

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.

Third Sunday of Easter

We are in the heart of the Easter season, and we hear of Christ's appearance to his disciples. He appears, offers them His peace, shares a meal and opens the Scriptures. He ends his time telling them, "You are witnesses of these things." This encounter of Christ was not intended just for his disciples 2,000 years ago, though! We are blessed to have a liturgy where the scriptures are opened to us, and we are called to share a meal of Christ, Himself, in the Eucharist. We have the opportunity to hear Christ and touch him every time we participate in the Mass.

With this great privilege, also comes responsibility - a call to be witnesses of these things! Of what are we called to witness? We are called to witness the reality that Christ came, suffered and conquered death for all! We are witnesses to the fact that we are saved, healed, redeemed and are adopted sons and daughters of God, because of his Son!

This call to witness can sometimes seem daunting. We ask, "How can I be an effective witness?" The enemy sneaks in and whispers lies of comparison. Suddenly we don't feel adequate to be witnesses, because we are too busy comparing ourselves to others. It's time to recognize this lie and stop scrutinizing ourselves. We must focus on our call to witness.

How do I witness? As St. Teresa of Calcutta famously said, "We can do no great things. Only small things, with great love." Let us then not worry about witnessing in great ways, but in small ways with great love.

I can witness to Christ's mercy, by offering forgiveness to those who have wronged me.

I can witness to Christ's peace, by choosing hope when things seem dreary.

I can witness to Christ's conquering of sin, by leaning on His strength, not on my own.

I can witness to Christ's beautiful plan in my life, by letting go of control and letting His Holy Spirit guide me.

I can witness to Christ's love, by being love to others, in small ways with great love.

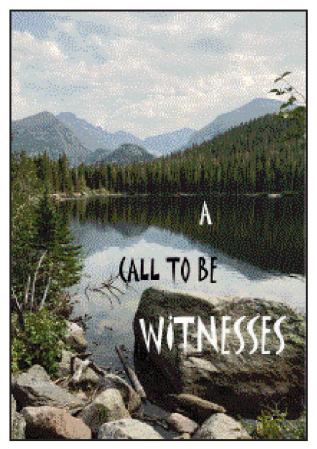
May we not let the enemy and his lie of comparison win. May we humbly accept Christ's call to witness.

Let the Lord speak to you in His word and nourish you at the Table of Life. Let us be prepared to be witnesses of these things.

Blessings,

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Elizabeth Youth Coordinator





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April 15, 2018

YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday School

Sunday, April 29 is the final class for Sunday School. The preschool and kindergarten children will be putting on a very special closing program after the 9 a.m. class. It will take place in the Ravoux Room. All are welcome to join us.

Elementary and Middle School Religious Education

Wednesday, April 25 is our final class for religious education for grades 1 through 8. At both the 4:30 and 6:30 sessions, we will have a closing prayer service in the Main Church, followed by an ice cream social in Heritage Center. ALL parents are encouraged to join us!

Religious Education Registration for 2018 - 2019

All families should have received registration information via the April Newsletter for 2018-2019 religious education classes. An email was sent to every family. Please remember the registration deadline is May 15. If you have any questions, contact the RE office at 651-905-4311.

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/she must be registered for the Wednesday night program. If your child will be in at least second grade in September 2018, and you wish to have him/her in the First Reconciliation and First Communion program, please register prior to May 15. Register him/her for the Grade 2 classes. Children must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation prior to First Communion.

FSCS AT ST. PETER'S

the **FAITI** Faithful Shepherd is providing hospitality for all Masses this weekend. We SHEPHERD are thankful to be a part of the Church of St. Catholic, Schoo Peter's vibrant community, and we appreciate all of your support of our school. We have an information table in Heritage Center this weekend. Please stop by to say hello and learn more about our wonderful school.



FAITHFUL SHEPHERD CATHOLIC **SCHOOL PIZZA AND BINGO**



Join the Faithful Shepherd Community on Friday, April 27, for a FUN family event! Family Pizza and Bingo Night will be held in the Faithful Shepherd Catholic School gym from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Lots of great games and prizes! The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. We hope to see you there. Please direct any questions to FSCSBingo@gmail.com.

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**

St. John Neumann • St. Peter • St. Thomas Becket

3355 Columbia Drive • Eagan, MN 55121

651-406-4747 • www.fscsmn.org

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD IS COMING

Our parish has been given the opportunity to bring the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to our faith formation offerings in the fall of 2019. What is the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd? This is a question that we will be answering over the next weeks and months.

It is a way for a child to develop a personal relationship with God. Sofia Cavelletti and Gianna Gobbi, the foundresses of this work, spent over 50 years observing children ages 3 to 12. They found that there were certain pieces of scripture and parts of the liturgy to which children had deep responses. They believed and observed that there is a deep bond between God and the child, which produces, in the child, the desire to draw nearer to God.

The child enters a prepared environment, called the atrium, and is given selected presentations from scripture and liturgy that 'call forth' the child's response, rather than 'pours in' information. The catechist listens with the child and together they ask, "God, who are You? How do You love us?"

We will have an information table in the Gathering Space after all Masses on the weekend of April 21-22. There will be materials that are used in an atrium, along with written material for you to learn more and take with you. Please join us to learn more about the Level I Atrium, for ages 3 through 6, that we are preparing for use in the fall of 2019.

You can contact us as follows:

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Beth Halbert	bhalbert@stpetersmendota.org
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ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS • STEWARDSHIP • COMMUNITY NEWS

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

St. Peter's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for **Thursday, May 3**, starting at 6 p.m. in Heritage Center. The dinner is open to all St. Peter's volunteers, whether you have helped by baking cookies once or ushering every single week! Please RSVP with the flyer in this week's bulletin. Please call 651-452-4550 or email <u>aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org</u>.

CCW STYLE SHOW AND LUNCHEON

The Council of Catholic Women will hold their annual Spring Style Show and Luncheon on Saturday, April 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$20. Bring a friend! Clothes are from Mainstream Boutique in the Village in Mendota Heights. For more information, call Nancy Stanton at 651-686-9009.

ADDITIONAL EASTER FLOWER THANK YOU

Thank you to Mark and Mary Hartman, for the money donated towards our Easter flowers in memory of Neil & Mary Kane and Al & Lorraine Hartman. Your generosity helped make the church a beautiful space to worship.

MANDATORY TRAINING FOR ALTAR SERVERS

Deacon Tim will be training current altar servers, as well as anyone in grade four or older, who is interested in becoming an altar server at St. Peter's. The training will be held on Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Main Church. Lunch (pizza and soda) will be served at 12:30. Please meet in the Gathering Space of the church at 10 a.m. sharp.



ST. PETER'S CCW COLLECTION FOR HAITI

The SPCCW will resume the collection of white sheets and white pillowcases. We are also collecting empty pill bottles. Please remove the labels from the bottles by filling the containers with HOT water. The heat will loosen the label and it will peal off easily. These items are for the Haiti Collection sponsored by the ACCW.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Ladies, you have an opportunity to join a very friendly group known as St. Peter's Women's Golf League. We will have a get acquainted lunch on Thursday, May 3. Our first golf date is



Thursday, May 10. We play every Thursday, through September 13, at Highland 9 Golf Course, 1797 Edgcumbe Road, in St. Paul. The first tee time is 8:56 a.m.

For more information and to sign up for the lunch, please call Judy Hillstead at 651-454-2775, or Joan Schlagel at 651-454-4745.

CATHOLIC WATCHMEN AND MEN'S CLUB

All men are invited to attend the Catholic Watchmen and Men's Club monthly meeting on Thursday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. in Heritage Center to hear Dr. Michael Naughton, Director of the Center for

Catholic Studies, UST, video on "Reclaiming the Sabbath." Join us for social time, dinner and discussion. Contact Jim Lodoen at 952-707-0539 or <u>jlodoen@lindquist.com</u>, or John Vogel at 651-587-3073 or <u>john.p.vogel@skf.com</u>.

MINNESOTA FOODSHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN TOTALS

We have our final total for the Food Drive! The total number of pounds/dollars collected is 4,901. Thank you for your participation in this year's Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign. Once again, your generosity towards helping those in need has been overwhelming.

Neighbors, Inc. thanks you for your generosity. Please continue to donate when you are able, throughout the year. Collection bins are always available at St. Peter's.

"I have the audacity to believe that people everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies. education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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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 Oricchio651-452-358	7
Helen Wilkie651-365-133-	4

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 15 Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29 -30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29 Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and

	7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-		
	35		
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a		
	[1]/Jn 6:35-40		
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20		
	[1]/Jn 6:44-51		
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk		
	16:15]/Jn 6:52-59		
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15,		
	16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69		
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26,		
	28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18		

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, April 16		† Richard Gangl
Tuesday, April 17		† Richard & Mary
		Ambalam
Wednesday, April 1	8	† Edward Boland
Thursday, April 19		† Neoma & Ken
		Dumond
Friday, April 20		† Art Roemer
Saturday, April 21		Mass For The People
Sunday, April 22	9 am	† Marie Schloegl
	11 am	† Patricia Korman

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: APRIL 16

Monday, April 16 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary) 6 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting, Classroom 2, 4 6:30 pm Alpha, Heritage Center Boy Scout Troop Meeting, Classroom 10 7 pm **Tuesday, April 17** 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary) Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room 10 am Endow, Family Room 7 pm Wednesday, April 18 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary) Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room 9:45 am 4:30 pm Grade 2 meet in classrooms. Grades 1, 3-5 meet in their homes. Grade 2 meet in classrooms. Grades 1, 3-5 6:30 pm meet in their homes. Grades 6-8 meet in their classrooms. 6:30 pm Perissos, Heritage Center Thursday, April 19 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary) 9:45 am Small Faith Group, Conference Room Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room 6:30 pm Catholic Watchmen & Men's Club, 6:30 pm Heritage Center ACCL Meeting, Conference Room 6:30 pm 7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5 Friday, April 20 8 am **Reconciliation (Main Church)** 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary) Saturday, April 21 9 am & 10:30 am AA Meeting, Classrooms Saturday Scripture Study, Conference 10 am Room 3:30 pm **Reconciliation**, Main Church 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 5 pm Mass, Main Church 6 pm CCW Style Show Ticket Sales, Gathering Space Sunday, April 22 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 9 am Mass, Main Church 9 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Room 9 am Sunday School, Classrooms CCW Style Show Ticket Sales, Gathering 10 am Space 10:30 am Rosary for St. Peter's, Chapel of the Nativity 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 11 am Mass, Main Church 11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Room 12 pm CCW Style Show Ticket Sales, Gathering Space 12 pm Baptism, Main Church

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Jesus reminds his disciples and us that we are witnesses to the Resurrection. Jesus died for the sins of all, and He rose so that we might have New Life in Him. In what ways can we give authentic witness of our faith to a world

that is aching to know the Lord?

ROSARY COLLECTION FOR UGANDA

Looking for a new home for your extra rosaries? Make it Uganda! The Uganda Mission Team will be collecting rosaries at all Masses the weekend of May 5-6. We witnessed the importance of the rosary to our Ugandan brethren during our mission trip there last summer. We did not have enough to distribute to all who wanted them! We are collecting new or gently used rosaries in anticipation of Fr. Lawrence's trip here this June. Please, only rosaries in good condition. Please pass this request on to others that may want to contribute. Thank you!

ST. PETER'S YOUNG ADULTS

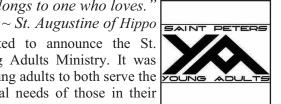
"Singing belongs to one who loves."

We are excited to announce the St. Peter's Young Adults Ministry. It was formed by young adults to both serve the unique spiritual needs of those in their 20's and 30's and to offer these same

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young people opportunities to give back to the entire community.

St. Peter's Young Adults will be hosting "praise and worship" the first Sunday of each month, at 6 p.m. in the Historic Church, beginning May 6. All are invited to come join us for an evening of fellowship, as we lift our voices as one to God!

Calling new members! If you are a young adult in your 20's or 30's and are looking to become a part of a Catholic community seeking to grow in faith together, please contact Lisa Hursin (lisahursin@gmail.com) or Michael Hoff (michaelthoff@gmail.com) to learn more about SPYA and get involved!

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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

ADORATION CHAPEL

Grace. What does this word mean? One of the ways it has been described is as an unmerited favor by God to us. Does it get any better than that? So many of our greatest moments are a result of God's love and grace. Mark, one of our chapel division leaders, recounts this story.



"A few years back, I had a very close moment with Christ and a young woman, who had had two abortions by the time she was 21 years old. She was despairing and felt irredeemable. She believed there was no way God could love or forgive her. By the grace of God, I was able to tell her that God's grace is greater than any sin we can commit, and that God was calling her to be forgiven and loved through his representatives here on earth. A friend of mine walked with her to the nearby crisis pregnancy center, where she was greeted, literally with open arms by a counselor. We all need to remember that grace is far stronger, far greater than any sin or weakness we may have. Mercy and grace win."

Grace is waiting in the chapel. Christ is calling us to spend time with Him and experience His Majesty and Grace in the Blessed Sacrament. As the apostle Paul said to his readers, "Grace and peace to you." All are welcome!

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:	y: 2 to 3 pm, 4 to 5 pm, 5 to 6 pm	
Monday:	2 to 3 am, 3 to 4 am,	
Tuesday:	None	
Wednesday:	1 to 2 am, 3 to 4 am	
Thursday:	10 to 11 am	
Friday:	1 to 2 am, 4 to 5 pm, 7 to 8 pm	
Saturday:	3 to 4 am, 4 to 5 am, 5 to 6 am, 7 to 8 am	

MILITARY PRAYER BOARD



The installation of the new St. Peter's Military Prayer Board will take place April-May of 2018. If you ry have a family member serving in one of the branches that you would like

remembered in prayers, please contact Jackie Dimmen by 651-681-9851 email phone at or bv at jdimmen@comcast.net, in order to receive instructions for submitting a brief profile and photo to be posted. We are forever grateful for the selfless acts of these family members.



Prayer of the Heart

"As our body cannot live without nourishment, so our soul cannot stay spiritually alive without prayer."

(St. Augustine)

Prayer is as necessary to our soul as nourishment and air is for the body. Because of this truth, we are offering a workshop to guide and support this essential practice of our Christian life. As we revisit certain helpful keys to prayer and cover practical tips on how to deal with distractions, dryness and other challenges, those who attend will also have the opportunity to grow in their understanding and experience of the fruitful practice of meditation and prayer of the heart.

TWO SESSIONS!

Choose whichever best fits your schedule and plan to make time to enrich your personal prayer and grow deeper into your relationship with Jesus.

Evening session Tuesdays, April 24, and May 8 & 15 6:30-8pm

OR

Daytime session Wednesdays, April 25, and May 9 & 16 10-11:30am



THREE-PART WORKSHOP

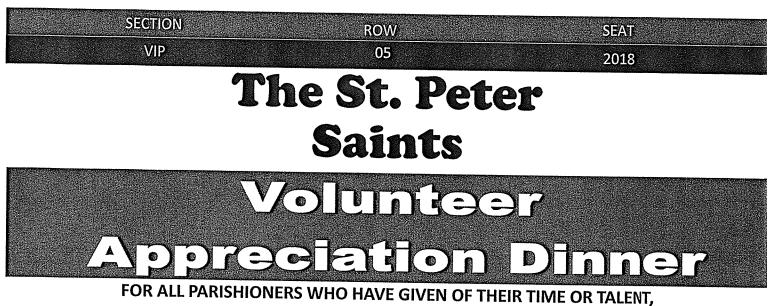
PART I: INTRODUCTION: BASIC FOUNDATIONS AND PRACTICAL HELPS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

> PART II: APPROACHES TO PRAYER

PART III: VARIOUS DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED IN PRAYER AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM

BOTH SESSIONS IN HERITAGE CENTER

Registration is not required. Please contact Lisa Amos for further information at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org



AS WELL AS A SPOUSE OR GUEST

KICK OFF IS AT 6PM THURSDAY, MAY 3 HERITAGE STADIUM

COME DRESSED IN YOUR **FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM ATTIRE** (UNLESS IT'S THE GREENBAY PACKERS!)

Dinner, dessert, beverages, and entertainment by the Four Pints Shy



If you will be attending, please respond by Friday, April 27

Drop this form in the collection basket or mail to

Appreciation Dinner, Church of St. Peter, PO BOX 50679, Mendota, MN 55150

Number attending Name(s)

Phone # (with area code)_____Email____

You can also respond with the above information by leaving a message at 651-452-4550

