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LORD, SEND OUT
YOUR SPIRIT,
AND RENEW THE FACE
OF THE EARTH.

Pentecost

From the Pastor's Desk

The great Solemnity of Pentecost has arrived, closing out Easter Time fifty days after it began. The Season of Easter started in the dark during the Easter Vigil on March 30, with a snowy landscape that, unbeknownst to us, was to last for many weeks. This year Easter Time featured a very snowy April and even a May snowfall, with a 98 degree day eleven days later. Indoors, it has been a beautiful and joyful season that has seen Baptisms and First Communions and Confirmation. The lovely feast days of saints have been celebrated, including that of the Apostle St. Matthias, which is May 14. That day was also the day that Governor Mark Dayton signed into law the bill that changed the definition of marriage in Minnesota.

I want to commend those from our parish who worked hard to get the word out about the Catholic Church's teaching on marriage, and who helped encourage people to vote in a way that is consistent with our beliefs. Thank you for all you did! We certainly succeeded in raising people's awareness about the significance of marriage.

Back on November 6, Minnesota voters rejected the marriage amendment that would have amended the State Constitution so that marriage would be defined as the union only of one man and one woman. But the voters of our state also voted in the current State Legislature, which made possible the events of the past week. Before the election we heard many activists claiming that same-sex marriage would still be illegal if the amendment was defeated, but I would imagine most of us knew that it would not be long before the law changed. At the end of February a bill was proposed to expunge from Minnesota law the requirement that marriage be between a man and a woman. Negotiations followed. On Thursday, May 9 the House passed the bill, and on Monday, May 13 the Senate passed it. The governor signed it the next day to the great joy of huge crowds baking under the 5:00 sun as the first real heat of the season blew in on a desiccating wind. A great party followed.

The Minnesota Catholic Conference (the association of the bishops of the state) released this statement on Monday:

St. Paul, Minn. (May 13, 2013)—Today the Minnesota Senate voted to redefine marriage in Minnesota. The outcome, though expected, is no less disappointing.

The full social and legal effects of marriage redefinition will begin to manifest themselves in the years ahead. The Church, for its part, will continue to work to rebuild a healthy culture of marriage and family life, as well as defend the rights of Minnesotans to live out their faith in everyday life and speak the truth in love.

Although we were unable to convince legislators that Minnesota needed to strengthen marriage, not

redefine it, we take comfort in the words of Our Lord Jesus Christ from today's Gospel: "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." (John 16:33)

May St. Joseph, patron of the universal church, and Our Lady of Fatima, intercede for the Church, the State of Minnesota, and our nation.

I had some trouble finding the actual text of the bill, but I located it on the Pioneer Press website. It can also be found by searching for the Minnesota Office of the Revisor of Statutes and going to the bill labeled "HF 1054." The principal difference brought by this new law is the changing of "a man and a woman" to "two persons." It changes a few other words, such as the prohibition of marriage between "a brother and a sister" to the prohibition of marriage between "siblings." It is significant that the following language has been added to Minnesota statutes under the heading "Refusal to solemnize; protection of religious doctrine:"

Each religious organization, association, or society has exclusive theological control over its own doctrine, policy, teachings, and beliefs regarding who may marry within that faith. A licensed or ordained member of the clergy or other person authorized by section 517.08 to solemnize marriage is not subject to any fine, penalty, or civil liability for failing or refusing to solemnize a marriage for any reason.

We will see if this language is strong enough to protect our Catholic clergy from prosecution in the years to come. I hope it is. Of course, we will all be all right no matter what happens. God is in charge! But I suppose a person of any faith or no faith would be committing an act of discrimination for declining to do business with a same-sex couple in events celebrating their exchange of legal marriage vows.

We shouldn't forget that even Catholic people in Minnesota have a right to make our opinion known. My representative in the Minnesota House responded to my message to him by sending me his "Legislative Update" in which he quotes a Wikipedia explanation of the phrase "Render unto Caesar." It says, of course, that Jesus said we are to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. This particular legislator, however, implies that the question of marriage is in the realm of "Caesar" instead of the realm of God. He quotes Wikipedia's explanation of the phrase, quotes a rabbi, and adds these words of his own: "As your elected representative and having taken an oath to support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Minnesota and to discharge faithfully the duties of this office to the best of my judgment and ability, I represent you as part of the secular authority of Minnesota." Do you believe we need to give to Caesar what belongs to him by conceding that, once elected, our officials should vote as they please on matters that affect people of faith?

~Fr. Joseph Gallatin

Workcamp

Can Recycling for Workcamp



Are you, or anyone you know (family? neighbors?) hosting a graduation party this year? If so, please consider collecting all the aluminum cans used and bringing them to church to donate to Workcamp! Our green can trailer is located in the lower parking lot. We have an organization that matches any money we make from recycling cans, so all your cans are worth double. Bring in 2 garbage bags full, it's just like bringing in 4 bags! Every time the can trailer gets filled, we can make \$250-\$350 depending on the price of aluminum, and then that total gets matched. The faster we can fill the trailer, the more money we can make! If you are able to collect cans, but have difficulty getting them to St. Peter's, please contact Ed Overell at 651-905-4312 or coverell@stpetersmendota.org for assistance.

Men's Club Meeting/Cookout and Parish Grounds Cleanup

The Men's Club of St. Peter's would like to welcome all perspective members and current members to a cookout dinner on Thursday, May 23, at St. Peter's from 6:30 to 8 p.m. If you'd like to participate, please contact John Vogel at 651-454-5329. We will have a short discussion on upcoming events over the summer and preplanning for next year's itinerary.

Parish Grounds Cleanup

We will also be coordinating a church cleanup on Saturday, June 8, from 8 a.m. to noon. Donuts and coffee start at 7:30 a.m. If you'd like to adopt one of the many gardens on the church grounds please contact John Vogel at 651-454-5329 or Nancy Stanton at 651-686-9009. We are asking anyone interested in participating to bring a rake and garden tools to help clean up the grounds. The Men's Club will also be undertaking a large window cleaning project for all the windows overlooking the river. We will also be joined that day with participants from the local Boy Scouts working on an Eagle project.

Wedding Banns

First Proclamation:

Jeremy Kangas and Gianna Smith-Isaac

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Pastoral Ministry

Month of Mary—Learn to Pray the Rosary



May is a month dedicated to honoring our Blessed Mother Mary and to mark this special month, we have begun praying the rosary in the Historic Church at 10:15 every Sunday. Rosaries and "how-to" guides will be available for those who would like to learn about this powerful prayer and meditation. Volunteers will be on hand to help you if you would like. For further information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Golf Tournament

St. Peter's will once again be co-hosting a golf tournament with Faithful Shepherd Catholic School on Saturday, June 15, at Emerald Greens Golf Course in Hastings. We will begin at 8 a.m., enjoy a morning of golf and have lunch at the golf course.

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 both the Church of St. Peter's and our parish school—Faithful Shepherd. Registration forms are available on the Information Counter or the parish office.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or donate prizes for this event, please contact the parish office at 651-452-4550.

Sincere Sympathy



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

Follow and Like us!

Our parish has entered the online networking world! We have an active Facebook account and Twitter feed, so please check them out to see what is happening in the parish and also to get some great Catholic resources. Our Facebook page can be found at facebook.com/stpetersmendota and our Twitter handle is @StPetersMendota.

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary

Budget for the period 5/6/13-5/12/13	\$12,765
Actual for the period 5/6/13-5/12/13	\$10,106
Year-to-Date Budget	\$777,295
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$744,803

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If you write out a check, make it payable to Neighbors Inc. and we will forward the monies to them. Thank you!

Historic Church Memorial Fund

May we suggest a gift to the Historic Church Memorial Fund as a gift to remember someone special, living or deceased. Cards are available on the Information Counter in the Gathering Space and the parish office.



Church of St. Peter cemetery lots

In 1984, our cemetery was recognized as a historic site. We want our parishioners to know that lots and columbarium niches are available at this time. If you want any further information, please call the parish office at 651-452-4550.

Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, May 27, at 10 a.m. in the Historic Church.** You are invited to come to St. Peter's Cemetery between 11 a.m. and noon for a flag-raising ceremony by the VFW.



The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. Enjoy your holiday weekend!

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.

The Next Week

Monday, May 20

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

Tuesday, May 21

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

Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament

After the 9 am Mass Until 5 pm

9:45 am Summer Women's Bible Study,
Conference Room I

1 pm Faithfully Fit Forever, Ravoux Room

6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting,
Conference Room I

Wednesday, May 22

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

9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Room I

Thursday, May 23

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

6:30 pm Men's Club Cookout/Meeting,
Heritage Center

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

7 pm Finance Council, Conference Room III

Friday, May 24

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

Saturday, May 25

9 and 10:30 am

Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4

4 pm Reconciliation, Main Church

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Conference Room I

5 pm Mass, Main Church

Sunday, May 26—The Most Holy Trinity

8:30 & 10:30 am

Choir Rehearsal, Main Church

9 am Mass with Baptism, Main Church

10:15 am Focus on Mary: The Rosary,
Historic Church

11 am Mass, Main Church

12 pm Baptism, Main Church

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Readings for the Week of May 19

Sunday: Day: Acts 2:1-11/Rom 8:8-17/Jn
 14:15-16, 23b-26
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, May 20 - †Wil Oster

Tuesday, May 21 - †Deacon Gerald Blissenbach

Wednesday, May 22 - †Dalton Sherrard

Thursday, May 23 - †JD & †Rodney Grabner

Friday, May 24 - †William Lowe

Saturday, May 25 - †Sandra Nelson

Sunday, May 26 - 9 a.m. - Mass For the People
11 a.m. - †Marlene Ferguson

Global Solidarity Thank You!

Dear Fr. Gallatin:

I want to acknowledge receiving your parish offering of \$1,683.61 to the Global Solidarity Sunday collection. Thank you for providing needed aid to the pastoral ministries in Latin America and assisting in the restoration of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Thank you for showing solidarity with the emerging Church in Africa and providing ongoing support to the most vulnerable served by the efforts of Catholic Relief Services.

The Global Solidarity Sunday collection offers an annual opportunity to reach beyond our borders to our global neighbors. Thank you for responding so generously. May you be blessed for your service and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sincerely in Christ's Mission,
Deacon Mickey Friesen, D.Min.
Director

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

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 651-454-529
or
jvasiliou@comcast.net.

Archdiocesan Feasibility Study— Online Survey

Archbishop Nienstedt is contemplating a capital campaign to raise important funds for parishes, schools and other ministries across the Archdiocese. Before he moves forward, he would like to hear your thoughts on the proposed campaign goals and structure. Parishioners who are interested in participating in the archdiocesan feasibility study are encouraged to complete a survey online to share their opinions. The survey will be available through Friday, May 24, at: <http://study.archspm.org>. It is also accessible on the archdiocesan web site at www.archspm.org.

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SUNDAY MASSES

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Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am

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9 am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday and Friday

HOLY DAYS As announced.

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