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Roman Catholic Community

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# 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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“As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.  
And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may  
be consecrated in truth.” - Jn 17:18-19

## FROM ALISON DAHLMAN, SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

My dear St. Peter community,

Abundance has abounded all around us this year. I have been overcome with deep gratitude in the privilege it is to lead this small and mighty school.

When I accepted the position as principal at St. Peter almost 8 years ago I did so because I had a conviction that the Holy Spirit had presented something to me that I needed to say yes to. In my life I have always tried to say “yes” when I believed the spirit was active and the Lord was asking something of me. My “yes” 8 years ago was a hesitant one. I had been on campus and given a tour on the last day of school. It was a rainy and muggy day and Field Day activities had been moved inside - my worst nightmare today! Students were running all over the place and had gotten wet from being outside earlier. Honestly, I looked around and kind of thought “this is a wet, smelly, and chaotic little place.” My eyes were fixated on the visible before me, but my heart and mind was being called by the Spirit to the invisible that was present. A community filled with dedicated parents, teachers, staff, and parish support that desire to support an authentically Catholic elementary school.



Earlier this year I was presented with another moment where the Lord asked me to say “yes” even though I was hesitant. A position at the Archdiocese was posted and after some encouragement to apply, deliberation, and tears - I applied for it. Imagining leaving St. Peter filled me with grief because of the beauty and goodness I have come to see through new eyes. The Archdiocese offered me the position of Associate Director of Educational Quality and Excellence within the Office of Mission for Catholic Education and I have accepted it and will begin this new work July 1st. I will work with all schools in our Archdiocese to help school leaders and faculty see more clearly the beauty of an authentically Catholic educational experience and how to grow - as we all need to!

I do not think I can express in words the sadness I feel to say goodbye to this home that I know has blessed me beyond measure and I hope I have blessed in some small way through my work with our team. But, I am so grateful that Mr. Rankin has been offered the position of principal and has accepted. I do feel I am giving him my 5th child, but I cannot imagine another person I would feel more confident in (maybe my husband if we continue the child analogy!) Mr. Rankin has worked by my side the last 2 years as Assistant Principal and has demonstrated his unwavering commitment to our mission to form critical thinkers, virtuous leaders, and living saints. He brings to the table skills that I do not possess and will lead St. Peter forward starting from a solid foundation, great momentum, and potential to grow the goodness already present.



I look forward to being a parishioner and parent within this community and supporting the ongoing efforts of our school any way I can in this role as well as in my new role at the Archdiocese. While there have been many emotions over the last number of months as this has all come to fruition it is with fierce conviction in the importance of Catholic education in our world today and deep gratitude for the St. Peter community that I depart. An institution is more than who leads it - I have sat in an office that was filled with Sister Principals and lay principals who came before and have contributed to the 104 year old legacy we all inherit. While there may be some sadness in my departure the principal seat will be filled again, first by Mr. Rankin who will do wonderful things but then people we do not yet know. And this is good because we all desire that the 104 year legacy continues long after we offer our labors in the vineyard of Catholic education which sits at the heart of the Church having the uniquely powerful position of evangelizing anew.

Godspeed and thank you for the gift of these 8 years,

Alison Dahlman



## FROM FR. ETTORE

Dear Alison, all community of the priests thank you for your leadership.

We will miss you greatly. You have accomplished so many goals and brought our school up to a high standard quality. This is an example of the abundance of Christ for all the church and school community here at St Peter Community.

Thank you for your passion in educating and leading teachers and students toward being Critical Thinkers, Virtuous Leaders and Living Saints. We are in good hands having a great continuity of leadership with Mr. Dennis Rankin as the new Principal at the school.

As you mentioned in your letter, we say thanks to Father Deziel who saw your potential and real value for our school. We thank God for your gifts and joyful personality.

Amid sadness for your departure, we are also grateful that your passion will be serving the archdiocese in a broader capacity, living out your vocation. We wish you to continue sponsoring in your new work duties the theme you so carefully developed at St Peter school: Critical Thinkers, Virtuous Leaders and Living Saints.

And finally, I wish you what I have been teaching here and there to the students from the Little Prince "When a mystery is too overpowering, one dare not disobey."

Cheers Alison,

Father Ettore Ferrario, *pastor*



## All Aboard!

Vacation Bible School  
July 12-16, 2021  
9am-noon

Register online at <https://www.churchofstpetermsp.org/vacation-bible-school>



**Children aged 3.5-current grade 4** are invited to join us for an outstanding week long Catholic faith-centered program with music, games, snack, crafts, Bible stories, and time to encounter God in prayer and service! This year the theme is "ROCKY RAILWAY: JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH." \$40 per child, \$80 family maximum. Registration fee includes 1 CD per family and 1 t-shirt per child.

**Youth currently in grade 5** will be placed as a Jr. Assistant in a VBS crew of children aged 3.5-6. They will have special role in leadership, including having a different color t-shirt than the participants, helping the children participate, running errands for the Adult Crew Leader and more! \$20 per child Jr. Assistants must attend volunteer training on July 7th or 11th.

**Youth currently in grades 6-8** will be placed as a Jr. Assistant in one of the following stations: Craft, Music, Stage, Games, Snack, Encounter, Bible Time. List your top 3 preferences on the registration form, but it is understood that youth may need to be placed where they are needed most. Jr. Assistants will be given a special t shirt color that will set them apart. \$20 per child. Jr. Assistants must attend volunteer training on either July 7th or 11th.

**High School Youth** act as either Station Assistants, aiding the Adult Station Leader in prep work, guiding the children, and cleanup; or as a VBS assistant, willing to go wherever needed depending on the day. Tasks may include running errands, helping kids who are having a hard time, helping crews who need an extra hand, etc. No fee, and you get a t-shirt! Youth volunteers must attend volunteer training on either July 7th or 11th. Youth 18 and older must be Virtus certified.

**Adult Crew Leaders** lead a small group (crew) of students aged 3-6 or grades 1-4 through the day. All groups begin and end at stage, then rotate through the Stations: Bible, Craft, Games, Snack, Music, Encounter. Please note in your registration if you'd prefer to work with ages 3.5-6 or grades 1-4. Your crew is always with other crews who have adult leaders. Your main job is to keep the children focused, respectful and participating in each station that you visit. **Adult bonus #1**—free babysitting for the children of volunteers is offered each day. Children receive a daily snack and go outside for part of each day. **Adult bonus #2**—Adults who volunteer for the week have the option to take 50% off registration fees for their children. Use code VOLUNTEER when registering online. All adult volunteers must be Virtus certified, and must attend a volunteer training on either July 7th or 11th.

# FAITH FORMATION SUMMER EVENTS

## Register Today!!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

June 13-17

#### FELLOWSHIP OF THE KEYS SUMMER VACATION

The total cost = \$300.

Full and partial scholarships available.

Registration form available on our website.

**Deadline for registering is May 26.**



### PRESCHOOL – 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

July 12-16

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (ages 3.5 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade).

Cost = \$40; \$20 for child volunteers (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade); **\$80 family max.**

Registration forms are available on our website.

**Deadline for registering June 21.**



### HIGH SCHOOL

August 8-13

#### HIGH SCHOOL VACATION (current 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders).

Register online. **Cost = \$325.**

Full and partial scholarships available.

**Registration deadline is July 15.**



## 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND



### Faith Formation Ministry

We are thankful to have had such enriching and joyful experiences in the education of our children and youth this year in Faith Formation! We are excited for what God will give us this summer and have planned several activities and events for our young ones. Next weekend there will be a second collection to aid the ongoing efforts of the Faith Formation. We appreciate your support and ask for your prayers!

## LIFE SAVING TRAINING COURSE

### QPR (Question Persuade Refer) Gatekeepers Training Course Tuesday May 25, at 6:30-8:00pm, ages 16+

**We can all save lives.** Please join us for this life saving training course from the QPR Institute with Dr. Renee Penticoff, PsyD, LP.

QPR is innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training. The signs of crisis are all around us. Just like one can practice CPR to save a life, we will learn the three steps of QPR to keep someone from taking their own life.

#### KEY COMPONENTS COVERED IN TRAINING:

- How to Question, Persuade and Refer someone who may be suicidal
- How to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide
- The common causes of suicidal behavior
- The warning signs of suicide
- How to get help for someone in crisis

If you have questions you may email Jennifer Kleynhans at [jmkleynhans@hotmail.com](mailto:jmkleynhans@hotmail.com)

Or visit <https://qprinstitute.com/> for more information.



## FREE DAY LILIES



### First Come First Serve

Thanks to our volunteers in the garden, day lilies have been divided for parishioners who would like them this weekend. They will be available after each of the masses; located out front of the main entrance.

## WELCOME

The Church of St. Peter would like to welcome all visitors and anyone who has recently moved to our community.

- If you are interested in **joining our parish**, there are information packets in the rack in the gathering space. Or contact the parish office at 651-777-8304.
- **Headphones** are available to assist with hearing. Please see an usher or greeter if you would like to use a set.
- **Low Gluten Hosts** are available. Please come to the sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.



## MASS INTENTIONS

Week of May 16 - May 23, 2021

Sunday:	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:30 AM	†Dan Leko
	6:00 PM	†Joanne Wendel
Monday:	8:00 AM	†Don and Jean Regan
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	†Steven Lampi
Wednesday:	8:00 AM	†Dianne Sanders
Thursday:	8:00 AM	†Judy Robinson
Friday:	8:00 AM	†Anna Fox
	9:30 AM	School Children Only
Saturday:	8:00 AM	†Genevieve Joguria
	4:00 PM	†Don Hooper
Sunday:	8:00 AM	†Paula Thomas
	10:30 AM	†Richard Moody
	6:00 PM	Parishioners

## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for  
**Sarah Moorhouse & Michael Sowada**  
who will be married next  
weekend.



Your prayers are requested for the repose  
of the soul of Marcella Samec  
whose funeral was this past week.

## FALL FESTIVAL

**Hold the Date.**  
**Fall Festival Returns!**



The Church of St. Peter is optimistically planning for our Fall Festival to return this year on Sunday, September 26. Interested in helping us plan this parish-wide event? Join our planning meeting on Thursday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Paul Room. Questions? Contact Kari at 651-332-1070 or at [kari@umn.edu](mailto:kari@umn.edu)

## CUPPA JOE

Cuppa Joe is a series of 10 talks on the 10 wonders of Saint Joseph, taking place at 10 locations under the patronage of Saint Joseph in the archdiocese.

These talks will premiere the first Tuesday of the month, May – December, at 4 p.m. – right in time for your afternoon coffee.

**Virtual Talks Posted on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and on the Year of Saint Joseph page.**

- June 1: “Virginal Father of Jesus,” Kelly Wahlquist
- July 6: “Just and Reverent Man,” Fr. Kevin Zilverberg
- August 3: “Savior of the Savior,” Deacon Joe Michalak
- September 7: “Adorer of Christ,” Liz Kelly,
- October 5: “Silent Witness,” Fr. John Floeder
- November 2: “Patron of a Happy Death,” Deacon Dan Gannon
- December 7: “Terror of Demons,” Fr. Jon Vander Ploeg



## MEMORIAL DAY

The office will be closed on Monday, May 31st.

Memorial Day Mass will  
be in the church at 9 am.



NOTE: Parish Office Summer Hours will be 8:30-3:30 beginning Monday, June 7th.

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