

Church of St. Peter

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



Reflections from our Deacon

In addition to my assignment here at St. Peter's, I am also responsible for the corrections ministry in Washington County. This includes Stillwater and Oak Park Heights Prisons and the Washington County Jail. From time to time, I would like to share with you a bit about what I do on the corrections side of my ministry.

On the third Monday of each month, I make the trip to Stillwater Prison to offer a Word and Communion Service. Correctional facilities need to be safe places for those who are incarcerated, those responsible for guarding them and for people like me who visit the facility. There is a very common sense rule that governs all people coming into the facility. The rule is "nothing in, nothing out." All correctional facilities have a little museum of weapons, fashioned out of common objects, that are intercepted from the offenders. For this reason, the prison holds tight control over anyone coming into the facility. That is why I bring Jesus to Stillwater Prison in a clear Tupperware container. I know that it's Jesus I'm bringing in, but the guards need to be able to see that it is Jesus, too.

Shortly before I leave, I go to the tabernacle and reverently place the requisite number of consecrated hosts into the small, clear Tupperware container that allows me to bring the consecrated species into the correctional facility. It feels a bit strange to have our Blessed Savior riding in my car in a clear Tupperware container, but this is what must be done in order to meet the rules of the facility. I have a beautiful covered gold ciborium that becomes Jesus' resting place once we are safely inside.

One month after my initiation with Father Stan, a wise and seasoned veteran of corrections ministry, I found myself offering my first Word and Communion Service to 15 men. So there I was, a baby deacon, stumbling through my first Word and Communion Service in front of 15 men, all with serious criminal pasts. Some of the men had the hardened look of years behind bars. Others looked a lot like the person who sits next to you in church on Sunday. The reality is they are all here because they have committed serious offenses. Corrections ministry offers a great opportunity to shine Christ's mercy in a place that holds a lot of darkness and despair. Most of us can't imagine what it would be like to lose our freedom. Some of these offenders will never see the outside of these walls again.

Jesus and I walked into Stillwater Prison together last Monday night. The guards ran me through the metal detector, and Jesus could be clearly seen through the clear Tupperware container in which He traveled. I was a little nervous, but I knew I wasn't alone. I had my Lord and

Savior with me. He stayed the whole time, and even tolerated a little disrespect from gang members, who were there for other reasons. The men thanked me, and we shook hands as we parted company. I walked out of the facility a free man, while they went back to their cells to spend the evening with the rest of prison population. But for those precious 45 minutes, we each got to see how the other half lives, and it was beautiful!

Something happens to me every time I minister in a jail or a prison—I get changed. The Holy Spirit comes over me, and I am renewed, refreshed and changed. Jesus liked to hang around with those that society frowned upon. The people I meet have nothing to offer but their brokenness and pain. Jesus comes into that pain, and together we bring hope. It has literally changed my life.

There are 34 correctional facilities in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. I am assigned to three of them. I work with wonderful, dedicated volunteers who give generously of their time and talent to bring Christ to those whom society has forgotten. I ask you to remember the offenders, the staff and our ministers in your prayers. We try to bring light into the darkness, and we always bring Jesus in a clear Tupperware container. That's just the way it is.

Wishing you God's Perfect Peace!

Deacon Tim

The Gift of Being Grandparents

Mark your calendar to attend *The Gift of Being Grand Catholic Grandparent Conference* on Saturday, August 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mary, Mother of the Church, 3333 Cliff Road East in Burnsville to learn how you can be equipped to pass on a Heritage of Faith. Join others for a conference unlike any other, where you will:

- Hear what God says about the role of Grandparents.
- Gain ideas to strengthen your relationship with both adult children & grandchildren.
- Discover how to encourage faith in your own children – it's never too late.
- Learn about a parish plan to equip other grandparents at your church.
- Connect with other grandparents for encouragement.
- Reclaim a vision for intentional grand parenting and building faith in your family.

Grandparents are invited to take part in a survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJHYQ5Y>. The results from the survey will be utilized at the conference and be part of a resource book. Watch for registration, promotional materials and an event page coming soon. This event is sponsored by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Religious Education Preschool through Grade 8

Please remember to register for the 2016 - 2017 school year if you have not yet done so. Please register online by going to St. Peter's website at www.stpetersmendota.org and clicking on the Faith Formation tab. In the drop down box, click on RE/FF Registration for 2016-17 and follow the directions located there. **Registration deadline is May 15. After that, there will be a late fee charged.** Please note that this is only for children ages 3 ½ yrs through Grade 8 in the fall of 2016.

Religious Education Programs (Preschool – Grade 8) for 2016-2017

- **Sunday School:** For ages 3 ½ through Kindergarten. Classes are held on Sunday mornings during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Classes begin September 25, 2016.
- **Grades 1 - 5:** Classes are held on Wednesdays. There are two sessions: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Classes begin on September 28, 2016.
- **Grade 6 - 8:** Classes are held on Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Classes begin on September 28, 2016.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparation

- When you register your child for the Grade 2 class, he/she is in the First Reconciliation and First Eucharist programs.
- The Grade 2 classes are mostly held on Wednesdays and follow the Elementary schedule. However, there are several Tuesday evening classes that both child and parent need to attend.
- Children in Catholic schools must be prepared for the sacraments at their parish. Catholic schools do not prepare the children to receive Reconciliation or First Eucharist.
- If you wish for your child to receive First Eucharist, he/she must first participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- If your child is older than Grade 2 and needs to be prepared for these Sacraments, please contact Kathy Raible at kraible@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4311.

Reduced Hours for Summer RE Staff

During the summer months, the RE/FF staff will be drastically reduced:

- Beth Newton will be on break from May 16 through August 15.
- Kathy Raible will be on break from June 16 through August 15.
- Elizabeth McCanna is here, but her days on site will vary.

Pastoral Ministry

St. Peter's Group Trip

Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend, Iowa

Join Father Steven and Lisa Amos for our next trip to The Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend, Iowa. The Grotto has been referred to by reviewers and critics as an "eighth wonder of the world" and described as a "miracle in stone." It was placed on the National Register of Historical Places in 2001. Each of nine separate grottos portrays a scene in the life of Christ. The largest man-made grotto in the world, the Grotto of the Redemption contains the largest collection of precious stones and gems found anywhere in one location.

On Thursday, June 9, we will depart in our coach bus from St. Peter's at 8 a.m. Father Steven will begin our day with thoughts on the rosary and, upon our arrival, celebrate Mass with us in the Saints Peter and Paul Church at the Grotto. We will take a break for lunch at a nearby restaurant and return to the Grotto for tours and exploration. We will leave West Bend at approximately 3 p.m. for our 6:30 p.m. arrival back at St. Peter's.

Reservations are limited, so reserve your spot now by contacting Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org. The cost is \$65 per person, which includes the tour, lunch and bus. Reservation deadline is May 30. Parishioners will receive priority reservations until the deadline has passed or all seats are taken. ALL reservations must be paid in advance by the registration deadline and are non-refundable. We look forward to seeing you there!

End of Life Planning Workshop

Learn Spiritual, Legal and Planning Aspects

St. Peter's pastoral care and O'Halleron and Murphy Funeral Homes are teaming up to bring you an opportunity to learn about end-of-life preplanning. Fr. Steven Hoffman will talk about the spiritual issues involved. We will also have experts here to talk about the legal considerations of your decisions, as well as information about funeral planning and more. The workshop is FREE and everyone is welcome, whether or not you have begun thinking about these important decisions for yourself or your loved ones. We will hold two sessions on Thursday, June 16, one at 10 a.m. and the other at 6 p.m., both in Heritage Center. Registration is required to help us prepare enough materials. Choose your session and register today by contacting Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org, or the parish office at 651-452-4550.

St. Peter's Community News

Memorial Day Announcements

Historic Church Memorial Fund

May we suggest a gift to the Historic Church Memorial Fund as a gift to remember someone special, living or deceased. Cards are available on the Information Counter in the Gathering Space and the parish office.

Church of St. Peter Cemetery Lots

In 1984, our cemetery was recognized as an historic site. We want our parishioners to know that lots and columbarium niches are available at this time. If you want any further information, please call the parish office at 651-452-4550.

Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, May 30, at 10 a.m. in the Historic Church.** You are invited to come to St. Peter's Cemetery between 11 a.m. and noon for a flag-raising ceremony by the VFW.

Thank You to our Garden Help!

The gardens look great!

A **HUGE** thank you goes out to the many volunteers who gathered last Saturday to spread the two large piles of mulch. You spread over 46,000 pounds of mulch! The gardens look great, and the weeds should stay away. Your time spent was very much appreciated! Thank you!

Calling All Young Adults!

Come meet new friends!

Are you new to the parish and eager to meet people? If you're between the ages of 21 and 35 years, join us at Moose Country Bar, 857 Sibley Memorial Highway in Mendota Heights, on Wednesday, June 1, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Would you like to join the leadership team for the Young Adult Ministry? Contact Lisa Hursin at lhursin@aol.com.

Wedding Banns

Third Proclamation

Kathryn Kaufmann and Ben Wilson

Third Proclamation

Lucas Kennedy and Calleigh Brown

Annual St. Peter's CCW Meeting

The annual meeting of the St Peter's Council of Catholic Women will take place in Heritage Center on June 1, after the 9 a.m. Mass. There will be a brunch, followed by the election of officers and a short board meeting. The women of St Peter's are invited.

Candidates for officers include Patricia Kemper for President, Lisa Brooks for Vice President, Mary O'Neill for Secretary and Connie Powell for Treasurer. Due to recent bylaw changes, the floor will be open for additional nominations at the meeting.

Thanks to All Who Made the Spring Style Show a Success!

Thank you to everyone who made the Spring Style show a huge success. We received many compliments about the luncheon, the fun and the show overall. A special thanks to Gerten's Garden Center for the colorful floral centerpieces and to Taylor Marie for the style show.

The basket raffle brought in over \$700. The theme baskets included a kitchen basket, an Italian basket and a three-part food basket. These were filled and donated by our CCW members. Winners of the raffle include Donna Egan, who won the Italian basket and the large food basket; Pauline Grainger Krivokapic who won the kitchen basket and Arlene Walsh and Maureen Miller who won the number one and number two food baskets.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you to all of our guests for coming.

Free Tours of the Historic Church

Have you ever wanted to hear more about the history of our parish? The Historic Church will be open for tours every Sunday from 12 noon to 2 p.m. now through Labor Day. You do not need a reservation and there is no fee for the tours. Feel free to stop in and learn about your



The Week of May 30

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day observed. Parish Office closed.

10 am Memorial Day Mass, Historic Church

7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, May 31

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

9:30 am Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament
until 7 pm, Historic Church

Wednesday, June 1

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

9:30 am CCW Board Meeting, Heritage Center

Thursday, June 2

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

4 pm Vigil for the Sacred Heart, Main Church

7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, June 3

8 am Confessions, Main Church

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

Saturday, June 4

9 and 10:30 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Classrooms 2, 4

10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Community Room

3:30 pm Confessions, Main Church

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

5 pm Mass, Main Church

Sunday, May 29

8:30 and 10:30 am

Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

9 am Mass, Main Church

11 am Mass with Baptism, Main Church

12 pm Workcamp Meeting, Youth Room

After Masses

Hospitality Sunday, Heritage Center



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Readings for the Week of May 29

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1-4/1 Cor 11:23-26/
Lk 9:11b-17

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-16/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-6/
Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1-2/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-17, 22/Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:17-24/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/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, May 30 - †Patricia A. Maxwell

Tuesday, May 31 - †Fr. Mathew Cherucheril

Wednesday, June 1 - †Richard Gangl

Thursday, June 2 - †Raymond Huberty

Friday, June 3 - †George Zirnhelt

Saturday, June 4 - Mass For The People

Sunday, June 5 - 9 a.m. - †Claire Devereaux

11 a.m. - †Leo & Marian Reding

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Minute Memo from Ms. Shimshock

There are certain people that you are supposed to meet on your life's journey. Some are there for friendship, some to encourage, and others to challenge us to be better individuals. Make sure to thank God for putting all types of people into our paths and moving us closer to who He wants us to be. *For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.* (Jeremiah 29:11)

We will soon celebrate the graduation of our eighth graders as they move on to high school and the end of our fifteenth year as a school. My, how time flies as we are having fun! This year, we gave generously with our food drive to the Eagan Resource Center during Catholic Schools Week and through our collections for Dakota Woodlands and Moms & Neighbors, during Advent. We learned about giving back through our collection of money and school supplies for the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos mission and book drive during our Readathon event. This learning does not come through books but by showing our faith in action. Congratulations, eighth graders. Be the light we know you can be!

Summer Blessings,
Ms. Shimshock

New Preschool Program at Faithful Shepherd

We are excited to announce a new partnership with Lake Area Discovery Center to bring a NAEYC-accredited, Parent Aware preschool program (ages 3-5 years old) to Faithful Shepherd Catholic School, beginning in the Fall of 2016! Registration is now open.

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School Discovery Center is designed to meet children's individual needs and learning styles. We believe parents are the first and most important teacher, and we encourage parents to experience the center with their child. Faith is an important component of our curriculum. Lessons built on our Catholic faith are written into our curriculum and children participate in singing and worship.

For more information about the preschool program at Faithful Shepherd, visit www.fscsmn.org/discovery-center-preschool/.

Fr. Michael Gaitley to speak at University of St. Thomas

Mercy and Mary Weekend Retreats

Immerse yourself in Divine Mercy and Mary with bestselling author and speaker, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, for one of ten *Mercy & Mary Weekend Retreats* across the U.S. for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Spend a weekend in quiet prayer, in an oasis between the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul at the University of St. Thomas on June 10, 11 and 12. Enjoy new talks by Fr. Gaitley, daily Mass, Adoration, comfortable accommodations, meals with the Marian Missionaries, and much more! For more information and to register, go to www.events.marianmissionaries.org/events/mercy-mary-weekend-retreat-saint-paul-mn.

Archdiocesan Marriage Day Celebration

Bishop Cozzens invites you to celebrate the beautiful mystery of the mutual self-gift between a man and woman in the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, June 4 at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, at 10 a.m. for Mass, renewal of vows, and a short reception. Couples celebrating their silver, golden and platinum anniversaries will be honored in a special way and are invited to attend. Families and friends of all couples are welcome! For more information, call 651-291-4488 or visit www.archspm.org/events.

Certificates to commemorate the gift of marriage between a man and a woman, signed by Archbishop Bernard Hebda, are available for couples married one or more years. To receive a certificate, please contact the Office of Marriage, Family & Life at 651-291-4488 or mfl@archspm.org.

Hearing and Vision Aids Available for Mass

If you find it hard to hear at Mass, or your ability to participate is inhibited by difficulty reading the hymnal or worship aids, we can help with that. Please see one of our friendly ushers and let them know of your need. We have hearing devices and magnifiers for you to use while you're here. Thank you.



Archdiocesan Prayer Vigil to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Prayer Vigil at St. Peter's

Join us on Thursday, June 2, at 7 p.m. until Friday, June 3, at 7 p.m. at the Church of St. Peter, 1405 Hwy 13, in Mendota, for a Prayer Vigil to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This is a time of prayer, penance, and healing for our Archdiocese and our priests. There will be time for Eucharistic Adoration, reflections, and devotions throughout the vigil. The vigil will conclude with 7 p.m. Mass on Friday. For the complete schedule and to sign up for a Holy Hour, please visit www.archspm.org/events.

St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards

Nominate someone today!

Do you know of someone who devotes his or her time helping the poor, elderly, disabled, pregnant, or is committed to praying for Respect Life issues? He or she may be our next Champion for Life! The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is looking to honor those who respect life at our annual St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards. To submit a nomination or for more information, go to archspm.org and search keywords "Champions for Life". Questions? Please contact Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489 or MFL@archspm.org.

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 until 7 p.m.**

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
651-454-5292
or
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Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis asks us to "live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: 'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful (cf. Lk 6:36)'". Participate throughout the year by making a pilgrimage to a Holy Door at the Cathedral of Saint Paul or Basilica of Saint Mary, regularly receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and participating in the #MercyWorks video challenge. Find additional ways to **pray, learn and act** at www.archspm.org/Mercy.

Cursillo Corner

A More Personal Relationship With Jesus Christ

Would you like to understand what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Please consider attending a Cursillo weekend. A Cursillo is a short course where you will learn what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and how to deepen your relationship through prayer, study and action. The next Cursillo retreats will be held July 7-10 for men and July 14 – 17 for women, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 5071 Eden Avenue in Edina.

Future events include:

- Sunday, June 26, at 7 p.m. South East Metro Ultreya at Church of St Patrick, 3535 72nd Street East in Inver Grove Heights.
- Sunday, July 31, at 6:30 p.m. (potluck) South East Metro Ultreya at Church of St Patrick, 3535 72nd Street East in Inver Grove Heights.

For more information about all Cursillo events and weekend retreats, see www.tc-cursillo.org, e-mail janemarie.rief@gmail.com or call 651-485-7089.



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