

**SUNDAY MASSES**

(All in Main Church)

Saturday at 5 p.m.

Sunday at 9 &amp; 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.

***Sunday of Divine Mercy******April 8, 2018***

There is an ancient saying in the Eastern Church, "If you want to know if Jesus is really Risen, look around you at the faces at the Easter Vigil." Year after year, I witness the truth of this simple statement. Every year, I look around as the darkness is driven back by the light of Christ, and I see faces radiating with awe at the awesome power of hope in the Resurrection.

As beautiful as it is, this retelling of our story of God's might and merciful love for us, the vigil lasts only one night. The Church, guided in wisdom by the Holy Spirit, which Jesus has breathed upon his disciples in the Upper Room, proclaims selections from Acts in its liturgies, during the season of Easter, because it is vital that we remember to take that joy of the Resurrected Christ onward into our lives. Our joy in Christ must last long after the vigil candles are extinguished, and the last notes of the organ have faded away. But does it?

When you encounter others in your life, do they see your joy radiating out of you? Do they sense the warmth that comes from knowing how beloved you are? Do you speak about your faith with the same enthusiasm you might talk about a movie you've just seen and loved? When you speak of being Catholic, is the conversation more like a list of obligations and restrictions such as, "I *have* to go to Mass on Sunday," or "I can't have that, because I had to give it up for Lent," or maybe even with a sigh, "I have to take my kids to St. Peter's for class?" Or does it sound more like a sharing of the gifts and joys you've received because of your relationship with Christ. For example, "Let's meet later, because I want to go to Mass first. I always feel better able to face the week once I've been."

Whenever I read this reading from John in which Thomas, returning to the Upper Room, has a tough time believing the other disciples, I wonder what he saw when he walked in. Were his friends breathless with excitement? Did they seem to be overwhelmed with delight? Were they laughing, smiling, weeping tears of joy? Filled with they Holy Spirit, were they ready to get out there and get to work? Could he see the presence of the Risen One in their faces? In other words, were they credible witnesses to what they had seen and experienced?

It's worth noting that, despite declaring that he'd need to

put his hand into Jesus' wounds to believe, all it takes is the presence of Jesus. It may not be Jesus whom Thomas doubts but his friends about whom he has misgivings. Thomas' declaration, "My Lord and my God!" is nothing less than an exclamation of faith.

Just as Thomas declares his belief in the Risen Savior, we profess our own in the observance of Divine Mercy Sunday by saying, "Jesus, I trust in You." It's fitting that this story of Thomas' faith follows just as Jesus recruits his disciples, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to spread forgiveness and mercy.

The Sunday of Divine Mercy, this year on April 8, reminds us that God's mercy is greater than our sin. Out of love for us - all of us - God wants us to completely trust in Him and to accept that, through Christ, forgiveness is poured out over us and importantly, through us to others. What would it mean for the world if our joy in Christ were so undeniable, that it spilled into everything we do and into every conversation we have? What would it mean if we ourselves were aware of the incredible gift that has been bestowed upon us?

This Easter, as we follow along with the disciples in Acts, let's take the time to ponder what Thomas might encounter in us, were it left to us to announce the Good News of the Risen Christ to him. Would he have found us to be a credible witness? Would he have found us eager to set out in His name? Would he see at a glance the anointing of the Holy Spirit we have received? Do our faces reveal that He is, indeed Risen?

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Pastoral Associate

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# YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

## FAITH FORMATION

### 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 is 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.

## KIDS' CHANGE FOR KIDS: TO UGANDA WITH LOVE

During Lent, we are asked to give alms. In order to encourage our youth and children to follow this Lenten practice, we are sponsoring a child in Uganda. Please have children and youth bring in money that they have earned to help support this child. They may bring the money to their religion class and put it in the can located on the teacher's desk. All proceeds go to support this child. We will continue to collect money throughout the Easter season.

## TASTE OF LEBANON DINNER

St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church will be holding its Annual Taste of Lebanon Dinner on Sunday, April 22, at 602 University Avenue North East, in Minneapolis.

The authentic Lebanese Dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$8 for children ages 4 to 12.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.stmaron.com](http://www.stmaron.com), or you can pick them up at the parish office.

## FSCS NOW ENROLLING



Academic excellence, faith-based education and a supportive community that engages the whole family are just a few reasons that our families love our school! We are currently enrolling grades K through 8 for the 2018-2019 school year! To learn more, visit [www.fscsmn.org](http://www.fscsmn.org) or call Jen Claude at 651-262-2898. We look forward to meeting and sharing our school with you!



## OFFICE INFORMATION

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### BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

### PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Email Lisa Amos at [lamos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org), call her at 651-905-4304 or call the parish office.

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## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD 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 a table in the Gathering Space after all Masses on the weekend of April 21-22. There will be some materials that are used in an atrium, along with some 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.

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIZZA NIGHT AT SOLOS



The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pizza Night at Solos Pizza, at 1270 Promenade Place in Eagan. Simply print the flyer from the Knights of Columbus website ([eaganknights.com](http://eaganknights.com)) and come in to Solos on Wednesday, April 11, 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.

### 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 peel off easily. These items are for the Haiti Collection sponsored by the ACCW.

### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Thank you to all who joined us in January. We packed over 31,000 meals—enough to feed 86 children for a full year! This is a record amount for any of the St. Peter's sessions. We invite you to help us set another record in April.



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

**When:** Thursday, April 12, from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

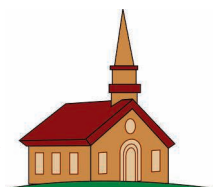
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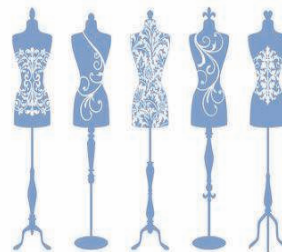
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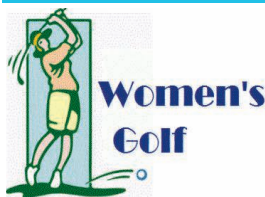


### SAVE THE DATE! CCW STYLE SHOW

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. Watch future bulletins and inserts for more information or call Nancy Stanton at 651-686-9009.



### 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 Edgcombe 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 SPIRIT MAGAZINE

We have a limited number of free annual subscriptions to The Catholic Spirit, the award-winning official newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Each edition is packed with Catholic news coverage of our archdiocese, nation and world, as well as issue analysis and reflections on Catholic living from family life to public policy. If you would like to receive the Catholic Spirit, contact Rita Holien in our parish office at [rholien@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:rholien@stpetersmendota.org).

### 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](http://www.wwme.org) or call 612-226-8378. Space will be limited, so we suggest registering early.

## 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:

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 8

**Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31  
**Monday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21  
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, April 9	† Rick Smith
Tuesday, April 10	† Richard & Patty Dugan
Wednesday, April 11	† Ray Schloegl
Thursday, April 12	Dorothy Thalhuber
Friday, April 13	† Fr. Mathew Cherucheril
Saturday, April 14	† Carl Becherer
Sunday, April 15	9 am † Antoinette Crea-Larson
	11 am Mass For The People

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: APRIL 9

### Monday, April 9

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

### Tuesday, April 10

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

### Wednesday, April 11

**9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)  
**9:45 am** Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room  
**10 am to 7 pm** - Chapel closed for work. Adoration will take place in the Historic Church.  
**4:30 pm** Grade 2 meet in classrooms. Grades 1, 3, 4 & 5 meet in their homes.  
**5:30 pm** Chill, Youth Room  
**6:30 pm** Grade 2 meet in classrooms. Grades 1, 3, 4 & 5 meet in their homes. Grades 6-8 meet in their classrooms.  
**6:30 pm** Perissos, Heritage Center

### Thursday, April 12

**9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)  
**6 pm** Feed My Starving Children, Off Campus  
**6:30 pm** Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room  
**6:30 pm** Alpha Team Training, Heritage Center  
**7 pm** AA Meeting, Classroom 5

### Friday, April 13

**8 am** Reconciliation (Main Church)  
**9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)  
**6:30 pm** Alpha Retreat, Heritage Center

### Saturday, April 14

**9 am** Alpha Retreat, Heritage Center  
**9 am & 10:30 am** AA Meeting, Classrooms  
**10 am** Saturday Scripture Study, Conference 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  
**6 pm** ACCL Baby Bottles handed out, Gathering Space

### Sunday, April 15 - Hospitality Sunday Hosted by the Men's Club & Faithful Shepherd

**8:30 am** Choir Rehearsal, Music Room  
**9 am** Mass-Teaching Parish Sunday, Main Church  
**9 am** Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Room  
**9 am** Sunday School, Classrooms  
**10 am** ACCL Baby Bottles Handed Out, Gathering Space  
**10 am** CCW Style Show Ticket Sales, Gathering Space  
**10:30 am** Theology of the Body Workshop, Classroom 10  
**10:30 am** Rosary for St. Peter's, Chapel of the Nativity  
**10:30 am** Choir Rehearsal, Music Room  
**11 am** Mass-Teaching Parish Sunday, Main Church  
**11 am** Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Room  
**12 pm** ACCL Baby Bottles Handed Out, Gathering Space  
**12 pm** CCW Style Show Ticket Sales, Gathering Space  
**12 pm** Baptism, Main Church



## PASTORAL MINISTRY

### FOLLOWING JESUS



In today's Gospel, we see that the first gift of the Risen Christ to his Apostles is the Holy Spirit, and through the Spirit, the power to forgive sins. They are to be missionaries of the Mercy of Jesus, bringing His forgiveness to the world. As Jesus' disciple, he asks me to believe in this mission He gave to His apostles. Do I appreciate and regularly receive this gift through the sacrament of reconciliation? Help me Lord this week to examine the place of this sacrament in my life, and to be a person of mercy toward others.

### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

God's plan for a joy-filled marriage offers a view of marriage that helps you fully embrace, and even celebrate, God's glorious plan for your life.

This half-day workshop will provide you with a rich understanding of the teachings of the Church, offer you the tools to live married life as God intended and give you ample opportunity to discover your relationship in a wholly and holy new way.

A requirement for engaged couples, but relevant for ALL couples, this workshop might be just what you're looking for and to what God is calling you in your relationship.

Join us on Sunday, April 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Ravoux Room. A light lunch will be provided for couples who register in advance. To register, please contact Lisa Amos, Pastoral Associate, by email at [lamos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org), or call her at 651-905-4304, no later than April 13.

*A suggested donation of \$30 per couple will be gladly accepted.*

**All couples, whether engaged, newly married or looking for ways to deepen your relationship through Christ-centered intimacy are welcome.**

### MILITARY PRAYER BOARD

The installation of the new St. Peter's Military Prayer Board will take place April-May of 2018. If you have a family member serving in one of the branches that you would like remembered in prayers, please contact Jackie Dimmen by phone at 651-681-9851 or by email at [jdimmen@comcast.net](mailto: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.

### ADORATION CHAPEL

As we continue into the Easter season, we want to share with you this reflection from a member of our chapel team. "A card I received from the Sacred Heart Association said, 'a great many people believe that our eternal life will begin at the time of our death. Our Eternal Life with God began on the day of our baptism, the day we became a child of God. When we reflect on this great truth, we can come to realize that those we love who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, have not been separated from us. They are much closer to us, because they now live in the fullness of God's love, a love that embraces each one of us, whether here on earth or in the heavenly kingdom. At a time of mourning, we often feel that we are distant from those we love. They are united with us now more than ever before. No more do they know the restraints of the human condition. Now they can love us with a deeper love, a fuller love, a love that is enriched by God's own love.' During this season, as we no longer need to mourn and are able to remember Christ's triumphant Resurrection, let us always remember that we are now closer than ever to Him, as He united us through His Body and Blood, will never forsake us, and, if we are open to it, draw us deeper and deeper into His Sacred Heart. Please come to our Adoration chapel, as often as you would like, and experience this rich love from the Heart of Jesus who is with you through it all and holds you close. 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](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org) to sign up for an hour of adoration. We still need adorers at the following hours:

<b>Sunday:</b>	2 to 3 pm, 4 to 4 pm, 5 to 6 pm
<b>Monday:</b>	2 to 3 am, 3 to 4 am,
<b>Tuesday:</b>	None
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 to 2 am, 3 to 4 am
<b>Thursday:</b>	10 to 11 am
<b>Friday:</b>	1 to 2 am, 4 to 5 pm, 7 to 8 pm
<b>Saturday:</b>	3 to 4 am, 4 to 5 am, 5 to 6 am, 7 to 8 am

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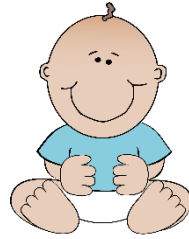
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# St. Peter's Community Caring for Life Annual Baby Shower & Baby Bottle Drive



This year, we offer two ways to support our local crisis pregnancy center, Wakota Life Care Center.

## A Baby Shower!

Bring in NEW gifts and place them in the crib in the Gathering Space.

Wakota is in particular need of:

- Diapers, any size
- Sleepers, sizes 12,18, and 2T
- Socks and clothing, size 2T
- Baby wash, shampoo, and lotion
- Baby towels and washcloths
- Formula, especially Similac in the blue or orange cans

## Baby Bottle Change Drive!

Empty bottles will be passed out after Masses on April 14 & 15

Please fill them with your spare change and return to collection baskets.



Thank  
you!

Bring gifts and filled bottles  
on  
April 21 & 22  
and  
April 28 & 29

# *St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women Annual Style Show & Luncheon*

**Saturday, April 28, 2018**

Church of St. Peter  
1405 Highway 13  
Mendota, MN 55150

**Fashions by Mainstream Boutique at The Village in Mendota**

**Program Schedule:** 11:30 am - Sign In  
12:00 pm - Luncheon  
1:00 pm - Style Show



Raffle is \$5 per ticket.  
You need not be present to win.



**Bring a friend!  
Shop after the show!**

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**Return your completed reservation and payment of**

**\$20 per person by April 20 to:**

Church of St. Peter/CCW  
PO Box 50679  
Mendota MN 55150-0679

Names on this reservation:

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Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Amount included \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**For special dietary needs, please call Nancy Stanton at 651-686-9009.**

