



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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29, 2018

Every week, we are given a Scripture so timely and so necessary that we ought to spend more than a passing moment on it. This week, however, sandwiched as it is between foundational truths about God's promises and God's generous abundance, the second reading can get overlooked, or leastways overshadowed because the other readings are so neatly knit together.

As we draw nearer yet to the conclusion of our time dwelling on discipleship, the words of St. Paul to the Ephesians have vital importance to us as a body of disciples. In the midst of such divisive times as we face, Paul is writing to us, on behalf of the Holy Spirit:

"...Live in a manner that is worthy of the call you have received..."

This is clear, of course, that we ought to be about the business of making our lives as Christlike as we can. Paul moves on to elaborate on some other points, principally as it concerns the community of believers, but I think we shouldn't discard or sell short the implication of the personal responsibility we each bear as Christ's members to practice growing in virtue, living out the love we see and experience in Jesus himself, and constantly repenting of our sins -- we don't hide or try to cover its faults, we must work to overcome them.

"... With all gentleness and patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace..."

Now these characteristics are how we prove our progress in the Lord amongst our neighbors in the Church. When we become more gentle with one another, more patient, and more accepting of each other, "warts and all," we begin to demonstrate that not only have we been called, but we have taken up that call, responding through the Spirit at work in us to Jesus, and accepting the burden of conversion.

This does not mean, by any stretch, that we treat those outside the Church any less gently, or patiently, or lovingly. On the contrary, if we can't treat those in Christ thus, how shallow and pale our love for the sick and the sinner will be. We would make of ourselves liars, who love the lost and treat with contempt our neighbor in the pew.

"... One body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism..."

Not only must we merely accept one another's presence with gentleness, patience and love, we must seek unity. The Holy Spirit helps us through the Word, the teachings and the

Sacraments we celebrate, to become more unified. It isn't so much that we have to believe or live the same way, but we must believe the same things and put the virtues that follow from our calling into practice concretely. Obviously, not everyone's witness to faith will result in some bland, uniform representation of what is "Christian," -- the lives of the Saints should remind us of that much -- but the things we value should be the same. We all must value the glory of God, life at every stage, the goodness in every human person and must venture to make the most of these things by the application of our will and the employment of our distinct gifts.

"... One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

Finally, Paul returns us to the place this all started, the place anything at all started. God is one; God is holy. Therefore, everything from him will move toward oneness and holiness. Any source of division amongst us is from the enemy, and while we can and will disagree, that never should lead to division.

These days, it is clearer than perhaps anytime in history, thanks to social media and the dawn of the internet, that each one of us has opinions -- many of them strong, and deeply held. But when those opinions prevent us from unity in Christ, from unity in values, from gentleness and patience toward one another, then we have made of our opinions something very different, and far more destructive: a false god and an idol in our own image.

Let us be swift to set aside our own priorities and subscribe to those of Christ. Yes, that may hurt, and may be difficult, and it will mean adjusting your politics, but that's good. We have never seen a politician who lives, loves and values God the way Jesus did, does and commands us to do. This makes plain that if you're looking for a savior who holds public office, you're looking in very much the wrong place.

The person you see in the mirror each morning should remind you more and more of Jesus: in loving those closest to him; in loving the poor through concern and charitable action and, most of all, in loving God with all his mind, heart, soul and strength. Jesus is calling you to be a sign of hope for the world and has given you the Holy Spirit to live up to that call.

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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.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Be sure to check out the display cases by Heritage Center to see new Good Shepherd materials. The work is quite varied for the 3-6 year old child. The display includes Baptism work, Liturgy work (the altar), and Parable work (Kingdom Parables and the Good Shepherd parable). There are so many beautiful things the children will be exposed to when they come to the atrium!



If you have any questions, please contact Karen Cronin at 651-905-4314.

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."

Sign-ups 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.

OFFICE INFORMATION

Father Steven Hoffman: 651-452-4550

Deacon Tim Hennessey: 651-905-4301

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Fri, 8 - Noon.

Phone: 651-452-4550

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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Our mission is to provide support and tools for success for home educating families. The YEAH Academy provides tutorial classes in 65 academic areas and the arts, for grades 5 through 12. We also offer college courses to qualified home educated high schoolers, through the Minnesota State Post Secondary Enrollment Option. Taught by our adjunct professors at our site, students earn credit from four Twin Cities Christian colleges. We also offer Advanced Placement tutorials.

Each of our member families maintains their own home school identity, but becomes a part of the YEAH Academy community to avail themselves of the expertise of our highly qualified instructors. YEAH also offers workshops for parents, social and leadership opportunities for teens, educational tours and many tools for success for home educators.

Learn more about all that YEAH offers to support home educating families at www.yeahacademy.net. Come meet us at our Open House on August 4, from 3 to 6 p.m. How can we serve you? If you have questions, please call Rita Lew at 651-399-0921, or email her at yeah@mtn.org.

HOLY ANGELS ACADEMY IS HIRING BUS DRIVERS

Holy Angels Academy is hiring both route and charter bus drivers. The starting pay is \$18.50, plus monthly bonuses for attendance. Some benefits may be available.

Drivers must have a good driving record and be able to pass a physical and drug test. We prefer current CDL drivers with school bus and passenger endorsements, but we will train and assist people to get the correct license. All of our buses are under 5 years old.

If you are looking for a good job or just some extra cash, give us a call at 612-798-2631.

MISSION APPEAL SPEAKER

Mike McCloskey will speak on behalf of the nonprofit, FROM MISSION TO MISSION, as part of the 2018 Archdiocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan the weekend of August 4 and 5. FROM MISSION TO MISSION serves missionaries, both lay and religious, in their time of preparation and during re-entry back into life and mission here in the U.S. For more than 38 years FROM MISSION TO MISSION has been the only organization of its kind to assist missionaries upon return to the United States. Missionaries face many challenges when they return “home”.

Whether they have served for one year or for fifty, most find re-entry the hardest part of the experience. FROM MISSION TO MISSION helps missionaries deal with this difficult transition and to find ways to bring what they learned in mission to life here in their home culture. Once described as the *Wounded Warriors Project for Missionaries*, FROM MISSION TO MISSION also offers care to the many missionaries who experienced violence or trauma in mission.

Mike served in Papua, New Guinea. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of FROM MISSION TO MISSION. Your generosity will help us to be able to continue to care for missionaries who have done so much for others. We are grateful for your support. For more information, go to www.missiontominion.org.

A HUGE THANK YOU!

We would like to send out a huge thank you to the CCW officers Lisa Brooks, Connie Powell, Barb Gerner, to the staff members Ann O’Keefe and Tom Deshler, and volunteers Nancy Stanton, Pat Peterson, Kathy Metzger and Pat Kemper for their hard work in cleaning the Heritage Center kitchen this past week. It was a big job and much hard work and time was spent on it. The kitchen looks shiny and new!




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July 1 to July 22, 2018

YTD Actual Collections	\$59,070
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$64,560
Difference	(\$5,490)

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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 29

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18 [17d]/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, July 30 † Jade Elizabeth Fish
Tuesday, July 31 † John Miller
Wednesday, August 1 † Lloyd Cizek
Thursday, August 2 † Dee Hazuka
Friday, August 3 † Thomas Hirsch
Saturday, August 4 † Denise Anderson
Sunday, August 5, 9 am † Mary Lou Williams
11 am † Margaret Smith

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: JULY 30

Monday, July 30

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

Tuesday, July 31

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:30 am Peer Ministry Training, Youth Room
10:30 am Mobile Meals, Off Campus

Wednesday, August 1

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:30 am Peer Ministry Training, Youth Room
7 pm Fall Festival Planning Meeting, Conference Room 1

Thursday, August 2

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

Friday, August 3

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

Saturday, August 4

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
6 pm Alpha Registration Table, Gathering Space

Sunday, August 5

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass, Main Church
10 am Alpha Registration Table, Gathering Space
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
10:30 am Rosary for St. Peter's, Adoration Chapel
11 am Mass, Main Church
12 pm Alpha Registration Table, Gathering Space
6 pm First Sunday Praise and Worship, Historic Church

Then Jesus took the loaves,
and when he had given thanks,
he distributed them to those
who were seated; so also the fish,
as much as they wanted.



John 6:11, NRSV

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Jesus performs the miracle of abundance, as he feeds the hungry crowd with just five barley loaves and two fish. Sometimes we underestimate God's power in our lives. Our God is a God of miracles—a God of abundance.

Let our prayers always be as big as God's generous heart!

WEDDING BANNERS



Second Proclamation
Joe McQuillan and Karley Smith



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.

Over a course of two years, students will participate in four modules of 11 classes each, plus two formative sessions, during each module. After completing all four modules, students will receive a certificate of completion.

Applications are being accepted now for Fall of 2018. Visit www.cistudent.com/2018-application/ to register. The deadline for registration is July 31.

11TH ANNUAL NEIGHBORS DUCK RACE

On Saturday, September 29, the Neighbors Duck Races will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. in Harmon Park, 230 Bernard Street West, in West St. Paul.

In addition to the races, which will run approximately every 15 minutes, you can play games, make crafts and get your temporary duck tattoo! Youth coloring contest winners will also be announced.

The ducks are \$5 each and can be purchased by completing a duck adoption certificate available at Neighbors, at many local businesses, www.neighborsmn.org or at the event. Most of the kids' activities are free, although some games may require a fee to play. This year's grand prize is a \$500 shopping trip at the Mall of America.

All proceeds go to Neighbors, Inc., for programs serving low-income people in northern Dakota County.

Food shelf needs this month are pasta*, pancake syrup, juice, jelly, kid-friendly foods like fruit cups and EasyMac, and baking items such as flour, oil, sugar and seasonings.

***We are currently especially in need of pasta.**

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.



The Adoration Chapel is a place where I can bare my soul to Jesus. It is a place where I can let go and receive answers. It is a place where I can make my special intention requests personally to an all present Lord. It is a place where I can learn more about Jesus, with the various spiritual aids that are present in the Adoration Chapel. It is a place where I can fully experience the presence of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, where we can be surrounded by Him, for Him and with Him. If we fully understood this encounter with an all loving God, there'd be a line out the door to California to see him. It is nice to know, all are welcome!

~ Mark Mischke



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
Monday:	2 to 3 am, 3 to 4 am, 11 am to Noon
Tuesday:	6 to 7 am, 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



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. Space is limited to 15 people.





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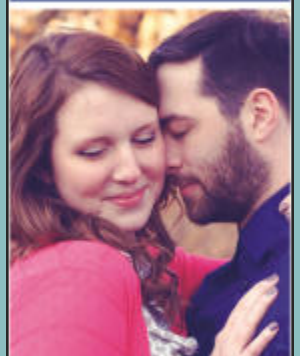
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