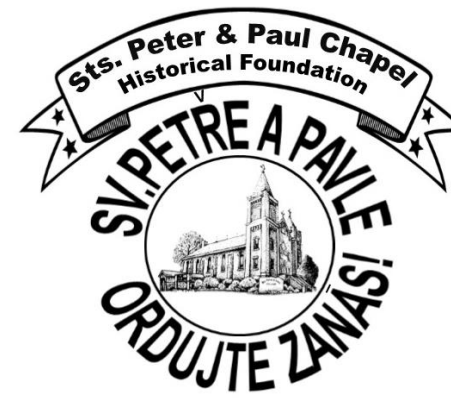


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# Community News Summer 2021

## Corpus Christi Celebration (modified)

Join us on



**Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Mass held outdoors on the**  
**Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery**

(Site of original church)

**Beginning at 6 pm**

**No potluck or indoor activities**

Bring lawn chairs and  
flower petals for procession

Note: if weather does not allow for an outdoor Mass  
then the event will be cancelled.

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All donations are recognized in this newsletter,  
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# President's Corner

Dear Friends and Sts. Peter & Paul Historical Foundation Family,  
Happy Spring – going into Summer!! Children will be home soon for vacation with hopes for a more normal summer than last year. Here at the Chapel, we are starting to plan some of our yearly events. First was our Good Friday Stations of the Cross and it turned out great. A smaller group, but it was wonderful to see people again. That same weekend there was a wedding and we all worked around each other. We do have a few weddings planned for this year.

Now we are planning the Corpus Christi Celebration, if weather permits. Father Charles Fladung from Solon's St. Mary's Church will celebrate an outdoor mass in the cemetery. We are very happy and excited to welcome Father Charles to our traditional Corpus Christi Mass. Hoping everyone feels welcome to attend this year. The full event will be outdoors on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm. There will be no pot-luck this year.

The clean-up work is still going on after the storm last August. So much repair has been done and I'm thankful for everyone who has stepped up and helped in so many ways. Big or small it is so appreciated. It takes many hands and lots of work after something so severe as that was. We all miss the big trees around the chapel, but the damaged ones have been cleaned up and we must be thankful the church is all repaired and stands as proof that our spirit hasn't been demolished.

The Board of Directors were honored and blessed that the Francis and Helen Jean Pitlik estate and family honored Sts. Peter & Paul with a very, very generous financial donation this past year. We are forming a Sts. Peter & Paul Perpetual Foundation Fund with the interest helping with future expenses. We are so appreciative for this very generous gift.

Hope this finds everyone healthy with hopes we are able to see one another soon.

Sincerely,



Sts. Peter & Paul Historical Foundation President

*Future events are still to be determined.  
The next newsletter will provide more details.*



Check-out our website at: [www.sts-peterandpaul.org](http://www.sts-peterandpaul.org)

Cancellations will be posted here and on Facebook-

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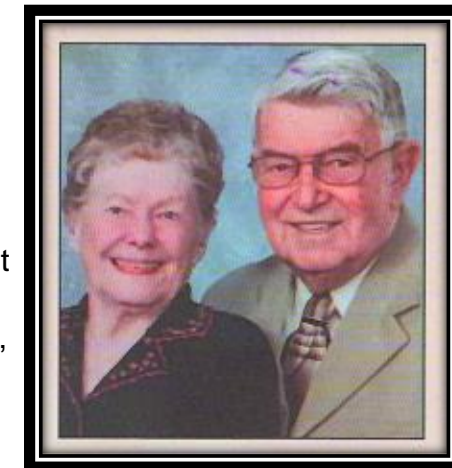
## Pitlik Estate sets up Perpetual Fund

This brief history of Francis Pitlik, is intended to help explain his association with Sts. Peter & Paul church, now historical site. This was a place he felt at home not only being near his birthplace but reliving his youth and enjoying the beauty of the landscape that surrounds Sts. Peter & Paul Historical Foundation.

Francis Robert (Pit) Pitlik grew up on the Pitlik farm near Ivanhoe, south of Mt. Vernon, IA, to Joseph and Maria (Berank) Pitlik. Francis was the youngest of 5 children. The Pitlik farm was located near the Cedar River. This opened many opportunities to explore nature's beauty from the rolling hills and valleys, to the rushing waters of the Cedar. In those days you helped to put food on the family table by hunting and fishing once the farm work was complete. This became a treat for both Francis and his brother Jack and helped to develop their respect for nature and the out of doors.

The love of nature brought on by his farming background continued thru his travels overseas while serving in the United States Navy, and thru his long career with Quaker Oats Company of 41 years in Cedar Rapids, IA. He married Helen Jean Moser in 1951, who also worked at Quaker, and they spent their entire lives together in Cedar Rapids. They would frequently make trips to visit family and friends that drew them back to view the hills around Sts. Peter & Paul Church.

Francis was a devout Catholic his entire life; a man, who rarely spoke negatively about anyone, and could draw a crowd, by re-living stories of his youth with family and friends. He was not a very opinionated person: When asking for his opinion on a subject, he would most likely respond with "There is a 50-50 chance" at which time people would always walk away shaking their heads laughing, maybe that is way he was admired by many. Francis and Helen were very caring/sharing people, they did many things for many people but were always seen in the background and never cared to be in the limelight. Therefore, Francis and Helen's decision to include Sts. Peter & Paul as Beneficiaries of their Estate, as one of the charities to receive financial assistance was important to them. To be the founders of the Sts. Peter & Paul Historical Foundation Perpetual Fund, by ensuring the legacy of this organization is protected for the future, is just another way to show their generosity. I am proud as executor to carry out their plan to support this charity and to make their final wishes become reality. - Jeff Pitlik



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