

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.

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 5, 2018

Depending on the individual, the congregation, or even the denominational tradition, knowing God can sometimes be reduced to an intellectual exercise. This text tells us that the knowledge of God is connected to an experience of God, and especially experiencing God's provision. Knowing God is also expressed in obeying God, an act that can cycle back to a deeper knowledge of God.

The topic of knowing, experiencing and obeying God in this account is set within the story of the Israelites' "murmuring" against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and God's provision of quail and manna. As is typical for Hebrew syntax, the verb begins the verse, setting the stage for what will happen, "and they murmured." This word occurs only in the wilderness wandering texts of Exodus 15 -17, Numbers 14, 16-17 and Joshua 9:18. It can also be translated as "grumble," or "complain against."

Though the object of their complaint is Moses and Aaron, their human leaders, in verses 6-8 (which are not in the lectionary reading) Moses acknowledges that they are really complaining against God. It is important to remember that these texts -- wherein the Israelites murmur -- are not merely critiques of people who voice their concerns to God. The Psalms are full of laments, which list out complaints to, and even about, God in very specific ways. Additionally, the content of the people's murmuring, at this point, is legitimate; they are hungry and need food. Thus, the problem is not that the people murmur; the problem is that they do not believe.

God responds to the people's murmuring with the promise that bread will be rained from heaven -- a remarkable, direct response to their need. But verse four also lets us know that with the gift of bread comes a test. God will see if the people will obey God's instruction or not — instructions which include the command to only gather as much as they need to eat (verse 16) and not to leave any for the next day (verses 19-20).

Of course, they do not obey, and their lack of obedience tests the patience of both Moses and God. But the disobedience is not only stubbornness or recalcitrance; they do not know God enough to trust God. This problem is foreshadowed in their song of praise from the previous chapter. They acknowledged that the Lord is a God like no

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other (Exodus 15:11). They do not fully understand who the Lord is or what God is able to do. Even if they remember that God is their deliverer, they have not yet experienced again and again that God is also their provider.

We do not have to wait at all for the fulfillment of God's promise of bread and meat, made in verse 12, for verse 13 explains that quail comes in the evening and manna comes with the dew of the morning. Verse 14 gives a brief description of the manna, comparing it to frost. Its name is related to the Israelites' question, "What is it?" or man hû' in Hebrew. Moses responds to their confused surprise by spelling out that it is God's promised gift of bread.

Numbers 11 also tells about God providing manna and quail to the Israelites in the wilderness, but, in that chapter, the gift of food is bracketed by stories about God's anger with, and judgment against, the Israelites (Numbers 11:1-3, 33-35). Psalm 78:30-31 describes the occasion in Numbers vividly: "But before they had satisfied their craving, while the food was still in their mouths, the anger of God rose against them and he killed the strongest of them and laid low the flower of Israel."

In this chapter and in the lectionary's selection of verses, the main point is that God provides food in the wilderness in the form of bread from heaven. Of course, in the gospel reading from John, Jesus makes it clear that the manna from heaven in the wilderness is not the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Instead, Jesus Himself is the bread of life, and as He identifies Himself as that bread, He promises that whoever comes to Him will not go hungry (John 6:35). Many see Jesus spiritualizing the food from the Old Testament, but perhaps His promise connects with the Exodus text more directly, by affirming that knowledge of God is connected to the way God provides for specific needs.

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# **YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION**

## **FAITH FORMATION**

#### **Religious Education Registration for 2018 - 2019**

Please remember to register your children for Religious Education for the 2018-2019 year. If you have any questions, please contact the RE office.

#### First Reconciliation and First Communion 2018 - 2019

Please be aware that <u>all</u> children in second grade must prepare for their sacraments at their parish. Even if your child is in a Catholic school, he or she must be registered for the Wednesday night program. If your child is in at least second grade in September of 2018 and you wish to have him or her in the First Reconciliation and First Communion program, please register. Register him/her for the Grade 2 classes. Children must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation prior to First Communion.

## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Be sure to check out the display cases by Heritage Center to see new Good Shepherd materials. The work is quite varied for the 3-6 year old child. The display includes Baptism work, Liturgy work (the altar), and Parable work (Kingdom Parables and the Good Shepherd parable). There are many beautiful things the children will be exposed to when they come to the atrium!

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Cronin at 651-905-4314.

## ALPHA REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 1



Alpha is returning to St. Peter's, beginning September 4. Alpha is a place to develop or deepen a relationship with Jesus and explore the basics of the Christian faith. It will run Tuesday evenings, from September 4 through

November 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in Heritage Center. Alpha consists of a meal, a talk and small group discussion. It is an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. It is designed to create and/or deepen a personal relationship with Jesus and a place for fellowship with others. One recent participant commented: "Alpha increased my confidence to share my faith!" Another said: "As a new member, Alpha was helpful in making me feel more connected at St. Peter's."

Online registration begins on August 1. at <u>www.stpetersmendota.org/alpha-registration/</u>. Registration will also take place in the Gathering Space, after all Masses in August. Mark your calendars and plan to join us! Invite your friends and neighbors! Space is limited to 45 participants. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Reding at 612-419-1709 or lreding1@aol.com.

#### **OFFICE INFORMATION**

Father Steven Hoffman: 651-452-4550 Deacon Tim Hennessey: 651-905-4301

Parish Office Hours: Mon - Thur, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fri, 8 - Noon.

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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## THE ACADEMY FOR YOUTH EDUCATED AT HOME—YEAH

For 27 years, YEAH and the Academy have been serving the Home Schooling Community in the Twin Cities and beyond at our site in Roseville. We are so very blessed that the Lord has led us to a new home at St. Bernard's High School building, 180 Rose Avenue West, in St Paul.



Our mission is to provide support and tools for success for home educating families. The YEAH Academy provides tutorial classes in 65 academic areas and the arts, for grades 5 through 12. We also offer college courses to qualified home educated high schoolers, through the Minnesota State Post Secondary Enrollment Option. Taught by our adjunct professors at our site, students earn credit from four Twin Cities Christian colleges. We also offer Advanced Placement tutorials.

Each of our member families maintains their own home school identity, but becomes a part of the YEAH Academy community to avail themselves of the expertise of our highly qualified instructors. YEAH also offers workshops for parents, social and leadership opportunities for teens, educational tours and many tools for success for home educators.

Learn more about all that YEAH offers to support home educating families at <u>www.yeahacademy.net</u>. Come meet us at our Open House on August 4, from 3 to 6 p.m. How can we serve you? If you have questions, please call Rita Lew at 651-399-0921, or email her at <u>yeah@mtn.org</u>.

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

## HAITI COLLECTION

The CCW is collecting these much needed items for Haiti: • Empty pill bottles (with labels removed—fill bottle with HOT water to loosen the label).

- All sizes of WHITE ONLY sheets and pillow cases.
- All sizes of WHITE ONLY tablecloths.

Please drop off your items in the marked boxes in the coat room. Thank you all for your donations.

## **BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP**

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. See the flyer in the bulletin for more information.

## **HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS**



Have you ever wanted to hear more about the history of our parish? Our Historic Church will be open for FREE tours every Sunday, from 12 to 2 p.m., Memorial weekend

through Labor Day. Feel free to stop in and learn about your community's very own historic site!

## 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.



## SACRAMENTS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Many in our community wish to be able to join us for Mass but are unable to do so. If you or a loved one have mobility limitations, or if declining health makes it difficult to participate in the sacramental life of the church, please contact our pastoral associate to learn of the ways we can help. Often, many go without simply because we are not made aware of their needs. To add yourself or someone you love to our outreach ministry, or to hear about the many opportunities, call Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or email her at lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

## COLLEGE SEMINARY APPLICATION INFORMATION MEETING

St. Thomas All for the Common Good

Are you a high school senior interested in college seminary? The seminary application meeting is for men entering their senior year in high school and are interested in entering seminary formation for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and in attending St. John Vianney college seminary. On Wednesday, August 15, St Thomas University will hold a seminary application meeting at St. John Vianney College Seminary, 2110 Selby Avenue, in St. Paul, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Parent(s) and/or guardian(s) are also encouraged to attend this meeting. Join us for Mass, a light meal and information on how to make your seminary application for Fall 2019 entry. Please contact the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890, if you have questions. Your RSVP is required! Register online at <u>www.10000vocations.org</u>.

## **ROSARY FOR ST. PETER'S**

Join us for a rosary for St. Peter's every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel of the Nativity, our adoration chapel/



"The Rosary is the tree of life which raises the dead, heals the diseased and preserves those who are in health." ~ Pope Nicholas V

## **RELEVANT RADIO**

Did you know the time you spend driving in your car can be an opportunity to grow in faith, to be renewed in hope and to be reminded of God's love for you and for the world? Simply tune your dial to 1330 AM, where you will hear engaging and dynamic Catholic programming on Relevant Radio®. You can also download the *free* Relevant Radio mobile app and take your faith with you wherever you go! Fuel your drive with spiritual nourishment!

## **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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Jim Oricchio	651-452-3587
Helen Wilkie	651-365-1334

	READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 5	
y	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23	· · · · ·

	25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24
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Monday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
	[1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-
	18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt
	14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf.
	10d]/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-
	19 [12a]/Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9
	[5]/Jn 12:24-26
Saturday:	Hb 1:122:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
	[11b]/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-
	7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:305:2/Jn 6:41-51
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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Monday, August 6
Tuesday, August 7
Wednesday, August 8
Thursday, August 9
Friday, August 10
Saturday, August 11
Sunday, August 12, 9 am
11 am

† Louis J. Chapdelaine † George Zirnhelt Al Mayers † Dee Hazuka Clare McCanna † Anita Selg Friedrick Mass For The People † Ruthe Perron

#### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: JULY 30**

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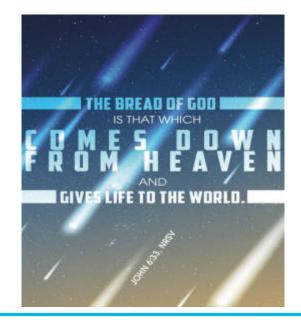
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Tuesday, A			
9 am	Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)		
Wednesday, August 8			
	Sharing and Caring Hands, Off Campus		
9 am	Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)		
Thursday, A	August 9		
9 am	Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)		
6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room		
7 pm	AA Meeting, Classroom 5		
Friday, Aug	just 10		

- **Reconciliation, Main Church** 8 am
- Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary) 9 am

## Saturday August 11

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9 am & 10	):30 am
	AA Meeting, Classrooms
10 am	Saturday Scripture Study, Conference
	Room 1
3:30 pm	<b>Reconciliation, Main Church</b>
4:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm	Mass, Main Church
6 pm	Alpha Registration Table, Gathering Space
Sunday, Au	igust 12
8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am	Mass, Main Church
10 am	Alpha Registration Table, 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
- Alpha Registration Table, Gathering Space 12 pm



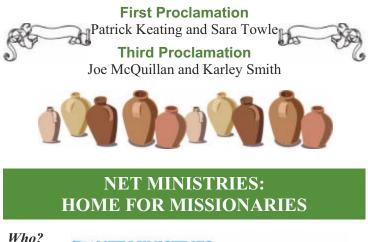
# **PASTORAL MINISTRY**

## **FOLLOWING JESUS**



In this world of fast food, Jesus reminds us that we should strive for the food that lasts—His very Presence in the Eucharist. Jesus is the Bread of Life. He is the food we need for our journey of faith.

## WEDDING BANNS



Who? What? Where?

ET MINISTRIES Challenging Young Catholics to Love Christ and Embrace the Life of the Church

NET Ministries is beginning our training season once again. Missionaries from all over the country (and World) will be arriving within weeks. Starting 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.

## MISSION TRIP TO UGANDA JUNE 2019



We will be making a return visit to St. Anthony's parish in Migyera, Uganda, to reconnect with our brothers and sisters in Uganda and do some mission work. The trip is planned for June 6 through 20 of 2019. While there, we will work at the

schools where our sponsored children attend, meet with sponsored families and do some work for them, as well as doing some medical mission work, among other things. If you are interested in joining us, or if you have questions, please call Laurie Reding at (612)419-1709 or email her at <a href="https://www.laurie.com">https://www.laurie.com</a>. Space is limited to 15 people.

## **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.



There are many spectacular testimonials witnessing to the power of Adoration. My testimonial, however, is kind of "quiet. . . " It is one of companionship with Jesus and of slow, consistent transformation. It is often said that we soak in some of the qualities of the people we spend time with. When my adult children are all together, talking about current happenings in their lives, they sometimes jokingly roll their eyes and say, "Ugh! I'm turning into Dad (or Mom)!" That's not surprising, since we've spent 18+ years together, and some of my wife and I have "rubbed off" on them. The same thing happens when I spend time in Adoration—I experience a little bit of Jesus rubbing off on me. Like everyone, I struggle with things that I can't easily and automatically control and make go away-things like pride, performance orientation, judgementalism, poor selfimage, certain resentments and fears, and so on. But, when I have companionship with Jesus in Adoration, I feel that the control that these things exert over my life steadily lessen, little by little. Although I have a long, long way to go, sitting in the stillness with Jesus in Adoration gradually changes me—I experience Jesus soaking into my being, and I feel like I leave the Chapel a different man than when I went in.

~ Anonymous

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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 <u>lamos@stpetersmendota.org</u> to sign up for an hour of adoration. We still need adorers at the following hours:

Sunday:	3-4 am
Monday:	2 to 3 am, 3 to 4 am, 11 am to Noon
Tuesday:	6 to 7 am, 11 pm to Midnight
Wednesday:	1 to 2 am, 3 to 4 am
Thursday:	3 to 4 am
Friday:	Midnight to 1 am, 1 to 2 am, Noon to
	1 pm, 4 to 5 pm, 7 to 8 pm
Saturday:	7 to 8 am





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#### August 2018

In May, you received a letter in the mail asking for updated member information. If you completed and returned your letter, thank you! We appreciate it. If you haven't, would you please take a moment to complete it and return it to the office as soon as possible? If you cannot find your letter, please take a minute to fill out this form completely and return it to St. Peter's. The few minutes you take to complete and return the form helps us immensely in keeping our data base accurate. Thank you!

Adult 1 Full Name	
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Adult 1 Full Name:	2
Adult 2 Email:	

#### \*\*Please only list children who are living with you and are members of St. Peter's.

Children First Name	Children's Last Name	Son or Daughter	DOB
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#### **Membership Information:**

Our family is no longer a member at St. Peter's. Please remove me from your data base.

\_\_\_\_ Our family is currently a member at St. Peter's.

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