

**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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter***April 29, 2018***

The great “spring” snowstorm/blizzard of April 11 and 12 will long live in my memory, both for the incredible amount of snow and for the lessons I learned.

I found myself getting worried on Friday morning, as I prepared to leave for work. I wondered how much snow we would get and when it would come. I wondered about the “blizzard conditions” they talked about on the weather channel. I was scheduled to preach that weekend; I was also scheduled to do an infant baptism. I began to fret about how I would get to St. Peter’s with the terrible weather ahead. Ah, human nature!

As it turned out, I was not able to make the trek from Little Canada to Mendota, on Saturday evening. Father Steven braved the elements and offered Mass for about 50 brave souls, and even baptized an infant! I reflected on my own reaction to the forecast, the piling snow and the rather frightening weather conditions that kept us all on the edge of our seats, from Friday evening to Sunday morning.

I somehow wanted God to wave his mighty hand over the weather in our part of the world, so that I didn’t have to face my fear of driving on slick roads and the visibility issues that come with that kind of a storm. I kept repeating the psalmists’ words, “Ice and snow, bless the Lord!” I prayed all the way to St. Peter’s on Sunday morning, where I picked up my preaching duties and also baptized an infant. There was no slipping or sliding on the roads, and despite a little “white knuckling” along the way, I made it just fine. Praise God!

All of this reminded me of a time, during spring of last year, when I was put in a position of having to deal with an emerging situation over which I had no control. It was 8:40 a.m. on Pentecost Sunday, when I bid Father David farewell, as he headed back home to take a much needed rest. There was no time to call in another priest and no time to plan a homily. Holy Spirit to the rescue! I literally stood at the ambo, opened my mouth and God provided the words! This is certainly not how I would have preferred things to go, but, in the final analysis, it all worked out. It always does. . .

At 60 years old, (I know, I know, I don’t look that old.) I am still learning to accept what God sends into my life, trusting that His will shall be done. There are beautiful

lessons of surrender and acceptance of God’s will in these little storms of life. As usual, I worried and fretted about things over which I had no control. God knew what he was doing, and he knew how he would use these situations to teach his son another lesson.

Surrender is about letting go and letting God. I know in my head that I need to do that. In my heart, though, it’s another story. I can honestly look back on my life over these past 60 years and see God’s hand guiding me through every storm. Not once has he failed me, and yet, I will still worry and fret each time a storm comes into my life.

Acceptance is about realizing that God either sends situations into our lives, or he allows them to happen. It is not easy to accept things that we don’t choose for ourselves. At times, it is incredibly painful or difficult to accept what does come into our lives. As is often the case, God surprises us by teaching us a beautiful lesson that would have otherwise passed us by. God sends people into our lives in the most difficult moments, and, like angels, they serve as guides and helpers in these times of struggle.

God never leaves us. God is constantly watching over us and guiding our life’s path. There is a beautiful peace that falls over us when we realize that we are not in control, accept our reality and then surrender our will to God’s perfect will.

The snow is melting, and for that I am glad. I know there will be more storms ahead—both the weather variety and the storms of life. Today, I thank our loving God for the storms that he has brought me through. I am learning to accept and surrender.

What about you?

In the joy of the Risen Christ!

Deacon Tim

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YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education Registration for 2018 - 2019

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

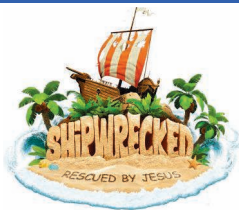
Please be aware that all children in second grade must prepare for their sacraments at their parish. If your child will be in at least second grade in September 2018, and you wish to have him/her in the First Reconciliation and First Communion program, please register prior to May 15. Register him/her for the Grade 2 classes.

SUMMER STRETCH IS BACK!

Summer Stretch is back again this summer for middle school participants and high school teen leaders! All those entering grades 6-12 in the Fall of 2018 are welcome to join us on Thursdays this summer as we grow in our relationship with God through service and fellowship. More information and sign-ups are available on the information counter. Questions? Contact Elizabeth McCanna at emccanna@stpetersmendota.org or (651) 905-4312



GET SHIPWRECKED! REGISTER FOR VBS 2018



Vacation Bible School will be held at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School June 18 - 22, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Children entering Kindergarten through Grade 6 are invited to attend. The cost for the program is as follows:

1 Child - \$45

2 Children - \$80

3+ Children - \$100

*The cost of the CD (sold separately) is \$10.

For those families who will have at least one parent volunteering for the FULL week of VBS, we are happy to offer a discount:

2 children with adult volunteer - \$40

3+ Children with adult volunteer - \$60

We Need Volunteers

We are seeking help from adults and teens in Grades 7 through 12, to lead crews and run stations. Please see the online registration for more details.

VBS is co-sponsored by St. Peter's and St. John Neumann. For more information, contact Maria Schwartz at maria.schwartz@outlook.com or Tonya Brost at tmaebec@gmail.com. You may also register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/c2195f>.

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

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PRAYERS FOR MARY JUBENVILLE

Mary Jubenville has resigned from her position as business manager for St. Peter's. We are deeply grateful for all her years of service. Please keep her in your prayers.

ROSARY FOR ST. PETER'S

Join us for a rosary for St. Peter's at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

"I want you to know that no one can please me more than by saying the Rosary." – Our Lady to St. Mechtilde

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.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK



This is Volunteer Appreciation Week for our parishioners at St. Peter's. We hope you can join us for our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, May 3, at 6 p.m. in Heritage Center. If you have not RSVP'd yet, please do!

The St. Peter's staff will be hosting donuts this Sunday, to show the gratitude we have for you! Watch out for a few other surprises during the week! Thanks for all you do!

71ST ANNUAL ROSARY PROCESSION

Please come and unite your prayers with Bishop Andrew Cozzens and the families of our Archdiocese, as we celebrate the 71st Annual May Family Rosary Procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

Bishop Cozzens will lead our families in the rosary procession, from the State Capitol to our beautiful Cathedral. In the Cathedral, we will adore Jesus and entrust our precious families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

We will gather at the State Capitol at 1:30 p.m. The procession will begin at 2 p.m. Those who cannot walk the procession route may go directly to the Cathedral to pray the Rosary with those who are in procession, via a speaker system.

In these times of serious challenge and the breakdown of families, Our Lady once more holds out to us the power of the Most Holy Rosary. Come and entrust your family to her Immaculate Heart.

ROSARY MAKERS

May 1 will be the last meeting of the rosary makers until September. Take advantage of this chance to learn how to make corded rosaries. Join us in the Ravoux Room on May 1, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for the rosary makers ministry.

We use donated supplies, so the cost is less than 25¢ per rosary. In addition to making the rosaries, we assemble kits for anyone who wishes to make rosaries. The completed rosaries are then donated to anyone who asks for them. Last year, we supplied several hundred to local churches and adoration chapels.

A traveler to Mexico brought 500 rosaries there for mission work. We shipped 400 to two groups in Houston who served the victims of the flooding. Last fall, Father Lawrence brought every rosary we had on hand (600) back to Uganda. We asked if he had room in his bag, and he said he would leave clothes behind because the rosaries were more important! He would have taken more if we had them. In fact, he is requesting rosaries for his visit this summer. 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.

FALL FESTIVAL MEETING

Even though we are all yearning for spring weather, the Fall Festival Committee has been busy planning this upcoming October's event. This year, we will have a two-day festival, taking place on October 6 and 7. The pork dinner will be Saturday. We will serve concessions on Sunday. We would like to have music both days, as well. The Fall Festival Committee is looking for more people to join them. We are in need of the following positions:

- advertising leading up to the festival
- a co-chair to the silent auction
- people who would be willing to solicit silent auction items
- one or several people to take the lead on our raffle

If you are interested in joining our committee, or if you have a new idea for the festival, please join our meeting on Wednesday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room. If you can't make the meeting but are interested in helping, please call Gail Barta at 651-454-9552 or e-mail Anne O'Keefe at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org.

CUATRO DE MAYO PIZZA BINGO!

Come join us on Friday, May 4, at 6 p.m., for Pizza Bingo! We are incorporating this night into our Volunteer Appreciation Week. Please join us – it's FREE! We will have the regular kids' prizes and adult prizes; the adult cover-all at 7:30 will be a \$50 plant gift card to Gerten's and for the kids, we will have a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card. If we have multiple winners, we will draw a name for the winner. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Gathering Space today. You can also contact Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308 or aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org with your RSVP. We look forward to seeing you there!



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, give only rosaries in good condition. Please pass this request on to others that may want to contribute. Thank you!

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 APRIL 29

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn:9-17

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, April 30	† Miller Family
Tuesday, May 1	† Jerry Hirsch
Wednesday, May 2	† Bill Olson
Thursday, May 3	† Carl Dumond
Friday, May 4	† Joseph & Irma Krejci
Saturday, May 5	Mass For The People
Sunday, May 6, 9 am	† Jack Conway
11 am	† Jeffrey Weiss

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: APRIL 30

Monday, April 30

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
6:30 pm Alpha, Heritage Center
7 pm Boy Scout Troop Meeting, Classroom 10

Tuesday, May 1 - Loaves and Fishes

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
10 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
7 pm Endow, Family Room
7 pm Rosary Makers, Ravoux Room

Wednesday, May 2

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
10 am CCW Board Meeting, Conference Room
6:30 pm Perissos, Heritage Center
8 pm Workcamp Meeting, Youth Room

Thursday, May 3

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Small Faith Group, Conference Room
6 pm Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Heritage Ctr
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, May 4

8 am Reconciliation (Main Church)
9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:30 am Anointings, Historic Church
6 pm Cuatro de Mayo Pizza Bingo! Heritage Ctr
6:30 pm Alpha Retreat, Ravoux Room

Saturday, May 5

9 am & 10:30 am AA Meeting, Classrooms
9 am Alpha Retreat, Heritage Center
9:30 am Altar Server Training, Main Church
10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Conference Rm
3:30 pm Reconciliation, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm Mass and First Communion, Main Church
6 pm Rosary Collection, Gathering Space
6 pm Young Adults Ministry, Gathering Space

Sunday, May 6 - Hospitality Sunday Hosted by CCW

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass and First Communion, Main Church
10 am Rosary Collection, Gathering Space
10 am Young Adults Ministry, Gathering Space
10:30 am Rosary for St. Peter's, Chapel of the Nativity
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
11 am Mass and First Communion, Main Church
12 pm Rosary Collection, Gathering Space
12 pm Young Adults Information Table, Gathering Space
6 pm First Sunday Praise and Worship, Historic Church

PASTORAL MINISTRY

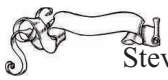
FOLLOWING JESUS



In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that for our lives to be spiritually fruitful, we need to stay very close to Him. Being that Jesus is the source of our fruitfulness, this highlights the importance of prayer, sacramental grace

and meditation on the scriptures as some of the means God provides to keep us united with Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, let us pray for the grace this week to be perseveringly faithful in prayer, to Mass and anything else that draws us more deeply into His presence.

WEDDING BANNERS



First Proclamation

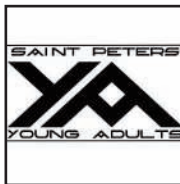
Steven Brummer and Julia Lewandowski



ST. PETER'S YOUNG ADULTS

"Singing belongs to one who loves."
~ St. Augustine of Hippo

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 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!

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT



Ever thought about getting away and doing something special for your marriage but just never had the time to do it?

Here's your opportunity! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Catholic based marriage enrichment program that will be held the weekend of July 27-29. The weekend will be held at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School. This will be a non-residential weekend, meaning you will go home at the end of the day and return the next morning. The weekend begins Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. For more information about WWME or to register for the weekend, go to www.wwme.org or call 612-226-8378. Space will be limited, so we suggest registering early.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Every day, our chapel is bearing fruit in the world. Often, we don't see them, but some days we do! This past Easter, on Holy Saturday night, our much loved former parishioner, Nick Redd, proposed to his girlfriend, Theresa, in the chapel. She said, "yes!". Spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament together is a wonderful way to nourish marriages, and it's certainly a wise way to begin one!



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:	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

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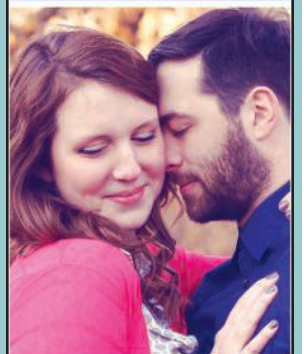
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 ~ St. John Paul II

We have some hours available and in need of adorers in the Chapel of the Nativity. Please prayerfully consider committing to one of the hours listed here that is still empty. Gray spaces indicate where we have the most urgent need.

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All are welcome and encouraged to participate. To schedule your hour at adoration please contact Lisa Amos, 651-905-430; lamos@stpetersmendota.org or complete a registration card found in the Gathering Space.

*Could you not watch one hour with me?
 Matthew 26:40*