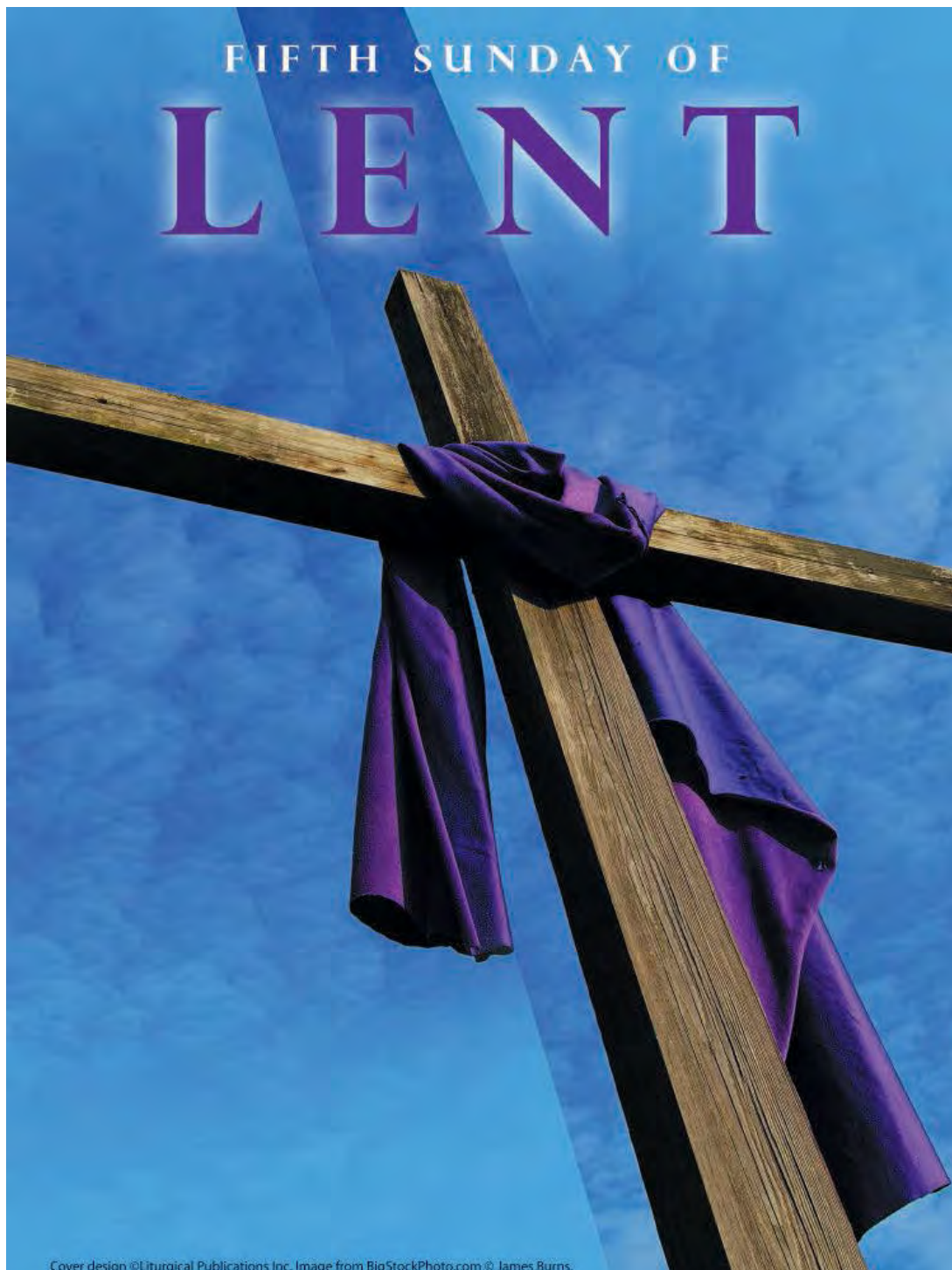


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Reflections from our Religious Education/ Faith Formation Director

This weekend's Gospel, the story of Lazarus, is almost overwhelming in the number of truths that we can reflect upon while reading it. There is a not so subtle reference to the Paschal mystery—the life, death and Resurrection of Christ. We can see in this Gospel that death is not final; our faith allows us to participate in Christ's victory over death—the Resurrection. We also witness a clear demonstration that Jesus is fully human and fully divine. And, of course, we are shown the pure and confident faith of Mary and Martha even when they are deep in grief and pain.

When we first read this passage, the story can be somewhat confusing. Jesus has been told that his good friend, Lazarus is very ill. We expect Jesus to go to him and his sisters immediately, but Jesus waits two days. Instead of rushing to heal Lazarus, he waits and Lazarus dies. Mary and Martha are grieving the death of their brother when Jesus arrives. Jesus knew that Lazarus had died before he arrived, but he was still filled with pain when he saw the sorrow and anguish of those he loved. Jesus wept—he cried with and for those he loved. By him sharing in their grief, we see the full humanity of Christ. He is fully human and he wants to comfort his friends and ease their pain.

Mary and Martha, although grieving, are very direct in their speech and are confident in their belief in Jesus. They both emphatically state that Lazarus would not have died if Jesus had been present. Jesus responds with a statement that I think is one of the most comforting and beautiful passages to be found:

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Mary and Martha are confident in their belief in Jesus, even if they don't understand what he is about to do. Imagine their extreme surprise, joy and probably confusion when Jesus raises their brother from the dead! Their faith in Jesus being Christ was strong before they even witnessed the miracle of resurrection.

By raising Lazarus from the dead, we see that Jesus is fully divine—only God has power over death. With Lazarus' resurrection, Christ shows all that he is the Son of God. In this final and great miracle before his own death and Resurrection, Christ's divinity is evident.

By our baptism, we too are welcomed into the death and Resurrection of Christ. All of us, through the sacraments of initiation, are invited to have the confident faith of Mary and Martha. We may not always understand why something has happened, we just need to believe that Jesus is the Christ; he loves us and is with us.

This pure and confident faith is something we may sometimes struggle to maintain. However, we have a beautiful and living reminder of this type of faith when we look at our children who are preparing to receive Holy Communion, a sacrament of initiation, for the first time at the end of this month. Over the last few months, these children have been preparing to join us at the Lord's Table. Their excitement, joy, and even their nervousness is a wonderful thing to behold. They do not doubt Jesus' presence; they are eager to receive him. Their enthusiasm can remind us that we, too, should whole heartedly and eagerly accept Jesus' true presence and be open to this wonderful gift. We are blessed to have this opportunity to celebrate with these young children the first time they say "Amen" to this invitation; the first time they say "Yes" to the presence of Jesus.

However, we want to encourage the children to not think of this so much as "First Communion" but rather as an invitation for life to join us at the Lord's Table. To remind them that this is an invitation extended to them every week for the rest of their lives. We also need to remember that the invitation to receive Communion is an invitation for life for each of us; this is not a one-time thing. Every week we also are invited to the Lord's Table.

As we accept that invitation, let's try to remember the joy and excitement of the children. Let's ask for God to give us the gift of a pure and confident faith as we go through these last weeks of Lent and begin to prepare for Jesus' Resurrection. As a witness to both the human and divine in Christ, let us take comfort and joy in his desire to be with us and the salvation he has given us in his death and Resurrection.

Kathy Raible

Kathy Raible
Director of Religious Education/
Faith Formation

Friday
April 11
7-7:35 p.m.
Main Church



Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Kids' Change for Kids

The children of St. Peter's have adopted a child from Uganda. All children are asked to bring in money that they have earned and place it in one of the cans marked KIDS' CHANGE FOR KIDS. The cans are in every classroom. Please talk to your child about the importance of helping those less fortunate—it will make a difference in their lives. Thank you!

Random Acts of Kindness

The **Random Acts of Kindness cross** is in the Gathering Space by the elevator. Each time you perform a random act of kindness—an act you perform because of a “desire to connect, to lend a helping hand and/or to extend ourselves out into the world”—please put a tissue paper flower into the cross. By Easter we will have a blooming cross of kindness!

Lenten Alms

This year alms collected at St. Peter's throughout Lent will be donated

to Loaves and Fishes. 46 million Americans live in poverty. For over 32 years Loaves and Fishes has worked to end hunger in Minnesota by providing free meals for those facing hunger. If you have questions regarding the hunger ministry they provide, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.



Save the Date!



St. Peter's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for **Thursday, May 15**, starting at 6 p.m. in Heritage Center, and it will

include entertainment by the parish staff. The dinner is open to all St. Peter's volunteers, whether you have helped by baking cookies once or ushering every single week! Please remember to mark your calendars, and watch for the flyer in next weekend's bulletin.

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Pastoral Ministry

Journal Writing as a Spiritual Practice
Tuesdays, April 8 and 15
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Heritage Center

Keeping a spiritual journal is a wonderful way to do grow spiritually. You are warmly invited to explore a variety of journaling techniques to gain personal and spiritual insights. Gabriel Ross will use excerpts from spiritual writers, reflection questions and visual aids to initiate journaling. The workshop is appropriate for both experienced journal writers and beginners. Come join us as we celebrate the new life of resurrection and spring through journal writing.

You will need to bring a pen/pencil and a journal (blank sketchbooks size 8.5 x 11 inches work best, the facilitator will have a few of these available for purchase).

Gabriel has a MA from the University of St. Thomas in Catechetics and Liturgy. She is the director of Creative Spirit and she leads adult education courses and spirituality groups throughout the area.

Registration is required. \$25/session or \$40 for both evenings. To register, please contact Lisa Amos at lamos@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4304.

Easter Flowers



We are now accepting donations for Easter flowers in memory or honor of a loved one. If you would like to make a donation, pick up an envelope on the information counter or in the parish office and return through Sunday collections or in the parish office by Wednesday, April 9. All names will be listed in our Easter bulletin.

Good Friday Vigil

April 18, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Planned Parenthood
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Thousands of Christians join in prayer throughout the day at this vigil each Good Friday. Experience Good Friday as never before! For more information or to volunteer contact us at 651-771-1500 or vigil@plam.org.

There will be no parking near the mega-Planned Parenthood on Good Friday. We have reserved free parking at the University of St. Thomas parking ramp and will be running shuttle buses all day from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. to and from the vigil. **Please do not attempt to park near the vigil site.**

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 3/24/13-3/30/14	\$14,893
Actual for the period 3/24/13-3/30/14	\$9,024
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$708,633
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$614,296



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Thursday, April 10

Augustana Lutheran Church
1400 South Robert Street, West St. Paul
Registration, 6:30 p.m.; Speaker, 6:55 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.

Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Board Meeting

St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women Board will meet
on Wednesday, April 9, 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room I.
All women of the parish are invited to attend.

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
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while you're here. Thank you.

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Holy Week Liturgy Schedule

All Liturgies are in the Main Church

Individual Confessions:

Wednesday, April 16, 6-7:30 p.m.

Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m.

(no Confessions on Holy Saturday)

Holy Thursday, April 17

No 9 a.m. Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 p.m.

With transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the
Historic Church at conclusion

Good Friday, April 18

No 9 a.m. Mass

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 19

No 5 p.m. Mass

The Easter Vigil will begin at 8 p.m.
and end by 10:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20

Mass celebrated at 9 and 11 a.m.

Parish Office Hours

The parish will close at 12 noon
on Good Friday, April 18.
Closed all day Monday, April 21.

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 651-454-5292
or jvasiliou@comcast.net.



The Week of April 7

Monday, April 7

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony, Heritage Center
7 pm Historic Church Tour Guide Meeting,
Conference Room I

Tuesday, April 8

- 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, Ravoux Room
11 am Lilydale Senior Living Holy Communion
6:30 pm Journaling Our Spirituality,
Heritage Center
7 pm Stewardship Meeting, Conference Room I

Wednesday, April 9

Sharing & Caring Hands

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Room I
1:30 pm CCW Board Meeting,
Conference Room I
4:30 pm Grades 1, 3-5 Class
6:30 pm Grades 1, 3-8 Class
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Conference Room I

Thursday, April 10

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
10 am Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
7 pm Finance Council Meeting,
Conference Room III
7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, April 11

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
5-7 pm Workcamp Pasta Dinner, Heritage Center
7 pm Stations of the Cross, Main Church

Saturday, April 12

- 10 am** Scripture Study, Community Room
4 pm Reconciliation, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
5 pm Mass, Main Church
After Mass:
Neighbors, Inc. Food Drive

Sunday, April 13—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 8:30 & 10:30 am**
Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church
9 am Confirmation Class
After Masses:
Neighbors, Inc. Food Drive
Hospitality—Served by Faithful Shepherd
Catholic School Children

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Readings for the Week of April 6

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt
 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 7 - Shawn & Robby Linnell

Tuesday, April 8 - Msgr. William Duggan

Wednesday, April 9 - †Tom Koppen

Thursday, April 10 - †Richard Dugan

Friday, April 11 - †Ray Schloegl

Saturday, April 12 - †William Haggerty

Sunday, April 13 - 9 a.m. - Mass For the People

11 a.m. - †Dick Gaworski & †Br. Michael Gaworski

Thank You

As I sat down to write a hundred thank you notes after our Lenten Fish Dinner, it dawned on me that wouldn't be enough.

I personally want to thank all of you for the success of another Lenten dinner. It was our eighth annual dinner and each year gets better. It could not have been successful if it hadn't been for:

- Sara Rogers and the wonderful office staff.
- The wonderful kitchen prep people, cooks and especially dishwashers.
- The in between plate and trash cleaner uppers.
- Those who kept an eye on the food.
- The bakers with the most that provided our fabulous desserts.
- Our wonderful bartenders.
- Tom and Mary O'Neill for their gift card donation.

And more importantly, those who came to show your support for our parish community. I have already begun planning for next year, which will include a few menu changes (the fish stays!), more prizes and live music.

But, until then, everyone have a wonderful spring and Easter Season.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!
Sue Kirk

Easter Egg Hunt

The Faithful Shepherd Knights of Columbus will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at St. Peter's on Saturday, April 19, at 10 a.m. This event will be held either indoors or outside depending on the weather. Please arrive with your children in the church's Gathering Space between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Have your children bring Easter baskets or plastic bags will be provided. Come enjoy a fun and exciting way to celebrate Easter with your children—brought to you by your local Knights of Columbus.



Help Deliver Easter Lilies



We will need your help to deliver Easter lilies to our parishioners who are homebound, in nursing homes, or who have lost a spouse or child since last Christmas. Please consider delivering to at least one person. Plants will be available for pick up **next weekend** on tables in the Gathering Space corridor.

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SUNDAY MASSES

(all in the Main Church)

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

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9 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday and Friday

6:30 pm the First Thursday of the Month

HOLY DAYS As announced.

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BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

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Church of St. Peter
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Members present Kelly Garrett, Sarah Larsen, Lance Miller, Alice Sheeler, Nancy Stanton, and Joe Towle

Members Not Present: Mary Pat Ferraro, Ann Hoey, Yvonne Houle-Gillard

Ex-officio members present:

Ex-officio members not present: Fr. Gallatin, Helen Wilkie

I. Opening Prayer/Hospitality: Alice Sheeler led the members in reciting a prayer by Edward Hays for a Parish Council meeting.

II. Approval of Agenda
Approved as presented.

III. New Business

A. Stewardship Committee:

Lance Miller reported that the committee had met the previous week with Mary Jubenville, business manager, in attendance to discuss the cost of Catholic Stewardship Consultants and to pursue and see if the parish could be released from the remainder of the three-year contract and go back to an in-house system.

B. February Financial Report:

- Kelly Garrett reported that the numbers are still down for month and to date.
- She also talked with Jim Fink, Finance Council chair, who expressed great concern over the parish's current situation. Jim has been able to work with the Archdiocese to ease some of the payments the parish needs to make.
- Jim also asked that even though our mortgage company recommended Catholic Stewardship Consultants, the Parish Pastoral Council members join with the Stewardship Committee and the Finance Council in recommending our opting out of the remainder of the contract. The six Pastoral Parish Council members present agreed unanimously to support the proposal.
- Discussion then focused on how the Parish Pastoral Council could help the Finance Council with communications.
- Proposed—do a visual infographic—to present the problem to the parish. Mock up poster to reach out to active families asking if they could possibly increase giving.
- Go back over budget report for the last several years. Time line for this effort a month from now—mid-April.

IV. Old Business

A. GROW (Parish Pastoral Planning) Update:

Kelly reported for Yvonne Houle-Gillard that the parish was opting out of finishing this process with the Archdiocese at this time but the St. Peter's Committee was going to meet on Thursday, March 27, to review the results so far and see if there were suggestions that could be acted on/reviewed since time has been put into the survey.

B. Update from Cookie Weekend:

Joe Towle reported that the celebration that weekend with Fr. Charlie went well.

V. Closing prayer

Alice led the committee in reciting our parish prayer and meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 15, 2014

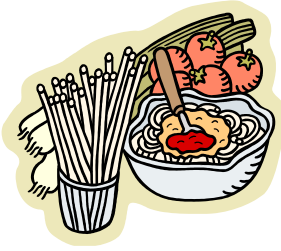
Workcamp Pasta Dinner

Friday April 11th

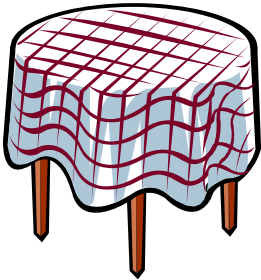
5:00 -7:00 pm

St. Peter's Church

1405 Sibley Memorial Highway
Mendota



\$8 for Adults
\$5 for Children
\$25 for Families



Enjoy a full meal with your choice of:

- *Spaghetti with (meatless) marinara*
 - *Gluten Free noodles available*
- *Cheese Ravioli,*
- *Fettuccine Alfredo*
- *Along with Caesar Salad, Bread, Dessert and Beverages.*

All proceeds benefit Workcamp in support of our Mission Trip this summer to serve in Kittery, Maine

Also featuring a Silent Auction of themed gift baskets including:

- Minnesota Twins Baskets!
- Arts & Craft and Knitting Baskets!
- Game Night Basket!
- Gardening Basket!

And much much more !!!!



***Gift Basket Auction closes at 6:45pm**

**You need not be present at the end of bidding to win*

**Prizes may be picked up after Stations of the Cross (which begins at 7pm)*

**Any winner not present at the end of bidding may pick up basket at a later time*

