

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.

# Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# September 2, 2018

It's hard to conceive of a topic about which to write, apart from the disquieting news surrounding the Church these days -- or rather, surrounding the Church's leaders -- or more appropriately, surrounding the Church's earthly leaders.

It may seem redundant to state it thrice, as I have, but we would do well to hold fast to these very distinctions today.

As always, there have been, and ever will be, sinners in the Church at every level. Let it be clear to us, then, that crisis itself is nothing new. However, it may be safe to say that the present crisis amongst the Church's priests and bishops is unprecedented.

We can have our faith shaken if we have placed our faith in the people and precepts of the Church, without grounding our trust in the very person of Jesus. I can't plead any more simply with you than to remind you, as you have doubtless heard many times by now, that God is real, personal and deeply in love with you.

This should give us great comfort, even if we are a bit bewildered as to how to live under that truth. Fr. Steven's homily last week can give us a great place to start -- we must use our faith. As a muscle that grows slack and weak when neglected, our faith must be put to use in order to grow stronger. Engage what you know of God in the decisions you face, especially in the small ones. As you become accustomed to remembering Christ when greeting the teller at the bank, smiling at the cashier in the grocery store, maintaining your patience in the midst of frustrating traffic and correcting your children with stern and unrelenting love, you will become more willing and able to remember Christ when choosing a house, considering a job offer and dealing with a difficult family member or situation.

There is an age old saying that describes how to become holy rather accurately: "practice makes perfect." Since we have the benefit of the witness of the Saints, we know the habits and patterns of holy people. We have but to imitate these great examples, mindful that Jesus is the object of each choice.

What does this do, in the face of all we have learned of the failures of Church leaders over the past 14 days?

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We must be very aware, acutely so now, that we as the Faithful of the Church should throw ourselves into our vocations in the Church. (Do not be mistaken; every baptized person has a vocation in the Church -- marital status, occupation, family situation or sinfulness entirely notwithstanding!)

Among the words we can trust from any Pope, is the reality that there is upon all of us a call to holiness. We, the laity, cannot afford to assume that our priests will carry our share of that load. There is a path to Sainthood in every walk of life that has in both its ends and means the good of all.

I must, as much as Fr. Steven, seek to act according to the way of Christ and according to the direction of the Holy Spirit. You, too, no matter where you live or work, must act according to the way of Christ, which we come to know through constant exposure to his revelation in the Bible and according to the leading of the Holy Spirit in every moment great or small.

As I sang and prayed our meditation song, ("Holy Jesus You Are," last week I received the consolation that we are not led by a pope, bishop, or priest. We are instead led by Christ, and that those whose responsibility it is to govern the Church are highly fallible people, along with each of us. None are worthy to be called "Christian" ("another Christ"). None are worthy to discharge the ministry of Christ as priest. None are worthy to claim to personally safeguard the sanctity of the Church's precepts as bishop or Pope. But we ARE all called, in spite of our unworthiness, and each in their own way.

Only the Holy Spirit can lead the Church home to the wedding feast of the Lamb. The Holy Spirit is doing just that. Slowly, sometimes painfully, but inexorably, we proceed with each step closer to our Divine Lover, to our destined Bridegroom, and at last to true union with Jesus, whose love is able to overcome our every flaw.

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# **YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION**

#### 2018-2019 REGISTRATION FOR GRADES 1-8



Classes for Grades 1 through 8 will begin on September 26. Please submit your registrations as soon as possible. You may go to St. Peter's website to register. Click on the "Faith Formation" tab, then click on "Registration."

The Grade 2 Program entails preparation for children to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion. Please be aware that <u>all</u> children in Grade 2 must prepare for their sacraments at their parish, regardless if they attend Catholic school. He or she must be registered for these classes here at St. Peter's. Children must receive the sacrament of reconciliation prior to their first communion.

#### **Catechist Training Schedule**

On Wednesday, September 12, at 6 p.m., Catechist Training will take place for those teaching Grade 2. We will meet in Conference Room 1.

On Wednesday, September 19, at 6 p.m., Catechist Training will take place for those teaching Grades 1, 3, and 5. We will meet in Conference Room 1.

Teacher Commissioning will take place on Sunday, September 16, during the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses.

#### We Need Catechists!

Faith Formation classes are starting in just a few weeks and our children need you! Co-teachers are still needed in



Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5. Teachers are given **TEACHERS** training and full support by the RE/FF staff. You will find your own faith life growing and strengthening, as you share your faith with others. For more information, please contact Kathy Raible. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

#### **Family Packet**

Family packets will be emailed to you around September 17. This email will contain such things as your child's religious education calendar, medical emergency forms, etc. Please remember to check your email!

If you have questions, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 or at <u>kraible@stpetersmendota.org</u>.

## CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION AVAILABLE NOW



Registration information is now available for high school youth seeking to be confirmed in May of 2019. Information regarding Confirmation, Perissos and registration materials can be found at the Information

Center. Our Confirmation year will kick off with a parent meeting on Wednesday, September 5, at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth McCanna, Youth Minister, at <u>emccanna@stpetersmendota.org</u>.

#### **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.

# FAITHFUL SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND TRI-PARISH CENTER

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### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

EXCITING NEWS! We are expanding Liturgy of the Word for Children (LWC), which was for 6 to 12 year-olds, to include ages 3-5! LWC will begin in September and be offered at both Sunday Masses. New this year, LWC will continue through the summer at the 9 a.m. Mass only. Beth Halbert, our Preschool Coordinator, has been hard at work creating curriculum for your children. If you have had children in Sunday School classes, you already know what a terrific job she does. Much of the content will feel familiar. LWC will give your children an experience of the Word in a meaningful, age appropriate way, while allowing them to experience the Mass. There is no need to register your children. Simply send them when Fr. Steven calls the children forward at Mass.

In order for this to be the very best program it can be, we need your help. Please consider volunteering to help with LWC. You will be able to return to Mass in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If you are willing, or want to learn more, please contact Beth at <u>bhalbert@stpetersmendota.org</u> or <u>kraible@stpetersmendota.org</u>.

Because of the future implementation of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and the expansion of LWC, we will no longer have traditional Sunday School during the 9 a.m. Mass. All families already registered have been notified by email.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Lisa Amos at <u>lamos@stpetersmendota.org</u>. Thank you for your continued prayers for the children of our parish and your valuable support of our programs!

# **ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS • STEWARDSHIP • COMMUNITY NEWS**

## MASS TIMES WILL CHANGE FOR FALL FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Mass times will be changed on October 5 and 6, on both Saturday and Sunday, due to the Fall Festival.

On Saturday, October 5, Mass will begin at 4 p.m. There will be no 5 p.m. Mass. The pork dinner will begin immediately after Mass, followed by live music.

On Sunday, October 6, there will be one Mass only at 10 a.m. There will be no 9 or 11 a.m. Mass. The festival activities will begin immediately after the 10 a.m. Mass.

Please call the parish office at 651-452-4550 if you have any questions or concerns.

#### **SUPPER FOR THE POOR OF PERU**

We will be hosting a fundraiser to raise money for the poorest of the poor in Peru.

Please join us for the 18th Annual Supper for the Poor of Peru. We will have delicious food, typical Peruvian dance, silent auction items and wonderful Peruvian art

The supper takes place on Saturday September 22, from 6 to 10 p.m. in Heritage Center. The cost for the meal is \$25 per person.

Please contact Yojani Bachmeier at 651-233-4834 or Maria Keller at 651-338-0913 to RSVP.

#### **MIDWEST HEARING LOOP**

Midwest Hearing Loop has come to the Historic Church of St. Peter! We recently installed the loop, and it is working to perfection. Look for information forthcoming regarding a presentation with an audiologist



after a weekday Mass in the Historic Church. A telecoil or T-loop is a specialized circuit that is placed within hearing aids and consists of a small coil or wire. Although small, this wire is mighty. It is designed to pick up magnetic signals versus acoustic signals picked up by the hearing aid microphone.



#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Every two seconds, someone in the needs blood. Approximately U.S. 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S. You can Together, we can sa help! The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at St. Peter's on Thursday,



September 13, from 1 to 6 p.m., in Heritage Center. Please sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org, or call Sandra or Lynn at 651-452-1844 for an appointment. Thank you.

\*\*New this fall! Everyone who comes to give blood will receive a coupon for FREE CHEESE CURDS at the St. **Peter's Fall Festival!** 

#### **SPONSOR OUR FALL FESTIVAL**

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. Contact Anne email O'Keefe at 651-905-4308 or her at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Are you looking for a volunteer job that has a small time commitment? St. Peter's delivers mobile meals to the elderly and homebound on Tuesday mornings, at 10:30 a.m., once every four weeks. It takes about an hour and a half. If you can help, please call St. Peter's at 651-452-4550, or call Barb Yourczek at 651-454-3622.

### FALL FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

The grand prize for our Fall Festival Raffle this year is \$5,000! Tickets are \$10 each. They will go on sale in the Gathering Space starting this weekend and every weekend leading up to the festival, which is October 6/7. You can also buy tickets in the parish office Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Here is a list of the prizes:

Grand prize is \$,5000 2nd prize is \$1,000 There are 4 - \$500 prizes 1 Amazon Echo 1 iPad



Good luck and thank you for supporting our parish!

#### **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.

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#### Trustees:

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#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2

Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/
	Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-
	15, 21-23
Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100,
	101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12
	-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-
	21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
, ·	[1]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-
	40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab,
	6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or
	1:18-23
Next Sunday:	: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/
	Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Monday, September 3	
Tuesday, September 4	
Wednesday, September 5	
Thursday, September 6	
Friday, September 7	
Saturday, September 8	
Sunday, September 9, 9 a	m
11 a	m

- † Louis J. Chapdelaine † Jack McCauley
  - † Calvin Mulvihill
  - † Joe Schloegl
  - † Doug Hennes
  - † Patricia Korman
  - Eddie Hoey
- Mass For The People

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER 3

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Monday, So Parish Office 9 am 7 pm	eptember 3 e is closed for Labor Day Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary) Boy Scout Troop Meeting, Classroom 10
Tuesday, S	September 4
9 am	Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
6:30 pm	Alpha, Heritage Center
7 pm	Rosary Makers, Classroom 10
7 pm	Endow, Youth Room
1	y, September 5
9 am	Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
6:30 pm	•
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7 pm	Fall Festival Meeting, Conference Room 1
/ pm	
	September 6
9 am	Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
7 pm	AA Meeting, Classroom 5
Friday, Sep	otember 7
	Mdewakanton Pow Wow, Parish Grounds
8 am	<b>Reconciliation, Main Church</b>
9 am	Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
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9:45 am	Potluck Birthday Breakfast - LeRoy
	Brown's 105th Birthday, Heritage Center
Saturday, S	September 8
	Mdewakanton Pow Wow, Parish Grounds
9 am & 1	0:30 am
	AA Meeting, Classrooms
10 am	Saturday Scripture Study, Conference
	Room 1
3:30 pm	<b>Reconciliation, Main Church</b>
4:30 pm	
5 pm	Mass, Main Church
6 pm	Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Sales,

**6 pm** Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Sales, Gathering Space

### Sunday, September 9 - Hospítalíty Sunday Hosted by the CCW

	Mdewakanton Pow Wow, Parish Grounds
8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am	Mass, Main Church
9 am	Liturgy of the Word for Children
10 am	Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Sales,
	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
11 am	Liturgy of the Word for Children
12 pm	Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Sales,
	Gathering Space

# **PASTORAL MINISTRY**

#### **FOLLOWING JESUS**



Jesus reminds us of the need to keep our thoughts and actions pure. We would not think of coming to the dinner table with dirty hands! We should approach the table of the Lord with hearts that are free from sin and open to

the grace that is poured out for us at every Eucharist.

## FIND OUT WHAT DEACONS ARE AND HOW TO BECOME ONE

#### Ordained in the Person of Christ Jesus the Servant

A Deacon Discernment Day, for men ages 25 to 59, will take place at The St. Paul Seminary, Institute for Diaconate Formation, 2260 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, on Saturday, September 22 or Saturday, November 3, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You need only attend one of these days. If you are married, your wife is encouraged to attend also.

Registration is required. Email Shellee Leif at <u>sjleif@stthomas.edu</u> or call 651-962-6891.

We are where the Archbishop needs us. We are where the Church wants us. We are where Jesus is.

## **ROSARY MAKERS**

We will begin meeting again on September 4. Take advantage of this chance to learn how to make corded rosaries. Join us in Classroom 10 on the first Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

In addition to making rosaries, we assemble kits for anyone who wishes to make rosaries at home. The completed rosaries are then donated to anyone who asks for them. Last year we supplied several hundred to local churches and adoration chapels. We need more people to make rosaries to keep up with requests. Won't you consider joining us? For more information, please call Mary Ellen at 651-457-1764.

#### **BROTHERHOOD GROUPS**

The Archdiocesan Catholic Watchmen will be piloting a small group model called Brotherhood Groups. To help kick this off, internationally known speaker Mark Houck, President and Co-founder of "The King's Men" will lead a seminar on the importance of small groups and what it takes to make Brotherhood Groups successful. All men are welcome, especially those interested in starting a Brotherhood Group or strengthening a men's group to which they belong. This seminar will take place on Saturday, September 8, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., at the Archdiocesan Catholic Center. The cost is \$20 per person; the continental breakfast is included in the price. Register at thecatholicwatchmen.org. If you wish to carpool or if you have questions, contact parishioner Jim Lodoen at 612-201-2910 or at lodoenj@ballardspahr.com.

## **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.



I find adoration to be a consistent, quiet space in my week, and in my more intentional times, a rich place to step beyond my everyday life, in reflection and retreat. It is one of the reasons I am most grateful for being Catholic. ~ Anonymous

The chapel is closed during Masses. If you need a sub for your hour, please refer to our substitute roster in advance to cover your hour. Contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or at <u>lamos@stpetersmendota.org</u> to sign up for an hour of adoration. We still need adorers at the following hours:

Sunday:	
Monday:	2 to 3 am, 3 to 4 am
<b>Tuesday:</b>	
Wednesday:	1 to 2 am, 2 to 3 am, 3 to 4 am
Thursday:	3 to 4 am, 10 to 11 am
Friday:	Midnight to 1 am, 1 to 2 am, Noon to
	1 pm, 7 to 8 pm
Saturday:	3 to 4 am

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

If you, or someone you know, has been thinking about becoming Catholic, we would very much like to hear from you! To begin, we'd like to get to know you and help you to learn more about the process. We will answer any questions you may have. We look forward to helping those baptized in other Christian traditions, the unbaptized and anyone who may already have made their First Communion as a child, but has not received the sacrament of Confirmation. For more information or to schedule a private inquiry meeting to discuss your own faith journey, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304, or email her at lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

## NET MINISTRIES: HOME FOR MISSIONARIES

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.



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