

**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.

The Most Holy Trinity***May 27, 2018***

It is a scene that I have witnessed countless times in my brief time as a deacon. The parents present their beautiful child for baptism. The infant, dressed in a pristine white gown, is about to encounter the Trinity in a unique and beautiful way. I trace the sign of the cross on the baby's forehead and invite the parents to do the same. This rite of baptism culminates in the pouring of water over the baby's head, as I baptize this child in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Trinity dwells within us. We live this mystery every day of our earthly lives. In John, chapter 14, Jesus tells his disciples, "The Father and I are one." He speaks about sending "another Counselor," the Holy Spirit, who will speak to their hearts. God continually reveals Himself to us as one God, who exists in three distinct persons.

I remember sitting on my deck one beautiful summer evening a few years ago. We have a lovely pond just beyond our back fence, and occasionally we see some of God's creation in the form of ducks or deer feeding near the pond. On this particular evening, I looked down and saw three deer standing together, taking a drink from the pond. This was indeed a sign of the Trinity! I gazed in wonder for a few moments before they spotted me and dashed away. I was reminded, in that moment, that God is Father, Son and Spirit. I felt privileged to witness this "trinity of wildlife" in my own backyard.

This weekend, we celebrate the Trinity. We are constantly invoking the Trinity in the many practices of our Catholic faith such as in the Mass, when we sign ourselves in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The priest greets us with an invocation taken directly from scripture, "May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you."

Our gospel for this Trinity Sunday is taken from the final lines of the last chapter of Matthew's gospel. We read that the disciples worshipped Jesus, but they still doubted. Jesus says these words:

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Jesus called his disciples to go out and bring people into this communion of love, called the Trinity. He reminded them that he would never leave them. Do you and I believe what Jesus said?

Our life in Christ is intimately connected to our baptism. The reality is that something special happened on that day. We became sons and daughters of a loving God, who made a way for the sin of our first parents to be wiped away. We were set free from original sin, welcomed into God's family and given the gifts of the Holy Spirit to guide us on our earthly journey. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit took hold of us on that important day. God never lets go of us! As disciples, we are called to bring others to Christ. Our daily encounters may bring us more often into the presence of those who have strayed from the faith, as opposed to those who have never heard the Good News. Regardless, the grace of our baptism equips us to enter into our call to be disciples. We never know when or under what circumstances we will be called to testify to our faith, so we should always be prepared!

God is all around us. He is present in our hearts, in the sacraments and in the created world. Today, we recall the great mystery of God as a Trinity of persons united in love. Each of us is united to heaven by the indwelling of the Holy Trinity. We are enfolded in a three-fold bond of love that surrounds us throughout our earthly life.

Today as you dip your finger in the holy water or pray grace at a meal, remember the Trinity of love that is God!

In the love of the Trinity,

Deacon Tim

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YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

SPONSOR A WORKCAMPER

The "Sponsor a Workcamper" Fundraiser takes place this weekend, May 26 and 27. Our teens so appreciate the generous support they receive from our parish. Thank you!



If you will be out of town this weekend for Memorial Day, you are welcome to drop off your sponsorship at the parish office anytime this week. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth McCanna, Youth Coordinator at 651-905-4312.

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 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.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



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Please take time to see the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd materials in the display case near the Gathering Space and Heritage Center. We hope to

share various materials over the coming months, so that our parishioners can come to know more about what happens in the atrium.

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 or call Jen Claude at 651-262-2898. We look forward to meeting and sharing our school with you!



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BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

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CCW OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee of St. Peter Council of Catholic Women submits the following candidates for office: President - Lisa Brooks; Vice President - Barbara Gerner; Secretary - Mary O'Neill; Treasurer - Connie Powell.

Per parish bylaws, all women of the parish are members of the Council of Catholic Women, and all members of the CCW may nominate a person for an office in the organization. Please contact Marge Sullivan at 651-451-6690, if you would like to nominate somebody.

The annual meeting and installation of officers is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, after the 9 a.m. Mass. A brunch will follow in Heritage Center after the election and installation of officers.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP UPDATE LETTER



We at St. Peter's are working on updating our member database. We need your help! In the next week or so, you will be receiving a letter from us, asking for an update of information, such as address, email, phone number, dates of birth, etc. We ask that you fill in missing information and correct any data that is incorrect. Please return it to the office in the pre-addressed envelope by mail or drop it off in the office, as soon as possible. Your prompt reply is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your help!

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!



"GIVE... TO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S."

MATTHEW 22:21, NRSV

Financial Recap
July 1 to May 20, 2018

YTD Actual Collections:	\$869,303
YTD Budgeted Collections:	\$831,917
Difference:	\$37,386

To donate electronically visit www.stpetersmendota.org and click on Donate Online or call Karen Cronin in the parish office at 651-905-4314.

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.



Feast of St. Peter
Mass and Potluck
Sunday, July 1

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-M, please bring salads, fruits or vegetables. Those whose last names begin with N-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 aokeefe@stpetersmendota.com or at 651-905-4308.



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 rhlien@stpetersmendota.org.

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Leave as a Friend



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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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 27

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd -4 [2a]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6 [2b]/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 28	† Jade Elizabeth Fish
Tuesday, May 29	† Dee Hazuka
Wednesday, May 30	† Jill Larsen
Thursday, May 31	† Jerry Hirsch & Tom Hirsch
Friday, June 1	† Verle Carlin
Saturday, June 2	† Dee Hazuka
Sunday, June 3, 9 am	Mass For The People
11 am	Jackie Huot

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: MAY 28

Monday, May 28 - Parish Office is closed.

10 am Mass, Historic Church
Ceremony at St. Peter's Cemetery following Mass.

Tuesday, May 29

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)

Wednesday, May 30

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm Perissos, Heritage Center

Thursday, May 31

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:30 am Potluck Birthday Breakfast, Heritage Center
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, June 1

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

Saturday, June 2

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

Sunday, June 3 - Hospitality Sunday Hosted by the Council of Catholic Women

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass, Main Church
10 am New Parishioner Meet and Greet, Conference Room
10:30 am Rosary for St. Peter's, Chapel of the Nativity
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
11 am Mass, Main Church
12 pm New Parishioner Meet and Greet, Conference Room
2 pm St. Peter's Youth Confirmation, Cathedral of St. Paul
6 pm First Sunday Praise and Worship, Historic Church



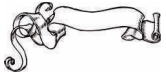
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FOLLOWING JESUS

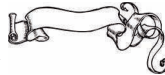


This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The Trinity, which we recall each time we make the sign of the cross, dwells within each of us. As we were each baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, so we are held in the boundless love of our God, who is a Trinity of persons.

WEDDING BANNERS



Third Proclamation
Sunoh Choe and Jenna Franklin



NEIGHBORS, INC. MONTHLY FOOD SHELF NEEDS

This month's Neighbors Spotlight is shining on Eduardo and his family. This happened a few months ago. I have not seen them since, but I think it is important to share their story. Eduardo, his wife and son had just arrived in Minnesota from Puerto Rico. They came here because the hurricane destroyed their life there, and the reconstruction of their home territory had been so delayed. The day they came into Neighbors, was one of our "normal" winter days—about 8 degrees. I asked what on earth would cause them to pick Minnesota as their new residence, and Eduardo told me "jobs." He had already found a job here at a warehouse, and his father-in-law had helped the family find an apartment. They just needed some food to help them out before the paychecks started to come in, which would be in a couple of weeks. In addition to food, our intake workers provided a small stack of other resources that we thought would be helpful.



As always, thank you all very much for the work that you do to help others in your community!

--Scott

Food shelf items most needed items at the moment:

- Razors and Shaving Supplies
- Seasonings
- Kid-friendly foods (fruit cups, granola bars, etc.)
- Baking items (flour, oil, sugar)

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

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 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:	12 to 1 am
Friday:	1 to 2 am, 12 to 1 pm, 1 to 2 pm, 4 to 5 pm, 7 to 8 pm
Saturday:	3 to 4 am, 7 to 8 am

SINCERE SYMPATHY

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Betts Giefer, Mark Linnell and Denise Andersen. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make them sharers in eternal salvation.

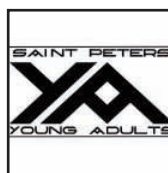


ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION

Bishop Andrew Cozzens invites you to celebrate the beautiful mystery of the mutual self-gift between a man and woman in the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, June 2, at the Cathedral of St. Paul, at 10 a.m. for Mass, renewal of vows and a short reception. Couples celebrating their silver, golden and platinum anniversaries will be honored in a special way and are invited to attend. Families and friends of all couples are welcome.

Couples married one or more years may request a commemorative certificate signed by Archbishop Bernard Hebda. To request a certificate, please contact Sonya Flomo at the Office of Marriage, Family and Life at 651-291-4488 or at flomos@archspm.org.

YOUNG ADULTS



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. Our next gathering is June 3. People of all ages are invited to come join us for an evening of fellowship, as we lift our voices as one to God!

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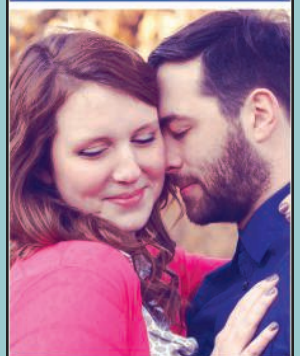
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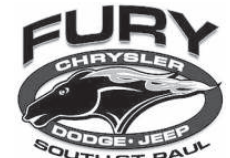
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Reflections on the 50th Anniversary of My Ordination to the Priesthood

I welcome and thank you for this opportunity to share with you a few thanksgiving notes, thoughts and reflections from my last 50 plus years of priestly and parish ministry.

First of all, I will give you a little personal background. My heart has always been in Crosslake at my parent's cabin, in which I now live. My parents built that cabin in 1935, seven years before I was born. I am the youngest of six children, raised in a very loving, stable family environment in south Minneapolis and Incarnation Parish. Every summer since 1935, my mom would move up to the cabin with us from Memorial Day through Labor Day. My dad, who worked as a stock broker in Minneapolis, would drive up every weekend. We had to have "sunnies" for that Friday's supper! Dad would then drive back Sunday night or early Monday morning for work. These were idyllic, simple, lake-dreamy summers for all of us.

After grade school at "Inkie," I went to St. Thomas Military Academy for high school and then to the seminary for eight years of philosophy and theology studies. I was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, at the Cathedral of St. Paul, on March 9, 1968, with 15 of my classmates. After ordination, we would help on the weekends at parishes within the Archdiocese, until we finished our studies in June of 1968. Much to my delight, my first assignment was to the Cathedral in St. Paul, where I had wonderful experiences and mentoring with four or five other priests and a wonderful pastor/mentor in Msgr. Ambrose Hayden. After seven years there, as an associate, I was an associate at Maternity of Mary in St. Paul. I had two wonderful experiences as an associate pastor in those nine years. That is unheard of in this day and age, and yet, when I was named pastor for the first time in 1977, I was the youngest pastor in the Archdiocese. In light of the shortage of priests today, most young priests have only one "associate experience" and then are asked to become a pastor, after two years or less as an associate. This is a tough challenge, but with the parishioners' loving support, these young priests are meeting the challenge admirably. God bless them and all of you!

I served as a pastor for 31 years in three different parishes: St. Peter's in Mendota from 1977 to 1989, Guardian Angels in Lakeville (now Oakdale), from 1989 to 1997 and St. Patrick's in Inver Grove Heights from 1997 to 2008. I had been asked to serve in other capacities in the Archdiocese, but I have always opted to stay in parish ministry, which was always my first love. I am grateful to my archbishops for giving me that choice to stay on the front lines of the church in parish ministry. As an associate, but especially as a pastor, I was energized by parishioners, excellent staff and my brother priests, who kept me balanced, real, practical and pastoral.

The modeling of collaborative, shared ministry, along with an inclusive attitude towards all, made and helped me/us grow together. It wasn't always easy, but it was the only way I saw in preaching and living the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ. I may be liberal in some issues,

conservative in others, but the overriding attitude is always to be pastoral, caring and kind in all things, to be Christ to one another. Again, it is not always easy, and God knows I made plenty of mistakes along the way, but pastoral was the necessary and overriding option or mantra. I loved parish ministry and that was, and is, where my heart will always be, even as I continue to help from time to time in the Diocese of Duluth. Thank you to Bishop Sirba, my brother priests and parishioners for your continued support.

I believe I have always been, and continue to be, a positive priest. I have been saddened by a few things over these last 50 years. The number one sadness, of course, is the sexual abuse of youth perpetrated by some clergy. For that I am again deeply saddened for all. Many times, during these difficult times, it was tough to “wear the collar” in public. I apologize and pray for, on behalf of the church, those who were victimized and for their families. Hopefully, we are moving forward in a more positive way.

The second sadness I felt over the years was the departure from priestly ministry by some of my classmates and friends. Although I always supported them in their decisions, things just wouldn't be the same, and we went our separate ways. There just has to be a better solution to these men and women. Come Holy Spirit, enlighten us! I think sometimes that the Holy Spirit is speaking to us, but we just are not listening! Just saying. . .

The third thing that saddens me, and yet gives me pause and purpose as a man, priest and pastor, is the difficult crosses that so many are asked to bear. This gives way to the Good News of Jesus' Gospel that we are first and foremost an Easter people. Sometimes a tough message, but in the end, one that rings true for those of us who believe in Jesus Christ. That's why my favorite quote and mantra has been that of divine wisdom from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta: “Be kinder than necessary to everyone you meet, because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of daily battle, carrying a cross, big or small, and has a story to tell. Yes, be kinder than necessary to everyone you meet.” Once again, not always easy to do or be, but that is what you and I are called to do and be, as a disciple of Jesus!

Thank you for this opportunity to share a few of my pastoral reflections from these 50 years of grateful service in our Lord's ministry.

I look forward to celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving with you. Thank you for your loving, caring support always. God bless us all!

Yours in Jesus' love,

Fr. Mike Arms