

**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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***August 12, 2018***

In the Garden of Eden, after the fall, Adam and Eve realized they were naked, and so they hid from the Lord. Like scared children they realized that they had disobeyed the Father and attempted to hide in their shame.

By the time you read this, I will have survived my first few weeks as a bald man. As I continue to reflect on humility and my own experience of God's mercy and grace, I realize that, like me, many of us experience "baldness" of one kind or another. This baldness is something that we want to hide from others, much like I did with my artificial hair and as Adam and Eve did in the garden. In my own experience, I imagined that people would not accept me if they knew the truth of my hair loss. I imagined that I "needed" hair in order to be liked or accepted.

We might imagine our worst fear. What if the people at my bridge club knew that I dye my hair? What if the guys at the golf league found out that I feel so self-conscious when I stand at the tee that I nearly faint? What if my friends at school discovered that I have a learning disability and that it takes me twice as long to learn things? The truth of our lives is that we are formed in the image and likeness of God. God is perfect, but we are not. You and I are flawed, dented up a bit, worn and in need of repair; yet God loves us just as we are—warts and all!

Our psalm this weekend invites us to taste and see the goodness of the Lord. We can know and experience God in all that surrounds us, and it is good! The world invites us to "taste and see" as well, but in a different way. Our society encourages us to live life to the full, thinking only of ourselves and our own wants. We see magazine covers filled with artificial perfection. The truth is that the picture on the cover of the magazine has been enhanced to make us believe the model has perfect hair, teeth and complexion. This is false and deceptive and has led many people to strive for a perfection that doesn't exist.

As I shared my planned retirement of my hair system with people at work, I received many encouraging emails. One of my good friends talked about the freedom that would come with not having to be concerned with my appearance. Another friend reminded me that I am loved for who I am, not how I look. Others applauded my courage in stepping out without hair. It seemed that when I accepted my own

baldness, others accepted it as well, and we could face it together. Maybe there is a lesson for all of us here.

I suspect the experience of our own sinfulness is a lot like my acceptance of my baldness. I was trying to hide behind artificial hair. Those around me knew that it wasn't real, but I pretended it was, in order that I wouldn't have to face this flaw in my appearance. I have had similar experiences with sin. Like you, I fall (a lot!), and I am constantly in need of God's forgiveness. I have learned over many years that hiding from God when I have sinned is not the path to healing. It is when I face my sin, confess it and receive God's mercy, that I can proudly step out of the confessional, as a child forgiven and healed.

God wants to love us in our baldness. If you and I can bring our faults, worries and insecurities to the Lord, we can allow Him to heal us, as only He can. I will admit that stepping out in faith is scary. Most of what I worried about never came to pass. People didn't snicker when I walked past, as I imagined they would. Instead, they embraced "the new me" and accepted and loved me. Humility is about accepting our bald spots. Humility is not trying to cover up those things that we don't like about ourselves, but it is accepting them and even embracing them!

If the "biggest chicken in Prescott, Wisconsin" and the "bald deacon from Little Canada" can accept our weaknesses, perhaps you can as well? The truth is that Father Steven never imagined he would stand before a congregation and give a homily, and I never imagined that I could give up my artificial hair and walk proudly the way God made me!

Today we are invited to taste and see the goodness of our God. Let's celebrate the goodness of our God in all that He has created, and let's not be afraid to accept our own baldness, in whatever form that might be for each of us.

God loves you so much!

Deacon Tim

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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 to 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 the parish office at 651-905-4314.

ALPHA REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN



Alpha is returning to St. Peter's, beginning September 4. Alpha is a place to develop or deepen a relationship with Jesus and explore the basics of the Christian faith. It will run Tuesday evenings, from September 4 through November 27, from 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. It is designed to create and/or deepen a personal relationship with Jesus and 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."

Online registration has begun at www.stpetersmendota.org/alpha-registration/. Registration will also take place in the Gathering Space, after all Masses the weekend of August 18 and 19. Mark your calendars and plan to join us! Invite your friends and neighbors! Space is limited to 45 participants. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Reding at 612-419-1709 or lreding1@aol.com.

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

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ROSARY FOR ST. PETER'S



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

RELEVANT RADIO

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BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP

This year, our Fall Festival will be a two-day event, with live music, a silent auction, our famous pork dinner, concessions, bingo, Wisconsin cheese curds (in honor of Father Steven), the country store, the “Vikings vs. Packers Quilt Super Bowl,” inflatables, a wine raffle and a \$5,000 raffle. Each year, our festival gets bigger and better with more people attending from our parish and community. If you are a business owner or have connections to a business, please consider sponsoring our festival. See the flyer in the bulletin for more information.

CHILDCARE FOR ALPHA

During our fall Alpha session, we would like to offer childcare, but in order to do this we need volunteers! Alpha will take place Tuesdays, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., September 4 through November 27 (skipping November 20). Volunteers must be already trained and approved to work with children at St. Peter’s, meaning they have already gone through VIRTUS training. If you are interested in helping, please call Laurie Reding at 612-419-1709 or email her at lreding1@aol.com. You may also call Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or email her at lamos@stpetersmendota.org.



HAITI COLLECTION

The CCW is collecting these much needed items for Haiti:

- Empty pill bottles (with labels removed—fill bottle with HOT water to loosen the label).
- All sizes of WHITE ONLY sheets and pillow cases.
- All sizes of WHITE ONLY tablecloths.

Please drop off your items in the marked boxes in the coat room. Thank you all for your donations.



Financial Recap July 1 to August 5, 2018

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| YTD Actual Collections | \$83,481 |
| YTD Budgeted Collections | \$80,700 |
| Difference | \$ 2,781 |

To donate electronically visit www.stpetersmendota.org and click on Donate Online or call Chris Seiple in the parish office at 651-905-4307.

PIZZA NIGHT AT SOLOS



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 eaganknights.com and come in to Solos on Wednesday, August 15, 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.

PEOPLE ASKING FOR MONEY

Lately many area churches, including St. Peter’s, have seen an increase in the number of people around the church asking for money. The police recommend that when you are confronted by a person asking for money, a very good response is to immediately say “no” and to keep moving. If the person persists, repeat your response of “no,” but briefly communicate to them that we support local charitable organizations, that they may seek help from the parish office during office hours and that you will pray for them.

At no time should you ever reach into your wallet or purse, and you should not give them money. Please let an usher or parish staff member know of their presence. The Mendota Heights Police Department will be contacted, as these individuals may be in unsafe situations and need law enforcement’s help. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in need.

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!



FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Check out St. Peter’s website at www.stpetersmendota.org, our Facebook page at facebook.com/stpetersmendota and Twitter @StPetersMendota.

*Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend*



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
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 12

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8--3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21--19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [9a]/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

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| Monday, August 13 | Sr. Mary Lou Dummler, OSB |
| Tuesday, August 14 | † Keith Steinbrecher |
| Wed, August 15, 9 am | Mass For The People |
| 6:30 pm | † Dee Hazuka |
| Thursday, August 16 | Greg & Luci Mischel |
| Friday, August 17 | † Joseph Schuster |
| Saturday, August 18 | † Bill Goetz & Dan Goetz |
| Sunday, August 19, 9 am | Mass For The People |
| 11 am | † Stanley Barta |

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: AUGUST 13

Monday, August 13

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

Tuesday, August 14

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:30 am Women's Bible Study, Heritage Center

Wednesday, August 15

9 am Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass, Main Church
6:30 pm Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass, Main Church

Thursday, August 16

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

Friday, August 17

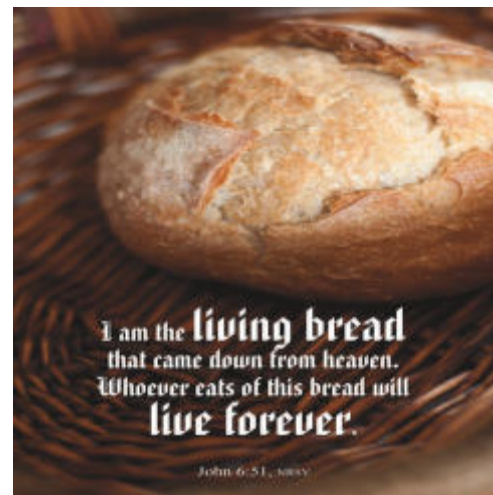
8 am Reconciliation, Main Church
9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)

Saturday, August 18

9 am & 10:30 am AA Meeting, Classrooms
10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Conference Room 1
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 19

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, Chapel of the Nativity
11 am Mass, Main Church
12 pm Alpha Registration Table, Gathering Space



PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Jesus is the Living Bread, the bread that nourishes and strengthens us on our earthly pilgrimage. Each time we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we experience the Divinity of Christ who humbles Himself to share in our

humanity.

WEDDING BANNES



Second Proclamation

Patrick Keating and Sara Towle

SINCERE SYMPATHY

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



NET MINISTRIES: HOME FOR MISSIONARIES

Who?

What?

Where?



NET Ministries is beginning our training season once again. Missionaries from all over the country (and world) will be arriving within weeks. From September 8 through 22, our missionaries are in need of housing, in and around West St. Paul. This is an amazing opportunity to open your home to young men and women who have dedicated a year of their life to the Lord. If this is something you can do, or if you know of someone who can, please email Joe Rynda at joerynda@netusa.org or call at 651-450-6833.

MISSION TRIP TO UGANDA JUNE 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 through 20 of 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.

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 two words that come to mind every time I go to Eucharistic Adoration is GRATITUDE and PEACE. I spend time with Jesus simply to express in different ways how deeply grateful I am for being created and adopted as a daughter of God. The fact that He loved me into existence, has a unique plan that only my life can fulfill and guides me every step of the way is truly amazing! God's immense love for me (and for each of us) is unfathomable, and I will never tire of telling Him what a tremendous blessing this is.

Even though I've not experienced a momentous revelation, I have never left Eucharistic Adoration without a deep and sustaining sense of peace and assurance that everything will be alright, no matter the circumstances and challenges that confront me. That alone is the reason I long for each moment I spend with our Savior. Such humility, power and love in the form of something as ordinary as bread transformed into the Son of God is worth a lifetime of contemplation. Nothing on earth can compare to the joy and peace this brings!
~ Michelle Schommer

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:

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| Sunday: | 3-4 am |
| 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 |

A RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

If you work hard to care for others, here is an opportunity to revitalize your spirit and care for yourself.



You are invited to *Living and Working from the Heart of Christ*. The retreat master is Fr. Andrew Jaspers. It takes place the weekend of September 7 to 9, at Christ the King Retreat Center, 621 1st Avenue South, in Buffalo.

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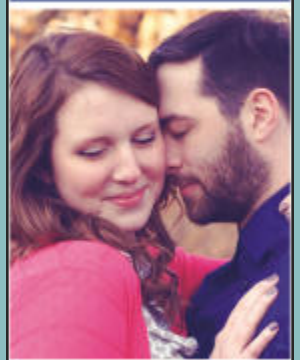
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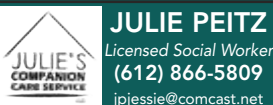
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