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Reflections from our Pastoral Associate

I wasn't always such an enthusiastic Catholic. Like so many others, despite my parents' (and grandparents') commitment to making sure I received the sacraments and attended my catechism classes, my teenage and young adult doubts and, to some extent angst, caused me to step away from my faith for a time.

This is why today at high school reunions and various other gatherings of old friends, I am met with some surprise and good-humored teasing when I talk about my work and my love for Jesus Christ. Most especially, I face challenges and questions about why I have chosen to not only remain Catholic, but to dedicate my life to sharing Catholicism with others and to its mission.

Instead of being bothered by the questions that invariably arise, I am grateful for them. It's an opportunity to share the story of God's call in my own life. The answer, for me, to the question of, "why would you want to be Catholic?" is the Eucharist and all that it means and offers.

While I understand what people mean when they tell me that often Catholic Mass is "boring", I don't see it as they do. While Mass may not always be an edge-of-your-seat, hand-clapping extravaganza, I believe that if we focus on what is happening we will never be bored. Every Mass God comes to us in the form of the Body and Blood of Christ Jesus. Every Mass God chooses to again feed our hunger with food that will allow us to live eternal lives. Every Mass God frees us from slavery with the same glory He freed His people from Egypt. Every Mass our participation in the Body and Blood of Christ joins us, the many, into one body.

It's very rare that old friends are not eager to hear more when we share our "God moments" with them. What they read about church in the news does not inspire them to race to the nearest worship service. What they hear from others about unwelcoming communities and Masses that put them to sleep is not going to drive them to find a new reading from Scripture that they can relate to. But every conversation with our friends and family, old and new, is an opportunity to show them how appealing being a Catholic Christian really is.

Evangelization is challenging. The word alone, especially—I think—for Catholics, is a challenge. Ultimately, though, it is a universal call to all of us. It's fine if you know all of the rules, great if you meet all of the obligations, and impressive if you can quote Scripture

like a theologian. That, however, stops short of the responsibilities we have as God's children. We are called to share the Good News. The Good News is Jesus. Sharing Jesus doesn't have to be intimidating or scary. It can be as simple as making a few changes in our attitudes and conversations.

For example, when you're making plans with someone for brunch on Sunday and they choose a time that's too early, maybe it's natural to sigh and say, "That's not going to work. I *have* to go to Mass. I would love to skip it because I'd *much* rather meet you, but I *have* to go". Evangelization can be as easy as, "Could we meet a little later? Mass is at 9 and I really don't want to miss it." or, even better, you can add, "Why don't you come with me and we'll go for brunch afterward?"

We can be evangelizers to one another as well. Are our conversations with others at St. Peter's positive? Are the things we say about one another kind? Do we fall into the trap of gossip? Are our groups, committees, and clubs truly welcoming or do we exclude those who may be new or bring fresh ideas?

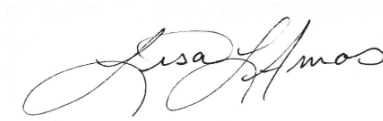
The Eucharist nourishes us. It is perfect hospitality. Are we hospitable? When I felt God's call to return to the Church, it took me a little time to get up the nerve to walk into a new parish where I didn't know anyone and wasn't sure I'd be welcome. Often it is not easy for those who are new among us to be here. The Body and Blood of Jesus reminds us and binds us—to each other, to those who are new, to those who feel most uncertain about their reception here. In some ways, the most important thing we do as Christians is greet and welcome one another. No one worships alone at Mass. We are fortunate enough to gather with people both alike and vastly different from us at the table of the Lamb. God demands that we recognize that connection. Your loved ones that rode here with you? Connected. The people you've known and ministered with? Connected. The kids in front of you who are having a hard time being still this day? Connected. The woman who changed the way your ministry meetings are run? Connected. The teenagers who wore flip-flops and took an extra doughnut last week? Connected. That priest whose homilies are longer than you like? Connected. They are all, every one, your sisters and brothers. You are called to greet them. To love them. To see beyond your differences and look upon the face of Christ in them. Evangelization is as simple as changing the way we think about each other.

We can open our hearts to the wonder of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ thereby opening our hearts to the gift that the Mass truly is. This will, in turn, open our

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St. Peter's Community News

hearts to one another and to those in our homes, communities, and workplaces. When that happens, our identity as Catholics will begin to appeal to others in our lives, those old friends we encounter. That is evangelization.



Lisa Amos
Pastoral Associate



Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 6/9/14-6/15/14	\$11,385
Actual for the period 6/9/14-6/15/14	\$10,625
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$894,642
Year-to-Date Actual	\$784,699

Peter's Pence Collection

Be A Witness of Charity

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to John and Sara Rogers who welcomed twins Elias James and Jude Robert to their family on Monday, June 16. Sara is the Community Life Coordinator at St. Peter's.



Pastoral Ministry

Grief Ministry Opportunities

St. Peter's is part of a coalition of local churches that presents Growing Through Loss, a program of support and information for persons who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one, broken relationship, job loss, loss of health, etc. Small group facilitators are needed for this coming year. Growing Through Loss takes place twice a year. Series run once a week for four weeks in the fall, and four weeks, with a fifth for a remembrance service, in the spring. Each session offers a presentation followed by small groups lead by facilitators. Training is provided. If you are a good listener and wish to minister to those experiencing grief, this ministry may be for you.

Additionally, St. Peter's is currently in need of a second representative on the planning committee. This would require eight evening committee meetings a year and attendance at one or more evenings of the speaker series, depending on the responsibilities chosen by the representative. We strive to have two active representatives from St. Peter's.

If either (or both) of these ministry opportunities appeal to you, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org for more information.

Wedding Banns

Third Proclamation

Nicole Bredenberg and Matthew DeHaas

Second Proclamation

Aaron Fortunato and Kylie Smith

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
www.stpetersmendota.org

Week of Hope

Our 6th annual Week of Hope mission trip departs today (Sunday, June 22)! For the next 5 days, six of our parish's young people will be serving in Minneapolis and surrounding suburbs and working with 100 other youth from around the country. Please pray for the participants and all those they are serving!

Sarah Breems

Logan Macgowan

Coco Moog

Jacob Schaeffbauer

Zach Schaeffbauer

Joey Sullivan

Ed Overell

Council of Catholic Women Annual Meeting Wednesday, June 25

St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women (CCW) invites all women of the parish to attend the annual meeting, Installation Prayer Service, and ice cream social on Wednesday, June 25, at 7 p.m.

The Nominating Committee submits the following candidates for office for 2014-2015:

President: Pat Kemper

Vice-President: Marge Sullivan

Secretary: Mary O'Neill

Treasurer: Connie Powell

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. Please lock your vehicles and keep valuables out of sight.

Free Tours of the Historic Church

Have you ever wanted to hear more about the history of our parish? Our Historic Church will be open for FREE tours every Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. through Labor Day. Feel free to stop in and learn about your community's very own historic site!



**Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend**

Parish Bulletin Summer Schedule

Due to a slower time during the summer months, we are publishing the parish bulletin biweekly beginning June 29 until August 31. Following are the dates of publication:

June 29 and July 6 (published June 29)

July 13 and 20 (published July 13)

July 27 and August 3 (published July 27)

August 10 and 17 (published August 10)

August 24 and 31 (published August 24)

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.

Mass for Religious Freedom with Archbishop Nienstedt (Fortnight for Freedom Event)

Fortnight for Freedom: June 21-July 4

Join us for a celebration of a Mass for Religious Freedom with Archbishop John Nienstedt as part of the Fortnight for Freedom, June 21-July 4. Mass will be celebrated at the

Cathedral of Saint Paul on Saturday, June 28, beginning at 7 p.m. Catholics across the nation are being encouraged by the United States Catholic Bishops to pray for rebuilding a culture favorable to life and marriage, and for increased protections of religious liberty.

About Fortnight for Freedom

This is the third consecutive year that the Fortnight for Freedom has been conducted as a period of prayer, education and advocacy for religious liberty. The June 21-July 4 initiative includes the Catholic feasts of saints like John Fisher, Thomas More, John the Baptist, Peter and Paul and the first martyrs of Rome who "remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power."

To learn more about Fortnight for Freedom initiatives in our Archdiocese, visit our [Fortnight for Freedom page](#).

Save the Date!



The Fall Festival is coming!! This year the Fall Festival will be on Sunday, October 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Watch the bulletin for more information.

The Week of June 16

Monday, June 23

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

Tuesday, June 24

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament

After the 9 am Mass Until 6 pm

11 am Lilydale Senior Living Holy Communion

Wednesday, June 25

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

7 pm Council of Catholic Women
Annual Meeting, Prayer Service
Installation of Officers
and Ice Cream Social

Thursday, June 26

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, June 27

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

Saturday, June 28

9 and 10:30 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4

10 am Scripture Study, Community Room

2 pm Bredenberg/DeHass Wedding,
Main Church

4 pm Reconciliation, Main Church

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Main Church

5 pm Mass, Main Church

Sunday, June 29—Saints Peter and Paul Apostles

8:30 & 10:30 am

Choir Rehearsal, Main Church

9 am Mass, Main Church

11 am Mass, Main Church

12 Noon-2 pm

Historic Church Tours



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Readings for the Week of June 22

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: **Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday: **Vigil:** Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, June 23 - †Charles Mertensotto

Tuesday, June 24 - †Audrey Kelly

Wednesday, June 25 - †Joseph Rocco

Thursday, June 26 - †Barbara Lindig

Friday, June 27 - †Jean White

Saturday, June 28 - Mass For the People

Sunday, June 29 - 9 a.m. - †Jeffrey Weiss

11 a.m. - †Lynn Kaufenberg

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.

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 jvasiliou@comcast.net

Mary in the Scriptures

Our Blessed Mother plays a critical role in God's plan of salvation and in our lives. Fr. Andrie will offer a three-part series on our Blessed Mother in the month of July.

Mark you calendars for the following dates:

- ◆ Annunciation to Mary & Mary's visitation—
July 7
- ◆ Wedding at Cana & Mary at the Foot of the
Cross—July 14
- ◆ Mary at Pentecost & Mary in the Book
Revelation—July 28

All sessions are Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in
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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.

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

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