

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.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 17, 2018

Imagine that you are the wonderful person who was responsible for bringing two totally amazing people together, and now they are getting married. You have prayed for them, hoped for them and lovingly watched their relationship blossom. Your joy is beyond belief! They have announced their wedding, and you wait patiently for an invitation. Days go by; nothing comes in the mail. Their wedding day comes, and you realize you were not invited. You do not attend, as it is not in your nature to force yourself on anyone.

This is what Jesus feels like when He is not invited to the wedding!

We are living in the era of the "destination wedding." These popular wedding spots are popping up all over on farms, in wineries, in historic buildings and in all kinds of outdoor venues. It seems that many people want to focus their wedding day on a theme that they select and create. Sadly, many have abandoned the traditional church wedding, for a themed wedding that may have only faint hints of God's presence.

I was invited to attend three weddings in 2017, and none of them was celebrated in a church. One of the weddings was held in a renovated barn in Wisconsin. Another was in an old Catholic Church that is now a destination wedding venue. It included a special appearance by the family dog, and the bride and groom danced down the aisle at the end of the service to a song from the 1960's by the Turtles called, "So Happy Together."

The Catholic Church is abundantly clear about where a wedding should take place. It is not in a barn, on a beach or any other destination location. A Catholic wedding is only sacramentally valid, if it takes place in a church. Why?

As Catholics, we understand that marriage is a sacrament. A man and woman, who come to the Church asking to be married, prepare to enter into a lifelong covenant. This covenant joins them, as long as they both shall live, to each other and to God, who brought them together. There is a prescribed process of preparation to assist the couple for married life. It is crucial that the wedding take place in a church where the sacrament can be validly celebrated by a priest or deacon.

Marriage is both a civil act, and in our Catholic tradition, a sacramental one. The State of Minnesota does not require that a marriage ceremony be performed in a church. A couple who marries in a location other than a church is still validly married

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in the eyes of the state. The Church, however, does not recognize a marriage as valid, if it does not occur in a church.

Some of us know friends, relatives or even members of our own families, who have chosen to hold their wedding ceremony in a place other than a church. While we may be disappointed in their choice, we are nonetheless called to love and support the couple in their new life together. As Catholics, it is also important that we hold to the truths of our faith.

I recently counseled a couple who were invited to a family wedding that was planned outside the church. The question came up about whether or not they should attend the wedding ceremony. There is no easy, black and white answer. If at all possible, it would be best to talk with the couple before the wedding, explain what your faith teaches and invite them to reconsider their decision to marry outside the Church. This is called speaking the truth in love. Many Catholics do not understand what the Church teaches about marriage. It is a beautiful act of Christian charity to guide those who may be confused about the teachings of our faith.

Our loving Father always wants the best for His children. Marriage is intended to be a lifelong union between a man and a woman, open to children and a living sign of God's love to the world.

The Church requires a suitable period of preparation, prayer and instruction for the engaged couple. During this time, the couple is invited to explore, not only their relationship with each other, but also their relationship with God.

God is the giver of all good gifts. In giving us the gift of marriage, our Loving God intended for us to celebrate it with proper devotion. Every Christian marriage is an image of God's loving plan for His Church. Let us continue to pray for those entering into the sacrament of marriage, that they will do so with hearts joined to each other and to God and His Church.

In Christ,

Veron

Deacon Tim Hennessey



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YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

WORKCAMP NEWS

With our carwash this past weekend, we have officially wrapped up our Workcamp fundraising for this year! Thank you to everyone who has supported our teens with their prayers and generosity! Please continue to pray for our teens, as we prepare to embark on our trip to Vandalia, Illinois, from June 7 to 14.



Workcampers resting after the carwash.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education Registration for 2018 - 2019

Don't forget to register for next year! If you have any questions, contact the RE office at 651-905-4311.

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. 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, register him/her for the Grade 2 classes.

ST JOHN PAUL II CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE AWARD

Do you know of someone who devotes his or her time helping the poor, elderly, disabled, pregnant, or is committed to praying for Respect Life issues? He or she may be our next Champion for Life! The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is looking to honor those who respect life at our annual St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards. Submit a nomination at <u>archspm.org/C4L</u>. Questions? Please contact Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489 or at MFL@archspm.org.

HEARING AND VISION AIDS AVAILABLE FOR MASS



If you find it hard to hear at Mass or your ability to participate is inhibited by difficulty reading the hymnal or worship aids, we can help with that. Please see

one of our friendly ushers and let them know of your need. We have hearing devices and magnifiers available for you to use while you are here.

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

BOOK GROUPS

Small faith groups are a wonderful way to form relationships of support and encouragement with others who share your love of Jesus. Book study groups are a terrific way to start. If you have thought about gathering friends in your home or local venues but don't know where to



begin, we can help! Fr. Steven has put together a spiritual reading book study guide, and we can recommend books. The titles by Fr. Jacque Philippe in our resource center are just right for this type of study. For further book suggestions or a copy of the reading guide, contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or <u>lamos@stpetersmendota.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 Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

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

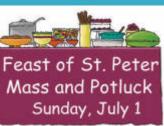
~ Pope Nicholas V



ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS • STEWARDSHIP • COMMUNITY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE! FEAST OF ST. PETER

Come enjoy a Sunday morning with us as we celebrate our patronal feast day - The Feast of St. Peter. On Sunday, July 1, we will have ONE Mass at 10 a.m. in the Main Church.



After Mass, we will have a potluck lunch. St. Peter's will supply hot dogs, buns, beans, condiments, chips and drinks. Those of you who would like to bring an item to share, please do! Those whose last names begin with A-P, please bring salads, fruits or vegetables. Those whose last names begin with R-Z, please bring desserts. If you have a special dish that you like to bring, please feel free to do that! If you plan to bring a crockpot or something that needs to be plugged in, you will be able to drop it off before the 10 a.m. Mass. Whether you bring a dish or not, we want you to come. We will have plenty of food!

Depending on the weather, we will take the celebration outdoors and play some yard games. Bring your lawn chairs, footballs, Frisbees, bean bag toss, etc.!

Please contact Anne O'Keefe if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions. You may reach her at <u>aokeefe@stpetersmendota.com</u> or at 651-905-4308.

HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS

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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 CatholicSpirit of free annual subscriptions The Catholic Spirit, the award-winning official to 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, Rita Holien in our parish office contact at rholien@stpetersmendota.org.

WANTED: CO-CHAIR FOR FALL FESTIVAL CONCESSIONS BOOTH

John Plut has done an amazing job running the concessions booth for our Fall Festival these past years. This year, he is looking for someone to co-chair with him. This heath wells is a fire place



with him. This booth really is a fun place to work!

Since the pork dinner is on Saturday, the concessions booth will be the only booth serving food on Sunday! This year, we are adding cheese curds and mini donuts, along with the Kramarczuk's brats and beans and all the other goodies!

If you have fresh ideas, enjoy working with food and want to help the parish, please call Gail Barta at 651-454-9552 or email Anne O'Keefe at <u>aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org</u>.

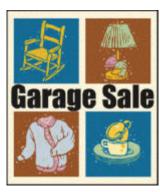
ST. JOE'S 3-DAY GARAGE SALE

The Church of St. Joseph, 13900 Biscayne Avenue West in Rosemount, is hosting their 2nd Annual 3-Day Mega Garage Sale on June 21, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on June 22-23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Find an incredible amount of choice and variety of items at rock bottom prices!

- Clothing
- Toys and books/comic books
- Kitchen and housewares
- Glass items
- Holiday items
- Sporting goods
- Antiques and collectibles
- Baby items
- Yard care and flower pots
- Music and movies
- Jewelry and purses
- Bicycles
- Craft supplies
- And so much more!

We will have a virtual sale for large items such as furniture and exercise equipment

The drop off for this event starts June 13.



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.

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Trustees:

Jim Oricchio	
Helen Wilkie	651-365-1334

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 17

Sunday:	Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-
	16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
Monday:	1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-
	7 [2b]/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11
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Wednesday:	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24
	[25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7
	[12a]/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11,
	12, 13-14, 17-18 [13]/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-
· ·	32, 33-34 [29a]/Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday:	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
	15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
	Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14
-	15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66,
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MASS INTENTIONS The following are the intentions offered by the priest at Mass: Monday, June 18 † Rosemary Mossberg Tuesday, June 19 Shari Linnell Wednesday, June 20 † Jerry & Tom Hirsch Thursday, June 21 † Marlys Johnson Friday, June 22 Kevin Peterson Saturday, June 23 † Bill Bordenave Sunday, June 24, 9 am Mass For The People † Betty Giefer 11 am

THIS	WEEK'S CALENDAR: JUNE 18
Monday, Ju 9 am 7 pm	Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary) Boy Scout Troop Meeting, Classroom 10
Tuesday, Ju 9 am	une 19 Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
Wednesday 9 am 6:30 pm	Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
Thursday, 2 8 am 9 am 10 am	21 Summer Stretch, Off Campus Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary) End of Life Planning Seminar, Heritage Center
5:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7 pm	End of Life Planning Seminar, Heritage Center Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room ACCL Meeting, Conference Room AA Meeting, Classroom 5
Friday, Jun 8 am 9 am	
Saturday, J 9 am & 10 9 am 10 am 3:30 pm 4:30 pm 5 pm 6 pm	une 23):30 am AA Meeting, Classrooms Young Adults Book Club, Classroom 10 Saturday Scripture Study, Conference Room Reconciliation, Main Church Choir Rehearsal, Music Room Mass, Main Church Uganda Ministry Information Table, Gathering Space
Sunday, Ju 8:30 am 9 am 10 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 11 am	Choir Rehearsal, Music Room Mass, Main Church Uganda Ministry Information Table, Gathering Space

- 12 pm Uganda Ministry Information Table, Gathering Space
 12 pm Uganda Dinner, Heritage Center
- 6:30 pm Uganda Team Meeting, Conference Room



PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



We can learn a lot from Jesus' comparison of the Kingdom to a mustard seed. While the smallest of seeds, the mustard seed blossoms into a large plant that can offer shelter to the birds. It takes only a little faith to bring

light to the darkness of this world. Let's let our faith blossom wherever God plants us!

END OF LIFE PLANNING SEMINAR

Learn Spiritual, Legal and Planning Aspects

Back by Popular Demand! St. Peter's Pastoral Care and O'Halloran and Murphy Funeral Homes are teaming up to bring you an opportunity to learn about end-of-life preplanning. Fr. Steven Hoffman will talk about spiritual perspectives. We will also have experts here to talk about the legal considerations of your decisions, as well as information about funeral planning and more.

The workshop is FREE and everyone is welcome, whether you have begun thinking about these important decisions for yourself or your loved ones. We will hold two sessions on Thursday, June 21: one at 10 a.m. and the other at 5:30 p.m., both in Heritage Center. Registration is required to help us prepare enough materials. Choose your session and register today by contacting Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304, <u>lamos@stpetersmendota.org</u> or call the parish office at 651-452-4550.

WEDDING BANNS

Second Proclamation Vincent Reynaud and Jenny Carnival Third Proclamation

Kip Thorstenson and McKenzie Carlson

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Fathers in Love + Mothers in Love = Families in Love This summer, your whole family deserves the love Mom and Dad discover on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! It includes 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, stress, chores and phones to focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a WWME weekend can make.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Non-Residential Weekend takes place on July 27-29, at Faithful Shephard Catholic School in Eagan. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit <u>www.wwme.org</u> or contact Mike and Jean Olson at 612-978-3635.

ADORATION CHAPEL

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, 5 to 6 pm
Monday:	2 to 3 am, 3 to 4 am, 11 am to Noon
Tuesday:	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

FR. LAWRENCE HAS A FARM!



More specifically, St. Anthony's parish has a farm! This farm is used to grow food for the priests to eat and to raise animals that are used as a "bank" to help with parish needs, both for food and for finances. When

we were in Uganda, we saw firsthand how this works. Because people do not typically have money, they will give a gift of a chicken or a goat, as a donation to the parish. These animals are brought to the farm, bred and then sold when funds are needed. The more animals they have, the stronger their "bank account." Fr. Lawrence would like to build up this bank account to help make the parish more self-sustaining.

In the gathering space there is a farm display. On it are pigs, goats, cows and chickens for "purchase." Each animal has a suggested donation on it. We invite you to consider taking an animal and return it with your donation, either to the collection basket or drop it by the parish office. You will find envelopes by the display. Thank you in advance for helping St. Anthony's parish, through the donation of a an animal for Fr. Lawrence's farm.

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR UGANDA

The Ugandan Mission team will be selling raffle tickets, after all Masses on June 16/17 and June 23/24, with proceeds going to support St. Anthony's parish in Uganda. There are many exciting prizes to be won, including Twins Champion Club seats, an iPad, a massage package, a gift certificate to Jensen's and several other prizes. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Don't miss your chance to win one of these exciting prizes, while helping our sisters and brothers in Uganda!



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St. Peter, Mendota, MN

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11:15 a.m. Potluck

St. Peter's will supply hotdogs with all the fixings, beans, chips and drinks. Please bring a dish to pass, based on the letter that begins your last name:

A-P - salads, vegetables or fruit

Q-Z - desserts

Whether or not you bring a dish to share, please come and join us! If you would like to volunteer please contact Anne O'Keefe at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4308



Upcoming Uganda Mission Events

Update on St. Anthony's Parish

Wednesday, June 20, at 6:30 PM

Fr. Lawrence will be doing an in-depth presentation on St. Anthony's parish and the student sponsorship program, for those interested in learning more about how our support is helping our brothers and sisters in Uganda. Please plan on joining us in Heritage Center at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20.

Dinner Hosted by Ugandan Mission Team



Sunday, June 24, at 12 PM

The Ugandan mission team will be hosting a dinner in Heritage Center, after the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 24. There is no charge for the dinner. Fr. Lawrence Kimbowa will be there to thank St. Peter's Parish for the support of this mission, as well as to update you on mission activities. Free-will donations will be accepted – 100% of which will be donated to the mission. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Informational Meeting on Upcoming Ugandan Mission Trip Set For June of 2019

Tuesday, June 26, 2018 6:30 PM

We will be holding an informational meeting in the Ravoux Room for anyone who might be interested in travelling to Uganda on a mission trip in June of 2019. Fr. Lawrence will be there to answer your questions, as will many of those who travelled to Uganda last June. We hope to see you there! Those who went to Uganda last year will tell you – it is the trip of a lifetime!