

**SUNDAY MASSES**

(All in Main Church)

Saturday at 5 p.m.

Sunday at 9 &amp; 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 Nativity of St. John the Baptist******June 24, 2018***

The readings we heard last week and this week set my mind on a branch of theology known as ecclesiology, which deals with the nature of the Church. Many of us are familiar with the idea of Christ initially founding (or planting, if you will) His Church in the world, through His Apostles, but much more thought has been spent on that reality than you might have suspected.

As an aside, while you grow in love and knowledge of God, you'll find that's a theme -- there is always greater depth and broader scope to the things the Church teaches, about God and the ways He works in our world.

In terms of ecclesiology, however, we heard last week, through both the Scriptures and the homily, about the fact of Christ's establishing a Church in the world, as though a tiny seed had been planted and God was bringing, not only the bush to maturity, but through it, granting shelter and safety to various birds. So it is, of course, with the Church.

Through the chosen twelve, Jesus founded the Church in our world to be an extension of His own arm, to make His presence known and loved, to illuminate to men and women of every age and era the mysteries of God. So the Church stands, as that large tree, planted as nothing more than a mustard seed.

However, the tree is not only healthy in itself; it provides comfort, safety and shelter to those creatures that come to her. The Church serves as a shelter in the world for those who carry great burdens, for those who are wounded and for those who have been spurned.

The tree of the Church fulfills these roles in many ways, but it seems each leaf is different; each parish church has a distinct character, according to the branch upon which it grows.

Here I will shift the metaphor to those we find in today's readings.

We celebrate today, not the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, as we would normally, but rather the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. This is quite providential, I think, as I reflect on last week's readings and those we encounter today; and next week, as in our parish, we observe the Solemnity of Saints. Peter and Paul.

Isaiah declares a prophecy over God's chosen people, that they are as a sharpened sword and as a polished arrow. That is, we are forged with a purpose. We, even in this very specific place, are to be a useful tool in God's hand, to be wielded both skillfully and effectively, by the Holy Spirit to accomplish God's Will in the world. This parish has a particular function, even as a sword is for cutting or an arrow for piercing.

God is honing us to great deeds in this place for him.

And so, though we change incrementally, perhaps as brothers and sisters come and go, visit or find home in our company, our parish is but one arrow, among a great many. We are fit for distinct works, as the Lord has set aside for us.

This parish is the expression of the Body of Christ, by the Holy Spirit, in this specific time and place. We are not any other arrow in the Lord's quiver; we are a particular arrow, and the Lord intends to use us against a particular foe. The Lord might say to the enemy, "I've got an arrow with your name on it."

In Jesus' name, we are what we are in this place and at this point in time, appointed to do the task which the Holy Spirit will carry out in us. We may not be or have what another parish does, nor might we do things as they do; their task is not necessarily our task, nor is our mission theirs. Of course, we can work together in many great ways, but as each seed is grown into a bush, distinct and unique from the others, so is our parish family, and our gifting is according to the purpose God has for us.

By Divine Providence, we have or will receive all we need for the good work the Holy Spirit is doing through us, God's Church, here in Mendota.

David Dunst  
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# YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

## SUMMER STRETCH



Our Summer Stretch students spent the morning cleaning up the cemetery, as a community service project.

With Jesus in their hearts, they worked hard and did an amazing job.



After the work, came an afternoon at Camp Edenwood for some fun.

## ST. AGNES GRADUATE

Congratulations to parishioner Chad Crocker on his commencement, from Saint Agnes School! Please keep this graduate in your prayers, as he continues forming his Catholic heart and mind.



## PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION



An annual collection for Peter's Pence will be taken next weekend, June 30-July 1. This worldwide collection supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including

victims of war, oppression and natural disasters. Please join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity for those suffering worldwide, and contribute as generously as you are able.

## OFFICE INFORMATION

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**BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS**

Call the parish office for more information.

**PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS**

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## WINE: WOMEN IN THE NEW EVANGELIZATION



We are excited to share the information about the upcoming WINE: Women in the New Evangelization event, titled, "Women, Wine and Wisdom." It

will take place in Bloomington, on June 26, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Hyland Hills Chalet.

Be nourished by the Wit and Wisdom of speaker and author LeAnn Thieman and the music of Marie Miller.

The evening includes abundant appetizers, fabulous fellowship, inspirational insights, lots of laughter, social hour with music, a cash bar and casual conversation.

This will be a fun ladies night out. If you sign up in groups of ten, you get a reserved table!

For more information, please click on the link below.

<https://catholicvineyard.com/index.php/event/bloomington-mn-women-wine-wisdom-i-didnt-sign-up-for-this-lord-i-only-wanted-to-buy-a-dozen-cupcakes/>.

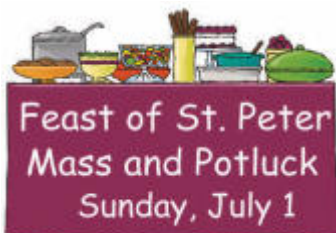
## ROSARY FOR ST. PETER'S

Join us for a rosary for St. Peter's, every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

*"The Rosary is the tree of life which raises the dead, heals the diseased and preserves those who are in health."*

~ Pope Nicholas V

**SAVE THE DATE!  
FEAST OF ST. PETER**



Come enjoy a Sunday morning with us as we celebrate our patronal feast day - The Feast of St. Peter. On Sunday, July 1, we will have **ONE MASS at 10 a.m.** in the Main Church.

After Mass, we will have a potluck lunch. St. Peter's will supply hot dogs, buns, beans, condiments, chips and drinks. Those of you who would like to bring an item to share, please do! Those whose last names begin with A-P, please bring salads, fruits or vegetables. Those whose last names begin with R-Z, please bring desserts. If you have a special dish that you like to bring, please feel free to do that! If you plan to bring a crockpot or something that needs to be plugged in, you will be able to drop it off before the 10 a.m. Mass. Whether you bring a dish or not, we want you to come. We will have plenty of food!

Depending on the weather, we will take the celebration outdoors and play some yard games. Bring your lawn chairs, footballs, Frisbees, bean bag toss, etc.!

Please contact Anne O'Keefe if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions. You may reach her at [aokeefe@stpetersmendota.com](mailto:aokeefe@stpetersmendota.com) or at 651-905-4308.

**HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS**



Have you ever wanted to hear more about the history of our parish? Our Historic Church will be open for FREE tours every Sunday, from 12 to 2 p.m., Memorial weekend through Labor Day.

Feel free to stop in and learn about your community's very own historic site!

**WANTED: CO-CHAIR FOR FALL FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION**

We are looking for someone to co-chair our silent auction this year. The responsibilities include helping to set up and organize all our donations and to call the winners after the festival is over. The dates and duties are as follows:



- Wednesday, September 26, from 6 to 9 p.m., we will be putting together all the last-minute baskets.
- Saturday, September 29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will set up the items in Heritage Center.
- Sunday, October 7, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., be available in Heritage Center for the closing of the Silent Auction at 2:30 p.m. and help get people their items.

For any items remaining, we call the individual winners and let them know they won. We are usually done by 4:30 p.m. Please consider helping! It's a fun group to work with, and you get a chance to see all the wonderful items people donate ahead of time!

Please call Gail Barta at 651-454-9552 or email Anne O'Keefe at [aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org).

**NOW ACCEPTING FALL FESTIVAL AND COUNTRY STORE ITEMS**



The Fall Festival will be a two-day event this year, taking place on October 6 and 7. Please drop off your items at the parish office Monday through Friday. For the silent auction, we accept new or antique items, themed gift baskets, sports tickets, weekend get-aways, gift cards for restaurants, movies, pedicures, manicures, hotels, etc. For the Country Store, we would love homemade items, such as mittens, hats, quilts, greeting cards, ornaments, jams or jellies. Thanks for helping make our festival successful!

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

Thank you to all that joined us in April. We worked with a smaller group, but still packed over 25,000 meals - enough to feed 69 children for a full year. Feed My Starving Children is trying to pack a million meals a day in 2018 totalling 365 million meals. Won't you join us? We'll try to help them reach that goal!



**Where:** Feed My Starving Children, 990 Lone Oak Road (just east of Lexington), Suite 136, Eagan.

**When:** Monday, July 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

To sign up or learn more, please contact Paul or Peggy Hirsch at 651-431-1832 or at [phirsch651@aol.com](mailto:phirsch651@aol.com).



**Financial Recap  
July 1 to June 17, 2018**

YTD Actual Collections:	\$937,017
YTD Budgeted Collections:	\$909,585
Difference:	\$27,432

To donate electronically visit [www.stpetersmendota.org](http://www.stpetersmendota.org) and click on Donate Online or call Karen Cronin in the parish office at 651-905-4314.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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:

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 24

**Sunday:** Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17  
**Day:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80  
**Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5  
**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14  
**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40 [33a]/Mt 7:15-20  
**Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29  
**Friday: Vigil:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19  
**Day:** Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19  
**Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17  
**Next Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, June 25	† Ruthe Perron
Tuesday, June 26	† Jeffrey Weiss
Wednesday, June 27	Tyler Holien
Thursday, June 28	Donald Geneva
Friday, June 29	Tyler & Ashley Holien
Saturday, June 30	† Teresa McMahan Quirk
Sunday, July 1 , 10 am	Mass For The People

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: JUNE

### Monday, June 25

**9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)  
**7 pm** Boy Scout Troop Meeting, Classroom 10

### Tuesday, June 26

**9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)  
**6:30 pm** Uganda Mission Trip Information Open House, Ravoux Room

### Wednesday, June 27

**9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)

### Thursday, June 28

**8 am** Summer Stretch, Off Campus  
**9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)  
**6:30 pm** Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room  
**7 pm** AA Meeting, Classroom 5

### Friday, June 29

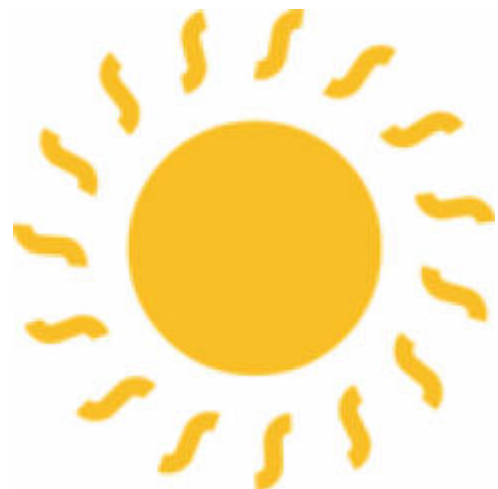
**8 am** Reconciliation, Main Church  
**9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)

### Saturday, June 30

**9 am & 10:30 am** AA Meeting, Classrooms  
**3:30 pm** Reconciliation, Main Church  
**4:30 pm** Choir Rehearsal, Music Room  
**5 pm** Mass, Main Church

### Sunday, July 1

**9:30 am** Choir Rehearsal, Music Room  
**10 am** Mass, Main Church  
**11 am** St. Peter's Feast Day Potluck, Heritage Center  
**6 pm** First Sunday Praise and Worship, Historic Church



## PASTORAL MINISTRY

### FOLLOWING JESUS



Elizabeth gave birth to the voice, John the Baptist, who would announce the coming of the promised Messiah. John's mission was to prepare a way for Jesus, the Word. May we, like John, proclaim the wonders of our God to all

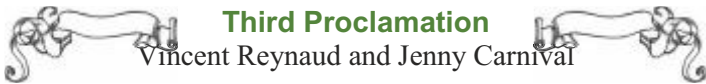
people.

### SINCERE SYMPATHY

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Patricia Gerber and Richard "Dick" LeMay. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make them sharers in eternal salvation.



### WEDDING BANNERS



### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



**Vacation (noun), an extended period of time spent away. . . together.**

Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all this summer? Take some time away from the pressures of everyday responsibilities. Give yourself the chance to talk and to listen to that special someone who loves you.

There will be a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School in Eagan the weekend of July 27 — 29.

To learn more about this Weekend, you can visit [www.twincitieswwme.org](http://www.twincitieswwme.org) or call 612-978-3635.

### SACRAMENTS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Many in our community wish to be able to join us for Mass but are unable to do so. If you or a loved one have mobility limitations, or if declining health makes it difficult to participate in the sacramental life of the church, please contact our pastoral associate to learn of the ways we can help. Often, many go without simply because we are not made aware of their needs. To add yourself or someone you love to our outreach ministry, or to hear about the many opportunities, call Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or email her at [lamos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org).

### ADORATION CHAPEL

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 [lamos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org) to sign up for an hour of adoration. We still need adorers at the following hours:



<b>Sunday:</b>	3-4 am, 5 to 6 pm
<b>Monday:</b>	2 to 3 am, 3 to 4 am, 11 am to Noon
<b>Tuesday:</b>	11 pm to Midnight
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 to 2 am, 3 to 4 am
<b>Thursday:</b>	3 to 4 am
<b>Friday:</b>	Midnight to 1 am, 1 to 2 am, Noon to 1 pm, 4 to 5 pm, 7 to 8 pm
<b>Saturday:</b>	7 to 8 am

### FR. LAWRENCE HAS A FARM!



More specifically, St. Anthony's parish has a farm! This farm is used to grow food for the priests to eat and to raise animals that are used as a "bank" to help with parish needs, both for food and for finances. When we

were in Uganda, we saw firsthand how this works.

Because people do not typically have money, they will give a gift of a chicken or a goat, as a donation to the parish. These animals are brought to the farm, bred and then sold when funds are needed. The more animals they have, the stronger their "bank account." Fr. Lawrence would like to build up this bank account to help make the parish more self-sustaining.

In the gathering space there is a farm display. On it are pigs, goats, cows and chickens for "purchase." Each animal has a suggested donation on it. We invite you to consider taking an animal and then return it with your donation, either to the collection basket or drop it by the parish office. You will find envelopes by the display. Thank you in advance for helping St. Anthony's parish, through the donation of a animal for Fr. Lawrence's farm.

### RAFFLE TICKETS FOR UGANDA

The Ugandan Mission team will be selling raffle tickets, after all Masses this weekend, June 23 and 24, with proceeds going to support St. Anthony's parish in Uganda. There are many exciting prizes to be won, including Twins Champion Club seats, an iPad, a massage package, a gift certificate to Jensen's and several other prizes. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Don't miss your chance to win one of these exciting prizes, while helping our sisters and brothers in Uganda!

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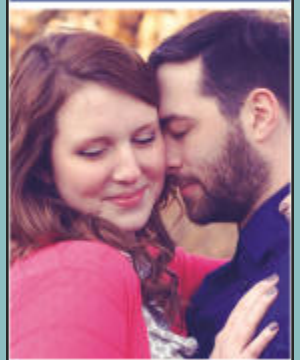
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