



April 28, 2013
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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.

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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

HOLY DAYS As announced.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm or by appointment.

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

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From the Pastor's Desk

? offer these comments by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen on what is right and wrong:

“There is an organ in my home. As I look at the notes on that organ, I could ask, which note is good and which note is bad? Which note is right and which note is wrong? One cannot say that any particular note is right or any particular note is wrong. What makes a note right or wrong? Its correspondence to a standard. Once I have a piece of music before me, I know what I ought to do, what note I should hit, what note I ought not to hit. So, too, we have a moral standard within us which is our conscience. What is good and bad is in relationship to that standard which is not of our own making. We do not draw our own maps, and decide what the distance between Chicago and New York will be, for instance. We do not arbitrarily set our own watches. We set them by a standard outside of us. When we buy material, for example, we do not decide that a yard will be twenty-four inches instead of thirty-six inches. A good, therefore, is that which helps us in relationship to the attainment of purposes and goals and destinies which are in accordance with right reason. ...

“What makes a thing bad? Well, here is a pencil. This is a good pencil; it writes. Is it a good can opener? It certainly is not. Suppose I use it as a can opener. What happens? First of all, I do not open the can. Second, I destroy the pencil. Now if I, for example, decide to do certain things which I ought not to do, I do not attain the purpose for which I was created. For example, becoming an alcoholic does not make me happy. Furthermore, I destroy myself, just as I destroyed the pencil in using it to open a can. When I disobey God, I do not make myself very happy on the inside, and I certainly destroy any peace of soul that I ought to have” (Through the Year With Fulton Sheen [San Francisco: Ignatius, 2003], pages 155-156).

I think these reflections are excellent ways to lead people to love doing what is right. In the first selection, Sheen invites us to consider the standard of morality. It is not popular these days to talk about things being right or wrong in themselves, but Sheen uses the example of musical notes to show how, just as notes are right or wrong as they relate to a written set of instructions on how to play them, so our actions are right or wrong as they relate to the moral law. We didn't make the moral law. The Church did not make the moral law. God made the moral law, and we do not have the authority to change it.

We can choose to ignore the law God has placed in our hearts, but just because we ignore it doesn't mean it doesn't exist, any more than rewriting a map for our convenience of travel doesn't shorten the distance from Chicago to New York.

So here's the great part: rewriting that map will not make us happy. We can only be happy if we live according to the standard that God has placed within us. This standard – the moral law – exists outside of us. It is not ours to change. It was here before we were born, and it will be here after we die. We choose to live by it or not, but we were meant to live by it. Sheen uses the example of a pencil, which is destroyed if someone tries to use it to open a can. Just so, we will be happy only if we try to live as God wants us to live. Oh, we are likely to fall down, to sin, but then we acknowledge whatever wrong we have done to God, receive his forgiveness, and resolve once more to live by the law God has placed within our hearts.

Last Sunday afternoon, after the Masses here at the parish were concluded, 28 of our tenth-graders went with their parents and sponsors to the Cathedral of St. Paul to be confirmed. It was a surprise for me to find that the confirming bishop was Archbishop Harry Flynn, who is now just a few days short of his 80th birthday. Archbishop Flynn spoke in a stirring way to the young people from so many parishes who had come for Confirmation. Revealing the same kind of conviction that animated the preaching and lectures of Archbishop Fulton Sheen, who died 35 years ago, our own retired prelate urged the youth to recognize that there is a moral law and that they should listen to it. He, as bishops so often do when confirming teenagers, forcefully told them to say no to drugs, and to say no to premarital sex. He encouraged them to come to Mass and to find Christ there. We all ought to heed that advice, even though it's unfashionable these days to speak of such things.

Fr. Joseph Gallatin

Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

The Parish Pastoral Council is a body of parishioners which advises the pastor and helps make decisions regarding the pastoral needs of the parish.

We need your help to identify potential parish leadership. This is a process that relies on the power of the Holy Spirit working in all of us.

In the Stewardship Renewal in January several people expressed their willingness to be considered, and we are very grateful. We do want to make sure any other interested parties can also be part of the discernment. Please see the nomination form inserted into the bulletin and nominate yourself or another parishioner for this role. The application deadline is May 12, 2013.

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Religious Education/Faith Formation Registration for 2013-2014

All families should have received in both the regular mail as well as email, registration information for the 2013-2014 religious education classes. You may also go to the St. Peter's website to register. Please remember the registration deadline is Wednesday, May 15. If you have not received the registration materials or if you have any questions, please contact the RE secretary, Rita Holien, at 651-905-4318.

First Reconciliation and First Communion 2013-2014

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

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.

Homilies on the Website

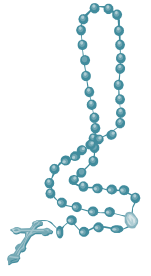
Our apologies on the delay in the posting of homilies to the website in recent weeks. Some technical restraints hampered our ability to host new media. We have devised a solution, however, and the posting of homilies will resume as normal. Missing homilies will be posted somewhat quickly in order to catch up. Within a week or two our homily posting should be back to a regular schedule. Again, sorry for the hitch, and thank you for making use of this online resource.



Pastoral Ministry

Month of Mary—Learn to Pray the Rosary

Have you often wondered where the devotion of praying the rosary began? Do you feel drawn to this powerful form of prayer but you don't know how? May is a month dedicated to honoring our Blessed Mother Mary and to mark this special month, we will be offering a clinic on the rosary in the Historic Church on Sunday, May 5, at 10:15 a.m. Come learn the history of this prayer and meditation, the special graces we gain from devotion to it and come away with practical knowledge about how to pray it. Free rosaries will be available to those who would like one. Then, join others in the Historic Church at 10:15 every Sunday to pray this "Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary." For further information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.



First Thursday Weekday Mass

This is a friendly reminder that weekday Mass is celebrated in the evenings in the Historic Church on the first Thursday of every month. Join us in the Historic Church from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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.

Schedules Available

The liturgical ministries schedule is now available for May through September 1. If you have not received the schedule, you can find extras near the blue sign-in binder outside the Family Room, or contact Sara Rogers at srogers@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4308.

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 contacting Sara Rogers at 651-905-4308 or clicking on the "Community/Join St. Peter's" link on the parish website.

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 4/15/13-4/21/13	\$24,155
Actual for the period 4/15/13-4/21/13	\$16,465
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$734,190
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$705,555

Red Cross Blood Drive Coming Thursday, May 2

The Red Cross Blood drive will have sign up sheets in the Gathering Space after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses this weekend. Please come and reserve a time that is convenient for you to donate blood. Volunteers will be glad to answer questions you might have. You can sign up online for a donation appointment at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/>, enter the zip code for St. Peter's—55120—or call Rita at 651-454-4773.

Hope to see you Thursday, May 2, in the Ravoux Room between 1-6.

Tootsie Roll Drive This Weekend

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Tootsie Rolls after Mass this weekend in support of people with developmental disabilities. Donations will be accepted on behalf of several Eagan and state-level charities: ProAct of Eagan, which provides job training; ARC Twin Cities, which advocates on behalf of those with disabilities; and the Minnesota Special Olympics. All of the money collected will be forwarded to these charities. Thank you for your generosity.

Opportunity to Join Knights of Columbus

Are you male, 18 years old or greater, and looking for an opportunity to be more active in the parish? The next opportunity for you to join the Knights of Columbus Faithful Shepherd Council is Saturday, May 4, at St. Joseph's parish in Rosemount. Please contact Jeff McNamara at 651-472-1220 for more information.



Walk for Life

Help support women who choose life for their babies by participating in the annual Walk for Life to benefit Wakota Life Care Center. It will take place on **Saturday, May 18**, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Thompson Park in West St. Paul.

If you are unable to participate that day, pledge your support to our parish walker, Lisa Amos! You'll find both pledge forms and envelopes for mailing in contributions at the counter in the Gathering Space. Volunteers will be at a table after next weekend's Sunday Masses. Questions? Contact Sandy Rabuse at sandyrabuse@comcast.net.



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

St. Peter's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is **Thursday, May 16**, 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 651-905-4308 or email srogers@stpetersmendota.org. **Please respond by Sunday, May 12**, if attending. We hope to see you there!



Gerten's Plant Card Sale



Spring
Plant Card Sale

Spring is coming!! So, think **Spring**, and stop by the **Council of Catholic Women's (CCW)** table in Heritage Center after all Masses the weekends of May 4/5 and May 11/12 to purchase your Gerten plant cards. The cards are in increments of \$25 each and you may purchase as many as you need!

The CCW will also be taking reservations for their annual fashion show and luncheon being held on Saturday, May 18. Those tickets are \$15 each and include the luncheon and style show. You may sign up for the fashion show at the same table as the Gerten plant card sale.

The Next Week

Monday, April 29

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
 6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony Practice,
 Heritage Center

Tuesday, April 30

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
 Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
 After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm
 9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
 7 pm Fall Festival Meeting, Conference Room I

Wednesday, May 1

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
 9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Room I
 7 pm Choir, Conference Room I

Thursday, May 2

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
 1-6 pm Blood Drive, Ravoux Room
 6:30 pm Weekday Mass, Historic Church
 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
 7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
 7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6
 7 pm Bible Study, Family Room

Friday, May 3

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

Saturday, May 4

- 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:
 Gerten Gift Cards, Fashion Show
 Reservations, New Parishioner Registration

Sunday, May 5—Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
 9 & 11 am Mass with First Communion,
 Main Church
 10 am Confirmation Class
 10:15 am Focus on Mary: The Rosary,
 Historic Church
 After Masses:
 Fashion Show Reservations,
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 Parishioner Registration, Walk for Life
 Support Table

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Readings for the Week of April 28

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8 or Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/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 29 - †Tony Basta

Tuesday, April 30 - †Florence May

Wednesday, May 1 - †Jonathan Hedberg

Thursday, May 2 - †Calvin Mulvihill

Friday, May 3 - †Msgr. Jerome Boxleitner

Saturday, May 4 - †Charles Ressler

Sunday, May 5 - 9 a.m. - †Deacon Edward Feffer
11 a.m. - Mass For the People

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

*W*e need to live our strengths rather than focusing on our own weaknesses or the weaknesses of others. Being cognizant of our strengths can open us to a greater respect of multiple ways of accomplishing the same task. No way is right or wrong, just done according to our strengths. This deeper mutual respect will lead to a more grateful and graceful world and that can't be a bad thing.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Romans 12:6-8

Ms. Shimshock

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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
jvasiliou@comcast.net



Catholic Home Missions Appeal This Weekend

Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as *home missions*. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this Appeal and help strengthen the Church at home.

Kindergarten Openings at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School still has a few kindergarten openings for the 2013-2014 school year. If you are interested in giving your child the gift of a life time, contact John Boone at 651-406-4747 or jboone@fscsmn.org



May Family Rosary Procession 2013

For the past 65 years, in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, we as a Christian family have united in procession in the prayer of the Rosary with our Blessed Mother Mary, who leads us to kneel in adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

In this Year of Faith join Archbishop John Nienstedt, priests and faithful from around the Archdiocese and state of Minnesota on Sunday, May 5, at 2 p.m. as we pray the Rosary in procession from the State Capitol to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. We pray for our new Holy Father Pope Francis, for the intentions of our families and all families of the world.

Inside the Cathedral we will offer prayers for marriage and the family and close with adoration and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Come with family and friends in a public witness to our Catholic faith during this month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Assemble at the Capitol at 1:30; the procession begins at 2 p.m.

Details at www.familyrosaryprocession.org.

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1:00pm ~ Fashion Show

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Please detach this portion of the page and include it in an envelope along with your reservation payment.

Names on this reservation: _____

Amount included: _____

QUESTIONS? Please contact Marge Sullivan at 651-451-6690

Parish Pastoral Council Nomination Form

The Church of St. Peter is currently seeking nominations for three new members of the Parish Pastoral Council to replace those whose terms are expiring. They will serve on the Council for three years, beginning September 1, 2013.

The Parish Pastoral Council is a body of parishioners which advises the pastor and helps make decisions regarding the pastoral needs of the parish.

We need your help to identify potential parish leadership. This is a process that relies on the power of the Holy Spirit working in all of us.

Nomination is open to anyone who is:

- 18 years of age
- Fully Initiated (Baptized, Confirmed and has received the Eucharist)
- Registered in the Parish
- Worships regularly at St. Peter's

Please nominate yourself or another parishioner whom you feel embodies the Spirit in the following ways:

- An ability to truly listen and to accurately reflect what was heard
- Willingness to delegate responsibility and empower others
- A desire for spiritual growth and an openness to new ideas
- Ability to work for common ground in decision making
- An excitement about our Church and parish
- Ease in working with others and in groups
- Availability of time and the ability to focus energy around the work of the council

Time commitment is a 90 minute meeting the third Tuesday of each month (except July and August) and some work outside of the meetings (not a lot of time). If you have any questions about the council and responsibilities as a member, please feel free to contact any current council member (listed on the website and in the bulletin) or Fr. Gallatin.

New members will be selected on the Solemnity of Pentecost (May 19 and its vigil) in a discernment process that takes place during the Masses.

Please return this form in the collection basket or to the Parish Office by May 12 if you would like to be considered for the Parish Pastoral Council, or if you would like to nominate someone else. Once we have received all the nominations, someone from the current Parish Pastoral Council will be in touch to answer any further questions you might have.

I _____ would like to be considered for Parish Pastoral Council membership.

OR

I believe that _____ embodies the qualities described above and would like to nominate him/her for one of the three Parish Pastoral Council seats.