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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” - Lk 23:42-43

Reflections From Our Music Director

On this feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we close the Jubilee Year of Mercy with a little discussion of two of the more obscure spiritual works of mercy. Though it may not seem an obvious connection could be made, the United States Council of Catholic Bishops gives some practical advice for carrying out each one that draws only small distinctions between them.

These two spiritual works of mercy invite us to one of the very fundamental behaviors of people who know their Savior: evangelization. This much misunderstood word has less to do with thumping a Bible, standing on a soap box, carrying a poster board with Scripture scrawled upon it or shouting to whomever may pass that “the end is near,” than it has to do with being credible in living out the faith.

It is principally by exercising your own faith in a way that is both modest and unashamed, both understated and clear, and above all else authentic, that we counsel the doubtful and instruct the ignorant. These two acts are accomplished definitively by a gentle evangelization that anyone can do.

Most unfortunately, we hear the word “evangelization” and instantly conjure up images like those mentioned above or, worse yet, of a preacher on television and the bevy of stereotypes associated therewith. In our Catholic tradition, evangelization has a far more subtle tone, befitting the sacred duty from which the Church derives her missionary mandate.

Of course, all Christians are called:

Jesus approached them and said, “All power in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

The common goal of this “missionary mandate” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 849), Christ’s promised presence with the Church, and this Church’s subsequent urgings to counsel those in doubt and instruct the ignorant is nothing other than the uniting of all God’s people within himself.

To this end, the bishops counsel us to:

- Learn the faith, receive instruction, grow in knowledge of the ins and outs of the faith of the Church and listen to Christ’s wisdom.
- Volunteer to help with parish religious education programs.

- When giving advice, keep in mind Christ whose presence brings peace beyond understanding.
- Bear witness to your faith by the way you live. Go on a mission trip or donate to support someone who is. Exhibit gentleness and genuine care for your peers, acquaintances and strangers. Place others before yourself in small ways - open doors or hold them open for others, smile, warmly greet those you meet, etc. Even small acts of deference reveal the presence of God’s love.
- Invite someone you know to attend Mass with you. Accompany someone who is struggling in joining a parish group for service or faith formation. Share a book you’ve found useful in similar struggles.

Evangelization is so much more than overt proselytizing. Moreover, it’s likely that we’ll meet with greater success when, rather than being first a religious influence on someone, we are sincerely caring, invested and interested in the good of those struggling to find meaning or direction in life. Bearing witness only truly means something when you take the time to walk alongside someone for a season, instead of proffer mere words.

Finally, I’ll offer this as a means of honoring the Little Way of St. Therese and the great wisdom of St. Theresa of Calcutta, both who urged us all to little deeds done with great love: Cover everything you do in prayer. Pray for your day’s plans. Pray that the Holy Spirit would accompany you through your day. Ask God to cause you to be that beautiful witness in even the smallest deeds, in every word you say.

If all goes well, you will never know how God’s presence in you changed the life of the person working at the convenience store. If you do it right, the Lord will leave a trail of love sown in tiny seeds with each of your footsteps. And to those you already know, there will never be a need to thank you for that time you stepped out in faith, taking the extraordinary moment to invite them to pray or merely mention what Jesus has done in your heart and in your life.

David M Dunst

David Dunst
Music Director

Wedding Banns

Third Proclamation

 Daniel Hoblick and Emeline Post 

Grade 2 Reconciliation Program

Elementary & Middle School Religious Education Programs

Please remember there will be no elementary classes for grades 1 – 5 or for middle school grades 6 – 8 on Wednesday, November 23, due to Thanksgiving weekend. Please contact Kathy Raible if you have any questions.

Sunday, November 27 there will be no Sunday School or Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Christmas Pageant Registration

Christmas pageant registration forms were sent to you in the November email. Please remember to register your children. All children ages 4 and older are invited to participate in the pageant OR be in the pageant choir. Rehearsals are December 3, 10, and 17 at 9:30 am for the pageant and/or choir participants. The pageant is on **December 18 after the 9 a.m. Mass**. If you did not receive a registration form, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311. I hope to hear from you!



The first rehearsal will be Saturday, December 3, at 9:30 am in the Ravoux Room.

Parents' Night Out

Want a nice dinner out, some relaxing time at home or some time to get ready for Christmas? Bring your kids, ages 6 weeks to 11 years, to St. Peter's Parents' Night Out.

On Friday, December 2, from 5 to 8 pm, you are welcome to drop your children off in the Ravoux Room (by the offices) and have a few hours to yourself. This event is FREE, although we will accept free-will offerings. The profits will go directly to St. Peter's. Supper will include pizza, carrots, apple slices and milk or water. You are welcome to bring a dinner from home for your child if you prefer.

We hope you can take advantage of this event! RSVP's are **strongly encouraged**. For more information or to RSVP, contact Anne O'Keefe at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4308.



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Faithful Shepherd Catholic School Open House

Faithful Shepherd Open House on December 7

You're invited! Did you know that our parish school, Faithful Shepherd Catholic School, now has a full and part-time preschool program? Attend an open house on Wednesday, December 7, from 8:30-10:30 a.m., to learn more about the PreK through 8th grade education at Faithful Shepherd. Come anytime during the event to take a guided tour of the school, meet the staff and hear from current parents and students about their experience at FSCS. If you can't make the open house, call the school at 651-406-4747 to schedule a private tour at a time that is convenient for you!



Help Support Young Families At St. Peter's

We are looking for people to help us care for children during our Parents' Night Out event on Friday, December 2. **We could really use your help!** All volunteers will need to have VIRTUS training, as well as a background check. Please contact Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308, if you are interested. Thank you for supporting our young families!



ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY NEWS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY - OCTOBER 2016

Month - October	Actual	Budget
Contribution Income	\$ 79,528	\$ 68,748
Other Income	<u>27,359</u>	<u>19,313</u>
	106,887	88,061
Expenses	<u>(98,650)</u>	<u>(97,680)</u>
Net Income (Expense)	\$ 8,237	\$ (9,619)

Year To Date July - October	Actual	Budget
Contribution Income	\$ 278,835	\$ 266,463
Other Income	<u>69,551</u>	<u>55,909</u>
	348,386	322,372
Expenses	<u>(344,933)</u>	<u>(337,815)</u>
Net Income (Expense)	\$ (3,453)	\$ (15,443)

Parish Debt

Principal Balance Beginning of Month	\$ 5,544,073
Principal Paid	<u>12,040</u>
Principal Balance End of Month	\$ 5,532,033

Fall Festival Recap

The numbers are finally in, and the Fall Festival was a huge success! A special thank you to all who volunteered and participated. We raised \$40,500 for our church. That is pretty amazing for a one day event. If you have feedback that you would like to share regarding this event, or are interested in volunteering for next year, please contact Gail Barta at algailbarta@q.com.

Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree is now in the Gathering Space. Gift requests are on paper doll tags, and we invite you to take one or more dolls, purchase the gift on it and return **UNWRAPPED** gifts with the doll tag attached by December 4. Your generosity will make a big difference in the holiday of someone in need. Please direct questions about specific gift requests to Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Other helpers are also needed. The more the merrier! There are small tasks with limited time commitments for adults and young adults, and the rewards are huge. Please consider spreading some Christmas cheer by helping with this very important project! Call Carol at 651-356-2970 for more information or to help. Thank you!



Appalachia Collection

To all generous parishioners of St. Peter's. The many thoughtful gifts you donated to the less fortunate people of Appalachia have been packed and put on the semi to be put in the "free store" for two parishes in Appalachia. With the help of many volunteers, we were able to send 20 large boxes (including shoe boxes) and six buckets of candy. Now these people will enjoy a very Merry Christmas.

Thank you, Kathi Dumond and Paula Ehrich

CCW Collection for Haiti Project

In Haiti, medications come in bulk form and medical personnel have to dispense them in smaller containers. For burials, they use white sheets or tablecloths. They are currently cutting sheets in half to make them go further. They use pillowcases to transport rice.

The CCW will be collecting these much needed items:

- Empty pill bottles (with labels removed).
- All sizes of **WHITE ONLY** sheets and pillow cases.
- All sizes of **WHITE ONLY** tablecloths.

In the coat room, you will find gray bins for the collection: one for the sheets/pillowcases/tablecloths and one for the pill bottles.

Thank you so much for your participation.

The Week of November 21

Monday, November 21

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)
6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony Rehearsal, Heritage Center
7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, November 22

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)
9:30 am Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament until 6 pm, Historic Church
10:30 am Mobile Meals (Off Campus)

Wednesday, November 23

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room

Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Day

- Parish Office Closed
9 am Mass, Main Church (8:30 rosary)
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, November 25

- Parish Office Closed
8 am Confessions, Main Church
9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)

Saturday, November 26

- 9 and 10:30 am** AA Meeting, Classrooms 2, 4
3:30 pm Confessions, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm
5 pm Mass, Main Church
After Mass Cub Scout Wreath Pick Ups, Gathering Space

Sunday, November 27

- 8:30 and 10:30 am** Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass, Main Church
11 am Mass with Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance (RCIA), Main Church
After Mass Baptisms
 Cub Scout Wreath Pick Ups, Gathering Space



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Readings for the Week of November 20

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10-13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1-3, 7-9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11--21:2/Ps 84:3-6, 8/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, November 21 - †Lambert Derks
Tuesday, November 22 - †Connie Mueller
Wednesday, November 23 - †Justin Kaufenberg
Thursday, November 24 - †Joyce Chuckel
Friday, November 25 - †Elsie Formanek
Saturday, November 26 - Mass For The People
Sunday, November 27 - 9 a.m. - †Jeffrey Weiss
11 a.m. - †John & Irene Dybdal

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Many husbands and wives seem to be caught up in their careers, TV, sports or children. Re-examine your married lifestyle and priorities through a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next scheduled Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 10-12, 2017, at Christ the King Retreat Center, 621 1st Avenue South, in Buffalo. Early registration is highly recommended.

For more information, visit our website at twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

Is Jesus Calling You To Be An Instrument of His Mercy?

Each December the Office of Vocations sponsors a discernment retreat for men who are considering a vocation to the priesthood. This retreat has been instrumental for many men in finding clarity in their discernment process. This year, our retreat will be held on December 16 - 18, at Christ the King Retreat Center, 621 1st Avenue South, in Buffalo, with Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Bishop Andrew Cozzens as the Retreat Directors.

We invite men, ages seniors in high school to age 50, who have been praying about their vocation, to consider attending this retreat. We are asking \$75 of each retreatant to help defray expenses.

Catholic Charities Counseling Program Available

Catholic Charities Counseling Program has appointments readily available for adults, couples and families who are dealing with emotional turmoil, worry, stress, interpersonal conflict, anger or life changes. We accept most health insurance providers and also have sliding fee/reduced fee plans available.

Locations are in St. Paul, Burnsville and Blaine. A Men's Therapy Group meets every other Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in St. Paul. Please call 651-647-3100 for more information.

ACCW to Host An Advent Morning of Reflection

The St. Paul and Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will host an Advent Morning of Reflection. "Year of Mercy - Where Do We Go From Here?" will take place at the Church of St. Peter in Mendota, on Saturday, December 3, starting with registration and refreshments at 8:30 a.m. We will end the day with Mass, celebrated by Bishop Cozzens at 12 noon. The cost for this event is \$15 before November 23 and \$20 after.

Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Dr. Ann Marie Klein, Assistant Professor in the Department of Catholic Studies and Fr. Michael Becker, Rector of St. John Vianney College Seminary will be speaking.

Invite your mothers, aunts, daughters, sisters and friends. Vendors will be available to help you with Christmas shopping. Some vendors do not accept credit cards, so make sure to bring cash and/or a checkbook.

For credit card registration, visit the website at www.events.archspm.org/accw-advent-2016.

Cursillo Corner

All are welcome to attend the monthly Ultreya (meeting) for South East Metro which will be held at 7 p.m., on Sunday, November 27, at the Church of St Patrick, 3535 72nd Street East, in Inver Grove Heights.

For more information about all of the Cursillo events and weekend retreats, you can visit www.tc-cursillo.org, email Jane Marie at janemarie.rief@gmail.com or call her at 651-485-7089.



Advent Speaker Series

From Eternity to Eternity - Made by Love; Saved by Love; Heavenward in Love.

Come and join us this Advent, as Fr. Steven Hoffman takes us through an inspiring and in-depth look at our origins, our restoration by grace and our life in Christ in the light of God's infinite love.

The goal of this three-part retreat is very simple: to be rooted and grounded more deeply in love, that we may have the power to comprehend with all the Saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth of Christ's love, that all may be filled with all the fullness of God (Eph 3:19). Come with your family and friends. All are welcome. You will never see your life the same way again.

Join us in Heritage Center on Tuesdays, November 29, December 6 and 13, at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided for fellowship following each evening's talk.

Closing Mass of The Jubilee Of Mercy

Join EWTN for the Closing Mass of the Jubilee of Mercy today, Sunday, November 20, at 3 p.m. The Holy Mass and Closing of the Holy Doors will be presided over by Pope Francis from St. Peter's Basilica on the Solemnity of Christ the King. For more information, visit www.ewtn.com.

Little Sisters of the Poor

Little Sisters of the Poor Christmas Boutique



Little Sisters of the Poor will hold a Christmas Boutique on Saturday and Sunday, November 19 and 20, from 11 am to 5 pm., 330 Exchange Street South in St. Paul. It will include a ham dinner, silent auction, religious shop, crafts, gift baskets, sweet shop, gourmet foods a doll orphanage, winery, recitation of "A Cup of Christmas Tea," and much more. If you have questions or need additional information, please call 651-227-0336.

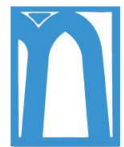
WINE: Women In the New Evangelization

Tackling Life With Joy

Ladies, join *WINE: Women In the New Evangelization* for a "Women, WINE & Wisdom" evening as we welcome a woman who truly knows how to get a "kick" out of life — one of only two women in the country who coach college football, Sr. Lisa Maurer! Sr. Lisa will present, "Ever Feel Like You Want to Punt? Tackling Life with JOY!" This event takes place on Thursday, December 1, at Royal Cliff Banquet and Conference Center, 2280 Cliff Road, in Eagan, from 7 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$25 before November 21 and \$30 after. Register at www.CatholicVineyard.com.

Neighbors, Inc.

In the next couple of months, many people will ask what sorts of holiday foods the shoppers at the food shelf are looking for. When in doubt, just think of the foods you and your family like to eat.



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As always, thank you to all of you for taking care of your neighbors and making sure they have enough food to eat.

Have a great day!
--Scott

Most needed items now are juice, shampoo, feminine products, shaving supplies, oil and pancake syrup.

The holiday requests are stuffing, gravy, sweet potatoes, pie filling and pumpkin.

Thanksgiving Tip-Off Tournament

Make plans to attend this exciting girls basketball tournament, featuring teams from 12 Catholic high schools from around the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and the Diocese of Winona. Join us on Friday, November 25 and Saturday, November 26 at the University of St. Thomas for all the excitement. Find many more details at www.archspm.org/TurkeyTourney/.



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