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June 6, 2015

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Reflections from our Pastor

My Dear friends,

As Catholics, the Solemnity of the Precious Body and Blood of the Lord celebrates the immeasurable Gift that lies at the very center of our Christian life. It would be hard for any of us to put into words our heart-felt gratitude and appreciation for so great a Gift. I will therefore let the life of a saintly man express it for us. His name is Cardinal Van Thuan, who died in 2002.

Cardinal Van Thuan was born in Vietnam and served the Catholic Church there under the Communist Regime. In April of 1975 Pope Paul VI named him Archbishop of Saigon. Three months later, on August 15, on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Communists arrested him. They held the Cardinal in prison for 13 years, and 9 of these were spent in solitary confinement. When he realized that this ordeal could last a long time he said to himself, "I will not spend my time waiting, looking forward to what may never happen. No, I will live in the present moment, filling each moment to the brim with love."

When the Cardinal was released 13 years later, people naturally asked him how he survived and what sustained him all those years. "My only strength," he said, "was the Eucharist." The day he was arrested he was forced to leave quickly, with only the clothes on his back. The next day he was able to make a request in writing for necessities. Along with clothes and toothpaste, he asked the addressee for a bit of medicine for 'a bad stomach.' The faithful, of course, understood what he meant, and sent him a bottle of wine for Mass, which they labeled 'stomach medicine,' as well as some communion bread sealed in a flashlight to protect it from humidity. With these precious items he was able to celebrate Mass. During his years in solitary confinement he celebrated the Mass every day around 3 p.m., the hour of Jesus' agony and death on the Cross. Outside of Mass he always carried a small particle of the Blessed Sacrament in his shirt pocket, carefully wrapped in cigarette paper. At 9 p.m. each night he would make an hour of adoration.

In the prison camps the prisoners were divided into groups of fifty. In the bunk houses where they slept, they each had a space only 20" wide. In the Cardinal's bunk there were 5 Catholics, and so they always tried to sleep near each other. When the lights went out at 9:30 p.m., he would curl up on his bed, and with 3 drops of wine and a drop of water in the palm of his hand and small pieces of bread he would celebrate Mass, always from memory. He would distribute communion to the other prisoners by

reaching under the mosquito netting that covered them. At night the prisoners took turns for adoration, passing to each other the Blessed Sacrament the Cardinal kept reserved in containers made of cigarette boxes. When there were breaks during the day they would pass the Blessed Sacrament to each other or to other prisoners from the other groups. "We all knew Jesus was with us," said the Cardinal. "Jesus helped us in a tremendous way with his silent presence. Many Christians regained the fervor of their faith during those days, even Buddhists and other non-Christians converted. The strength of Jesus' love is irresistible. The darkness of prison became light."

Sharing his story years later after his release, he said, "Jesus began a revolution from the cross. (Our) revolution must begin from the Eucharistic table and has to be carried forward from there. In this way (we) will be able to renew humanity. Jesus is my first example of radical love for the Father and for souls. Jesus gave everything, he loved us to the end; up to the very moment when he said, 'It is finished.' I have resolved to become a silent offering. I shall serve as an instrument in the Father's hands. I will offer my sacrifice, moment by moment, through my love for the Church."

When Cardinal Van Thuan later committed his story to writing, he included this prayerful reflection which came to him one day in his prison cell: "Beloved Jesus, this evening, sitting toward the back of my cell, without light, without a window, in the stifling heat, I think with overwhelming nostalgia of my pastoral life. Once I used to celebrate the Eucharist with a golden-plated paten and chalice; now I hold your Precious Blood in the palm of my hand. Once I used to visit you in the tabernacle; now I carry you night and day in my shirt pocket. I used to celebrate Mass for thousands of faithful; now in the darkness of night, I give communion under a mosquito net. I am happy here in this cell, where white mushrooms are growing on my sleeping mat, because you are with me, because you want me to live here with you. I have spoken much in my lifetime; now I speak no more. It is your turn to speak to me, Jesus. So I sing of your mercy in the darkness, in my weakness, in my annihilation. I accept my cross and I plant it with my own two hands in my heart. If you were to permit me to choose, I would change nothing because you are with me! I am no longer afraid, I have understood. I am following you in your passion and in your resurrection."

Isn't that beautiful! Inspired by such a deep Eucharistic faith, may God deepen our own faith in the Lord's humble, yet powerful presence in the Eucharist.

God love you,



Fr. Steven

Parish Bulletin Summer Schedule

Due to a slower time during the summer months, we are publishing the parish bulletin biweekly beginning June 14 until September 6. Following are the dates of publication:

June 14 and June 21 (published June 14)

June 28 and July 5 (published June 28)

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.

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.

Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Board Meeting

St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women Board will meet on Wednesday, June 10, 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room I. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Welcome, New Parishioners!

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

Patricia Joyce

Andy and Kate Larson and family

Bruce and Lora Rozeske

Jerry and Debby Nelson

Welcome

We are excited to have you join our faith community!

Council of Catholic Women Annual Meeting and Installation of New Officers for 2015-2016

The St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women will be having their Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 18, after the 9 a.m. daily Mass in the Historic Church. All women of St. Peter's are cordially invited to attend.

Bylaws amendments we will be considering are posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. After the election of officers, our Pastoral Associate, Lisa Amos, will conduct their installation.

Candidates for Office are as follows:

President:	Pat Kemper
Vice President:	Lisa Brooks
Secretary:	Mary O'Neill
Treasurer:	Connie Powell

Additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the nominee has given prior consent.

Breakfast will be served in Heritage Center after the meeting.

We hope you will join us for the Annual Meeting and breakfast on June 18.

Uganda Mission Pig Roast



June 14, 2015

12 Noon-3 p.m.

Please Save the Date!

The Ugandan mission team will be hosting a pig roast with all the fixings after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, June 14. There is no charge for the dinner. The Ugandan mission team wants to thank St. Peter's for your support of this mission as well as update you on mission activities. We will ask for free will donations—100% of which will be donated to the mission. There will also be a silent auction fundraiser. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Thank you for all you do to support the education of the children of Uganda!



St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary:

Budget for period of May 25-May 31, 2015..... \$13,227
 Actual for period of May 25-May 31, 2015..... \$9,794
 Year to Date Budget \$793,528
 Year to Date Actual \$804,616

Wedding Banns

Second Proclamation

Amanda Lyons and Scott Ruhlmann

First Proclamation

Cecilia Larrosa and Mark Wilson

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.

Lutz Railroad Garden

Stop by and visit Conductor Bud, parishioner, and his charming railroad garden. The railroad garden, located at 2960 Egan Avenue in Egan, 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 public open houses are scheduled on June 21, 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.

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

Catholic Services Appeal Thank You

Dear Father,

While we are still focusing on the 2015 Catholic Services Appeal, please allow me to turn your attention to the past 2014 Appeal. Because of your support and the generosity of your parishioners, we are enclosing your second payment of \$3,449.70 which is the final portion of your parish's total 2014 rebate.

Thank you again for your service and support.

Sincerely,
 Tim Healy
 President of the Catholic Services
 Appeal Foundation



Come as a Guest
 Leave as a Friend

Corpus Christi Procession

**Sunday, June 7
 2-4 p.m.**

University of St. Thomas School of Law (Minneapolis Campus) to the Basilica of St. Mary. Led by Bishop Lee Piché. Bring your family and friends for this festive walk with our Eucharistic Lord. Park free in the MCTC ramp next to the Basilica and ride a free shuttle bus to the law school from 1:15 to 1:45 p.m. Vespers sung by the Rose Ensemble. Ice cream social follows. Details at www.WalkWithHim.org or call (651) 239-8574.

The Week of June 8

Monday, June 8

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
5 pm Boy Scout Court of Honor,
Heritage Center
7 pm Fall Festival Meeting,
Conference Room I

Tuesday, June 9

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

Wednesday, June 10

Sharing & Caring Hands

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:30 am Cemetery Meeting, Conference Room I
1:30 pm CCW Board Meeting,
Conference Room I

Thursday, June 11

- 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 12

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

Saturday, June 13

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

Sunday, June 14—11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 & 10:30 am**
Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass With Baptism, Main Church
11 am Mass, Main Church
12 Noon-2 pm
Historic Church Tours
12 Noon-3 pm
Pig Roast, Heritage Center

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Readings for the Week of June 7

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:20-26
Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37
Immac. Heart: Is 61:9-11/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, June 8 - †Thomas Hirsch

Tuesday, June 9 - †Jack McCauley

Wednesday, June 10 - †Estelle Knapp

Thursday, June 11 - †James William Garrett

Friday, June 12 - †Dan Chapdelaine

Saturday, June 13 - †Jack Conway

Sunday, June 14 - 9 a.m. - †Mary Chapdelaine
 11 a.m. - Mass For the People

Knights of Columbus Pizza Night at Solos

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a pizza night at Solos Pizza in the Eagan Promenade (1270 Promenade Place). Simply print the flyer from the KofC website (eaganknights.com) and come in to Solos on Wednesday, June 10, between 4 and 9 p.m. Thirty percent (30%) of your purchase will be donated to the Knights to benefit the good work being done in our community. Thank you for your support.



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Sunday, June 14

Anytime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

5K run will begin promptly at 11 a.m. with warm ups at 10:30 a.m. Lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus (free will offering).

Face painting, balloons and entertainment!

For more information, to print out pledge forms, register, or to donate online go to knightsforlifemn.org.

Proceeds to benefit Pro Life Education in our local community.

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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.

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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Prayer Vigil of Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Join with Catholics from around the Archdiocese at the beautiful Cathedral of Saint Paul as we gather in prayer for a renewal within our local Church and for the sanctification of clergy.

The vigil begins with Solemn Vespers in honor of the Sacred Heart on June 11 at 7 p.m. in the main body of the Cathedral, followed by Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will take place throughout the night in the Cana Chapel of the Cathedral, and will continue throughout the day on June 12 in the main body of the church.

Thursday, June 11

7:00pm Solemn Vespers - Main Altar of Cathedral
9:00pm Night Prayer & Reflection - Main Altar of Cathedral
Details Regarding Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin following Vespers throughout the night and day. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed during 7:30 am and 5:15 pm Masses on Friday. Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 7:30 pm Friday prior to Solemn High Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be moved to the Cana Chapel in the lower level of the Cathedral in solemn procession following Night Prayer. Those coming for adoration during the late night hours, from 11pm Thursday through 8am Friday, may enter the Cathedral through the Cana Chapel doors on Selby Avenue.

Adoration will move to the Sacred Heart Chapel in the main body of the Cathedral after 7:30 am Mass Friday for the daytime hours and will continue in this location for the remainder of the Vigil.

Friday, June 12

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

12:00 am	Reflection - Cana Chapel
3:00 am	Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Cana Chapel
7:00 am	Reflection - Cana Chapel
7:30 am	Mass - Main Altar of Cathedral Adoration Moves from Cana Chapel to Sacred Heart Chapel
8:00 am	Morning Prayer - Sacred Heart Chapel
9:00 am	Stations of the Cross - Sacred Heart Chapel
11:00 am	Midday Prayer - Sacred Heart Chapel
12:00 pm	Angelus & Scriptural Rosary - Sacred Heart Chapel
3:00 pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Sacred Heart Chapel
5:15 pm	Mass - Sacred Heart Chapel
6:30 pm	Seven Penitential Psalms - Sacred Heart Chapel
7:30 pm	Benediction - Main Altar of the Cathedral
8:00 pm	Solemn High Mass in Honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus <i>Celebrant, Archbishop John C. Nienstedt</i> - Main Altar of the Cathedral



Sunday, July 12



10 am Mass*

**with Bishop Lee Piché
and Fr. Steven Hoffman**

Join us for these celebratory events!

Before Mass

- Blessings and prayer at the cemetery
 - Honor Guard procession
- Blessings and prayer at our Historic Church
 - Bell ringing
 - Costumes welcome

After Mass

- Group photo
- Tours of the Historic Church
- Hot dog/brat lunch (bring a blanket for a picnic if the weather's nice!)
 - Time to share memories
 - Fun for the whole family!

Please let us know if you plan to attend by
signing up on the board in the Gathering Space!

****Please note:***

There will be only one 10 am Mass, no 9 or 11 am Masses.