

Church of St. Peter
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May 24, 2015



Reflections from our Community Life Coordinator

I've always had a somewhat difficult time understanding the Holy Spirit. While not all of you will agree, I don't think I'm alone when I say that the Holy Spirit is the most unrelatable part of the Trinity for me.

With the Father, we have our own dads and all of the fathers throughout history to relate to, however wonderful or flawed they may be. We can find the ideals of what a father should be and therefore what God is: unconditionally loving, protecting, not giving in to our whims and wishes because he knows what is best for us in the long run. And Jesus is a real person who once walked this earth. We can relate to him simply because he was human, and there are stories to be read about him and lessons to learn from his life, death, and resurrection.

The Holy Spirit, though, is much less tangible to me. I have never seen "tongues as of fire" (Acts 2:3) land on anyone (at least without burning them), and I've never seen a bunch of people all start speaking in new foreign languages at the same time. Even though I can read about Pentecost like I read about Jesus' time on earth, and even though I have received the Holy Spirit through the sacraments, I still have a hard time relating to it.

I have spent some time in the past few years trying to learn more about the Spirit, because it is obviously integral to our faith. Many theologians and Saints talk of the Holy Spirit as the love that is between God and Jesus. That because they are love themselves, and they are one but are also able to love as distinct persons, their love was so strong it actually took a physical form, the third part of the Trinity. St. Paul says, "The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:5) While this makes some sense to me, it is still not abundantly clear.

And then I stumbled onto this thought from one of St. Augustine's sermons: "What the soul is to man's body, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, which is the Church. The Holy Spirit does in the whole Church what the soul does in the members of the one body."

That is exactly what I had been looking for, these two simple and straightforward lines. I see something I can relate the Holy Spirit to: even though my soul is not a concrete, tangible thing, I have a basic understanding of how it works in relation to my body and brain. Even more important, I also see the purpose of the Holy Spirit: the Spirit moves us to love others and God more deeply, that is, to build up the Church.

And then I was reading the Sequence and readings for the Mass this weekend in preparation for writing this article. The Sequence itself has some beautiful imagery, mentioning the Spirit as "the soul's most welcome guest," and it expands on the purpose of Spirit with these lines:

"Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray."

While all three lines are great images for how the Spirit can make us more faithful, the second line resonated most with me. I thought of the movie *Frozen* (please bear with me; I have two girls who, yes, still want to listen to the soundtrack daily, and two boys who will undoubtedly grow up with lots of princess songs in their heads). The key to melting the frozen heart and world was (spoiler, sorry if you haven't seen it!) love. This took me right back to how the Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son, and that love can dwell within us to make us warmer people who find the right path to God. All we need to do is respond to it and ask the Spirit to work in us to spread that love. (And in case this isn't clear, I am in no way saying that *Frozen* is a Christian film or something like that; just that it's about true and sacrificial love.)

By receiving the sacraments, building our virtues, and asking the Holy Spirit to help us when we pray, we are welcoming this part of the Trinity into our lives. The Holy Spirit is the one who gave the apostles the courage to go out and spread the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection. It is also the one who gives us the strength and graces we need to do the same.

Today is a day to celebrate this beautiful part of the Trinity. We wear red to represent the flame of the Spirit within us, ready to be spread to others. We ask the Holy Spirit to come to us and fill us to overflowing.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!



Sara Rogers
Community Life Coordinator



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.

Website

Volunteers Needed

St. Peter's Technology Committee is looking for additional volunteers to help maintain and produce content for our website. We are looking for:

- Writers to help compose articles about the parish for the website
- Photographers to take pictures at various parish events
- Someone who already works with and understands WordPress, to help maintain and update sections of the website

If you would be interested in filling any of these roles, please contact Sara Rogers at srogers@stpetersmendota.org.

Walk for Life and 5K Run Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Get your walk in around the track at: Eastview High School Stadium in Apple Valley to show your support for the unborn.

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).

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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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Leave as a Friend**

Save the Date for a BIG Celebration!



The Church of St. Peter is celebrating 175 years as a parish, and our beautiful new church is celebrating ten years since its dedication. To commemorate both of these milestones, we're having one large Sunday Mass together at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 12. There will be events to honor our history, a large brunch, and some family fun as well. Please join us!

Look for more information in the June 7 parish bulletin!

Ugandan Pig Roast Silent Auction Items Needed

Ending on Sunday, June 14

St. Peter's Uganda Mission Team is in need of items for the June 14 Pig Roast that features a silent auction. Could you please consider donating something to help?

Donations can be dropped off at the parish office. All donations are tax deductible.

Examples of potential silent auction items:

1. Gift certificates for restaurants, department stores, etc.
2. Tickets to sporting events, theatre, orchestras, etc.
3. Themed gift baskets (e.g. movie night, games, chocolate lovers)
4. Collectors' items, collectibles and/or antiques
5. Handcrafted items (e.g. wood products, sewing, knitting)
6. Artwork (e.g. stained glass, painting, drawing, photography)
7. Jewelry and accessories (e.g. purses, scarves, etc.)
8. Items for the home/yard (e.g. accent pieces, grill tools, yard ornaments)
9. Electronics items (e.g. iPad mini, TV, camera)
10. Personal services (e.g. four hours handyman services, yard work, cleaning services, painting services, photographer services)
11. Bottle or basket of wines or beers
12. Something of interest to most people (e.g. vacation rental)

Please note: Used items must be in excellent condition to be placed in the silent auction.

If you have any questions, call Joan Pilney at 651-454-1568 (home) or Mary O'Neill at 651-454-5128 (home) or 651-402-3433 (cell).

St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary:

Budget for period of May 11-May 17, 2015.....	\$20,553
Actual for period of May 11-May 17, 2015.....	\$18,342
Year to Date Budget	\$767,048
Year to Date Actual	\$777,209



Wedding Banns

Third Proclamation

James McLaughlin and Sarah Milnar

Second Proclamation

Maureen Baker and Jesse Reiter

Print Design or Advertising Help Needed for the Fall Festival



Do you have print design or advertising experience? We could use your expertise for the Fall Festival this year! This opportunity is great for anyone currently learning design who would like some experience, or for an experienced designer who wants to have some fun while offering your talent to the parish. The time commitment is as much as you want to make it. If this sounds like something you'd enjoy, please contact Sara Rogers at srogers@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4308.

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.

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 25, 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 25, in observance of Memorial Day. Enjoy your holiday weekend!



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

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The Week of May 25

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day Observed—Parish Office Closed

- 10 am Mass, Historic Church (9:40 rosary)
11 am VFW Ceremony at Cemetery

Tuesday, May 26

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
After the 9 am Mass Until 6 pm

Wednesday, May 27

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:30 am Cemetery Meeting, Conference Room I
7 pm EMHC Training, Main Church

Thursday, May 28

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am Daily Mass Pot-Luck
Birthday Celebration, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting,
Conference Room I
7 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5
7 pm Al-Anon, Room 7
7 pm Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

Friday, May 29

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

Saturday, May 30

- 9 and 10:30 am
Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
10 am Scripture Study, Conference Room I
2 pm McLaughlin/Milnar Wedding,
Main Church
4 pm Confessions, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm Mass, Main Church

Sunday, May 31—Most Holy Trinity

- 8:30 & 10:30 am
Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church
12 Noon-2 pm
Historic Church Tours

Mass Intentions

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

- Monday, May 25 - †Mark Ginder
Tuesday, May 26 - †Marlene Ferguson
Wednesday, May 27 - †Jack McCauley
Thursday, May 28 - †Anna Dombrowski
Friday, May 29 - †John McQuillan
Saturday, May 30 - Mass For the People
Sunday, May 31 - 9 a.m. - †Arvid Carnick
11 a.m. - †Dan Chapdelaine

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Readings for the Week of May 24

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Ext. Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Gal 5:16-25 or 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15 or Jn 20:19-23
Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45
Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52
Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26
Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33
Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

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Parking Lot

Thank you for your patience as we continue to make the repairs on our parking lots. Now that the cracks have been filled in and the holes patched, the next step will be the sealcoat and rock coverage. Much of the work is dependent upon the weather and we will do our best to keep you updated. If there are any questions on the project, contact Mary in the parish office at 651-905-4307.

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Minute Memo from Ms. Shimshock

I came across definitions of happiness and joy in some recent reading that had me pause. It said happiness and joy are two different things - happiness has to do with a circumstance, while joy has to do with an assurance. I always categorized these words more closely as synonyms. This means as followers of Jesus, we can be both happy enjoying the moment, while experiencing the joy of knowing we are following Him. As we close up this year at Faithful Shepherd, our wish to all of our stakeholders is both happiness and joy as you experience the beauty of summer.

*But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.*

~Psalm 68:3

Our last weeks of school have been filled with field trips to the Gibbs Museum, Dodge Nature Center, Bell Museum, Valleyfair, JA Biztown; our phenomenal middle school production of Alice in Wonderland Jr.; First Communion Celebration Mass; kindergarten grandparent and special friends day; choir and band concerts and our upcoming 8th grade graduation. Thank you to our supporting parishes for your continued prayers and support!

Summer Blessings,

Ms. Shimshock

*Let all that I am quietly before God,
for my hope is in Him.*

~Psalm 62:5.



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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

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Church of St. Peter
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2015
6:30 PM – Conference Room 1

Members present: Lance Miller, Nancy Stanton, Sarah Larsen, Joe Towle, Paul Hirsch, Anne Hallgren, Alice Sheeler, Maria Schwartz

Ex officio members present: Fr. Steven Hoffman, Helen Wilkie

Members not present: Mary Pat Ferraro

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| I. Opening Prayer (5 min) | Anne |
| II. Forming Intentional Disciples - Chpt. 3 (20 min) | Fr. Steven |
| III. Approval of April Agenda & Additions/Approval (5 min) | Sarah |

IV. New Business

- A. Questions about Historic Church (Confessional/Bell) (10 min) Fr. Steven
 - a. Pope Francis has announced an extraordinary Jubilee that is to have the mercy of God at its center. It will begin with the December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and continue to November 20, 2016. St. Peter's will commemorate this Holy Year of Mercy in several ways, including; ringing the bell in the historic church five minutes prior to daily Mass; increasing opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before daily Mass; and adding a free-standing confessional inside the Historic Church.
 - b. The confessional is being donated from another Parish and retrofitted to assure privacy and blend in with the unique architecture of the historic Church.
 - c. The bell structure will be checked to confirm that it is sound enough for regular use.
- B. Pastors Update on Current Parish Finance Concerns (10 min) Fr. Steven
 - a. Due to budgetary concerns for this year and the need to make cuts—given the small number of youth participating in our teen youth programs (around 70 youth), the Youth Coordinator position has been reduced to part-time. As a result of this change, Ed Overell has decided to leave and seek employment elsewhere.
 - b. Father Steven will be reporting regularly to the congregation on plans for addressing budget challenges.

V. Old Business

- A. Year of Celebrations – 10th Ann. of Church & 175th Ann. of Parish (15 min) Fr. Steven
 - a. There will be a special celebration on July 12th to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the consecration of the new Church, on July 12th. There will be one Mass that Sunday, at 10am. The celebration of the original founding of the parish will be incorporated into the Fall Festival on October 4, 2015.
- B. Review of plan for extension of 3rd year members tenure (5 min) Sarah
 - a. Through email, the council approved the amendment to the bylaws to extend the terms of the 3rd year members of the council. (See March minutes for more information.)
 - b. This will be discussed in more depth at next month's council meeting.
- C. Prayerful Reflection & discussion on a Parish Vision – (20 min) Fr. Steven

“Going Forward in Christ to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit”

- a. In developing a 6 year plan for the parish, we may start with a year focused on Discipleship.
- b. The council discussed how to foster parishioners to have a personal relationship with Jesus, with a potential mission statement of “Going forward in Christ to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit”.
- c. Activities focusing on discipleship may include:
 - i. Book clubs, Sunday homilies, discussion questions at Donut Sundays, youth program focus, parish groups focusing on the theme.
 - ii. We would be calling on individuals to make a choice, feed their choice, and grow in their faith as disciples.
- D. Ideas for future years could focus on:
 - a. Eucharist and The Mass
 - b. Marriage and Family Life
 - c. Prayer as a focus for the season of Lent or Advent.

VI. Closing prayer (5 minutes)

Anne

All Pastoral Council Meetings are open meetings. All parishioners are welcome to attend. The next meeting of the parish pastoral council will be Tuesday, May 19, 2015.