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Reflections from our Director of Music

Pentecost can be a bit of a difficult feast to appreciate. A feast dedicated to the Holy Spirit, often referred to as the “Third Person of the Holy Trinity,” is as elusive as relating to the elusive Spirit of God himself.

We can connect comparatively readily to the image of God the Father, and even the Son, though this nature can be a bit confusing, as we get closer to it. The Spirit, though, is very much a mystery, and appropriately so.

One traditional understanding of the character of the Holy Spirit is based on the relationship of the Father and Son; this is helpful, but perhaps does not seem to necessitate an entire feast. In this well-known formulation, the Holy Spirit is described as the love that exists between God the Father and God the Son. Though this is a time-honored and very useful path to understanding the identity of the Holy Spirit, it can be hard to appreciate a concept as a Divine Person.

It could be helpful, though, to simply develop this very understanding a step or two further, with a little interpolation.

Wherever we typically read or hear the phrase “the love of God,” substitute “the Holy Spirit.” This brings us a step closer, perhaps, as it brings new meaning to the passage from the first letter of John, which is distilled in a contemporary hymn to say, “God is love, and all who live in love, live in God.” This makes the Holy Spirit a most welcome companion, as it ensures our nearness to God, which is the meaning of this life—this is why we were created.

The Holy Spirit is also a comforter and a fresh wind in the heat of summer. When we are pressed, tested or wounded, the Holy Spirit remains near, bearing grace and the strength to endure and to grow.

Pursuing this just a step further, though, we can get even nearer to grasping the identity of the Holy Spirit by tying in some of the plentiful Scriptural evidence.

In almost every instance, the Holy Spirit is mentioned when something is accomplished. In the beginning, the Spirit moved upon the waters and dry land appeared, for example. Much closer to home, every baptized person is cleansed by the Holy Spirit through the water of Baptism, and claimed for the Father. At each Mass, the Holy Spirit,

riding the words of the priest, transforms simple and symbolic bread and wine into actual flesh and blood—that of Christ Jesus. We see the Holy Spirit *doing, acting, moving*.

Put simply, we could understand the Holy Spirit as the very Power of God. The Holy Spirit does the Father’s will, often communicating to us divine life (Grace), unknown and unnoticed: mysterious.

Therefore, we don’t know him when we see him or his handiwork. We lose sight of the Holy Spirit, distracted by the evidence. We’re rather quick to be tied up in the rustling of the leaves, as opposed to the breeze. The erosion we notice, but not as much the current. Thus we deal in concretes, but not in inspirations.

For a change then, attempt to observe the source of your best ideas—a hint: it probably isn’t you, as nice as it would be to take the credit. See in the move to help someone who has fallen the Spirit loving through you. See in the inclination to pray the Spirit seeking to pay homage to the Father with you. See in your impulse to refrain from a cross word the Spirit’s sanctification operating in you. Through/with/in, “in the unity of the Holy Spirit,” it is God’s very power present wherever God’s love is moving.

Lastly, don’t spurn those positive impulses or coincidences as merely nice ideas in a perfect world, or dumb luck. Accept them as God at work in your life, the Holy Spirit manipulating life around you, operating to bring about your good, better and ultimately best. You can even see those moments as the invitation to allow God to wield power/love through you.

When we stop writing off our simplest, best notions as silly “warm fuzzies” or some sort of naive or childish whim, we begin—just begin—to have faith in God the Holy Spirit, and our worship of God becomes the more complete for it.



David Dunst
Director of Music



St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 5/26/14-6/1/14	\$11,385
Actual for the period 5/26/14-6/1/14	\$11,297
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$866,022
Year-to-Date Actual	\$756,819

Turn Hunger into Hope at Feed My Starving Children!

The Church of St. Peter is sponsoring a food packing event at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). FMSC is a non-profit Christian organization where volunteers hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and then the meals are shipped to nearly 70 countries. What a simple way to complete a corporal work of mercy by feeding the hungry!

Bring your family and friends and join us to pack meals at FMSC's Eagan location on Thursday, June 19, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Adults and children ages 5 and up are welcome to participate! To register to pack meals, please contact Tom Alm at thomasalm@comcast.net or 651-895-5070.



Fr. Kevin's 40th Ordination Anniversary



This year, former St. Peter's pastor, Fr. Kevin Clinton, will mark 40 years in the priesthood. Fr. Kevin served over 17 years in our community, so it is only fitting that we celebrate his ordination anniversary in some way. On June 14, Fr. Kevin will be with us to celebrate the 5 p.m. Mass and a reception will follow in Heritage Center. All parishioners are warmly invited to stay for light refreshments and offer their anniversary well wishes to Fr. Kevin.



Pastoral Ministry

Rosary for Life for Father's Day

A Community Caring for Life will lead the Rosary to celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 15, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the Main Church. Everyone is welcome to join us. If you are in need of rosaries or prayer guides, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Golf Tournament



St. Peter's will host their annual golf tournament on Saturday, June 21, at Emerald Greens Golf Course in Hastings. This year we will start with a lunch at 12:30 at the course and begin golfing at 1:30. A short program will be held at the end to announce winners and distribute prizes. All golfers will receive a welcome bag, team prizes will be awarded for low, average and high score and individual prizes awarded for longest drive and longest putt.

Gather your friends and family together for a fun day of golf and fellowship while supporting the Church of St. Peter. Registration forms are available on the Information Counter, online or in the parish office.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or donating prizes for this event, please contact the parish office.

Wedding Banns

First Proclamation

Nicole Bredenberg and Matthew DeHaas

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

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

Additional nominations may be made by contacting the Nominating Committee Chair, Pat Reymann, at 651-454-4702 by Wednesday, June 18.

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

Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession Sunday, June 22

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Starting and ending at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. Led by Archbishop Nienstedt. Bring your family and friends for this festive walk with our Eucharistic Lord. Park free in the MCTC ramp next to the Basilica. Ice cream social follows. Details at www.WalkWithHim.org or call 651-239-8574. See link <http://www.walkwithhim.org/announcements.html>



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

Thank You From Fr. Paul Jarvis

You made me blush. Again!

The 9 get-well cards I got from St. Peter's parishioners a year ago were a healing tonic after emergency surgery on my aortic dissection. I understand you also prayed for me at Mass. Thank you, thank you, thank you. I can't help but think your prayers helped me to be one of the 1-out-of-10 who survive "the widow maker."

I not only *finally* write to thank you for your cards and prayers; I thank St. Peter parishioners once again for the many cards of congratulation I received on my tenth anniversary as a priest this past Ascension Sunday. I've gotten to know many parishioners through my sacramental assistance at St. Joe's "mother church" (that's you!) as of late.

Again, I thank you for your cards, prayers and congrats.

~Fr. Paul Jarvis

Pastor

Church of St. Joseph, Rosemount

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](#).

The Week of June 9

Monday, June 9

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

Tuesday, June 10

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

Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament

After the 9 am Mass Until 6 pm

10:30 am Mobile Meals

11 am Lilydale Senior Living Holy Communion

Wednesday, June 11

Sharing & Caring Hands

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

Thursday, June 12

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 13

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

Saturday, June 14

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

6 pm Fr. Kevin's 40th Anniversary Reception,
Heritage Center

After Mass:

Workcamp Raffle Ticket Sales

Sunday, June 15—The Most Holy Trinity

8:30 & 10:30 am

Choir Rehearsal, Main Church

9 am Mass, Main Church

11 am Mass, Main Church

After Masses:

Workcamp Raffle Ticket Sales

12 Noon Baptism, Main Church

Parish Pastoral Council

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Readings for the Week of June 8

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn
 20:19-23
Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn
 3:16-18

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, June 9 - Mary Trettel

Tuesday, June 10 - †Doris Braegelmann

Wednesday, June 11 - †James William Garrett

Thursday, June 12 - †Bob O'Neill

Friday, June 13 - †Helen Ekblad

Saturday, June 14 - Mass For the People

Sunday, June 15 - 9 a.m. - †Charles Mertensotto

11 a.m. - †Bob Wilhelmy

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Rural Life Sunday Celebration Sunday, June 22

Mark your calendars for this year's Archdiocesan Rural Life Sunday Celebration on June 22 hosted by the Parish of Immaculate Conception in Watertown and held at the Vernon and Elaine Rosckes Farm. Beginning at 1:30 p.m., it includes the Eucharistic Liturgy of the Sunday, polka style music, and a creation blessing with Bishop Cozzens presiding. Following, there will be family-fun activities including bars and refreshments. Join the parishioners from the Parish of Immaculate Conception and others from throughout the Archdiocese to pray, remember, and celebrate all the good things God has given us in our rural way of life. All are welcome! For a map and directions, please go online to www.archspm.org and look for the Rural Life Sunday link, or call the Office of Parish Services at 651-290-1647.

Widowed?

Know someone who is?

Transformed by Grief, Transformed by Grace

Join us for the 4th Annual Widow's Day of Reflection, held on Saturday, June 28, at Our Lady of Grace. This year's theme is "*Transformed by Grief, Transformed by Grace*," and features talks by Bishop Piché. The day begins with Mass at 8 a.m. and will conclude around 1 p.m. Registration is \$20, which covers breakfast and lunch.

Brochures and registration information can be found on the Our Lady of Grace website at www.olgparish.org or by calling the parish office at 952-929-3317



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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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Parish Pastoral Council Statements

Please pray for these candidates who have stepped forward and expressed interest in serving on the Church of St. Peter Parish Pastoral Council. We have included here some of their own words about why they would like to serve on the council. The discernment ritual for selecting three new members will be during the 9am Mass on June 22, 2014.



Anne Hallgren

I joined this church because of the people who belong here. The moment I walked through the front door I knew I was at home. Here at St. Peter's I was immediately welcomed by the clergy, staff, and the members. They reached out to me in so many different ways. Now I would like to follow their examples and by becoming a member of the parish pastoral council. I love St. Peter's as a Catholic Church and community. I would be honored to serve in any capacity where I am needed. Anne is a lector, has participated in Rediscover book clubs, Council of Catholic Women events, and the Uganda Mission ministry.



Paul Hirsch

I believe I can contribute to the Parish Pastoral Council. Some of my qualities that may be of benefit to the Parish Pastoral Council are my ability to see and empathize with multiple sides of an issue or argument. I am not afraid to ask and challenge. I bring a growing realization that it's not just the pastor and parish staff that makes a church a growing, dynamic, faith-filled community. It is the active participation of a growing number of engaged parishioners. Paul has served as an usher, on Fr. Steve Jones' teaching parish committee, and on the new church advisory committee.



Jennifer Silgen

I have been a parishioner for over 15 years. I am dedicated to see St. Peter's continue to grow. My kids attend Faithful Shepherd Catholic School where I continue to be an involved parent. It is vital for the parish to have strong ties to the school which St. Peter's supports. I believe I can contribute to those needs. Jen has been involved with St. Peter's choir (including as a cantor), money counting, parish fall festival, and the Christmas pageant.



Maria Schwartz

I am very good at analyzing data and drawing conclusions, etc from that data. I am also very good at putting out fires, dealing with crises, and problem solving. Most importantly, I care about the parish and am invested in seeing it succeed. Maria has been involved with St. Peter's Moms Club and the meals for new moms ministry.

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