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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 and Saturdays 3:30 to 4:45 pm
and also any time by appointment.

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Mary LeClair E-mail: maryleclair62@gmail.com
or call the parish office at 651-452-4550.

April 24, 2016
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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.

Reflections from our Deacon

In this Sunday's gospel from John, Jesus gives us a "new commandment," to love one another as He loves us. But what does that look like?

A few weeks ago, I had my first experience of offering a Word and Communion service at the Washington County Jail. I met my friend, Dan, who has been going into this facility for years, and we began removing our metal in preparation for our walk through the metal detector. Dan's new artificial hip always sets the machine off!

We made our way to the only available space for us on this day—the gymnasium. We popped through several heavy locked doors and eventually made our way to the gym. Soon we were joined by five men, all with Bibles in hand. They brought in chairs and greeted us as we got things ready for the service. Dan sought volunteers to do the readings, while I prepared to begin the service. The Holy Spirit was powerfully present on this early Saturday morning. The men had an evident bond and a deep concern for one another. It was clear that they loved one another.

I became hooked on corrections ministry soon after I made my first visit to a correctional facility nearly 18 months ago. There is something so real and so authentic about people who have lost the most precious gift of their freedom. I was amazed at how quickly these offenders opened up their hearts and lives to me. I looked past the orange jumpsuits to see the face of Christ in their faces. The Holy Spirit gave me words of comfort and encouragement that seemed like a healing balm for some of them.

For me, learning to love like Jesus is a process of letting go of myself and focusing completely on the other. As I enter the correctional facility to offer ministry, I realize that I am entering both a place of darkness and a place of light. Every person in this place is there because they have offended in some way. I have met murderers, rapists, robbers and drug addicts who have shared stories of their broken lives. I have cried with some of the most broken. The light I see in these places comes from those who find a way to turn their hearts toward God. In the midst of despair, uncertainty and hopelessness, these precious souls have opened their hearts to their Savior.

Jesus teaches us to love as He does by placing people and situations in our path that open opportunities for us to be Christ to others. Jesus loved without judgment or ridicule,

and without complaint or delay. We learn to love by acting as Jesus did, selflessly and openly. Love is not a "feeling like those you see on TV. Love is an "action." It is an act of willing the good of another.

There is a favorite old song from the 1970's called "They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love." In John's gospel, Jesus tells us that others will know we are followers of Christ by the way we love. I am learning to love each time I enter a correctional facility, or rock my granddaughter to sleep, or take out the trash without grumbling. Each of us is a student in the school of love. May we be attentive to our Teacher. Let's strive to get an "A" in Love Class!

With Easter Blessings!

Deacon Tim



Home Missions Appeal

Collection Today!

The Church has great needs around the world, and the United States is no exception. Over 40% of dioceses in the U.S., including New Ulm, Crookston and Duluth in Minnesota, face challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or impoverished parishes. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal provides for these needs through grants for projects that strengthen the faith of the people through evangelization, catechesis, ministry formation, and other areas of faith development. In addition, a portion of this appeal will help the African American and Native American communities with similar spiritual and material challenges through the Black and Indian Mission Office. And you can help! Your support of this collection on April 24, will strengthen the Church and help your neighbors here in Minnesota and the United States. Thank you.

Wedding Banns

First Proclamation



Trevor Holien and Robin Conama



Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

REFF Registration

Registration for 2016- 2017

All families should have received registration information via email for the 2016-2017 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 15. If you have any questions, contact the RE office at kraible@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4311.

First Reconciliation and First Communion 2016-2017

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 will be 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 15. Children must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation prior to First Communion.

Sunday School Program

Last Sunday School Class

Today is the final class for the Sunday School program. The preschool and kindergarten children will be putting on a very special closing program after the 9 a.m. Mass in the Ravoux Room. All are welcome!

Elementary and Middle School Religious Education Program

Last Class and Closing Program

Wednesday, April 27 is our final class for religious education for grades 1 through 8. At both the 4:30 and 6:30 sessions, 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!!



Workcamp Bake Sale

Enjoy some treats and support Workcamp

Today, April 24, our youth participating in our Workcamp trip to Racine, Wisconsin, will be in the gathering space selling yummy baked goods to help offset the cost of their trip. All items will be available for a free will donation. Please consider purchasing some treats today. Thank you for your continued support of Workcamp!

Pastoral Ministry

Growing Through Loss

An Interdenominational Coalition of South Suburban Churches Presents the fourth in a 5-week series:

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Of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Father Adrian will speak on "*Grief and Loss, Perhaps a Time for Healing?*" on Tuesday, April 26, in Heritage Center. Support groups will be facilitated by trained leaders.

This program is offered to any adult experiencing a loss or major crisis, and to pastoral ministers, for example Befrienders and Stephen Ministers.

Registration starts at 6:30 p.m., the speaker starts at 7 p.m., and the support groups begin at 8 p.m. A suggested donation per session is \$3.

For additional information, call 651-452-8261 or e-mail growingthroughloss@gmail.com.

Newly Married Social

Saints Game Outing

Couples married five years or less are warmly invited to join others for our next evening of fellowship and fun. On Friday, May 20, we will be taking in the 7:05 p.m. St. Paul Saints game. To be sure we have enough tickets for everyone, reservations are required by May 6. We'll meet at the main stadium entrance at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$32 per couple. Please direct inquiries and registrations to Jenna and Joe Peltier at 651-260-8300 or jennachristinep@gmail.com.

St. Peter's Community News

Mom's Group

Mom's Night Out

Join us for Trivia Night at the Hard Rock Café in the Mall of America on Thursday, April 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. We will form one or two teams, depending on how many can come. There will be happy hour pricing all evening for trivia participants, and there are prizes for the winners! Please call Maria at 507-358-7850 if you have any questions.

CCW Plant Card Sales

Gerten's Plant Cards

It's time to start thinking of spring plants and summer gardens. St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women will again be selling Gerten plant cards during the months of April and May. Stop by the table in the gathering space to purchase your plant cards. They will be available after each of the weekend Masses.

CCW Fashion Show

Make your reservation now!

The Council of Catholic Women are taking reservations for their annual spring fashion show and luncheon, which will be held on Saturday, May 7, in Heritage Center. The cost for the luncheon and fashion show is \$20. Please call Marge Sullivan at 651-451-6690 for more information or to make reservations.

Volunteer/Volunteers Needed

Kitchen Cleaning

We are looking for a person, or a group of people, who would be willing to volunteer to do a thorough cleaning of the Heritage Center kitchen every other month. If you are interested, please contact Anne O'Keefe at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4308.

Catholic Services Appeal

We did it!

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's Catholic Services Appeal. Due to your generosity, we have exceeded our goal of \$43,000. As of April 18, the total pledges equaled \$53,500! Once all payments are in, we can expect to see a parish refund of over \$13,000. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, there is still time to do so. Additional forms are available in the parish office. Thank you for your generous support.

ACCL Fundraiser for Wakota Life

A Community Caring for Life

Last weekend, our St. Peter's ACCL group handed out empty baby bottles to raise funds for Wakota Life Care Center, a local crisis pregnancy center. If you took one home, please fill it with your spare change and return full bottles to St. Peter's either the weekend of May 1 or 8. Thank you!

Also, we will once again be raising funds for pro-life causes with sales of flowers after all Masses on May 7/8, Mother's Day weekend. We will have African violets, mini rosebushes, and begonia plants.

Lastly, please remember to bring your baby item donations and place them in the portable crib in the Gathering Space the weekends of May 1 and May 8.

World Encounter Brunch

Women are invited to attend World Encounter's annual Spring ROSE Brunch on Saturday, April 30, in Heritage Center, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come enjoy fabulous food and learn from ambitious and talented women here and across the globe. Funds raised at this event provide Tanzanian village women the opportunity to start a small business and support their family. Purchase your \$20 ticket at www.worldencounter.org.

Spring Wine Tasting Event

Men's Club Hosting Wine Tasting

Please join us on Friday, April 29 from 6:30-9 p.m. in Heritage Center for wine, beer and nonalcoholic beverages. After the wine tasting, you will be able to purchase the wine if you are interested. The cost for this event is \$10.00. We hope to see you there!

Welcome New Parishioners!

The Church of St. Peter would like to extend a warm welcome to our newly registered parishioners

Crystal and Tracy Crocker and family

Pamela van Rooij Grinstead

Marilyn and Stanley Kummer

Sharon Owen

Kristen and Andrew Reichert and family

Brenda and Dan Vansteenbure and family

Annemarie and John Weiser

We are excited to have you join our faith community!



The Week of April 25

Monday, April 25

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6 pm St Paul Civic Symphony, Heritage Center
6 pm Cub Scout Parent Meeting, Community Room
7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, April 26

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:30 am Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament until 7 pm, Historic Church
9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm Growing Through Loss Series, Heritage Center

Wednesday, April 27

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

Thursday, April 28

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am Potluck Birthday Breakfast, Heritage Center
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Classroom 5

Friday, April 29

- 8 am** Confessions, Main Church
9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6:30 pm Spring Wine Tasting Event, Heritage Center

Saturday, April 30

- 9 and 10:30 am** Alcoholics Anonymous, Classrooms 2, 4
10 am Scripture Study, Community Room
3:30 pm Confessions, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm Mass with First Communion, Main Church
After Mass CCW Plant Card Sale, Gathering Space
 Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Fundraiser, Gathering Space

Sunday, May 1

- 8:30 and 10:30 am** Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass with First Communion, Main Church
10 am Confirmation Class, Youth Room
11 am Mass with First Communion, Main Church
After Masses Hospitality, Heritage Center
 CCW Plant Card Sale, Gathering Space
 Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Fundraiser, Gathering Space

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Readings for the Week of April 24

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 25 - †Mary Jean Warner
Tuesday, April 26 - Mark Linnell
Wednesday, April 27 - †Cpl. Thomas Skally
Thursday, April 28 - Dorothy & Wayne Thalhuber
Friday, April 29 - †Paige Duncan
Saturday, April 30 - Mass For The People
Sunday, May 1 - **9 a.m.** - †George Zirnhelt
11 a.m. - †Bill Olson

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Minute Memo from Ms. Shimshock

Sleep – we hear that we need more of it, but how do we get it? It would be nice if we could order it online or pick it up in the grocery store. If only it were that easy. We try to burn the candle at both ends, and then we wonder why we are so tired and unfulfilled. Unfortunately, it requires us to slow down, let go of the stresses in our lives and give them over to God. Why is that so much easier to write and say than to put into practice??? *For God speaks again and again, though people do not recognize it. He speaks in dreams, in visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on people as they lie in their beds (Job 33:14-15).*

We haven't been slowing down here at school. This month, we had a night playing Pizza Bingo, two band concerts, plus our Read-A-Thon, which will culminate at the end of this month. It has been wonderful to see the students grow in poise as they perform in front of an audience. For our Read-A-Thon, we have had celebrity readers in the classrooms this month, including our parish priests. On April 29, we will have authors in the building talking to students about the importance of reading, as well as more reading and grade specific activities. Visit our website at www.fscsmn.org if you would like to donate to the Read-A-Thon, or if you want to be a part of our upcoming events, such as our middle school musical performance of "Peter Pan Jr.," on May 9 and 10. We love the support our parishes give to the school!

Happy Spring,

Ms. Shimshock

Journey to Wholeness

God's Journey With Us: Retreat with Fr. Tony Kilroy

Fr. Tony Kilroy, OP, will be using themes from scripture for a retreat from April 29 to May 1, at the Villa Maria Center, 29847 County 2 Blvd, Frontenac, 11 miles south of Red Wing. This is a spirit led weekend of preaching, healing prayer, quiet and celebration. All are welcome. For more information, please call Jean MacFarland or Bill Keatts at 952-894-2033.

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/.

Princess Tea Party benefitting Neighbors, Inc.

Calling all Princes and Princesses!

Put on your royal best (think hats, gloves and party attire) and join us for a catered brunch, themed games and crafts, and the opportunity to meet real life princesses from across the land.

What:	Princess Tea Party benefitting Neighbors
Date:	Saturday, April 30
Time:	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location:	Veterans Memorial Community Center 8055 Barbara Ave East, Inver Grove Heights
Cost:	\$40 per adult/child pair and \$15 per additional person. Children two and under are free.

Space is limited, so get your tickets early! Just visit www.neighborsmn.org/events.

There will be appearances by Miss Minnesota United States, Ms. Minnesota United States, Miss Teen Minnesota United States and more!



Financial Summary for March 2016

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY - March 2016

Month - March	Actual	Budget
Contribution Income	\$ 62,306	\$ 79,848
Other Income	<u>4,043</u>	<u>3,229</u>
	66,349	83,077
Expenses	<u>(70,894)</u>	<u>(72,682)</u>
Net Income (Expense)	\$ (4,545)	\$ 10,395

Year to Date: July - March

Contribution Income	\$ 639,758	\$ 673,149
Other Income	<u>94,170</u>	<u>69,437</u>
	733,928	742,586
Expenses	<u>(721,342)</u>	<u>(714,919)</u>
Net Income (Expense)	\$ 12,586	\$ 27,667

Parish Debt

Principal Balance Beginning of Month	\$ 5,629,999
Principal Paid	<u>11,646</u>
Principal Balance End of Month	\$ 5,618,353

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Be Renewed By God's Mercy on Mother's Day Weekend

Pope Francis said, "Let's not forget that God forgives and God forgives always." If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion: women, men, grandparents, siblings and health care professionals. The next retreat is May 6 - 8 in the Twin Cities area. For more information, contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313, or visit www.rvineyardmn.org.

Year of Mercy

Weekly Works of Mercy

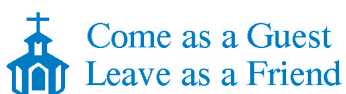
Find additional ways to **pray, learn and act** throughout this Jubilee Year at www.archspm.org/mercy.

84th Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention

Catholic Women Have The Hope!

Come and be a part of the excitement! Let us share our hopes and dreams, our faith and beliefs! The ACCW invites you to the 84th ACCW Convention on Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30, at St. Vincent De Paul in Brooklyn Park.

During the two days, nourish yourself with Mass, delicious food, inspiring speakers, shopping, praying, singing, voting and, of course, lots of socializing with women from all corners of the Archdiocese. This is definitely an event you will want to treat yourself to this spring! Cost is \$35 for 1 day, or \$60 for both days. Come and share in being The Sowers of Hope. Visit our website for more information at www.accwarchspm.org or you can call us at 651-291-4545. For credit card registrations, visit www.events.archspm.org/accw2016conv.



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Annual Style Show & Luncheon

Saturday, May 7, 2016

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<i>Program Schedule:</i>	11:30 am	Sign In
	12:00 pm	Luncheon
	1:00 pm	Fashion Show



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Or call Marge Sullivan at 651-451-6690

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Names on this reservation _____

Amount included _____

FOR SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS, PLEASE CALL MARGE AT 651-451-6690.

St. Peter's Community Caring for Life Annual Baby Shower



**Please consider supporting our local
crisis pregnancy center, Wakota Life
Care Center.**

Wakota is in need of the following items:

- Diapers, size 6
- Sleepers, sizes 12, 18, and 2T
- Socks and clothing, size 2T
- Baby wash, shampoo, and lotion
- Baby towels and washcloths
- Formula, especially Similac in the blue or orange cans

**Please drop off your donations the weekends of
May 1 & 8.**

A portable crib will be available in the Gathering Space.

Thank you!