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“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest.”

- Lk 19:38

Reflections from our Pastor

My dear friends,

When we visited the topic of guilt a few weeks ago, I was not able to address a question that often comes up, which runs something like this: “Father, when I remember my past sins, sometimes I feel guilty again, even though I’ve already confessed them. This makes me wonder and doubt whether I’ve been forgiven. Do I need to confess these sins again?”

To begin, it is important to remember that to be forgiven does not mean that we will forget what we have done. Though it is best not to dwell on the past, sometimes things happen in the day that may trigger or bring back a memory. What should we do when we remember a sin of the past that we regret and that still pains us when the faces of those we have hurt pass vividly through our mind?

When these memories come back, it is normal to feel badly, that sorrow would reawaken for what we had done. It’s precisely here that we need to be on guard, careful to reject any temptation to take back the guilt. The devil, whom the Bible calls “the accuser,” will try to “re-accuse” us, lead us back into guilt, and make us doubt the mercy and forgiveness of God. At this moment, it becomes a battle between the returning feelings of guilt and the objective experience of being forgiven by God. Do I go with the feeling, or do I stand in the objective truth of what God did for me?

The objective certitude of forgiveness is one of the blessings given in the sacrament of reconciliation. When these words of Christ are spoken and heard, “I absolve you from your sins,” that which these words signify, actually happens. God’s word alone has the power to bring about what it intends. Jesus said “This is my body,” and the bread becomes his body. Jesus said “Be still,” and the stormy wind became still. Jesus said “rise,” and Lazarus rose from the dead. So when Jesus says to us through the mouth of the priest, “your sins are forgiven,” they are indeed forgiven completely. We never have to confess them again.

Given the trustworthiness of God and the power of His Word, we can stand in faith on the permanent gift of His forgiveness. We may have to pray for the grace to trust and accept God’s forgiveness, even the grace to forgive ourselves, but a thousand doubts could never bring back the sins which the blood of Christ has cleansed and taken away. Claiming this truth is our weapon against “the accuser.”

While we need to reject every temptation to take back the guilt for past sins which have already been forgiven, the memory of our sins can produce good fruits as well, thanks to the presence of God’s grace. There are at least five benefits that come to mind.

The first fruit is how such memories can deepen our **contrition and sorrow** for sin, for how they have hurt the Lord and the people we love. This sorrow can increase our desire to love better, while also deterring us from committing the same sins again. A second fruit is **gratitude**, a growing gratitude for the wonder and sheer gift of God’s mercy, which has been so generously offered to us throughout our lives. **Humility** is another fruit; for, as these memories remind me how weak and frail I am, and that “but for the grace of God, there go I,” I am less inclined to boast, to judge or depend on myself.

A further fruit is the **growth of virtue**. By repeated acts of faith, hope and trust, we grow stronger in these virtues, as we combat temptations of doubt and discouragement. And lastly, the memory of sin reminds us **to pray** for those we have hurt (including ourselves), to pray for their healing and ability to forgive us, entrusting them to God, who is able to mend and heal all hurts.

I hope this reflection will be helpful. As a general rule, it is always best, as St. Francis de Sales taught, to leave the past in the merciful hands of God, to entrust the future to His good providence, and to live faithfully and peacefully in the present moment. As we enter together into Holy Week, where the Mercy of God is most powerfully revealed, may our hearts be filled with greater joy, the confident joy of those redeemed by the blood of Christ.

God love you,



Fr. Steven

18th Annual Living Stations of the Cross

Enrich your Lenten journey as the Servants of the Cross group re-enacts three performances of The Passion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday, March 25, at:

Church of St. Peter

2600 N. Margaret St., North St. Paul at **12 p.m.**

St. Jude of the Lake

700 Mahtomedi Ave. in Mahtomedi at **3 p.m.**

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

2119 Stillwater Ave. E. in St. Paul. at **7 p.m.**

For more information visit
www.servantsofthecrossmn.com.

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Sunday School and LWC

There will be no Sunday School classes or Liturgy of the Word for Children on March 20 or March 27, due to spring break and Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Raible at kraible@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4311.

Elementary and Middle School Religious Education Program

Please note that we **do not** have classes for Grades 1-8 on **Wednesday, March 23 and 30**, due to many of the schools being on spring break. Classes will resume on April 6. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Raible at kraible@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4311.

To Uganda with Love

Kid's Change for Kids-To Uganda with Love

During Lent, we are asked to give alms. To encourage our youth and children to follow this Lenten practice, St. Peter's is sponsoring a child in Uganda. Please have children and youth bring in money that they have earned to help support this child. They may bring the money to their religion class and put it in the can located on their teacher's desk. All proceeds go to support the child we sponsor in Uganda. We will continue to collect money through Lent.

Random Acts of Kindness

Random Acts of Kindness Cross

The Random Acts of Kindness Cross is in the Gathering Space by the elevator. Each time you perform a random act of kindness—an act you perform because of a “desire to connect, to lend a helping hand and/or to extend yourself out into the world”—please put a tissue paper flower into the cross. By Easter we will have a blooming cross of kindness!



Pastoral Ministry

Neighbors, Inc.

While poverty rates remain high in big cities and rural communities, the 2000s saw suburbs become homes to the largest and fastest-growing poor population in the nation. Today the number of poor residents in suburbs outstrips the number in big cities by 3.4 million, and is double the size of the rural poor population. Dakota County is not exempt from these statistics. Household poverty in Dakota County has risen from 4.9% in 2000 to 10.9% in 2013.

It is not that poverty has left the inner cities or rural America. Instead, it has spread to touch more people and places.

In a very real way, the poor are our teachers. They show us that people's value is not measured by their possessions or how much money they have in the bank. A poor person, a person lacking material possessions, always maintains his/her dignity. The poor can teach us much about humility and trust in God.

*-Pope Francis-
2016 Year of Mercy*

Thank you for helping Neighbors, Inc. during the March Minnesota FoodShare Drive. Special grocery bags will still be available as you leave Mass today. All donations are due by April 3.

Journey to Wholeness

God's Journey With Us: Retreat with Fr. Tony Kilroy

Fr. Tony Kilroy, OP, will be using themes from scripture for a retreat from April 29 to May 1, at the Villa Maria Center, 29847 County 2 Blvd, Frontenac, 11 miles south of Red Wing. This is a spirit led weekend of preaching, healing prayer, quiet and celebration. All are welcome. For more information, please call Jean MacFarland or Bill Keatts at 952-894-2033.

Be Among the First We Tell

We don't know who. We don't when. But we do know who we'll tell first...you! Follow The Catholic Spirit for the best coverage when our new archbishop is named. Go to www.TheCatholicSpirit.com/NewAbp and sign up to choose how you want to hear the news.

St. Peter's Community News

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY - February 2016

Month - February	Actual	Budget
Contribution Income	\$ 54,743	\$ 68,748
Other Income	<u>4,308</u>	<u>3,541</u>
	59,051	72,289
Expenses	<u>(75,526)</u>	<u>(70,344)</u>
Net Income (Expense)	\$ (16,475)	\$ 1,945

Year to Date: July - February

Contribution Income	\$ 577,451	\$ 593,301
Other Income	<u>90,128</u>	<u>66,209</u>
	667,579	659,510
Expenses	<u>(650,448)</u>	<u>(642,237)</u>
Net Income (Expense)	\$ 17,131	\$ 17,273

Parish Debt

Principal Balance Beginning of Month	\$ 5,641,591
Principal Paid	<u>11,592</u>
Principal Balance End of Month	\$ 5,629,999

Catholic Services Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the Catholic Services Appeal. We have currently raised \$29,550 of our goal of \$42,927. That means we are 69% of the way there! If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so through collections or mail to the parish office. Remember that once we reach our goal, we will receive 25% back to the parish! Additional forms are available in the parish office.

Easter Egg Hunt

Knights of Columbus Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us on Saturday, March 26, 10 to 11 a.m., for the Knights of Columbus Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Your children will learn about the symbolism of the Easter egg. Please join us for this family friendly event for children ages 10 and under. Bring your own baskets or bags to collect the eggs. Family and friends are welcome!



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Do you have a special talent?

So many of you have given your time and talent throughout the year to make St. Peter's the wonderful parish that it is. We would like to give you an opportunity to showcase a different type of talent. So this year, the appreciation dinner will include a talent show. Perhaps you play the piano or can dance an Irish jig.

The dinner-talent show is on Saturday, May 14, following the 5 pm Mass. **Spots are limited, so sign up now if you wish to be IN the talent show.** We are accepting adults only. The volunteer appreciation dinner is for all parishioners who have given of their time or talent to St. Peter's through the year. If you would like to share your "other talent" with us, please email Anne O'Keefe at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org or call her at 651-905-4308.

St. Peter's Red Cross Blood Drive

"You can hold the power to save lives."

On Thursday, May 5, from 1 to 6 pm, St. Peter's will host a Red Cross blood drive. Text "BloodApp" to 90999, or download it from the App Store. If you have questions, please call Sandy Brownlee at 651-452-1844.

The Week of March 21

Monday, March 21

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6 pm St Paul Civic Symphony, Heritage Center
6 pm Cub Scout Parent Meeting, Community Room
7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, March 22

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:30 am Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament until 7 pm, Historic Church
9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room

Wednesday, March 23

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
6 pm Confessions, Main Church
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday, March 24

Holy Thursday

- 7 pm** Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Main Church

Friday, March 25

Good Friday

Parish Office closes at 12 Noon

- 7 pm** Passion of the Lord, Main Church

Saturday, March 26

Holy Saturday

- 9 and 10:30 am** Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
10 am Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt, Gathering Space
8 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 27

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 8:30 and 10:30 am** Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass and Baptism, Main Church
11 am Mass, Main Church

Mass Intentions

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

- Monday, March 21**— †Jim McBride
Tuesday, March 22 - †Helen Hughes
Wednesday, March 23 Mary Flanagan
Thursday, March 24 - Mass for the People
Friday, March 25 - No Mass
Saturday, March 26 - Mass For The People
Sunday, March 27 - **9 a.m.** - †George Zirnhelt
11a.m. - †Julie Indihar Merrill

Parish Pastoral Council

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Readings for the Week of March 20

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1-6/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
Saturday: **Vigil:** Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

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Cursillo Corner

All are welcome to attend the final South East Metro Ultreya meeting on Sunday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in Shamrock Hall at the Church of St. Patrick, 3535 72nd Street East in Inver Grove Heights. Mark your calendars.

For more information about all Cursillo events and weekend retreats, see www.tc-cursillo.org or contact janemarie.rief@gmail.com or call 651-485-7089.

St. Paul Seminary Presents: Moonshine Abbey

The monks at Saint Hippolytus Abbey have been distilling their “elixir of happiness” since they settled in America hundreds of years ago. But with the onset of Prohibition, the civil authorities will stop at nothing to purify the country from the evils of alcohol. What will this band of brothers do to maintain their “pious” way of life?

The show runs Friday, April 22 through Sunday, April 24 at the University of St. Thomas BEC Auditorium. Tickets are required, but are **FREE** at www.sps theatre.org OR join us for the Sunday afternoon show. Pastoral ministry has a limited number of tickets available for those who would like to board a bus at St. Peter’s at 1:15 p.m. for the 2 p.m. show. Buses will depart UST immediately following the play. Tickets are free, but free will donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the bus. To reserve your spot on the bus, contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Father Ebert Coming to Serra Club

Serra International is an organization with a USA Council and eight Serra Clubs in the Twin Cities region, which are dedicated to promoting, fostering and preserving vocations to the priesthood and religious life by prayer and active vocation programs. The Airport Serra Club meets on the first and third Fridays of each month at St. Bonaventure Church in Bloomington, with noon Mass followed by lunch and a guest speaker. On April 1, our Mass celebrant and guest speaker will be Father Doug Ebert, pastor of St. John Neumann Church in Eagan. He was an airline pilot for many years until the Lord navigated him to new heights in his second career as a priest. Guests are always welcome, but you must make a reservation by the Tuesday before to assure an adequate lunch count. For more information or reservations, call Marie Whelehan at 651-405-0703.

Good Friday Pontifical Collection

Collection For Christians in the Holy Land

Pope Francis has asked that parishes around the world support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection on March 25. Through this collection, you join with Catholics everywhere to help sustain Christianity in this troubled and challenging area of the world. Your support means that the Church is able to conduct parish ministries, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing, operate refugee centers and maintain shrines in the Holy Land. Please give generously on Good Friday and be an instrument of peace in the Holy Land.

Nativity Grandparents Apostolate of Ss. Joachim and Anne

All grandparents are invited to a time of enrichment, encouragement, prayer and fellowship on Monday, April 18, at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 1900 Wellesley Avenue, in St. Paul. Fr. Lenny Andrie, of St. Joseph’s in West St. Paul, will present *Practical Tips for Positive Influence in the Life of Children and Grandchildren*. Sign up at 8:45 a.m. in Nativity’s lower level (located at Stanford and Prior Avenue South). There is wheel chair access on Stanford. Daily Mass is at 8:15 a.m. for those interested. Refreshments will be served. Contact Lilee Perera at 651-696-5401 for further information.



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

Cardinal Burke to Speak at Divine Mercy Conference

Divine Mercy Conference at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Queen of the Americas Guild, along with the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin, is pleased to announce a two day conference at the Shrine on July 29 and 30. The theme of this year's conference is *"Divine Mercy and the Freedom of Religion,"* a topic that is on the forefront of debate in today's society.

Highlights of the conference will include Mass and dinner with keynote speaker, His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Cardinal Patron of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and founder of the Shrine. Others on the panel of presenters will include Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, former Rector of the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy, Rev. David Pignato of St. John's Seminary in Boston, and Grammy nominated Catholic singer/songwriter, Marty Rotella.

The conference will be an excellent opportunity to enhance your faith and learn more about Divine Mercy, the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Shrine in La Crosse. In addition to informational speakers, the schedule will include Mass each day, group rosary prayer, and time for personal reflection.

A hotel and conference package will be offered. Space will be limited and area hotel rooms will be in short supply. Make your reservations now! For further information, call the Queen of the Americas Guild at 630-584-1822 or register online at www.queenoftheamericasguild.org.



Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis asks us to "live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: 'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.'" (cf. Lk 6:36) Participate throughout the year by making a pilgrimage to a Holy Door at the Cathedral of St. Paul or Basilica of Saint Mary, regularly receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and participating in the #MercyWorks video challenge. Find additional ways to

pray, learn and act at www.archspm.org/Mercy.

Hearing and Vision Aids

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 are here. Thank you.

Men's Discernment Retreat

Have you thought about becoming a priest?

Jesus Christ, High Priest forever, still calls men to share in His priesthood. Have you heard a call to the priesthood? Would you like to learn more about it? This retreat takes place at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 2739 Stinson Blvd. in Minneapolis, on Saturday, April, 9, 16 and 23, from 8 to 11 a.m.



No registration or fee is required and it includes Mass, refreshments and discussion led by Fr. David Blume, Director of Vocations. Visit www.10000vocations.org or call the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890 for more information.

Women's Discernment Retreat

Have you thought about entering into the consecrated life?

Join us for a retreat day focused to provide a deeper understanding of consecrated life. Women, ages 18 to 30 are invited. Please join us on Saturday, April 2, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Nativity of Mary Catholic Church, 9900 Lyndale Avenue South, Bloomington. Registration is required. Lunch will be provided. Cost is a free will donation. To register, please contact the Office of Vocations by March 25 at 651-962-6890 or patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu.



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Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Please join us for this special observance in honor of the Feast of Divine Mercy

Co-sponsored by the parishes of:

- Church of St. John Neumann, Eagan
- Church of St. Joseph, West St. Paul
- Church of St. Peter, Mendota



2-4pm, Main Church

Church of St. Peter

1405 Highway 13, PO Box 50679, Mendota, Minnesota

Jesus said to Saint M. Faustina Kowalska:

*"I desire that there be a Feast of Mercy.
On this day the very depths of My tender
mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean
of graces upon those souls who approach
the fount of my Mercy.*

*And this is why the first Sunday after Easter is
to be the Feast of Mercy,
and on that day, priests are to tell everyone
about my great and unfathomable mercy."*

Observances on Divine Mercy Sunday

2:00 p.m. Confessions

**3:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Service: Chaplet of Divine Mercy with
readings from the writings of St. Faustina &**

Consecration to the Divine Mercy

**4:00 p.m. Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Dismissal**



Divine Mercy Novena 2016...

Is a wonderful way to prepare to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

A novena is 9 days of prayer in honor of God's Divine Mercy.

It begins on Good Friday, March 25, and ends on Saturday, April 2, the eve of the Feast.

The different souls prayed for each day of the Novena are:

- Day 1 – All mankind, especially sinners
- Day 2 – The souls of priests and religious
- Day 3 – All devout and faithful souls
- Day 4 – Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him
- Day 5 – The souls of the departed brethren
- Day 6 – The meek and humble souls and the souls of children
- Day 7 – The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy
- Day 8 – The souls who are detained in purgatory
- Day 9 – The souls who have become lukewarm

You are encouraged to receive sacramental Confession and Eucharistic Communion either on April 3 or on one of "several days preceding or following" Divine Mercy Sunday (see norm 23-3, Handbook of Indulgence, 1991)