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Holy Family/Epiphany

From the Pastor's Desk

I wish you every blessing of the Christmas Season! This bulletin will be distributed both on Holy Family Sunday and on the Epiphany of the Lord. The season of Christmas, or Christmastide, lasts until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and this year it is 19 days long, ending on Sunday, January 12. People might wonder, "What happened to the 'Twelve Days of Christmas'?" That was the count of days from December 25 through January 5, when Epiphany was celebrated on January 6 every year. In the United States it has been many decades since Epiphany was last fixed on January 6; it has been transferred to the second Sunday after Christmas and so floats around a variety of January dates.

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is a good time to consider our own family. We are not meant to be intimidated by the love the members of the Holy Family have for one another. We will naturally fall short of that degree of love. But we shouldn't feel bad about that. The feast inspires us to grow in love for each other. It's an opportunity. Sometimes I wonder if most parents of young children have an idea that most other people are getting it right, and that *they* themselves are not. Perhaps you feel that other parents are more patient, or are better providers, or know just the right techniques for disciplining their little ones. No one needs to feel they are falling short of the mark. Mary and the Child Jesus were without sin. As a result, the Holy Family loved each other more easily than we can. But we are able to make resolutions. In the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, I often find myself telling people that a resolution to be more loving, for example, is lived out in specific situations. While it might be discouraging to look out at the years ahead and resolve to love all of the time, we do not have to be preoccupied with all of the years ahead of us. It's more manageable to say we're going to be patient in *this* moment, or the next time so-and-so acts up, or that we're not going to criticize a family member because of *this* particular fault. Using God's grace, we can train ourselves to imitate the Holy Family in their love for each other.

At Christmas we celebrate the dawn of hope into the world. Since the fall of man, the human race had longed to be reconciled to God. Our heavenly Father promised a savior to his people. As the Fourth Eucharistic Prayer says about the human person, ***"And when through disobedience he had lost your friendship, you did not abandon him to the domain of death. For you came in mercy to the aid of all, so that those who seek might find you. Time and again you offered them covenants and***

through the prophets taught them to look forward to salvation. And you so loved the world, Father most holy, that in the fullness of time you sent your only Only Begotten Son to be our Savior." And so he has. In the fullness of time, that is, when the time was exactly right according to God's plan, our loving God came to us in his great mercy. He came as a child, in all humility, in all helplessness, for the purpose of redeeming the world through his sacrifice at Calvary. Let us never forget that it was through God's great love that heaven was opened to us. We would have known only darkness if the almighty God had not deigned to set aside his glory and be born a little child. The birth of Jesus is the moment in time at which God intervened decisively in the history of the human race. As Zechariah says in the second chapter of Luke: "In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace." Let's remind ourselves always that God's love for us is without limit. He shines in the darkness. He made this world holy by his birth into it, and taught us to live in joyful hope of his coming again.

I will end with words drawn from a letter by Pope Leo the Great, who died in the year 461:

*For unless the new man, being made in the likeness of sinful humanity, had taken on himself the nature of our first parents, unless he had stooped to be one in substance with his mother while sharing the Father's substance and, being alone free from sin, united our nature to his, the whole human race would still be held captive under the domination of Satan. **The Conqueror's victory would have profited us nothing if it had been fought outside our human condition.** But through this wonderful blending the mystery of new birth shone upon us, so that through the same Spirit by whom Christ was conceived and brought forth we too might be born again in a spiritual birth; and in consequence the evangelist declares the faithful to have been born not of blood, nor of the desire of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin

First Thursday Weekday Mass

A weekday evening Mass is celebrated in the Historic Church on the first Thursday of every month. Join us on January 2, from 6:30-7 p.m. for Mass.

Confessions Each Week

In addition to the weekly opportunity for individual confessions on Saturdays from 4:00-4:50 p.m., we have added an hour on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is celebrated in the Main Church near the choir area.

Thank you to all those who donated money towards our Christmas flowers in memory or honor of a loved one. Your generosity has helped make the church a beautiful space to worship.

In Memory of Gerard Abbott

By Gus & Joann Zuccaro

In Memory of Connie Becker and

Erick Becker

By Donna Heir

In Memory of David Berndt, Martin

LaBerge, and Julia Gonko

By Mike & Teri Berndt

In Memory of Deacon Gerald Blissenbach

By Jackie Blissenbach

In Memory of Dorothy Brown

By LeRoy Brown

In Memory of Lois Burns and

Richard Weinzettel

By Laurita Weinzettel

In Memory of Mel DeBlauw

By Alice DeBlauw

In Memory of Fitzgerald

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By Sheila Fitzgerald

In Memory of Don Giblin

By Maureen Giblin

In Memory of Gray, Heffron,

Kunzelman and Peterson Family Members

By Dave & Pat Peterson

In Memory of David & Helen Gwost and

Andrew & Cecelia Yourczek

By Joe & Barb Yourczek

In Memory of Joseph Harrison

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In Memory of MacKenzie Judd,

Henry Kent, Loren Linn and

Jennifer Schaefer

By Mary Kent

In Memory of Denis Kelly, Delores Larsen,

and James Larsen

By David Kelly &

Kristine Larsen-Kelly

In Memory of Dick Kirch

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Schedules Available

The liturgical ministries schedule is now available for January 2 through April 30. 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.

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St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 12/16/13-12/22/13	\$22,473
Actual for the period 12/16/13-12/22/13	\$35,107
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$424,841
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$361,799

Year End Gift Opportunities

Christmas Envelopes

We hope that you will maintain your regular weekly support along with offering a special Christmas contribution.

Automatic Withdrawal—Electronic Funds Transfer

Please consider using our automatic giving program through our ACH program. Forms are available in the parish office or can be completed online.

Stock Contributions

Appreciated stock is a great way to make a contribution AND perhaps maximize your tax benefit. Please contact the parish office.

Employer Matching Funds

You may wish to consult with your employer to determine if a matching gift can double the value of your contribution to our parish or one of our specific ministries.

"Forward In Faith" Debt Reduction Campaign

We have created a special debt reduction campaign account separate from our regular operating fund. If you have not offered your response, please complete your decision and return it this week.

Need Help Structuring A Contribution?

Please contact Mary Jubenville (651-905-4307) in our parish office. Thank you!

End of the Year Information

Parishioners are reminded that all donations must be received in the parish office by Tuesday, December 31, or postmarked by Tuesday, December 31, to be included as a 2013 contribution. No exceptions can be made. If a stock contribution is to be made, be sure to allow enough time for the transaction to be completed. Stock transfer instructions are available by calling Mary at 651-905-4307.

Wedding Banns

Third Proclamation

Jim Connor and Amy Jungwirth

Parish Survey

As part of the parish's involvement in the GROW Parish Pastoral Planning process offered through the Archdiocese, the parish will be conducting an online survey. The survey will run from **Monday, December 20, 2013, to Sunday, January 18, 2014**. The survey can be completed at your convenience anytime between the above mentioned dates. We strongly suggest you set aside 15-20 minutes to answer the questions in a thoughtful and complete manner.

In the event that you do not have access to the internet or need additional help with the survey, we will have several computers set up and volunteers to assist you in the Heritage Center the weekends of January 4/5, January 11/12 and January 18/19. You may also stop in the office during regular business hours for assistance.

This survey is very important in determining what the parish does well, what it needs to improve upon and a chance for every parishioner to voice their opinion. We hope that you will take the time to reflect upon the questions and complete the survey. You may access it through our website or through the following:

<http://fluidsurveys.com/s/GROWChurchofStPeterMendota/>

Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Board Meeting

St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women Board will meet on Wednesday, January 15, 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room I. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
www.stpetersmendota.org



The Week of December 30

Monday, December 30

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

Tuesday, December 31

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

Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament

After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm

11 am Lilydale Senior Living Holy Communion

4 pm Mass, Main Church

Wednesday, January 1—Mary, Mother of God

Parish Office Closed

10 am Mass, Main Church (9:40 rosary)

Thursday, January 2

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

10 am Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room

5:30 pm Reconciliation, Main Church

6:30 pm Mass, Historic Church

7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5

7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7

7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, January 3

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

Saturday, January 4

9 and 10:30 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4

4 pm Reconciliation, Main Church

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Main Church

5 pm Mass, Main Church

After Mass:

New Parishioner Registration,

Pastor Appreciation Luncheon Tickets

Sunday, January 5—Epiphany

8:30 & 10:30 am

Choir Rehearsal, Main Church

9 am Mass and Baptism, Main Church

9 & 11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children

9 am Sunday School

10 am Confirmation Class

11 am Mass, Main Church

After Masses:

Hospitality, New Parishioner Registration,

Pastor Appreciation Luncheon Tickets

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, December 30 - †Olaf Olson

Tuesday, December 31 - 9 a.m. - Stephen Lauinger

4 p.m. - Mass For the People

Wednesday, January 1 - 10 a.m. - †Florence May

Thursday, January 2 - †Verna Vanderbeek

Friday, January 3 - †Norbert & †Grace Kemper

Saturday, January 4 - Mass For the People

Sunday, Jan. 5 - 9 a.m. - †Lyle & †Duane Kahnke

11 a.m. - †Charles Shrader

Monday, January 6 - †Mary Chapdelaine

Tuesday, January 7 - †Marjorie Ramstad

Wednesday, January 8 - †Charles Shrader

Thursday, January 9 - †Donald Pillar

Friday, Jan. 10 - For a Family Hoping For a Child

Saturday, January 11 - †Anna Maurer

Sunday, January 12 - 9 a.m. - Mass For the People

11 a.m. - †Bill Olson

The Week of January 6

Monday, January 6

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
 10 am Let It Go, Conference Rm. II, Ravoux Rm.
 6 pm St. Paul Symphony
 6:30 pm Cana Dinner Meeting, Conference Rm. II

Tuesday, January 7

Loaves and Fishes

- 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
 11 am Lilydale Senior Living Holy Communion

Wednesday, January 8

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

Thursday, January 9

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
 5:30 pm Reconciliation, Main Church
 7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
 7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
 7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, January 10

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

Saturday, January 11

Stewardship Renewal Kick Off

- 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, Main Church
 5 pm Mass, Main Church
 After Mass: Pizza Bingo Sign Up

Sunday, January 12—Baptism of the Lord

Stewardship Renewal Kick Off

- 8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
 9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church
 9 & 11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children
 9 am Sunday School
 10 am Confirmation Class
 After Masses: Pizza Bingo Sign Up
 12 Noon Pastor Appreciation Luncheon
 1 pm Baptism Class, Conference Room I
 6:30 pm Youth Group

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.

Pastor Appreciation Luncheon



Please join us for lunch on **Sunday, January 12, 2014**, right after the 11:00 Mass to show our appreciation to Father Gallatin for his dedication and spiritual leadership to our congregation.

The turkey dinner, catered by Magnolias, will be held in Heritage Center. The cost is \$10 per person for adults and children over 12, \$5 for children 12 and under and a maximum of \$30 per family. Your name tag will be your ticket.

The Council of Catholic Women will be taking paid reservations the weekends of December 28/29 and January 4/5, or you may call the parish office before Wednesday, January 8, to reserve a spot! Come join in the fun, personally thank Father Gallatin and meet and greet fellow parishioners. Hope to see you there!

~sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women

Readings for the Week of December 29

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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Readings for the Week of January 5

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22--4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

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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

6:30 pm the First Thursday of the Month

HOLY DAYS As announced.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm or by appointment.

Thursdays 5:30-6:30 pm, Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm
or by appointment.

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

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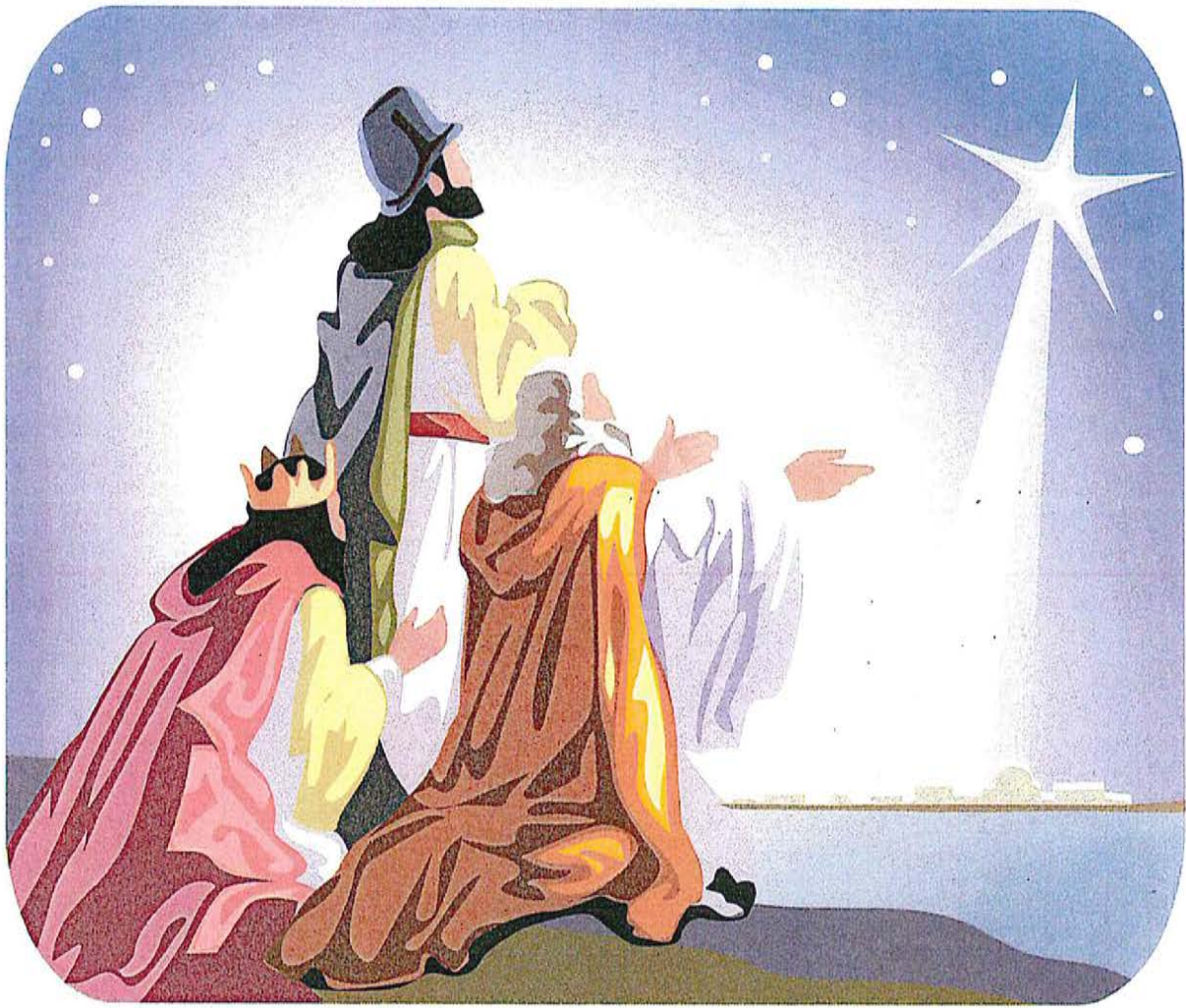
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