

SUNDAY MASSES (All in Main Church) Saturday at 5 p.m. Sunday at 9 & 11 a.m. Holy Days as announced.

WEEKDAY MASSES (All in Historic Church) Monday-Friday at 9 a.m.

PERPETUAL ADORATION (In Chapel of the Nativity)

RECONCILIATION (In Main Church) Friday 8-8:45 a.m. Saturday 3:30-4:45 p.m. Any time by appointment.

The Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 2018

Let's begin with a shout out to moms.

The most beautiful example of motherhood is found in our Blessed Mother. The entire month of May is devoted to our Blessed Lady. Mary accepted the Father's invitation to be the mother of our Savior. Mary, young and a little afraid, questioned the angel before accepting the honor of being the Mother of God, and the pain that would accompany her "fiat."

With a love that is beyond our human understanding, Mother Mary intercedes for us. She brings our little worries and cares to Jesus, and He takes them to the Father. What a beautiful, heavenly family we have watching over us! Mary loved and nurtured Jesus, through the cuts and scrapes of his early childhood, through the rebellion of his adolescence and even through his reluctance to perform his first public miracle at Cana! Mary is a model of the beauty and selfless sacrifice that is the mark of motherhood. We salute and thank all mothers for the beautiful gift of life.

Today we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. After accomplishing all that he was called to do on this earth, Jesus ascended to heaven to the right hand of the Father and sent the Holy Spirit to dwell among us. The Spirit is that gentle nudging to get down on our knees and pray despite being weary from a long day. The Spirit ignites that feeling within our hearts; we are lifted up in prayer or moved in music beyond our own humanity, to a place where we are filled with the Lord's presence. The Spirit is the subtle and gentle voice that calls us out of our own self-centeredness to care for the needs of our neighbor.

We have talked a lot in these past months, about what it means to be a disciple of Christ. To be a disciple is to follow where Jesus leads. I don't know about you, but I feel like I get it wrong more than I get it right. Like St. Paul, I want to do the "good thing," but I often fall prey to my own human weakness. I stumble and fall a few times, before I get up again and head on the right path.

Jesus is calling each of us to holiness. Our call to holiness is a call to live out our lives, by trusting everything to our loving God! We are called to be disciples in the midst of our everyday lives. We are called to accept our human imperfections and failures, as we allow Jesus to come into the parts of us that need His healing. Jesus left us His Spirit





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to guide and direct our lives. If we follow Christ, we will never take a wrong turn or find ourselves in want.

God loves us from heaven. He also gave us an earthly mother to watch over us and guide us. There is a special bond that connects us to our mothers. We also have a special bond that draws us closer to God, who created and redeemed us. Today we thank God for our mothers, who sacrificed for us and helped us to grow. We thank God for sending a Savior, who died for our sins. We are called to live out our Catholic faith, by placing God at the center of our lives and by trusting in Him for everything. May we cherish the bond we have with our earthly mother, as we look to heaven, our true home, and the bond of our God who loves us unconditionally. May we call upon our heavenly mother, Mother Mary, to intercede for us for our every need.

My brothers and sisters, we are not orphans! We have a family here on earth and in heaven. Let us thank God for our earthly family, for the love we receive from them. Let us thank God for our heavenly family and for the love and intercession that surrounds us. Jesus ascended to the Father to sit at His right hand, where he waits for the day we will meet Him face to face. He longs for our lives to be more conformed to his.

Let us celebrate the gift of our mothers and the Feast of the Ascension, where Jesus, having returned to his true home, intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father.

In Christ who leads us,

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Deacon Tim

YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

SUMMER STRETCH IS BACK!

Summer Stretch is back again this summer for middle school participants and high school teen leaders! All those entering grades 6-12 in the Fall of 2018 are welcome to join us on Thursdays this summer as



we grow in our relationship with God through service and fellowship. More information and sign-ups are available on the information counter. Questions? Contact Elizabeth McCanna at emccanna@stpetersmendota.org or at (651) 905-4312.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education Registration for 2018 - 2019 Please remember the registration deadline is May 15. If you have any questions, contact the RE office at 651-905-4311.

First Reconciliation and First Communion 2018 - 2019 Please be aware that <u>all</u> children in second grade must prepare for their sacraments at their parish. If your child will be in at least second grade in September 2018, and you wish to have him/her in the First Reconciliation and First Communion program, please register prior to May 15. Register him/her for the Grade 2 classes.

GET SHIPWRECKED! REGISTER FOR VBS 2018



Vacation Bible School will be held at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School June 18 - 22, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Children entering Kindergarten through Grade 6 are invited to attend. The cost for the program is as follows:

Child - \$45
Children - \$80
Children - \$100
*The cost of the CD (sold separately) is \$10.
The deadline for registration is May 20.

For those families who will have at least one parent volunteering for the FULL week of VBS, we are happy to offer a discount:

2 children with adult volunteer - \$40

3+ Children with adult volunteer - \$60

We Need Volunteers

We are seeking help from adults and teens in Grades 7 through 12, to lead crews and run stations. Please see the online registration for more details.

VBS is co-sponsored by St. Peter's and St. John Neumann. For more information, contact Maria Schwartz at <u>maria.schwartz@outlook.com</u> or Tonya Brost at <u>tmaebee@gmail.com</u>. You may also register online at <u>https://vbspro.events/p/events/c2195f</u>.

OFFICE INFORMATION

Father Steven Hoffman: 651-452-4550 Deacon Tim Hennessey: 651-905-4301

Parish Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 651-452-4550

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Email Lisa Amos at lamos@stpetersmendota.org, call her at 651-905-4304 or call the parish office.

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SCREENAGERS EVENT

Please join us on Tuesday, May 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Faithful Shepherd School, for the film Screenagers: Growing up in a Digital Age. This film is recommended for grades five and up to be seen with their parent(s).



Pizza & popcorn will be provided by the Home & School Association. This event is open to the public. Reservations are required and space is limited. RSVP to Jen Claude at jclaude@fscsmn.org.

HISTORIC CHURCH TOUR MEETING

The Historic Church will be open this summer on Sundays, from 12 to 2 p.m., June 3 - September 2. We 'd love to have a team of tour guides to be available in the Historic Church during these times on a rotating basis. No experience is necessary; we will provide the history! If you are interested, please attend our information meeting on **Wednesday**, **May 16**, at 7 **p.m.** in Conference Room 1, or contact Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308 or at <u>aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org</u>.

CADET CONNECTIONS EVENT

Please join us on Monday, May 14, at 6 p.m., at Saint Thomas Academy Middle School. We invite you to learn more about our "school-within-a-school," a unique program which is small enough so every student is known by the teachers and staff, yet large enough to offer an enriched curriculum, activities and athletics for many interests. Stay after the event to attend the Cadet Lacrosse game vs. Cretin-Derham Hall at 7 p.m.. This spotlight event features a Fathers' Club cookout!

Please RSVP at <u>www.cadets.com/Connections</u>. If you have questions, call 651-683-1516.

ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS • STEWARDSHIP • COMMUNITY NEWS

FR. MICHAEL ARMS' 50TH **ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION**



I am so very thankful to Father Steven and all of you in the parish, for being so gracious in inviting me to celebrate a "Mass of Thanksgiving," on Sunday, May 27, at 9 a.m., for my 50 Of Ordination plus years in the priesthood. I look forward to praying that

"prayer of thanks" in the Holy Eucharist with you, for you have helped me to become the person and priest that I am today, as I served as the pastor here at St. Peter's from 1977 to 1989.

I would ask that NO gifts be given to me. The presence of your company is your gift. If you wish to make a contribution, please do so to a local food shelf, your favorite charity or to St. Peter's. Thank you!

I look forward to visiting with you after Mass, while sharing coffee and a treat in Heritage Center. Thank you so much.

Yours in Jesus' love, Father Mike Arms

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIZZA



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pizza Night at Solos Pizza in the Eagan Promenade, 1270 Promenade Place. Simply print the flyer from the K of C website at www.eaganknights.com and come in to Solos on Wednesday, May 16, between 4 and 9 p.m. Thirty percent

(30%) of your purchase will be donated to the Knights to benefit the good work being done in our community. Thank you for your support.





JOB POSTING: DIRECTOR OF PARISH OPERATIONS

The Church of St. Peter is seeking a faithful and highly skilled Director of Parish Operations who can oversee the finances, day-to-day operations, facilities and property management, office services and human resources of the parish community, in a manner guided by the parish mission. This full-time, 12-month position will serve as a responsive liaison between the Pastor, Advisory Councils and parish staff. Finally, this individual will oversee fundraising, stewardship, capital campaigns and long range planning for the parish.

Oualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Focus in finance or accounting is preferred. Extensive experience in fields of financial management, property management and human resources. Training and experience in accounting, bookkeeping and payroll. Adequate knowledge of stewardship, fundraising and marketing. Supervisory and management experience, including both paid staff and volunteers. Expertise in related computer programs and software. Extensive and current knowledge of Roman Catholic Doctrine. Practicing Catholic.

St. Peters, located on the river bluffs of Mendota, is the oldest Catholic church in Minnesota still in use. The parish is committed to bring the good news of the Gospel to all, so that every person can have a personal, life changing, life giving relationship with Jesus Christ. St. Peter's is a place of prayer, worship and adoration; a place of mercy and healing; a place of personal encounter, conversion and growth in faith, hope and love. The parish is a place of hospitality and fellowship and a place of enthusiasm for serving others and sharing the faith with others.

A complete job posting is available at stpetersmendota.org and click on the "Position Available" slider.

Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume and references to Lisa Sammon via email at lisa@yourlss.com no later than Monday, May 21, 2018.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

If you have always wanted to go on a marriage enrichment weekend but have found it too difficult to get away, a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is coming to you. A non-residential Weekend is coming to Faithful Shepherd Catholic School in Eagan on July 27-29. The Weekend format is identical to the traditional Weekend that is normally held at a hotel or retreat center. The only difference is that at the end of the day, the couples will go home and return the following morning. This is an incredible opportunity to experience the original faith-based married enrichment program. For more information or to register for this Weekend, go to www.wwme.org or call 612-756-8720

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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St. Peter's is here to bring the good news of the Gospel to all, so that every person can have a personal, life changing, life giving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Trustees:

Jim Oricchio	651-452-3587
Helen Wilkie	651-365-1334

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 13

Sunday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-
·	2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/
	Jn 17:11b-19
Monday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-
	4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21
	[33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a,
	35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and
	5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,
	19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps
	11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday:	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-
	20b or Ez 37:1-14 or J1 3:1-5/Ps
	104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf.
	30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil:	Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/
	Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53,
	55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/
	Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps
	104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/
-	Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day:	Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
	[cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal
	5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27;
	16:12-15
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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 14	† Emil & Bernadette
	Krammer
Tuesday, May 15	† Bill Brazil
Wednesday, May 16	† Richard Chapdelaine
Thursday, May 17	† Joe Schloegl
Friday, May 18	† Howard Vetter
Saturday, May 19	† Tom Pahl
Sunday, May 20, 9 am	† Tom Mulvihill
11 am	Mass For The People

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: MAY 14

Monday, Ma	iy 14
9 am	Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
6:30 pm	Alpha, Heritage Center
7 pm	Boy Scout Troop Meeting, Classroom 10
Tuesday, Ma	
9 am	Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
6:30 pm	Prayer of the Heart Workshop, Heritage Ctr
Wednesday	
9 am	Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am	Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
10 am	Prayer of the Heart Workshop, Heritage Ctr
6:30 pm	Perissos, Heritage Center
7 pm	Historic Church Tour Meeting, Conference
Thursday, M	Room
Thursday, N	
9 am 9:45 am	Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
	Small Faith Group, Conference Room
1 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive, Heritage Center
6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm	ACCL Meeting, Conference Room
7 pm 7 pm	Finance Committee Meeting AA Meeting, Classroom 5
Friday, May	
8 am	Reconciliation (Main Church)
o ann 9 am	Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
Saturday, M	•
9 am & 10	
	AA Meeting, Classrooms
10 am	Saturday Scripture Study, Conference Rm
3:30 pm	Reconciliation, Main Church
4:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm	Mass, Main Church
6 pm	Sponsor a Workcamper Table, Gathering
I	Space
6 pm	Baptism, Main Church
6 pm	Catechetical Institute Information Table,
	Gathering Space
Sunday, Ma	y 20 - Parent-Candídate-Sponsor
	Day
8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am	Mass, Main Church
9 am	Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux
	Room
10 am	Sponsor a Workcamper, Gathering Space
10 am	Catechetical Institute Information Table,
	Gathering Space
10:30 am	Rosary for St. Peter's, Chapel of the
	Nativity
10:30 am	Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
11 am	Mass, Main Church
11 am	Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux
	Room
12 pm	Catechetical Institute Information Table,
	Gathering Space
12 pm	Sponsor a Workcamper, Gathering Space
12:30 pm	Baptism Preparation Class, Conference Rm
4 pm	Peer Ministry Closing Celebration, Heritage
	Center

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Jesus ascended to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. Scripture tells us that we will not hear the Spirit's voice in the earthquake or the wind but in the "still small voice" that speaks to us. How is the Spirit

speaking to you today?

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS



Today, Mother's Day, treat your mom to flowers. You can choose between long stem roses for \$5 or mini roses, begonias or African violet plants for \$8

per plant. The flowers will be available in the Gathering Space, after both Masses. All proceeds will benefit pro-life causes.

WEDDING BANNS



First Proclamation Sunoh Choe and Jenna Franklin



Third Proclamation Steven Brummer and Julia Lewandowski

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ADORATION CHAPEL

As we move into our seventh full month of adoration in our new chapel, we continue to make changes and adjust to make the experience better for everyone.



Our new HVAC system is in and running now. It immediately made the chapel a more

comfortable place to spend time with Christ. Thank you to all who remained flexible during the work, and a very special thank you to our team, especially our hourly coordinators, who have been truly put to the test to keep up with the communication needs. They have worked very hard to make sure prayer team members knew about closures through two late snowstorms and several closings for ventilation work.

Another change is to our security procedures. The outside doors will now lock at 9 p.m., beginning May 13. Adorers scheduled between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. will need keycards to get into the building. If you are scheduled during these hours and do not yet have a keycard, please contact Lisa Amos. All 9 p.m. adorers have new keycards available to pick up in the parish office.

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The chapel is closed during Masses. If you need a sub for your hour, please refer to our substitute roster to cover your hour in advance. Contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or at <u>lamos@stpetersmendota.org</u> to sign up for an hour of adoration. We still need adorers at the following hours:

Sunday:	2 to 3 pm, 4 to 5 pm, 5 to 6 pm
Monday:	2 to 3 am, 3 to 4 am
Tuesday:	None
Wednesday:	1 to 2 am, 3 to 4 am
Thursday:	12 to 1 am
Friday:	1 to 2 am, 12 to 1 pm, 4 to 5 pm, 7 to 8 pm
Saturday:	3 to 4 am, 7 to 8 am

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION

Bishop Andrew Cozzens invites you to celebrate the beautiful mystery of the mutual self-gift between a man and woman in the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, June 2, at the Cathedral of St. Paul, at 10 a.m. for Mass, renewal of vows and a short reception. Couples celebrating their silver, golden and platinum anniversaries will be honored in a special way and are invited to attend. Families and friends of all couples are welcome.

Couples married one or more years may request a commemorative certificate signed by Archbishop Bernard Hebda. To request a certificate, please contact Sonya Flomo at the Office of Marriage, Family and Life at 651-291-4488 or at flomos@archspm.org.



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