



**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.

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*July 15, 2018*

Because I choose to live in a place that's 1,400 miles from my hometown, my vacations are most often homecomings. This year was no different, and the kids and I just recently returned from 9 days in the breathtaking mountains of Vermont, the Northeast Kingdom as those of us from northeastern Vermont affectionately call it.

Going "home" for a visit is always a special gift from God. Both of my parents have already passed on to their own ultimate, Homecoming with Our Father in Heaven, which makes my time with my only sibling especially precious. Kevin is the kind of person who makes it easy to believe in the goodness of Our Lord; he's generous, gifted, strong of character, and, for me, a truly restful presence, much like the mountains among which we grew up. Even more wonderful is the fact that Kevin now lives in our childhood home. Although he's made many changes to the building itself, the personality of the house—and the fantastic memories we've made there—remain unchanged.

Change, especially when it happens to somewhere or something, beloved to us that we count on to be familiar and comforting, can be very difficult. Even good change can be challenging. Homecomings are sometimes bittersweet, because nothing ever stays the same, even when we most want it to.

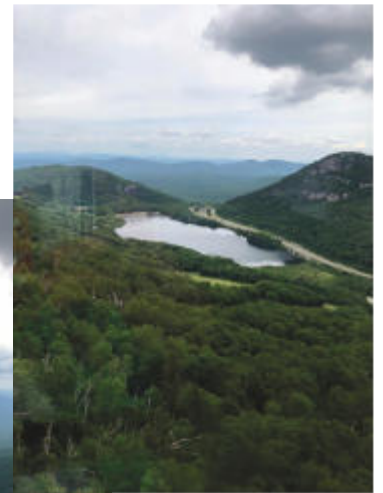
Trust in God's Providence at work in our lives is one sure way to ease some of the anxiety that comes from change. As we hear in our second reading today, "In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth" (Eph. 1:7).

We only want the best for our loved ones, and likewise, God, to whom we are each beloved, only wills the very best for our lives. "In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ" (Eph. 1:11-12).

Sitting on the summit of Mt. Washington, the highest peak east of the Mississippi, at a glorious 6,200 feet, looking out over the mountains and valleys of both Vermont and New Hampshire, the majesty of God's blessings in our lives is

potent. While some of the details of our lives may change, His love for us, and purpose for us, remains unaltered. I pray for each of us that we are always open to His perfect will for our lives and for the strength to know that all is well with our soul, even amidst change.

Lisa Amos  
Pastoral Associate



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# YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

## FAITH FORMATION

### 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



On Thursday morning, July 5, our Summer Stretch students packed meals at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan. After their hard work, they enjoyed an afternoon cooling off at Cascade Bay Waterpark.



## 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

## OFFICE INFORMATION

Father Steven Hoffman: 651-452-4550

Deacon Tim Hennessey: 651-905-4301

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

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](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org), call her at 651-905-4304 or call the parish office.

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## 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.

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!

GET TO KNOW THE NEW GUY

Hello to the beautiful community of St. Peter’s! For those not introduced to me near and far, my name is Christopher Seiple (pronounced sy-pull), and I am the Director of Parish Operations. This is a new position for me, having spent the better part of 34 years in the hospitality business, as a manager and classically trained chef. I could not be happier to come to this community, full of the love of our Lord and ready to assist you as a servant leader.

Just a few words about myself. I have been a Catholic my entire life. I met my wife when we were high school classmates at the school in our parish, Ss. Cyril & Methodius in Northeast Minneapolis. We went through our senior year together. We finally married six years ago, on July 14. I have an amazing step-son, Michael, who is a graduate of the U of M and is currently serving his way up the ladder at Allianz Insurance. My wife, Susan, has been in education for 20 years as a special education teacher. Together, we have 3 dogs: Annie-4, Henry-3 and Chloe-2.

We are active at Ss. Cyril & Methodius. Later this year, God willing, I will enter into my aspirancy year in the Permanent Diaconate. Also, I reveal this, not to seek absolution; but to stake my claim, rather than for you to hear the rumor. . . I am, and will continue to be, a strong supporter of the greatest team on Earth—the Green Bay Packers.

I am in the office most every day of the week and frequently attend weekday Rosary and Mass. Please feel comfortable to stop by anytime, for any reason. God bless us all and remember:

God loves you and has a plan for YOU!



*Come as a Guest  
Leave as a Friend*

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!

ALPHA

Alpha is returning to St. Peter’s on Tuesdays, beginning September 4. It is a place to develop or deepen a relationship with Jesus and to explore the basics of the Christian faith. Alpha runs from September 4 through November 27, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in Heritage Center.



Alpha consists of a meal, a talk and small group discussion. It is an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life’s big questions together, and it is designed to create and/or deepen a personal relationship with Jesus. Alpha is a place for fellowship with others.

One recent participant commented: “Alpha increased my confidence to share my faith!” Another said: “As a new member, Alpha was helpful in making me feel more connected at St. Peter’s.”

Signups will begin in August. Watch for more information in the bulletin and on the website. In the meantime, mark your calendars and plan to join us! Invite your friends and neighbors! Space is limited. If you have any questions, please call Laurie Reding at 612-419-1709 or email her at [lreding1@aol.com](mailto:lreding1@aol.com).



Financial Recap  
July 1 to June 30, 2018

Fiscal Year-End Actual Collections:	\$956,787
Fiscal Year-End Budgeted Collections:	\$932,000
Difference:	\$24,787

To donate electronically visit [www.stpetersmendota.org](http://www.stpetersmendota.org) and click on Donate Online or call Chris Seiple in the parish office at 651-905-4307.

## 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 JULY 15

**Sunday:** Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13  
**Monday:** Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34--11:1  
**Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24  
**Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27  
**Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30  
**Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8  
**Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21  
**Next Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, July 16	Sister Paula Hagen, OSB
Tuesday, July 17	Frank & Joan Pilney
Wednesday, July 18	Wayne Thalhuber
Thursday, July 19	† Dee Hazuka
Friday, July 20	Sister Patricia Thalhuber, BVM
Saturday, July 21	Mass For The People
Sunday, July 22, 9 am	† Dwayne Hawkins, Jr.
11 am	† Ruthe Perron

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: JULY 16

### Monday, July 16

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

### Tuesday, July 17

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

### Wednesday, July 18

**9 am** Mass, **Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)  
**6:30 pm** Young Adults Book Group, Heritage Center

### Thursday, July 19

**9 am** Mass, **Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)  
**7 pm** AA Meeting, Classroom 5

### Friday, July 20

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

### Saturday, July 21

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

### Sunday, July 22

**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**

**He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two ...**

Mark 6:7, ESV



## PASTORAL MINISTRY

### FOLLOWING JESUS



Jesus sends the twelve apostles out and tells them to pack light for the journey. Jesus has already given them everything they need to do his mission work. It is the same for us! Let us waste no time in spreading the gospel of

Christ to the world.

### SINCERE SYMPATHY

**St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy** to the family and friends of Margaret Richgels. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make her a sharer in eternal salvation.



### WALK FOR LIFE



Get your walk in around the track at Eastview High School Stadium in Apple Valley celebrating life! Join us on Saturday, August 4; walk anytime between 10 a.m. (warms ups at 9:30 a.m.) and 2 p.m.

The proceeds will benefit Pro Life Education in our community. The 5K will begin promptly at 10 a.m.

Lunch is provided by the Knights of Columbus for a free will offering. Fun activities include face painting, root beer floats, rosary balloons, water dunk tank and entertainment. Visit [www.knightsforlifemn.org](http://www.knightsforlifemn.org) to donate and to print out pledge forms.

Pledges of \$50 or more receive a Life T-shirt and will be eligible to win prizes consisting of an Echo Dot, Google Home and Weber Spirit Grill. Earn extra tickets for every \$25 in pledges.

### MISSION TRIP TO UGANDA JUNE OF 2019

We will be making a return visit to St. Anthony's parish in Migyera, Uganda, to reconnect with our brothers and sisters in Uganda and do some mission work. The trip is planned for June 6 — 20, 2019. While there, we will work at the schools where our sponsored children attend, meet with sponsored families and do some work for them, as well as doing some medical mission work, among other things. If you are interested in joining us, or if you have questions, please call Laurie Reding at (612)419-1709 or email her at [lreding1@aol.com](mailto:lreding1@aol.com). Space is limited to 15 people.

### ADORATION CHAPEL

If you are uncertain about what an hour in our chapel might mean for you, consider what some of our adorers have to say about their very special time with Jesus. Over the next several weeks, we will be sharing some of their comments with you.



*My first few visits to the Adoration Chapel were in the middle of the night. I was a bit embarrassed to be dozing off, so I picked up the Bible to read scripture and try to stay awake. Wouldn't you know it – the book opened to Matthew 11:28. "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." It felt like a clear, simple message of love.*

*God is adored and we are blessed, every time we make a humble visit to the Adoration Chapel.*

- Helen Wilkie



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

### CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

The Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute was founded in 2008 to provide ongoing faith formation for Catholic adults of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The mission of the institute is to further students' spiritual formation and deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith. The heart of the curriculum is based on the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and provides a systematic presentation of the Catholic faith.

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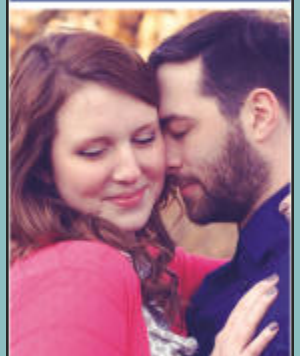
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