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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

From the Pastor's Desk

A Welcome

I want to wish every one of you a blessed and happy Easter! I am so happy to welcome our visitors and the extended family of our parishioners, who come in great numbers on this day. I am pleased to welcome in particular those we do not see except at the great feasts; you, too, have a home here. I hope you'll come back more and more.

Many Thanks!

These days bring the most complicated and beautiful liturgies of the Church year, and so I want to thank our music director, David Dunst, and the members of the choir, for all of the preparation they have done to be able to assist us in worshipping God as best we can. Everyone who is involved in our music program has spent many hours here; your efforts have been worth it! I thank our altar servers, who have put so much effort into these celebrations, and those who helped me with the practices. I also want to thank those many people who step forward to see to the details of these days, including our teams of sacristans and lectors. Those who take care of our liturgical environment spend long hours throughout the year to enhance our worship experience, carrying around plants and hauling full containers of water long after everyone else has gone home. At this time of year the fruit of their labors is especially evident. On behalf of the entire parish, I express our gratitude to each of you!

Joined to Christ in the Sacraments

I would like to remind everyone that this fullness of sacramental life in the Church comes only after the reception of all three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. Increasingly, there are those who were never baptized as infants, whether they are adults or school aged children. They are invited to begin to prepare for the great sacrament that makes us Christians: Baptism. Everyone should also know that only a confirmed Catholic is able to serve as a godparent, and those who wish to be married in the Catholic Church also need to be confirmed. I hope anyone who has not yet received the three sacraments of initiation would take the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection as a call to move towards the fullness of life in the Church. Give the parish office a call, and if you're visiting from elsewhere, call up a church near your home.

Praise to the Risen Lord

These lines are from the Easter proclamation, the Exsultet, which we hear as the Easter Vigil begins: *This is the night when Christ broke the prison bars of death, and rose victorious from the underworld. ... O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer! O truly blessed night, worthy alone*

to know the time and hour when Christ rose from the underworld! ... O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to the human.

A New Pope

As today's bulletin is likely to be read by many who do not regularly read it, I know I must bring up again the most discussed religious news in years. Catholics and in fact many around the world have been stunned by the events that began on February 11, when Pope Benedict XVI informed the cardinals that he was renouncing the papacy, and that the Apostolic See would fall vacant on the evening of February 28. We all know now that the conclave began on March 12, and that Jorge Maria Cardinal Bergoglio, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, was elected on March 13, taking the name Francis. Pope Francis continues to surprise all with his significant departures from the practices that were customary for his predecessors. While I think we ought to draw back from applauding changes in papal style simply for the sake of change, I will say that the changes that Pope Francis has made signal a special love for those who are most often overlooked: prisoners, the disabled, the sick, manual laborers. A specially scheduled Mass for the gardeners and sanitation workers of Vatican City seems to me to be a way of reaching out with love to people without flashy occupations, who labor unnoticed around crowds of tourists and Church officials. How wonderful it is that our new Holy Father wants to make them aware of how important they are! The Pope was to celebrate Mass on Holy Thursday and wash the feet of the inmates of a juvenile detention center. He personally called a newspaper stand in Buenos Aires to cancel his paper delivery at his former home in Argentina, asking the owner's son who answered to greet the entire family. These actions are certainly touching! Perhaps they signal that Pope Francis has a clear intention to do whatever he believes needs to be done. This intention will affect us as the beautiful faith we as Catholics share is proclaimed simply and with acts of love. We should do the same.

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin

Save the Date!

St. Peter's Golf Tournament

St. Peter's will once again hosting a golf tournament on Saturday, June 15, at Emerald Greens Golf Course in Hastings.



Start planning now on getting your friends and family together for a fun day of golf and fellowship while supporting the Church of St. Peter. Watch the bulletin in the following weeks for additional information.

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

Thank you to all those who donated money towards our Easter flowers in memory or honor of a loved one. Your generosity has helped make the church a beautiful space to worship.

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& Martin LaBerge*

By Mike & Teri Berndt

*In Memory of Phillip & Betty Bifulk &
Joan B. Kroc*

By Gina Bifulk

*In Memory of Deacon Jerry Blissenbach,
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Do you ever wonder why we do what we do at Mass?

Weekday Mass is celebrated Monday-Friday at 9 a.m. We will also have an evening Mass in the Historic Church on the first Thursday of every month beginning April 4. For the first of these Thursday Masses, Fr. Gallatin will provide an overview of what happens during the Mass, helping us to understand the things we do every time we worship. Join us in the Historic Church from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Contribution information was not available when this weekend's bulletin was printed.

Rectory Repair and Updating

The bathroom in our Rectory where Father Gallatin lives is in need of some unscheduled repair and updating. Since the expense was not built into our capital improvement budget for the year, we are reaching out to parishioners who might be interested in donating professional expertise, labor or cash to help make the project happen. Please contact Business Manager Mary Jubenville at 651-452-4550 or mjubenville@stpetersmendota.org if you can help with this needed project.

RECREATION

Please join us for our next RECREATION event "Recalculating" on Saturday, April 13, at 6:15 p.m., following Mass. The event is in Heritage Center and begins with a light dinner and will go until about 8:15 p.m. Lisa Amos and Kathy Raible will focus on the reality that we all, at times, feel lost on our faith journey through life. What roadblocks did we run into that sent us in the wrong direction? What can we do to get back on track to a healthy relationship? How do we "recalculate" so we are once again heading in the right direction? Hope to see you there!

Minute Memo from Ms. Shimshock, Principal of Faithful Shepherd

*A*s adults we often believe our faith is mature and grown-up because of course, we are grown-ups. As we approach this holy time of the year—Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum, try to be more child-like in your faith. Let us lay down our fears, anxieties and our self-importance and put our absolute trust in our faith, just the way Jesus put his absolute faith in God the Father near the time of his suffering and death. Only then can we inhabit the kingdom, living forever as his children. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

~Matthew 19:14

Ms. Shimshock



Pastoral Ministry

The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality

Do you wish you were challenged to become the best-version-of-yourself?

Looking for inspiration to live life to the fullest or encouragement to act purposefully in the world?

Do you desire deeper conversation with the Creator of the universe?

You may have read about it, you may even have heard the CD. Now you have an opportunity to watch author and speaker Matthew Kelly talk about The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality. Join others for a video presentation of this life-changing keynote and take advantage of a chance to discuss its impact in your own faith. Registration is not required and there is plenty of room so bring a friend or neighbor who may be looking for encouragement. For more information, please contact Lisa Amos, 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Wednesday, April 3, 10 a.m.-12 Noon
Ravoux Room

Faithfully Fit Forever

Our body, mind, spirit fitness class for older adults meets Tuesday afternoons from 1-2 p.m. in the Ravoux Room. Our experienced, professional instructors will guide you through educational, spiritual, and physical activities designed for whole wellness. This class is perfect for those with mobility and balance issues. The class is free of charge and no registration is required. Join anytime! Please wear comfortable clothing, bring water, and free weights if you have them. A limited number of weights are available at class. Cards with class dates are available on the counter at the information center in the Gathering Space. We hope to see you there! For further information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Sincere Sympathy

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Tom Koppen. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make him sharers in eternal salvation.



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The Next Week

Monday, April 1

Parish Office Closed

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony Practice,
 Heritage Center

Tuesday, April 2

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
 Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
 After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm
9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
1 pm Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room

Wednesday, April 3

- 9 am** Mass, Main Church (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Room I
9:45 am Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality
 Video, Ravoux Room
1 pm Rediscover Book Club,
 Conference Room I
 Conference Room II
4:30 pm Grades 1-5
5:30 pm Grades 1-8
7 pm Choir, Conference Room I

Thursday, April 4

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6:30 pm Mass Instruction and Mass Celebration,
 Historic Church
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Room 7
7 pm Teen Al-Anon Meeting, Room 6
7 pm Thursday Night Bible Study,
 Family Room

Friday, April 5

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

Saturday, April 6

- 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
 After Mass:
 Online Community Website Info

Sunday, April 7—Divine Mercy

- 8:30 & 10:30 am**
 Choir Rehearsal, Main Church
9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church
9 & 11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children
9 am Sunday School
10 am Confirmation Orientation
 After Masses:
 Hospitality
 New Parishioner Registration
 Online Community Website Info
1:30 pm Divine Mercy Events
6:30 pm Youth Group, Youth Room

St. Peter's Online Community Website now Launched!

A new online community website for St. Peter's has launched! This website will be a great communication tool for those online frequently. Each household and parishioner over the age of 18 has automatically been given a username and password.

You may obtain your login after Masses April 6/7 or 13/14. Or, email support@ekcetera.zendesk.com to open a request and ask for your login information.

See the parish website for more information: <http://www.stpetersmendota.org/community/online-community>



Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

Readings for the Week of March 31

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 1 - †John Clifford
Tuesday, April 2 - †Fr. Richard Wolter
Wed., April 3 - †Eunice & †Alexander Fontecha
Thursday, April 4 - †Florence May
Friday, April 5 - Special Intention
Saturday, April 6 - †Alice Boelter
Sunday, April 7 - 9 a.m. - Mass For the People
11 a.m. - †Tom Pahl

Rediscover Book Group Insights

The response to our book groups for “Rediscover Catholicism,” the book given to all parishioners at Christmas Masses, has been fantastic. A heartfelt thanks to all of our dedicated leaders, who are giving so generously of their time to make these groups a success. For the next few weeks, we will share with you some thoughts of the group participants. If you are still interested in starting a group of your own, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or Joanne Rocco Carter at 651-454-7853.

“Matthew Kelly’s suggestions on the three practices of Lent have empowered my Lenten experience and are helping me develop better habits.”

“Practical suggestions like the simply weekly journal have really enriched Sunday Mass time for me and my family.”

“The group has called me to be more than good; I now feel called to be holy.”

~Tuesday evening group members

If you are not currently in a group, but have some new insight to share, words of encouragement about this book or you would like to learn how to form a group of your own, please email lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

New Parishioner Registration Changed

If you are new to our parish, welcome! There will be no registration table available after the 5 p.m. Mass on April 6, but if you would like to register as a parishioner, please contact the office or stop by the table after the Masses on April 7 or during the first weekend in May.

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.



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am (all in the Main Church)

WEEKDAY MASSES

(all in the Historic Church)

9 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday and Friday

HOLY DAYS As announced.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4 to 4:45 pm or by appointment.

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

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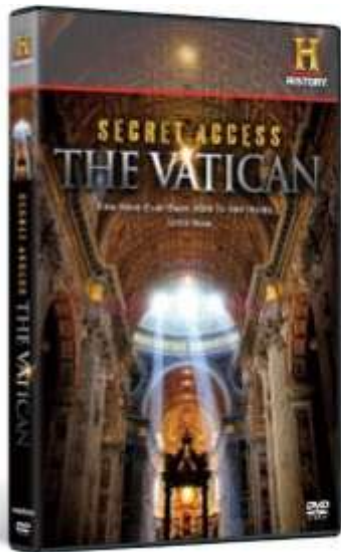
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