

**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.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**July 1, 2018**

It is time again for our most favorite of feasts, the celebration of our patron, St. Peter. Father Steven and I hope that everyone can join us for a fun-filled celebration.

St. Peter was an intriguing fellow. I am constantly drawn to St. Peter, because I can see so much of myself in his struggle for holiness. I thought it would be useful to look at some of the highs and lows of St. Peter's journey of faith, as we celebrate the patron saint of our parish.

A simple life. Saint Peter was a fisherman by trade. This was difficult and somewhat dangerous work in Christ's day, and remains so today. The fisherman casts his net into the sea, hoping that fish will swim into the net and become dinner for the fisherman and for those who will buy his fish. Peter came from a working class of people, who relied on the sea to provide for their livelihood. We recall how Jesus approached Peter and Andrew, with an invitation to become "fishers of men." While I suspect they didn't know exactly what they were signing up for, they nonetheless dropped everything to follow Christ. Peter was an uncomplicated guy who lived a simple life. He was a beautiful example for all of us to follow.

He watched and learned. Peter was never far from Jesus. As Jesus went through the towns preaching and healing, Peter and the other apostles were there to learn from the Teacher about how to be fishers of men. Peter was there when Jesus gave His famous Sermon on the Mount before hoards of people, who were hungry for the Word of God. Jesus cured Peter's mother-in-law, taught Peter what it was like to walk on water (in other words, to have complete trust in God) and calmed the storm. One of Peter's shining moments of faith is when Jesus asked the question, "Who do you say that I am?" Without missing a step, Peter responds, "You are the Christ." It is in that moment that Jesus announces that He will build His Church upon this rock.

He doubted. It was perhaps just moments after Peter was declared "the rock" that he was quickly the subject of a stern rebuke from the Teacher. As Jesus shares with his disciples about the kind of death He will endure, Peter doubts what Jesus is saying. Jesus' words were stern and direct, "Get behind me, Satan. . ." Of course, Peter's most profound moment of doubt comes when he denies Christ

three times. This, for me, is one of the most heart-wrenching passages in all of scripture. Peter must have felt fear like we can't even imagine. He watches them take Jesus off to prison, and suddenly, the impact of Jesus' prediction of His passion and death become reality. In that moment of immense fear and doubt, Peter denies Christ.

Peter was a great disciple of Christ, because of the man he was. He was a simple man, trying to live out his faith one day at a time. He didn't always get it right; in fact, he often got it wrong! But despite all of this, Peter continued to follow Jesus. He overcame his fear, and he took up the mantle that Jesus gave him. He was the first pope in the newly-formed Church, founded on the blood of Christ.

The Church teaches that each of us is called to holiness, regardless of our station in life. Holiness does not exist in doing everything perfectly. If this were the case, St. Peter would have been out of the running for sainthood for sure. Holiness exists in putting our faith in God as the source of everything. As we fix our gaze upon the Lord, we go about our daily lives, doing the best we can, pleading for mercy when we fail and leaning on the solid foundation of our faith. As we celebrate our patron saint this weekend, let us look to Peter, the rock, as a powerful example of what it truly means to be holy.

This weekend is an important time for our parish family. We will gather together and enjoy good food, conversation and celebrate the blessings that flow in our parish and in our archdiocese. God has richly blessed us. Father Steven and I thank God every day for allowing us the privilege of serving at St. Peter's. May this celebration of the Feast of St. Peter draw us all a little closer to our God and to one another. And yes, Father Steven, you can be first in line for ice cream!

With a joyful heart,

Deacon Tim

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YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Registration for 2018 - 2019

Please remember to register your children for Religious Education for the 2018-2019 year. If you have any questions, please contact the RE office.

First Reconciliation and First Communion 2018 - 2019

Please be aware that all children in second grade must prepare for their sacraments at their parish. Even if your child is in a Catholic school, he or she must be registered for the Wednesday night program. If your child is in at least second grade in September of 2018 and you wish to have him or her in the First Reconciliation and First Communion program, please register. Register him/her for the Grade 2 classes. Children must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation prior to First Communion.

SUMMER STRETCH



Father Lawrence talking with our Summer Stretch kids.



During Summer Stretch, the kids made these beautiful knotted rosaries, which Father Lawrence will take back to Uganda with him. He will distribute them to families in his parishes.

ROSARY FOR ST. PETER'S



We invite you to join us for a rosary for St. Peter's, every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

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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A great big thank you to Fr. Steven and all those who volunteered at the VBS program this summer! We could not have gotten "Shipwrecked" without your help



and support! The kids all had a wonderful time learning about their faith and getting Rescued by Jesus. Thank you!

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION



An annual collection for Peter's Pence will be taken this 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.

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.

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



Financial Recap
July 1 to June 24, 2018

YTD Actual Collections:	\$951,288
YTD Budgeted Collections:	\$929,002
Difference:	\$22,286

To donate electronically visit www.stpetersmendota.org and click on Donate Online or call Karen Cronin in the parish office at 651-905-4314.

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.

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!

CATHOLIC SPIRIT MAGAZINE

We have a limited number of free annual subscriptions to The Catholic Spirit, the award-winning official newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Each edition is packed with Catholic news coverage of our archdiocese, nation and world, as well as issue analysis and reflections on Catholic living from family life to public policy. If you would like to receive the Catholic Spirit, contact Rita Holien in our parish office at rhlien@stpetersmendota.org.



FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Check out St. Peter's website at www.stpetersmendota.org, our Facebook page at facebook.com/stpetersmendota and Twitter at [@StPetersMendota](https://twitter.com/StPetersMendota).



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:

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 1

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
Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [22a]/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131 [Mt 4:4]/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, July 2	† Robert Meehl
Tuesday, July 3	Lisa Linnell
Wednesday, July 4	† Dee Hazuka
Thursday, July 5	† Frank Indihar
Friday, July 6	† Jade Elizabeth Fish
Saturday, July 7	Mass For The People
Sunday, July 8, 9 am	† Jerry & Tom Hirsch
11 am	† Marian & Leo Reding

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: JUNE

Monday, July 2

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

Tuesday, July 3

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

10:30 am Mobile Meals, Off Campus

7:00 pm Rosary Makers, Ravoux Room

Wednesday, July 4—Parish Office Closed

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

Thursday, July 5

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, July 6

8 am Reconciliation, Main Church

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

9:30 am Anointings, Historic Church

Saturday, July 7

7:30 am Workcamp Drop Off

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 8

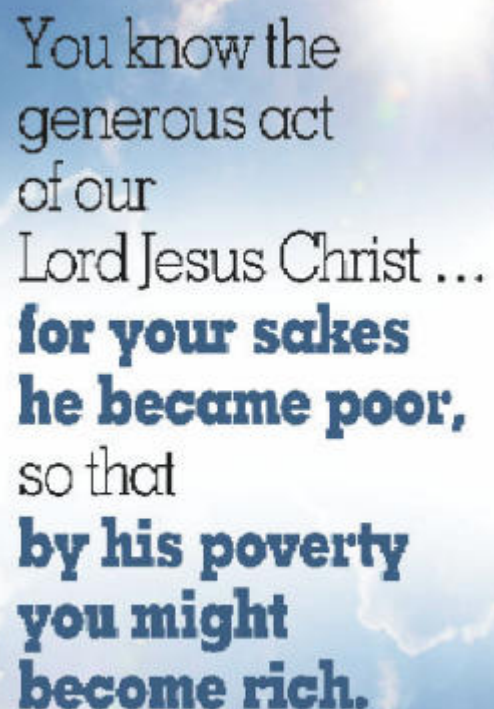
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

9 am Mass, Main Church

10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

10:30 am Rosary for St. Peter's, Adoration Chapel

11 am Mass, Main Church



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by his poverty
you might
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PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Today we celebrate the faith of St. Peter. At times, his faith was rock solid, and at other times he faltered and failed. Let us lean upon the “rock solid” foundation of Jesus Christ, in our journey of faith.

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 or call 612-978-3635.

WOMEN’S CALL TO VOCATION

We are currently taking applications for women interested in Bethany House, for September 2018 to May 2019. Bethany House is a home for women who live in community, pray together, take meals together and discern whether they are called to consecrated life. It is sponsored by the Office of Vocations and is located in North East Minneapolis. Qualities of a good candidate for Bethany House include single women, ages 20 to 27, who are interested in dedicating a year to intentionally discerning a vocation to religious life. If this describes you, we invite you to contact us by completing the interest form at www.10000vocations.org/bethany-house.

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.

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 to sign up for an hour of adoration. We still need adorers at the following hours:



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

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BOOK GROUPS

Small faith groups are a wonderful way to form relationships of support and encouragement with others who share your love of Jesus. Book study groups are a terrific way to start. If you have thought about gathering friends in your home or local venues but don’t know where to begin, we can help! Fr. Steven has put together a spiritual reading book study guide, and we can recommend books. The titles by Fr. Jacques Philippe in our resource center are just right for this type of study. For further book suggestions or a copy of the reading guide, contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.



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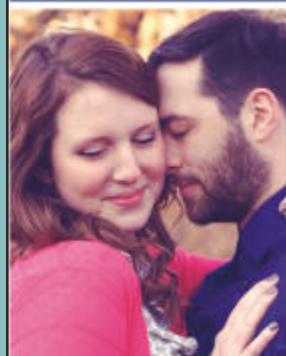
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