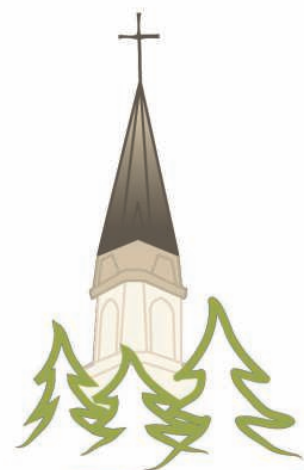




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Reflections from our Pastor

My dear friends,

On this day when we gather together to celebrate our 175th Anniversary as a parish, how can we find better, more fitting words to express our gratitude and joy than those given to us in St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens!" The "spiritual blessings" given, received, and shared in this parish over its 175 year history would be too numerous to count, and even now, praise God, this Church continues to be a place where New Life is continually celebrated in Baptism, where our spiritual hungers are fed by Word and Sacrament, where our children are formed and confirmed in the Faith, where couples are united in Marriage, where hearts have found healing and renewal in God's mercy, and where there is community fellowship and support that overflows in various charitable works to our community and beyond.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ . . ." Today we want to give thanks for all these blessings. As Bishop Cozzens wrote recently in an article that appeared in *The Catholic Spirit*:

"Gratitude is perhaps the highest movement of the human heart. It is a sentiment that is right at the heart of Christianity. The first Christian prayer in the New Testament, Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55), is a prayer of gratitude to God for his deliverance of his people through Jesus the messiah. The heart of our prayer as Catholics is the Eucharist, a Greek word that means "thanksgiving" because, in the Eucharist, we give thanks to God the Father for the gift of new life we have received in Jesus, a gift that is given and renewed every time we celebrate holy Mass. Gratitude is the recognition that what I have received comes to me from the overflowing goodness and love of God. It is also a recognition that I do not deserve to receive this love. It is an unmerited gift. To be a Christian is to live in profound gratitude for the unmerited overwhelming love of God revealed in Jesus Christ."

As I count the blessings I have experienced since my arrival here in late October, your beautiful faith and commitment to Christ and one another ranks high on the list. As I get to know you and your families, especially some of the unique hardships and challenges some of you face, your "yes" to God continually inspires me. Your "yes" helps me to renew my own "yes" to God, especially

my "yes" to the Cross. How beautiful the Cross of Jesus, which all of us are called to share and carry in our different vocations. The Cross is the triumph and victory of love, the "yes" to continue loving through all the pain and heartaches of growing in the likeness of Christ. This Agape love of Jesus that has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit will continue to bond us deeply together, sooth and heal our wounds, and safeguard our unity and peace as a community of disciples.

As we celebrate this special year together, what are some of the spiritual blessings for which you are personally grateful? In these times when it is easy to focus on all the negative, it would be good for us to count our blessings and share them with each other. I would love to hear from you what some of these blessings are. Please share them with me sometime.

So together, let us "bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens! He chose us in Christ, before the world began, to be holy and blameless in his sight. In his love he predestined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ, such was his will and pleasure, that all might praise the glorious favor he has bestowed on us in his beloved. In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed, and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous is God's favor to us" (Ephesians 1:3-8).

God love you,



Fr. Steven

St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards

Do you know of someone who devotes his or her time helping the poor, elderly, disabled, pregnant, or is committed to praying for Respect Life issues? He or she may be our next Champion for Life! The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is looking to honor those who respect life at our annual St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards.

To submit a nomination or for more information, go to archspm.org and search keywords "Champions for Life." If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489 or MFL@archspm.org. Nomination deadline is Saturday, August 1.

Parish Bulletin Summer Schedule

Due to a slower time during the summer months, we are publishing the parish bulletin biweekly until September 6. Following are the dates of publication:

July 12 and July 19 (published July 12)

July 26 and August 2 (published July 26)

August 9 and 16 (published August 9)

August 23 and August 30 (published August 23)

Bulletin articles are due on Fridays the week before publication. If you have any questions, please call Darlene at 651-905-4302, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday or email dolson@stpetersmendota.org.

Lutz Railroad Garden

Stop by and visit Conductor Bud, parishioner, and his charming railroad garden. The railroad garden, located at 2960 Egan Avenue in Eagan, has free public open houses on the third Sunday of the month (June-September) from 1-4 p.m. It's a fun place for families and Conductor Bud enjoys sharing his garden with kids of all ages. (In 2015 the remaining public open houses are scheduled on July 19, August 16, and September 20.) For more information call 651-454-3534 or go to www.lutzrailroadgarden.net or bud_lutz@yahoo.com.

Please note: if it is raining, the trains will not be running.

Sacrament of Confirmation for those with special needs

Do you know anyone with special needs, or mental or physical disabilities, age 16 or older who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Classes will be held on Saturday, August 1 and 15, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Richard, 7540 Penn Avenue South, Richfield. Both classes are mandatory for guardians and candidates. Pre-registration is preferred but walk-ins will be accepted. Thank you in advance for your help in reaching out to all God's people. For more information, please contact Deacon Sean or Joan Curtan at (651) 291-4543 or email at curtans@archspm.org.



Welcome, New Parishioners!

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

William and Jane LeMay

Gene and Corrine Thielen

John and Jude Wiesner



We are excited to have you join our faith community!

Turn Hunger into Hope at Feed My Starving Children!

Please join the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) ministry team at a meal packing event on Tuesday, July 28, from 2:30-4:30 at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan. FMSC is located at 990 Lone Oak Road, Eagan (just east of Lexington). During the summer, we are trying a daytime event and hope you are able to join us!

Space is limited, so if you are interested in joining us in this, or future, food packing events, please contact Paul or Peggy Hirsch at 651-431-1832 or at phirsch651@aol.com. Last time, the FMSC Ministry members and other St Peter's volunteers came together with others in the community to assemble 12,312 meals, enough to feed 34 kids for an entire year! Please join us for this fun and rewarding event!



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St. Peter's Community News

Wedding Banns

Second/Third Proclamation

Sheraldine Pasillos and Timothy Smit

Watch Your Valuables

Now that the weather is nicer, you may be tempted to leave your car windows open during Mass. Unfortunately people wander through our lots during Masses. We have many visitors using the bike paths around the church, and some of those bike riders do not need to be tempted. Please lock your vehicles and keep valuables out of sight.

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.



Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

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 until 6 p.m.**

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

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Neighbors Food Shelf

Those who come to the Neighbors, Inc. food shelf are grateful for anything they are given. It is often the last chance to get food after other sources have run out. If you'd like to contribute to our local food shelf, please consider bringing any nonperishable food in to our donation bins, which can be found in the Gathering Space and up by the door to the parish offices. Some items that are most appreciated by those who rarely get "comfort food" are peanut butter, pancake mix, and syrup. Thank you for any way you can help!

Our Prayers and Thoughts are with our Workcamp Volunteers

Please keep in your prayers those who are participating in our annual Workcamp trip from July 18-25. They are travelling to Hastings, Michigan to serve those in need by doing minor home repairs and painting.



Nick Chapdelaine

Emily Edwards

Kenny Ekblad

Tim Ekblad

Caroline Johnson

Lizzy Johnson

Coco Moog

Melissa Newton

Axel Raarup

Joe Zirnhelt

Maggie Zirnhelt

Sarah Zirnhelt Alt (adult)

Fr. Steven Hoffman (adult)

Elizabeth McCanna (adult)

Tom O'Neill (adult)

The Week of July 13

Monday, July 13

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 7 pm Fall Festival Meeting,
 Conference Room I

Tuesday, July 14

- 9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:40 rosary)
 Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
 After the 9 am Mass Until 6 pm
 7 pm Stewardship Committee,
 Conference Room I

Wednesday, July 15

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

Thursday, July 16

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

Friday, July 17

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

Saturday, July 18

- 9 and 10:30 am
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
 9:30 am AA District Meeting, Room 10
 10 am Scripture Study, Community Room
 4 pm **Confessions, Main Church**
 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
 5 pm **Mass With Baptisms, Main Church**

Sunday, July 19—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 & 10:30 am
 Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
 9 am **Mass, Main Church**
 11 am **Mass, Main Church**
 12 Noon Baptism, Main Church
 12 Noon-2 pm
 Historic Church Tours
 1 pm Baptism Preparation Class,
 Conference Room III

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, July 13 - †Quentin Mayers

Tuesday, July 14 - †Jack McCauley

Wednesday, July 15 - †Bob O'Neill

Thursday, July 16 - †Marge Ramstad

Friday, July 17 - †Jessica Fontecha

Saturday, July 18 - †Elizabeth Ferrian

Sunday, July 19 - 9 a.m. - Mass For the People

11 a.m. - †Br. Paul O'Donnell

The Week of July 20

Monday, July 20

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

Tuesday, July 21

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
After the 9 am Mass Until 6 pm

Wednesday, July 22

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

Thursday, July 23

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:30 am Potluck Birthday Breakfast,
Heritage Center
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, July 24

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

Saturday, July 25

9 and 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
10 am Scripture Study, Community Room
2 pm Pasillos/Smit Wedding, Main Church
4 pm Confessions, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm Mass, Main Church

Sunday, July 26—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass, Main Church
11 am Mass, Main Church
12 Noon-2 pm Historic Church Tours



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, July 20 - †Jerry Wojnar

Tuesday, July 21 - †Jim McBride

Wednesday, July 22 - †Jessica Fontecha

Thursday, July 23 - †Jean Huber

Friday, July 24 - †George Zirnhelt

Saturday, July 25 - Mass For the People

Sunday, July 26 - 9 a.m. - †Jeffrey Weiss

11 a.m. - †Vincenzina Pacitto

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Readings for the Week of July 12

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34--11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10--12:14/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

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Readings for the Week of July 19

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 14:21--15:1/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

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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.

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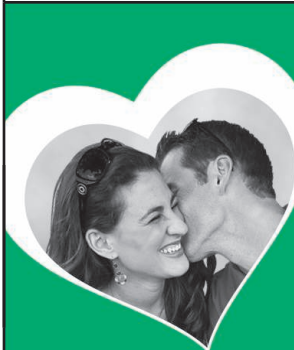
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Toothpaste

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Toilet Paper
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Canned Pasta / Spaghetti-O's
Canned Fruit

**Please bring items to donate before or after the
9AM and 11AM Masses on July 19th.**

Thank you for your support!