
The Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Pastoral Ministry

Anointing of the Sick

St. Peter's will hold an Anointing of the Sick service on Sunday, June 9, at 12:30 p.m. Our pastoral visitation team will provide a light luncheon in Heritage Center. If you or a loved one are in need of the sacrament, please join us. If you have questions about whether the sacrament is appropriate for your circumstances, please see below or contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

The Church teaches about this sacrament: the sick person will be saved by personal faith and the faith of the Church, which looks back to the death and resurrection of Christ, the source of the sacrament's power, and looks ahead to the future kingdom that is pledged in the sacraments. Great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament. A sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present.

Sincere Sympathy

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the families and friends of **Robert LeMay, Marion McBride** and **Richard Conklin**. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make them sharers in eternal salvation.



Widow's Day of Reflection: Hope Rekindled

Saturday, June 29, 2013
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The day features Bishop Piché speaking on *Widows of the Bible* and Deacon Joe Michalak speaking on *Dying We Live* and includes lunch. The day concludes at 1 p.m. with prayer and a final blessing.

Please download the [brochure/registration form](#), print, and return with your \$20 registration to Our Lady of Grace Church, 5071 Eden Ave., Edina, MN 55436. Registration is limited. Please respond by Saturday, June 15.

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St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 5/20/13-5/26/13	\$12,765
Actual for the period 5/20/13-5/26/13	\$12,009
Year-to-Date Budget	\$826,860
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$776,101

Archdiocesan Marriage Day Celebration

All married couples are invited to join The Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt of St. Paul and Minneapolis on Saturday, June 8, at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 10 a.m. for Mass, renewal of vows, and a short reception. Couples married over 50 years will be honored in a special way and are invited to attend. Families and friends of honored couples are welcome!

For more information, please call 651-291-4488 or visit their website: www.archspm.org.

~Sponsored by the Archdiocesan
Office of Marriage, Family and Life

Eucharistic Adoration

Parishioners and friends are
welcome for private prayer before the
Blessed Sacrament in the Historic Church
on Tuesdays after the 9 a.m. Mass

Matthew 26:40-41—Jesus said to Peter:
**“Could you not watch with me one hour?
Watch and pray.”**

For more information
please contact Jane Vasiliou at 651-454-529
or
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Follow and Like us!

Our parish has entered the online networking world! We have an active Facebook account and Twitter feed, so please check them out to see what is happening in the parish and also to get some great Catholic resources. Our Facebook page can be found at facebook.com/stpetersmendota and our Twitter handle is @StPetersMendota.

St. Peter's Reaches Out

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Our sincere thank you for the generous donation of 277 pounds of food you made to us during April.

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neighbor!*

Many of your neighbors will benefit from these gifts from your heart.

Sincerely,
Neighbors Inc. Staff and Volunteers

Free Tours of the Historic Church

Have you ever wanted to hear more about the history of our parish? Our Historic Church will be open for FREE tours every Sunday from noon to 2:30 p.m. through Labor Day. Feel free to stop in and learn about your community's very own historic site!

Corpus Christi Procession

The Procession will be Sunday, June 2, 2-4:15 p.m., starting at the Little Sisters of the Poor—330 South Exchange Street—and ending at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Park in the Cathedral parking lot and ride a free shuttle bus to Little Sisters from 1:15 to 1:45 p.m. Details at www.WalkWithHim.net or call 651-239-8574. Bishop Lee Piché will lead the procession. At the conclusion of the procession, a special Holy Hour in honor of the Year of Faith will take place in the Cathedral, a Holy Hour called for by the Holy See as a way to commemorate this great Year of Faith.

OUR VISION

We envision St. Peter's to be a dynamic and growing parish through our: expressions of faith and worship, service to one another and the broader community, welcoming new members, compassion and ministry in pastoral care, and stewardship of God's gifts and blessings.

OUR MISSION

The Church of St. Peter, the first Catholic parish in Minnesota, serves as a cornerstone of faith and heritage, where we welcome all to celebrate and live as the Body of Christ. We embrace our commitment to continue this founding legacy, care for future generations, and advance the Kingdom of God.



The Next Week

Monday, June 3

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)

Tuesday, June 4

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm

Wednesday, June 5

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6:30 pm Stewardship Committee Social

Thursday, June 6

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6:30 pm Mass, Historic Church
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Room 7
7 pm Teen Al-Anon Meeting, Room 6
7 pm Thursday Night Bible Study,
Family Room

Friday, June 7

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)

Saturday, June 8

8 am Grounds Cleanup
9 and 10:30 am
Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
10 am Scripture Study, Community Room
2 pm Kangas and Smith-Isaac Wedding
4 pm Reconciliation, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Conference Room I
5 pm Mass, Main Church

Sunday, June 9—10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 & 10:30 am
Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
9 & 11am Mass, Main Church
9 am Workcamp Car Wash Between Masses,
Lower Parking Lot
12 pm Historic Church Tour
12:30 pm Anointing of the Sick and Luncheon,
Main Church and Heritage Center

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Readings for the Week of June 2

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17
Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/
 Mk 12:28-34
Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:17-24/Gal 1:11-19/Lk 7:11-17

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, June 3 - †Sharon Chapman

Tuesday, June 4 - Tom and Mary O'Neill

Wednesday, June 5 - †Virginia Constans

Thursday, June 6 - 9 a.m. †Francis and
 †Hazel Grabner

6:30 p.m. - †Christine Hebert

Friday, June 7 - †Carol Haskell

Saturday, June 8 - †Doris LeClaire

Sunday, June 9 - 9 a.m. - Mass For the People
11 a.m. - Mary Trettel

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A note on the parish Summer Bulletins

Due to a slower time during the summer months, we are publishing the parish bulletin biweekly beginning June 9 until August 25. Following are the dates of publication:

June 9 and 16 (published June 9)

June 23 and 30 (published June 23)

July 7 and 14 (published July 7)

July 21 and 28 (published July 21)

August 4 and 11 (published August 4)

August 18 and 25 (published August 18)

Bulletin articles are due on Fridays the week before publication. If you have any questions, please call Darlene at 651-905-4302, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday or email dolson@stpetersmendota.org.

Rural Life Sunday, June 23

Mark your calendars for this year's Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday celebration on June 23 sponsored by the parishes of St. Joseph, Taylors Falls, and St. Francis Xavier, Shafer at the Don and Bonnie Quigley farm in Lindstrom. Beginning at 1:30 p.m. it includes Sunday Mass and a creation blessing with Bishop Piché. Following, there will be family-fun activities including a pulled pork lunch and Ambassador hot dogs (free will offering accepted). Join the parishioners from St. Joseph and St. Francis Xavier and others from throughout the Archdiocese to pray, remember, and celebrate all the good things God has given us in our rural way of life. All are welcome! For a map and directions, go online at www.archspm.org and look for the Rural Life Sunday link.

Please bring your own lawn chairs or picnic blankets. Some seating will be provided. In case of rain, the day will go forward as planned; there are facilities for an indoor celebration available at this site.

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SUNDAY MASSES

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Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am

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9 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday

HOLY DAYS As announced.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

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