

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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018

One of the great privileges of my work is that so many of you generously share your lives and your stories with me. I also hear from you when you are hurting, when you are joyful, when you have concerns for our Church and its people, and, thankfully, when you have wisdom to bestow light on troubling questions of our day.

One of the most common things I have heard in recent weeks is that many don't know what to think, or say, or DO about some of the challenges that we face today as a Church, as a nation, or global society and in our own homes. Despite the fact that the opinions and desires of each of us varies vastly, we all have in common our designation as beloved daughters and sons of the Lord.

I know this is something you've likely heard, and although you know it's true, you probably feel that it's just no longer enough. We cry, "What can we do?" Simply saying that we are sending "thoughts and prayers" isn't enough anymore. Why is that?

Well, I believe that it may be that, in many cases, we need to be more specific about what, exactly, we pray for and why it matters. Jesus gets right to the heart of this in the parable in this weekend's Gospel. How are we to ensure that our hearts are composed of good and fertile soil, so that we may "bear fruit with patient endurance" (Lk 8:15)?

How do we find this support? Jesus makes it clear that the Word of God is where we will find the very keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. While it's true that many wonderful things came out of Vatican II, one of the greatest gifts is a renewed thirst for the Word of God. The Council fathers themselves had this to say, "The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures, as she has venerated the Body of the Lord, insofar as she never ceases, particularly in the sacred liturgy, to partake of the bread of life and to offer it to the faithful from the one table of the Word of God and the Body of Christ. She has always regarded, and continues to regard the Scriptures, taken together with Sacred Tradition, as the supreme rule of her faith..." (Dei Verbum, in Documents of Vatican II, 1975, no. 21)

Peter, in his First Letter, encourages us to meditate on God's Word.

You have been born anew, not of the perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding Word of God; for; "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord abides forever." That word is the Good News, which was preached to you. Put away all malice and all guile and insincerity and envy and all slander. Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may

grow up to salvation; for you have tasted the kindness of the Lord (1 Peter 1:22-2:3).

In "Called to Life", Jacque Philippe explores the Divine Word of God as it "mysteriously communicates God's very presence." He compares those of us consecrated to the Lord as the "spouse of the Word", and defines "meditation on Scripture" [as] the foundation of any authentic Christian prayer life. He goes on to quote Psalm 118, "The Lord is the lamp to my feet," and suggests that "God's Word introduces the most profound light of truth into our lives".

As we meditate more fully on Scripture, we begin to understand that it, along with the Body and Blood of Christ, is the answer we are all seeking in a world and Church starving for Grace. In the parable of the seed, we are instructed to cultivate our soil. Meditate on the Word, call upon the Holy Spirit to breath in you, that we may be more fully open to all that Sacred Scripture has to offer.

What can we DO? We become stewards of the field of our lives in Christ. We plow the soil until it is soft enough to receive the nourishment it needs to thrive. We pray that God will plant seeds of holiness in our hearts, and that the seedlings of our faith will grow so straight, so green and so fruitful in the love of Christ, that lives of Christian faith become irresistible to those we encounter. There is no doubt that the Evil One is as hard at work today as ever, sowing the weeds of doubt and fear, distrust and suspicion, because he delights in dividing us from one another and separating us from Our Father. We must pray as if our lives depend upon it, because they do.

Paul encourages us in Ephesians that Scripture is a mighty weapon. This we can enlist against the weeds of sin, which threaten to choke out the harvest of hope. "In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph 6:16-17). No longer does "you have my thoughts and prayers" have to be enough. Now we can say, "May the Word of God fill your hearts and strengthen your conviction. May the Body of Christ strengthen you and the Holy Spirit move in your heart. May you feel the embrace of His Mother in your moments of despair, and the might of St. Michael and his angels at your back."

I remind you that our doors are always open to you in these challenging days.

Lisa Amos

Director of Mission and Ministry





YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

2018-2019 REGISTRATION FOR GRADES 1-8



Faith Formation Classes for Grades 1 - 8. Classes begin on Wednesday, September 26, at 6 p.m. This class is for all children and parents registered in the on-site program and the home school program. Please bring your

child to the Main Church and stay for our opening prayer service. After the prayer service, students in the on-site program will go to their classrooms.

Parents are then invited to the "Open House" in Heritage Center. This will be an opportunity to see curriculum, Personal Safety Curriculum and ask any questions you may have about the program.

Home school program parents are also asked to come to the Open House, in order to receive your necessary materials and ask any questions you might have about the program.

REFF Monthly Newsletter: If you have a child between the ages of 3 and 16, you should be receiving a copy of the monthly newsletter at your family email address. If you did not receive one, please contact Kathy Raible with your family name and email address.

Family Packet

Family packets were emailed to you around last week. This email contains your child's religious education calendar, medical emergency forms, etc. If you did not receive this email, please contact Kathy Raible as soon as possible.

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

Volunteers Needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word: Small and large group adult volunteers are needed at both the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. We especially need volunteers at the 11 a.m. Mass. PLEASE consider helping with this enjoyable and easy ministry. Contact Beth Halbert at bhalbert@stpetersmendota.org for ages 3 to 5 and Kathy Raible at kraible@stpetersmendota.org for ages 6 to 12.



PERISSOS HAS BEGUN!

Perissos, our high school youth group, began this past Wednesday, September 19 and will continue through May. All high school youth are welcome to join us, as we learn about the abundant life God has for us.

All those hoping to be confirmed in May are expected to participate in Perissos. We will meet again next Wednesday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m., in the Youth Room. Hope to see you there!

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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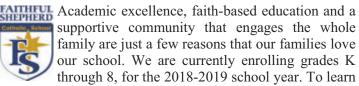
LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

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 on September 9 and be offered at both Sunday Masses. New this year, LWC will continue through the summer at the 9 a.m. Mass only. 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.

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, Director of Mission and Ministry, at lamos@stpetersmendota.org. Thank you for your continued prayers for the children of our parish and your valuable support of our programs!

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more, visit <u>www.fscsmn.org</u> We look forward to meeting and sharing our school with you!

ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS • STEWARDSHIP • COMMUNITY NEWS

GRANDPARENTS' ADVENTURE



Grandparents are invited to the Grandparents' Adventure meeting on Thursday, September 27, at 10 a.m. in the Ravoux Room. Together we will pray for our grandchildren and discuss several articles that are relative to passing on our

faith. We would like you to read the material before the meeting. You may pick up this material in the parish office.

FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

This year, our Fall Festival will be a two-day event, with live music, a silent auction (still need donated items), 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. We still have several spots that need to be filled We invite you to sign up in the Gathering Space. Please contact Gail Barta at 651-454-9552 or Anne O'Keefe 651-905-4308 or email her aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org.

CATHOLIC WATCHMEN RALLY

Men from all over the Archdiocese are invited to the Catholic Watchmen Rally at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Forest Lake on Tuesday, September 25, from 6:30 to



9p.m. Bishop Andrew Cozzens will present on "Spiritual Fatherhood, Every Man's Duty." There will be time for both adoration and confession. Dinner will be provided. (A \$10 free will offering is suggested). Those interested in carpooling from our parish please call Mick Coleman at 612-600-8283. More information and registration is available at www.TheCatholicWatchmen.com.



Financial Recap

July 1 to September 16, 2018

YTD Actual Collections \$169,416 YTD Budgeted Collections \$179,520 Difference \$(10,104)

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

NATIVITY GRANDPARENTS'

All grandparents are invited to an event of enrichment, encouragement, prayer and fellowship highlighted by a presentation by Fr. Steven Hoffman, on "The Power of Faith and Love." It takes place on Thursday, October 23, at 8:45 a.m. Nativity of Our Lord Church, 1938 Stanford Avenue in St. Paul. Please call Lilee at 651-414-9367 with any questions.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

With your hands and your heart, turn hunger into hope at Feed My Starving Children. Join us as we hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished



children in some of the most impoverished countries of the world.

Where: Feed My Starving Children, 990 Lone Oak Road (just east of Lexington), Suite 136, in Eagan.

When: Thursday, October 11, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

In our July session, we had 28 energetic individuals help pack 138 boxes; this is enough food to make nearly 30,000 meals and feed 82 children in Haiti for a full year!

To sign up or learn more, please contact Paul or Peggy Hirsch at 651-431-1832 or at phirsch651@aol.com.

MASS TIMES WILL CHANGE FOR FALL FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Mass times will be changed on October 6 and 7, on both Saturday and Sunday, due to the Fall Festival.

On Saturday, October 6, **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 7, 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.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a mandatory training for all current servers and any students in grade 4 or older who would like to serve as altar servers at St. Peter's. The training will be held on Saturday, September 29, from 10:30 to 1 p.m. We will meet in the Gathering Space at 10:30 sharp. We will have a pizza lunch at the end of the training. Servers who attended the training last spring do not need to attend this training. Please RSVP to Deacon Tim at thennessey@stpetersmendota.org.

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 SEPTEMBER 23**

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8

[6b]/Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5

[1]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30,

34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101,

104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 Thursday:

and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4

[1]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps

138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

[9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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MASS INTENTIONS

The following are the intentions

offered by the priest at Mass: Monday, September 24 † Louis J. Chapdelaine

Tuesday, September 25 Ivan Posthumus Wednesday, September 26 † Jeffrey Weiss

Thursday, September 27 † George & Annamma

Cherucheril

Friday, September 28 † Marie Kelliher Saturday, September 29 † Robert Nolan Sunday, September 30, 9 am † Tina Dingmann

11 am Mass For The People

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER 24

Monday, September 24

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary) 6 pm VIRTUS Training, Heritage Center

Tuesday, September 25

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

10:30 am Mobile Meals, Off Campus **6:30 pm** Alpha, Heritage Center 7 pm Endow, Youth Room

Wednesday, September 26

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary) 9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room 6 pm Opening Night of Elementary and Middle School Faith Formation, Heritage Center

6:30 pm Perissos, Heritage Center

Thursday, September 27

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary) Grandparents' Adventure Meeting, 10 am

Ravoux Room

Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room 6:30 pm

7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, September 28

8 am Reconciliation, Main Church

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

Saturday, September 29

9 am & 10:30 am

AA Meeting, Classrooms

10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Conference

Room 1

Mass Server Training, Main Church 10 am Reconciliation, Main Church 3:30 pm

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

5 pm Mass - Commissioning of EMHC, Main

Church

Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Sales, 6 pm

Gathering Space

Sunday, September 30 -

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Mass - Commissioning of EMHC, Main 9 am

Church

9 am Liturgy of the Word for Children,

Classroom 2 and 10

Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Sales, 10 am

Gathering Space

10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

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

Nativity

Mass - Commissioning of EMHC, Main 11 am

Liturgy of the Word for Children, 11 am

Classroom 2 and 10

12 pm Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Sales,

Gathering Space

Uganda Team Meeting, Conference Rm 1 6:30 pm

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Pride is one of the greatest obstacles of growing in our faith. Pride is a form of self love in which we can rely more on our own resources rather than depending upon God as the source of everything we need. James and John

asked to have places of honor in the Kingdom. Jesus reminds us that it is in our humility that we are truly the greatest in the Kingdom. Let's ask the Lord for deeper humility.

WEDDING BANNS



ST JOHN'S SEMINARY

St. John's School of Theology and Seminary invites you to STAR-Lite Training: Learning Strategies Awareness and Resilience in a Single Day. On Friday, October 5, join us for a single-day, evidence-based training integrating neuropsychology, trauma healing and resilience, restorative justice, nonviolent conflict transformation and broadly defined spirituality. All are welcome to join us at this free training facilitated by the Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute. Space is limited to 60. Optional CEs are available for a small fee. Pre-registration is required. details and to register now. go www.sloct52018.eventbrite.com.

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY



You are invited to explore the biblical springs of the Eucharist. Through this exploration, you will enrich your understanding of this sacrament and deepen your appreciation of the great gift it is.

Through texts from the Old Testament, the Gospels and New Testament letters, you will discover that the Eucharist unites the prayers, works, joys and sufferings of our lives as an offering in union with Christ. Through meditation on these texts, you will learn to cultivate a Eucharistic life of prayer and active commitment in the world.

Sessions are Thursday, 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Ravoux Room, beginning September 30. All are welcome. Please register by contacting Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

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 chapel is closed during the Masses. Between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., there is access to the chapel only with a key card. 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 lamos@stpetersmendota.org to sign up for an hour of adoration. We still need adorers at the following hours:

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, 7 to 8 am

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE

Our Divine Mercy Cenacle will start meeting again on Wednesday, September 26, after the 9 a.m. Mass. As a Cenacle, we pray for the sick and dying, study Scripture and the Catechism, as it relates to God's Mercy. We also read the Diary of St. Faustina, to whom the Divine Mercy message was given, and we pray together the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Everyone is welcome; please consider joining us. For more information, contact Carol Mulvihill at cmulvihill@earthlink. net, or 651-356-2970.

SPIRITUALITY AS WE AGE: A RETREAT

As Catholic Christians, our spirituality is fed through the sacramental life of our Church, especially the Eucharist and the Living Word of God. In what other ways do you feed your soul? In nature, art, relationships? As we age in wisdom and grace, life experiences can deepen our spiritual perspective.

Join us on Monday, October 1, from 10am to 2pm, in Heritage Center, as we come together for reflection and discussion that seeks to provoke new insights into spirituality as we age. This retreat is for anyone who gets older every year.

FREE WILL donations will be accepted and appreciated. A light lunch will be provided. Please register by September 28 to Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or at lamos@stpetersmendota.org



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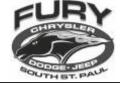
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