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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

POPE FRANCIS IN IRAQ

Dear Parishioners,

Last week Pope Francis visited Iraq for a historic trip.

The following are some excerpts from the main addresses of the Pope taken from the Vatican website.



“Religion, by its very nature, must be at the service of peace and fraternity. The name of God cannot be used “to justify acts of murder, exile, terrorism and oppression”. On the contrary, God, who created human beings equal in dignity and rights, calls us to spread the values of love, good will and concord. In Iraq too, the Catholic Church desires to be a friend to all and, through interreligious dialogue, to cooperate constructively with other religions in serving the cause of peace. The age-old presence of Christians in this land, and their contributions to the life of the nation, constitute a rich heritage that they wish to continue to place at the service of all. Their participation in public life, as citizens with full rights, freedoms and responsibilities, will testify that a healthy pluralism of religious beliefs, ethnicities and cultures can contribute to the nation’s prosperity and harmony.” (MEETING WITH AUTHORITIES, CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, Baghdad, Friday, 5 March 2021)

“Let me mention once more our brothers and sisters who died in the terrorist attack in this Cathedral some ten years ago and whose cause for beatification is underway. Their deaths are a powerful reminder that inciting war, hateful attitudes, violence or the shedding of blood are incompatible with authentic religious teachings. I also want to remember all the victims of violence and persecution, regardless of the religious group to which they belong. Brothers and sisters: first through your baptism and confirmation, and later through your ordination or religious profession, you were consecrated to the Lord and sent forth to be missionary disciples in this land so closely linked to the history of salvation. You are part of that history, faithfully bearing witness to God’s never-failing promises as you strive to build a new future. May your witness, matured through adversity and strengthened by the blood of martyrs, be a shining light in Iraq and beyond in order to proclaim the greatness of the Lord and to make the spirit of this people rejoice in God our Saviour (cf. Lk 1:46-47).” (MEETING WITH BISHOPS, PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS, CONSECRATED PERSONS, SEMINARIANS, Baghdad, Friday, 5 March 2021)

“Forgiveness is necessary to remain in love, to remain Christian. The road to a full recovery may still be long, but I ask you, please, not to grow discouraged. What is needed is the ability to forgive, but also the courage not to give up. I know that this is very difficult. But we believe that God can bring peace to this land. We trust in him and, together with all people of good will, we say “no” to terrorism and the manipulation of religion. (...) Gratitude is born and grows

when we remember God’s gifts and promises. Memory of the past shapes the present and leads us forward to the future. At all times, let us offer thanks to God for his gracious gifts and ask him to grant his peace, forgiveness and fraternity to this land and its people. Let us pray tirelessly for the conversion of hearts and for the triumph of a culture of life, reconciliation and fraternal love between all men and women, with respect for differences and diverse religious traditions, in the effort to build a future of unity and cooperation between all people of good will.” VISIT TO THE QARAQOSH COMMUNITY, Church of “Immaculate Conception” in Qaraqosh Sunday, 7 March 2021



ST. JOSEPH PRESENTATION



COME AND CELEBRATE ST. JOSEPH WITH US THIS MARCH 19th!

Pope Francis introduces us to the luminous figure of the earthly father of Jesus, with his letter "Patris Corde – With a Father's Heart".

Our parish youth will present the salient passages of the pope's letter accompanied by art and music, right after the Solemn Mass presided by Bishop Cozzens, on Friday March 19th, in our gym. Refreshments will be offered.

Join us and let's honor the protector of the Universal Church in the coming solemnity, and during this year dedicated to St. Joseph.

PRO-LIFE OPPORTUNITY

Can You Spare One Hour?

On **Saturday, March 20th**, join the Knights of Columbus on the sidewalk in front of Little Canada Planned Parenthood (91 Viking Drive- by Hwy 36 & Rice St). **We will meet there from 11:30 am -12:30 pm**, and again on the 3rd Saturday of EVERY month. Through prayer and/or holding signs let's **defend the unborn**. (Signs provided) For info on parking or other questions email Grand Knight John Zakroczymski at johzak@msn.com or call Jan Hawkes at 651-490-0247. **There's plenty of room to social distance on the sidewalk.**



CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE



ARCHBISHOP FLYNN CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

The Seminaries of Saint Paul

The curriculum for the foundational course, the CI: Pillars Program, at the Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute is based on the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and is covered in four 11-week modules over a two-year period.

Registration for CI: Pillars Program (2020-2022)

Applications for the Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute are now being taken for the 2-year foundational Pillars Program beginning fall 2020. The two-year class will be held on **Monday evenings at The Saint Paul Seminary** at the University of St. Thomas, and on **Tuesday evenings at St. Andrew's in Elk River**. Space is limited. The deadline for applying is **August 15, 2020**.

It is our hope and prayer that we can come together to grow in our love for Christ and knowledge of His Church. Being in community is so very important in our Faith. However, in light of the Covid-19 virus, **Module I of the 2020-2022 Pillars Program will also be available via Livestream on Tuesday evenings**. In late August, we will reach out to incoming students regarding their desire to take the course in person or online. The structure of the course, requirements, and tuition will remain the same for both in person and online.

The cost is \$300 per module. There are four modules over the two-year period. The \$300 tuition is paid prior to the beginning of each module.

Questions about the application process or scholarships can be directed to Teresa Gockowski at gock2334@stthomas.edu

ST. PETER SCHOOL GALA 2021

The Gala at St. Peter is our largest fundraiser, allowing us to celebrate our community, reach our financial goals, and provide an excellent faith-based education for our students. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our 2021 Gala will be a virtual event. The event consists of an **online auction held the week of April 12th-18th**, and culminates with a **live showcase on Saturday, April 17th at 8:00pm**.

Registration for the silent auction and live showcase is FREE and can be done by visiting <https://stpetersnsp.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/2021>.

To bring the excitement of the Gala to your home while you watch the live showcase, we are offering take home party packages for purchase. These packages will be ordered in advance and then delivered (within 10 miles of St. Peter's) or picked up from school the day of the event. Visit our website for all the information.

Looking for other ways you can support the gala?

Silent Auction Donations: Donations for our silent auction are always appreciated. Starting this weekend, there will be a board in the gathering space at church with items needed for our silent auction. As in previous years, choose a card with whatever item you wish to donate, purchase the item(s) and then drop them off in the parish or school office no later than March 21, 2021.

Raffles: Each year during the gala we have two raffles. A 50/50 payout and our famous Booze Bucket raffle. This year we will be selling tickets for these two raffles in the weeks prior to our live showcase. You'll be able to purchase raffle tickets after weekend masses on the following weekends: March 13th & 14th, March 20th & 21st, March 27th & 28th, and April 13th & 14th. For more information about the raffles, check out the gala website.

Share the event with others: The greatest support for St. Peter Catholic School comes from our families, neighbors, and our wonderful parish community. We invite you to share the links with friends, family, and anyone who would like to join us in supporting the mission of St. Peter Catholic School.

We are grateful for your commitment to helping us serve our mission by making the 2021 Annual Gala the best yet! If you have any questions, please reach out to our gala coordinator Anna Heintz aheintz@stpetersnsp.org



LIVING STATIONS

22nd Annual "Living Stations of the Cross"

The "Servants of the Cross" group, including many St. Peter parishioners, will re-enact the Passion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday, April 2nd at 10:00am here at the Church of St. Peter, and at 6:00pm at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Maplewood (1725 Kennard Street).



Limited seating available...**Reservations are required.** If unable to attend, please join us via our YouTube presentation. A free-will offering is welcomed. To sign-up go to churchofstpetersnsp.org

HOLY FAMILY - CATHOLIC ADOPTION AGENCY

"When I placed my baby for adoption I never considered myself any less a mother than raising my own child. I feel like being a mother you need to set aside your own feelings and your actions and what you want to do in life, put those aside and put your child's needs and feelings first."



One of our birth mothers

"I knew I could be a good mom and give my son all the love in the world, but I knew that I couldn't give him everything I wanted him to have. I was not going to settle for anything less. The best option for my child was adoption. I realized that there are good, loving families out there who would welcome my child in and love him as their own. I found Holy Family Adoption Agency...I feel he is loved twice as much."

Holy Family Catholic Adoption Agency depends upon donations to continue the mission of placing babies in devout Catholic homes.



*Executive Director
Mary Ball (holding baby)
and Development Director
Gerrie Soine*

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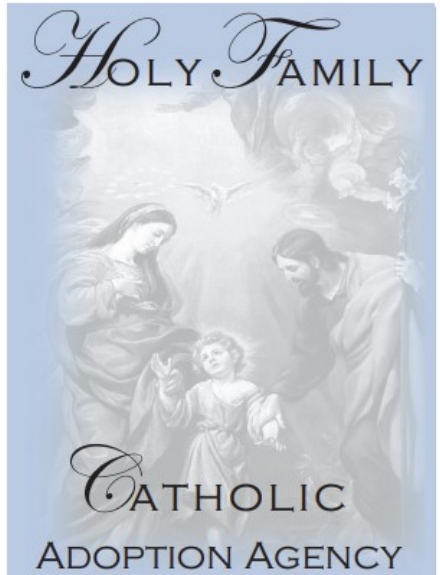
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SYNOD 2022



ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS

What did the archdiocese and Archbishop Hebda do with all the comments and feedback provided by the faithful?

The archdiocese reviewed and analyzed everything shared and learned. Based on all the feedback, Archbishop Hebda determined three focus areas all parishes will discuss during small group discussions to be held this Fall.

What's next at our parish?

This Fall, we will join all parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis to gather for small group discussions at our parish. Together, we will learn, pray, and discuss how to form:

- Parishes that are in the service of evangelization
- Missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call
- Youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young

Our feedback will help to further clarify and inform the topics for the June 2022 Synod.

Next week, we will share more about our parish's small group planning process and take a closer look at the three focus areas.

To learn more visit archspm.org/synod.

SEMINARY APPLICATION

Seminary Application Launch Window is NOW OPEN for Fall 2021

If you know a parishioner who is discerning priesthood and would like help with their next steps, please encourage them to contact Father David Blume. Father Blume is currently meeting with men for consideration and acceptance to the archdiocesan seminarian formation which begins this fall.



Father Blume can be reached
at frblume@stthomas.edu or 651-962-6890.

SPRING MARRIAGE PREP



If you are planning on celebrating your marriage here at Saint Peter, please advise us **at least 9 months in advance.**

To assist you at the start of this vocation, you are required to attend **three** pre-marriage information sessions here at Saint Peter. There is a substantial amount of information that will be beneficial and therefore **we request both of you to be present.**

The next sessions are:

March 20th, 7:45am - 12pm

April 10th, 7:45am - 11am

April 24th, 7:45am - 11am

We will meet in person, in accordance with the guidelines of the CDC

*Zoom option is available

Questions e-mail: wedding@stpetersnsp.org

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

From Wednesday, March 10 to Thursday 18, 2021 at 5:00 pm Vespers and Prayer to St. Joseph. PLEASE JOIN US!

Friday, March 19, 2021 Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass at 6:00 pm with Most Reverend Andrew Cozzens, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of St Paul & Minneapolis.



ST. PETER LENTEN PARISH MISSION



Thank you to Fr. Peter Cameron for the phenomenal presentations on Saint Joseph!

- **Monday:** Fatherhood in Saint Joseph
- **Tuesday:** Virginity in Saint Joseph
- **Wednesday:** Saint Joseph Patron of the Universal Church

Recordings of these three presentations, as well as the Saturday session and weekend homily will be available on the Church of St. Peter website.



MASS INTENTIONS

Week of March 14 - March 21, 2021

Sunday:	8:00 AM	†Adrian Schneider
	10:30 AM	Parishioners
	6:00 PM	†Don Buehre
Monday:	8:00 AM	†Helen Lenz
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	†John Parent
Wednesday:	8:00 AM	†Peggy Turcotte
	6:00 PM	†Millie Griswold
Thursday:	8:00 AM	†Dayton and Josephine Kionaas
Friday:	8:00 AM	†Tom Leavitt Sr.
	9:30 AM	†Harold Revoir (School only)
Saturday:	8:00 AM	†Donald Peterson
	4:00 PM	†Kay Reber
Sunday:	8:00 AM	†Rodney Raschke
	10:30 AM	†Joseph Raun Sr.
	6:00 PM	Parishioners

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS

Registration Required

Sign Up Link available starting
at 8am on Monday, March 15
or call the parish office at 651-777-8304

- Palm Sunday Vigil Saturday, March 27: Mass 4:00pm
- Palm Sunday, March 28: Mass 8:00am, 10:30am, and 6:00pm
- Holy Thursday, April 4: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm*
- Good Friday, April 2: Veneration of the Cross 3:00pm
- Holy Saturday, April 3: Easter Vigil 8:00pm*
- Easter Sunday, April 4: Mass 7:00am, 9:00am*, and 11:00am*

* incense will be used



ROSARY



The rosary continues at 7:30am each week day before 8am Mass, in the church.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

As of March 7th for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021

Collected for Week: Envelopes & Plate	\$17,457.
Collected for Week: Electronic Giving	\$8,980.
Total Amount Collected for Week	\$26,437.
Amount Budgeted for Week	\$26,468.
Collected to Date: Stocks & Special Gifts	\$850,858
Budgeted to Date: Stocks & Special Gifts	\$852,778.
Percentage Above (or Below) Budget	-0.23%
Amount Above (or Below) Budget	(\$1,920.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar!

- **Wednesday, March 10 - Thursday, March 18:** Vespers & Prayer to Saint Joseph (5pm)
- **Friday, March 19:** Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass with Most Reverend Andrew Cozzens (6pm)
- Presentation by the youth to follow
- **Each Wednesday in Lent:** Mass (6pm)
Confession (5:30 - 5:50pm)
- **Each Friday in Lent:** Stations of the Cross (7pm)

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL

Catholics at the Capitol, a day of prayer, education, and advocacy is coming up on April 15th. This event, hosted by the Minnesota Catholic Conference is now being offered both virtually and in person at the Cathedral of St. Paul.

The day begins with Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul, followed by an incredible lineup of speakers, and in the afternoon, Benediction at the Capitol and time to pray for our state and our elected leaders.

You'll then meet virtually with legislators the next day as an advocate for life and dignity.

Tickets for both the virtual and in-person event are available until March 31st. Go to CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org to register.



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