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APRIL 19, 2015

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*Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Paul
on Sunday at 2 p.m.*

We congratulate the newly confirmed!



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Aidan Donohue
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Will Koenen
Mikaila Lencowski
Eva Monhaut
Mackenzie Murphy
Jagath Naithani
Katie Plath
Billy Raible
Jacob Schaeftbauer
Joseph Wassweiler

Third Sunday of Easter

Reflections from our Director of Religious Education/Faith Formation

“Eye-opening Experiences”

Alleluia! The Easter season and spring are fully upon us! Much of nature has been dormant through the dark and cold of winter, preparing itself to grow and flourish in the warmer days of spring. We, too, have spent the days and weeks of Lent reflecting on our lives as Catholics and our relationship with God. There may have been days in that Lenten journey that seemed dark and cold as we acknowledged where we fall short in our lives as followers of Christ. Hopefully that special time of reflection, sacrifice, prayer and repentance has given us what we need to grow in our relationship with Christ and to completely engage in the Easter season with hearts that are renewed.

Just as we experience personal growth during this life-giving season, the Catholic Church and our community grows and is strengthened as we welcome new members to the faith and we celebrate the various sacraments of initiation. Two weeks ago, during the Easter Vigil, we welcomed Deb O’Connell as she was fully received into the Church through participating in Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. This Sunday we have 21 young people participating in the Sacrament of Confirmation at the St. Paul Cathedral and we celebrate as they become fully initiated members of the Church. Also this Sunday, during the 11:00 Mass, we have a beautiful baby boy, Lucas Thomas Halbert, being baptized into our Catholic family and we have several more babies scheduled for Baptism in the upcoming weeks! It is truly a time to celebrate and welcome the new life we find in ourselves, in St. Peter’s community and in our Catholic family around the world.

In today’s Gospel, we hear of Jesus’ appearance to two of his disciples. Just prior to this passage, we are told that these two disciples were walking to the village of Emmaus and Jesus appeared before them. Jesus walked with them, but they did not recognize Him. Jesus does not make himself known to them until later that evening when they are all gathered at the table. Jesus says the blessing and breaks the bread. “With that their eyes opened and they recognized him.” (Luke 24:31) It was in the breaking of the bread that Jesus was made known to the disciples and it is the same for us. Over the next couple of weekends, we have 25 children who will be coming to the table for the first time. These children will experience

Jesus in a new way. We pray that their “eyes be opened” and they too can recognize Jesus as He walks with them throughout their lives.

One of the many blessings that God has given to me is the opportunity to be with these children as they prepare for this very special encounter with Jesus. As their “special” day gets closer, I see their excitement grow. Some get nervous and worry they will do or say something wrong when they actually receive Holy Communion for the first time; others are extremely excited because of the new clothes they get to wear or for the family party that is planned to celebrate their day. Regardless, every child approaches Eucharist with anticipation and the awareness that they are receiving Christ. I know that after having received the Eucharist so many times in my life, I do not always come to the table with this same beautiful anticipation and a full awareness that I am receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus. Seeing the children’s excitement and joy is always a wonderful reminder to me of how truly amazing it is that Jesus came to live among us and died for us. I should not be taking His death and resurrection for granted! I should be feeling in my heart and acknowledging in my head that Jesus gave us this Sacrament the night before he was crucified. He died so that each of us can have eternal life. By receiving His Body and Blood, Jesus is within me so I have the strength and courage to spread the message he taught when he was incarnated.

My hope and prayer for each of us is that we all come to the table with joy, anticipation, and the true desire to have Jesus within us. Hopefully, as we watch these young children, we too can have this “eye-opening” experience and recognize Jesus before us, beside us and within us. Let us continue to celebrate the new life and growth of this Easter season.

Kathy Raible

Save the Date for the Fall Festival!

The Church of St. Peter annual Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, October 4. Festivities will kick off with one Mass that Sunday at 10 a.m. Back by popular demand will be the pork dinner, kids’ games, a silent auction, bingo, craft booths, raffles, food and more! Mark your calendars and plan on joining in on the fun on October 4!

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Religious Education Programs: Elementary and Middle School

Wednesday, April 29, is our final class
for religious education grades 1-8.

At both sessions (4:30 and 6:30) we will have a closing prayer service in the main worship space followed by an ice cream social in Heritage Center

**ALL Parents are encouraged to join us
for prayer and ice cream!!**

Religious Education/Faith Formation

Registration for 2015-2016: All families should have received registration information via email for the 2015-2016 religious education classes. Information is also available on the information counter in the Gathering Space outside the coat room. Please remember the registration deadline of May 17. If you have any questions, please contact the RE office.

First Reconciliation and First Communion 2015-2016

Please be aware that all children in second grade must prepare for their sacraments at their parish. Even if your child is in a Catholic school, he or she must be registered for the Wednesday night program. If your child is in second grade next year and you wish to have him or her in the First Reconciliation and First Communion program, please register prior to May 16. Children must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation prior to First Communion.

Grounds Cleaning

Come join us on Saturday, April 25, as we freshen up the grounds for spring. Weather permitting, we will begin at 9 a.m. and should be completed by 11 a.m. Please bring shovels, brooms, pruning shears and gloves.

Red Cross Blood Drive

**Thursday, April 30
1-6 p.m.
Ravoux Room**

You can sign up for a donation appointment by going to <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>, enter zip code 55120, and schedule an appointment or call Rita at 651-454-4773.

If you are healthy, 17 years or older and weigh more than 110 pounds, chances are you can give blood. Please plan on participating in this important event.

Hope to see you on April 30!

Pastoral Ministry

Holy Hour for Persecuted Christians

A Holy Hour will be offered for persecuted Christians around the whole world, especially those in the Middle East, on Tuesday, May 5, from 7-8 p.m. in the Historic Church. We will be praying the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Everyone is warmly welcomed.

A Community Caring for Life Baby Shower

St Peter's Community Caring for Life (ACCL) will be hosting a collection of baby items to benefit Wakota Life Care Center, a local crisis pregnancy center. Wakota Life Care is especially in need of the following:

- Diapers (size 4) and baby wipes
- Onesies and sleepers (especially smaller sizes)
- Socks and clothing up to size 2T
- Formula (especially Similac)
- Portable cribs, basic models
- Gift cards to grocery stores and discount stores

There will be a donation collection spot marked Wakota Baby Shower where you can leave your donations the weekends of May 3 and 10. Thank you in advance for your support of mothers who have chosen life but desperately need our love and care.

An Interdenominational Coalition of South Suburban Churches presents the third in a five-week series:



Growing Through Loss with

Mary Ann Kelly-Wright
Director, Pastoral Care
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Community
Mary Ann will speak on
"What to do with all the Stuff"

Tuesday, April 21

Church of St. Joseph, 13900 Biscayne Avenue,
Rosemount

Registration, 6:30 p.m.; Speaker, 7 p.m.;
Support Groups (facilitated by trained leaders),
8 p.m. Freewill offering.

For additional information call 952-890-0045 or email growingthroughloss@gmail.com.



St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary:

Budget for period of 4/6/15-4/12/15.....	\$13,253
Actual for period of 4/6/15-4/12/15.....	\$12,674
Year to Date Budget	\$680,383
Year to Date Actual	\$700,207

Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be handing out free Tootsie Rolls after all Masses next weekend. If you would like to make a donation to support community members with intellectual disabilities, the Knights will gladly accept those at that time. This year's recipients of your generosity will include Minnesota Special Olympics, ProAct of Eagan, and ARC Twin Cities.

Wedding Banns

Second Proclamation

Michael Candy and Elena Cruz

Catholic Man Night

Men Meeting Jesus

All men of the Archdiocese are invited
to an evening of fellowship,
spiritual reflection,
and a really great meal!
Fr. Steven Hoffman
will reflect upon

"The Poverty and Humility of Jesus Christ."

Thursday, May 7, 6:30-9 p.m.
Church of St. Joseph
1154 Seminole Avenue, West St. Paul

If you have any questions,
please call 651-457-2781
for more information.

www.catholicmannight.com

Catholic Man Night is a Catholic men's movement dedicated to helping men meet, know, love, and serve Jesus Christ

Wine Tasting and Wine Sale

St. Peter's Men's Club will be hosting a spring wine tasting and wine sale on Thursday evening, April 23, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Heritage Center.

This is a great opportunity to sample some significant spring and summer wines. We will also have light appetizers and the opportunity for parishioners to mingle with each other. We will be selling the sample wines by the bottle or the case. This is a great time to stock up for all your spring and summer events, or to just try some of the best new wines.

Tickets are \$10 each or \$18 per couple in advance or \$10 per person at the door. The Men's Club will be taking reservations and pre-selling tickets after Sunday Masses this weekend, or you can call John Vogel at 651-688-7427 to get more information.

Spaghetti Dinner on May 2

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, May 2, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Heritage Center. A free-will offering will be accepted for the meal. Proceeds from the event will benefit the education of Paul Baker and Charlie Friebohle, the two seminarians associated with our parish. Come and show your support for these men as they prepare for a life of service.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Strengthening the Church at Home

Please help us strengthen the Church here in the U.S. by giving generously to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal on the **weekend of April 25-26**. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which is a U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops effort, helps fund catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training and other pastoral programs in U.S. dioceses that are unable to provide by themselves. Currently, 45% of all U.S. dioceses receive some home mission support, including dioceses in Minnesota, due to priest shortages, parishioner poverty, unemployment, isolated and difficult terrain, religious hostility and other circumstances that make it hard to practice the faith. Please help as you are able. May you be blessed for your generosity to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
www.stpetersmendota.org



Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

The Week of April 20

Monday, April 20

- 9 am** **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony
7 pm Boy Scouts, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, April 21

- 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,
Conference Room I, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting,
Conference Room I

Wednesday, April 22

- 9 am** **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
4:30 pm Grades 1-5
6:30 pm Choir, Music Room
6:30 pm Grades 1-8

Thursday, April 23—Earth Day

- 9 am** **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
6:30 pm Wine Tasting Event, Heritage Center
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
7 pm Finance Council, Conference Room III
7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, April 24

- 8-8:45 am** **Confessions, Main Church**
9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)

Saturday, April 25

- 9 and 10:30 am**
Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
10 am Scripture Study, Conference Room I
4 pm **Confessions, Main Church**
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm **Mass with First Communions,**
Main Church

Sunday, April 26—Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 & 10:30 am**
Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am **Mass with First Communions,**
Main Church
9 am Sunday School
10 am Confirmation Class
11 am **Mass With First Communions,**
Main Church
After Masses:
Hospitality

Parish Pastoral Council

Sarah Larsen, Chair 612-384-1474
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 Alice Sheeler, Secretary..... 651-457-8119
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Trustees:

Jim Oricchio..... 651-452-3587
 Helen Wilkie..... 651-365-1334

Readings for the Week of April 19

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 20 - †Suzie Floader
Tuesday, April 21 - †Jack McCauley
Wednesday, April 22 - †Marie Schloegl
Thursday, April 23 - †Daniel Baker
Friday, April 24 - †Fr. Mathew Cherucheril
Saturday, April 25 - †Frances Vogel
Sunday, April 26 - 9 a.m. - †Jeffrey Weiss
11 a.m. - Mass For the People

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Faithful Shepherd to Host Open House

Our parish school, Faithful Shepherd Catholic School, is hosting a parish open house on **Wednesday, April 29**, from 8:15 to 10 a.m. Parishioners of all ages are invited to attend Mass at Faithful Shepherd that day, and afterwards, to join current parents and staff for coffee and donuts. Come see how the school has grown since its inception 15 years ago! Hospitality after Mass will include student art displays, a photo slide show, the chance to talk with current staff and parents, information about the school and the opportunity to take a guided tour if desired. For more information call the school at 651-406-4747.

Faithful Shepherd's 4th Annual Ecothon—A-B-C-D-ECOTHON!

Ecothon is an annual celebration and fundraiser at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School held each April. This April, Faithful Shepherd students will be collecting pledges for hours they spend reading (grades K-4) or performing roles of service (grades 5-8). In addition to collecting pledges, students take part in an Earth Day celebration on Thursday, April 23, participating in environmentally-focused activities throughout the day. The ultimate goal is to not only raise money to benefit the school, but to also raise awareness of protecting and enhancing our environment!

If you are interested in supporting the Ecothon event thru a donation, visit <http://bit.ly/1ytrVHH> or call the school at 651-406-4747. Thank you for your support!

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 available for you to use while you're here. Thank you.

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Fr. Steven Hoffman 651-905-4305

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

Lisa Amos 651-905-4304

BUSINESS MANAGER:

Mary Jubenville 651-905-4307

Heritage Center Rental Information

Mary Jubenville, staff contact..... 651-905-4307

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION:

Kathy Raible, Director 651-905-4311

Ed Overell, Youth Coordinator 651-905-4312

Beth Halbert, Sunday School Coordinator ... 651-905-4313

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David Dunst, Director 651-905-4323

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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-Friday

HOLY DAYS As announced.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fridays 8 to 8:45 am, Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm and also by appointment.

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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Church of St. Peter
Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 17, 2015
6:30pm, Conference Room 1

Members present: Anne Hallgren, Paul Hirsch, Sarah Larsen, Lance Miller, Maria Schwartz, Alice Scheeler, Joe Towle

Members not present: Mary Pat Ferraro, Nancy Stanton

Ex Officio Members present: Fr. Steven Hoffman

- I. Opening Prayer: Maria Schwartz provided hospitality and led the members in prayer.
- II. Forming Intentional Disciples: Fr. Steven and members continued their discussion of Chapter 2 and this chapter discussion will continue at March meeting.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved as presented.
- IV. New Business: None.
- V. Old Business:
 - a. Prayerful reflection and discussion of Parish Mission: Discussion on this topic continued with Fr. Steven presenting an outline of a meeting he and several staff members attended at the Hayden Center presented by Jeff Cavins. Focusing on the points the meeting and our start of a vision plan have in common:
 - i. Fr. Steven has applied for the parish to potentially host future events.
 - ii. "Chalk marks" on areas that need attention:
 1. Evangelization: both local and national
 2. Confession: Fr. Steven reported that he has added confessions on Friday evenings from 6-7 pm, prior to Stations of the Cross.
 3. Website: Make parishioners & others aware of our parish and what it has to offer.
 4. Church has traditionally had 8-9 months of activities: Activities and hospitality slow or stop during the summer months.
 5. Events for disabled and singles.
 6. Programs and Liturgy of the Word for Children during the summer.
 7. Adult Evening Enrichment.
 8. Form a men's group of prayer/support.
 9. Signage: direction for finding the confessional.
 10. Hospitality: potentially offer each week at all Masses.
 - b. Current Events
 - i. Recent news: Fr. Steven again reported that the parish was contacted by Archdiocese regarding Fr. Namie, who served here from 1969-70. We were told his file was released, but no details were given to the parish. Fr. Steven asked that information or questions be directed to him.
 - ii. Archdiocese Bankruptcy: Fr. Steven reported that he and the parish leadership are reaching out for legal counsel to help protect any potential vulnerability due to the parish debt. Other churches are doing the same.
- VI. Closing Prayer: Maria Schwartz led members in prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 17.

Church of St. Peter
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, March 17, 2015
6:30 PM – Conference Room 1

Members present: Anne Hallgren, Paul Hirsch, Sarah Larsen, Joe Towle, Maria Schwartz

Members not present: Mary Pat Ferraro, Nancy Stanton, Lance Miller, Alice Sheeler

Ex Officio Members present: Fr. Steven Hoffman, Helen Wilkie

- I. Opening Prayer (5 min) Paul
- II. Forming Intentional Disciples - Chpt. 2 (20 min) Fr. Steven
A. Discussion continued of Chpt 2 of the book. Next month we will move on to Chapter 3.
- III. Approval of February Minutes and March Agenda Additions/Approval (5 min) Sarah
A. Motion to approve minutes as written: Maria, Second: Joe. Minutes approved unanimously.
- IV. New Business
- A. Celebrating 10 year anniversary of the dedication of the main church (15 min) Fr. Steven
a. A big celebration is in order. Perhaps on the Sunday following the actual anniversary, with a special brunch, etc. This is also the 175th anniversary of the arrival of Fr. Galtier and the founding of the parish. Discussed invitations at the archdiocesan level, as this was the founding of the faith in Minnesota.
- B. Planning for new PPC members in Fall 2015 (15 min) Sarah
a. April 19th (or earlier) would need to be the first announcement in the bulletin. Due to the arrival of a new pastor, his need to get to know the parish and its needs, and the need to discern the best way of going forward, we have decided to amend the bylaws;
b. At this time, we will temporarily amend the bylaws to allow for time to prayerfully discern and decide a permanent change to the bylaws and Parish Council Constitution pertaining to the membership and selection of new members. A vote on this amendment will occur through email.
c. The wording of the temporary amendment is as follows: The terms of the council members due to expire August 31, 2015 will be extended to February 29, 2016. As well, the selection of new members for the committee will also be postponed six months, to November of 2015, with terms to start March 1, 2016.
- V. Old Business
- A. Prayerful Reflection & discussion on a Parish Vision – (30 min) Fr. Steven
“Going Forward in Christ to the Father in the Holy Spirit”
* Spiritual needs - prayer, interior life of intimacy with God, healing, etc.
* Faith needs - Any gaps or weak areas of Faith that need to be formed & strengthened
* Sacramental life of the Parish - e.g. Understanding the Mass; appreciation for Confession, etc.
* Readiness for Evangelization and further outreach
** *This agenda item was postponed until next month.*
- VI. Closing prayer (5 minutes) Paul

Next meeting is April 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm.