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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reflections from our Pastor

My dear friends,

In keeping with the month of May, I thought it might be helpful to reflect together on the role of Mary in our Christian life. It is important for us, as Catholics, to know our faith with regard to Mary, for our protestant brothers and sisters are very concerned about us on this point. Many of them think, for example, that we worship Mary, that we place her on an equal footing with God, and with her son Jesus Christ. They wrongly think that our relationship with her diminishes Christ's role as the sole mediator between God and man. Asking Mary or any of the saints to pray for us is for them the same as saying that Christ's work of redemption was not sufficient to save us. If we did in fact believe these things, we would be in error. But thankfully the problem is not our faith, but rather misconceptions about our faith that circulate around in our culture. If only those who accuse us of heresy would actually pick up our catechism or read any of the official documents of the Church, they would find out for themselves what we truly believe and how misinformed they are.

Personally I have never found Mary to be a hindrance to my faith in Christ; if anything, it has only helped and enhanced it. Mary has never put herself forward in such a way that she distracted me from her Son. When I became Catholic at the age of 21, to welcome Mary as my Mother seemed the right and most natural thing to do. Later on I learned that this was actually what Jesus himself wanted me to do, revealing His wish upon the Cross when He gave Mary to John, and John to Mary: "Woman, behold your son; John, behold your Mother." As John welcomed Mary into his heart and home, Jesus asks us to do the same.

As far as honoring Mary, I do not see the problem. God asks me to love and honor my earthly mother, a mother whom I will also love and honor when she goes to heaven. This is what God asks us all to do in the 4th commandment. If this be the case with my own mother, why would I not love and honor in a special way the Mother of God, who bore Jesus, the Son of God, in her womb? Mary said herself that "all generations will call (her) blessed." (Lk 1:48) By the very fact that she bears the title 'Mother of God,' she deserves special honor: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Lk 1:42) Elizabeth, her cousin, felt this great honor: when she said to Mary: "How is it granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me." (Lk 1:43)

Perhaps some have issue with the notion of "consecration to Mary," which we find in the writings of certain Saints. I too struggled with this concept for a time, for the word "consecration" seemed a bit too strong, a word that should only be used for ones relationship to God. But as with other misunderstandings, it's often a matter of understanding how a certain word is being used and how it is understood in a given context. A priest I met while living in Texas helped me with this by saying that what is meant by "consecration to Mary" is really about accepting Mary's motherhood and its influence over our lives. Any one who has done this will find by drawing near to Mary, she will draw you near to God. "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord . . . Holy is His name." (Lk 1:47, 49)

Among all our Catholic practices, the one that really makes the hair stand up on the necks of some people is our praying to Mary. But here too it is a matter of understanding this practice correctly. When we pray to Mary, we are well aware that she is not God. We do not see her as a 4th person of the Blessed Trinity, and we are not putting her in God's place. When we ask Mary to pray for us, we are simply following another beautiful teaching: the communion of Saints. St. Paul exemplified this beautifully throughout his life, often telling the first Christian communities that he and his close companions were praying for them, and Paul too would ask them to pray for him and his mission. (1Th 1:2 / 2Th 1:11) We too ask for each others prayers. If we do this with each other, why would we not also ask those who are most fully alive in God in the Kingdom of heaven, those perfectly united to God's will, who love as God loves? Mary, because of the special privilege granted to her by God, is rightly hailed as the greatest among the Saints in this Blessed Communion. It is through her loving intercession that she often exercises her unique maternity over us, leading us to her Son, helping us to know and do the will of God, and encouraging us on the way of salvation. "Do whatever He tells you." (Jn 2:5)

Let us not be dissuaded by those who disagree with our love and devotion to Mary. Let us pray for them, that they too may discover one day the gift of Mary in God's design and plan of salvation and the blessing of her motherhood. "Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death."

God love you,



Fr. Steven

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Religious Education/Faith Formation

Registration for 2015-2016: All families should have received registration information via email for the 2015-2016 religious education classes. Information is also available on the information counter in the Gathering Space outside the coat room. Please remember the registration deadline is May 17. If you have any questions, please contact the RE office.

Uganda Mission Pig Roast



**June 14, 2015
12 Noon-3 p.m.**

Please Save the Date!

The Ugandan mission team will be hosting a pig roast with all the fixings after the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, June 14. There is no charge for the dinner. The Ugandan mission team wants to thank St. Peter's for your support of this mission as well as update you on mission activities. We will ask for free will donations—100% of which will be donated to the mission. There will also be a silent auction fundraiser. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Thank you for all you do to support the education of the children of Uganda!

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.



Pastoral Ministry

A Community Caring for Life Baby Shower

St Peter's Community Caring for Life (ACCL) will be hosting a collection of baby items to benefit Wakota Life Care Center, a local crisis pregnancy center. Wakota Life Care is especially in need of the following:

- Diapers (size 4) and baby wipes
- Onesies and sleepers (especially smaller sizes)
- Socks and clothing up to size 2T
- Formula (especially Similac)
- Portable cribs, basic models
- Gift cards to grocery stores and discount stores

There will be a donation collection spot marked Wakota Baby Shower where you can leave your donations the weekends of May 3 and 10. Thank you in advance for your support of mothers who have chosen life but desperately need our love and care.

Mothers' Day Flowers

The Community Caring for Life team will have African violets and mini roses available for purchase after both Masses on Mother's Day. Proceeds will be used to support pro-life causes.

An Interdenominational Coalition of South Suburban Churches presents the fifth in a five-week series:



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Tuesday, May 5

Church of St. Joseph, 13900 Biscayne Avenue,
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Registration, 6:30 p.m.; Speaker, 7 p.m.;
Support Groups (facilitated by trained leaders),
8 p.m. Freewill offering.

For additional information call 952-890-0045 or email growingthroughloss@gmail.com.



St. Peter's Community News

Annual Giving

Weekly Contribution Summary:

Budget for period of 4/20/15-4/26/15.....	\$13,253
Actual for period of 4/20/15-4/26/15.....	\$7,294
Year to Date Budget	\$714,189
Year to Date Actual	\$726,883

Wedding Banns

Second Proclamation

Stephanie Bye and Kyle Konkell

Catholic Man Night

Men Meeting Jesus

All men of the Archdiocese are invited
to an evening of fellowship,
spiritual reflection,
and a really great meal!
Fr. Steven Hoffman
will reflect upon

"The Poverty and Humility of Jesus Christ."

Thursday, May 7, 6:30-9 p.m.
Church of St. Joseph
1154 Seminole Avenue, West St. Paul

If you have any questions,
please call 651-457-2781
for more information.

www.catholicmannight.com

Catholic Man Night is a Catholic men's movement
dedicated to helping men meet, know, love, and serve
Jesus Christ.

May Day Rosary Procession

Sunday, May 3, 2 p.m.—Capital to Cathedral

Join with Catholics from around the Archdiocese in
bearing public witness to our Catholic faith and in joyful
devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary. Gathering begins
at the steps of the state capital at 1:30 p.m. Rosary
procession to the Cathedral of Saint Paul will begin
promptly at 2 p.m., led by Archbishop Nienstedt.
Eucharistic Benediction to immediately follow in the
Cathedral.



Tootsie Roll Drive Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Knights of
Columbus Campaign for Persons with Intellectual
Disabilities. This year's recipients of your generosity will
include Minnesota Special Olympics, ProAct of Eagan,
LifeWorks, and ARC Twin Cities.

Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Plant Card Sale

The Council of Catholic Women will be
selling Gerten Plant cards for their annual
spring fundraiser after all Masses this
weekend. They make wonderful Mother's
Day and Father's Day gifts, as well as for
birthdays, etc. The cards are \$25 each.



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.

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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
www.stpetersmendota.org

The Week of May 4

Monday, May 4

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
- 6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony
- 7 pm Boy Scouts, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, May 5

Loaves & Fishes

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament
After the 9 am Mass Until 6 pm
- 7 pm Prayer Vigil for Persecution of
Christians, Historic Church

Wednesday, May 6

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
- 9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
- 1:30 pm Council of Catholic Women Board
Meeting, Conference Room I
- 6:30 pm Choir, Music Room

Thursday, May 7

- 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, May 8

- 8-8:45 am Confessions, Main Church
- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
- 6-10 pm Confirmation Mini-Retreat

Saturday, May 9

- 9 and 10:30 am
Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
- 9 am-12 Noon
Confirmation Mini-Retreat
- 10 am Scripture Study, Conference Room I
- 4 pm Confessions, Main Church
- 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
- 5 pm Mass, Main Church
- After Mass:
Community Caring for Life Baby Items

Sunday, May 10—Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

- 8:30 & 10:30 am
Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
- 9 am Mass, Main Church
- 11 am Mass, Main Church
- After Masses:
Community Caring for Life Flower Sale
Community Caring for Life Baby Items

Parish Pastoral Council

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Readings for the Week of May 3

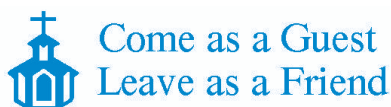
Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/
 1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, May 4 - †Quentin Mayers
Tuesday, May 5 - †Estelle Knapp
Wednesday, May 6 - †Jeffrey Weiss
Thursday, May 7 - †Jack McCauley
Friday, May 8 - †Katherine & †Mary Plabetich
Saturday, May 9 - Mass For the People
Sunday, May 10 - 9 a.m. - †Mary Chapdelaine
11 a.m. - †Marian Reding



Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Board Meeting

St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women Board will meet on Wednesday, May 6, 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room I. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

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Alice in Wonderland, Jr. Performance at Faithful Shepherd

This year Faithful Shepherd Catholic School's Middle School will perform, Alice in Wonderland, Jr. There will be two performances on Monday, May 11, a matinee at 1 p.m. and an evening performance at 7 p.m. There will be a second evening performance on Tuesday, May 12, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for students and children 5 and under are free. The proceeds of our ticket sales support future musicals and the production of this year's musical with props, costumes, lighting and sound. Ticket order forms are now being accepted at the school office. Orders are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Order forms will be made available online at www.fscsmn.org.

Thank you for supporting our school.

The Specialist Team at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School

Spring Beginnings Healing Your Heart

Start a new spring beginning with Christ healing your heart this Mother's Day. If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the healing love of Jesus on our weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities retreat is May 8-10, 2015. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rviyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313, or see www.rviyardmn.org.

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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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