



**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.

*Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*November 4, 2018*

A couple of years ago, I started using a laptop at work instead of a desktop. This provides me with more flexibility to take my computer wherever it needs to go - the youth room, retreat centers, offsite meetings, etc. It also allows me to take my laptop and sit and pray and write these bulletin articles. As I write these words, I'm tucked in the back of our Main Church on a quiet Tuesday morning - just me and Jesus working together to bring you the words He wishes to speak to you this week.

The Church, in her abundant wisdom, gives us three readings and a psalm every weekend that are interconnected, allowing us to dive into more of scripture - not just one or two verses on any given Sunday. Sometimes their connection is more veiled and sometimes their connection is a bit more obvious.

*Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*

These words are found in both our first reading and our Gospel today, revealing a pretty obvious connection! The commandment to love the Lord is one that is continuous from the time of Moses, to the time of Jesus, to our time now. These words are proclaimed not once - but twice - this weekend and are meant to affect our lives. We, the people of St. Peter's, should love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and with all our strength for the Lord our God is Lord alone!

As I sit here in the quiet of the church, these words fill my heart with joy. AMEN! The Lord our God is Lord alone! It fills me with enthusiasm and excitement - you Lord are God! Praise you Lord! Here I sit ready to love the Lord my God with all my heart and with all my soul and with all my strength.

The reality though is that, just outside the doors of this quiet and sacred space, there is a long to-do list, circumstances outside my control, and a little girl waiting at home who is embracing all the joys and challenges of being two. Here in the quiet it feels so easy to love the Lord with everything I have, but outside these doors there are things that make me feel less like I'm loving the Lord and more like I'm trudging through the day to day moments of life.

But then I remember: love is not a feeling, it's an action.

Loving the Lord with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength doesn't mean I have to feel one way all the time. It means I have to choose the Lord, to put him first, to do those things on my to do list for His glory. I must trust in Him in the circumstances I can't control. To see the gift He has given me in my persistent little girl, as I enter into the battle for naptime.

And sometimes I fail. I choose to love this world, or myself, more than the Lord. I stumble and fall. But I am not without hope - for our second reading tells us, "Jesus is *always* able to save those who approach God through him." So I get up, run to Jesus and His mercy, and I try again.

May we all strive to choose to love God in each moment and not despair when we fall. Let us allow Jesus to save us and encourage us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our might and with all our strength.

For the Lord our God is Lord alone.

Blessings,

Elizabeth



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# YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

## ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

**Attention Grade 3 Parents.** Our next class, on November 7, is the Grade 3 Safe Environment Lesson. Please make sure your child is present. If he/she cannot attend that evening, please contact Kathy Raible to schedule a make-up lesson.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!

We currently do not have enough volunteers assisting with children ages 6 to 12, during the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. Please contact Kathy Raible for more information. This is a simple ministry in which to participate and so very rewarding!

## FAITHFUL SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### Prospective Family Information Night

November 8, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Families interested in learning more about our school are invited to attend the Parent Information Night. Childcare is available on-site. Come and hear presentations about our curriculum, student life and school community from our teachers and staff. You will also be able to visit with current parents to learn more about the school.

### Open House Dates

December 5, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

February 5, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Stop by during one of our open houses and see how Faithful Shepherd is right for your child. You will have the opportunity to see our school in action during a typical school day, take a tour of the school and have questions answered by our staff, parents and students.

If you cannot make these dates or if you would like to arrange a private tour, please call Jen Claude at 651-262-2898.

More information about our school can be found at [www.fscsmn.org](http://www.fscsmn.org).



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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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### VETERANS' DAY DINNER

The Egan Knights of Columbus is inviting all veterans to a Veterans Day Dinner on Monday, November 12, at St. John Neumann, 4030 Pilot Knob Road, Egan. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Please RSVP at [www.eaganknights.com](http://www.eaganknights.com). All veterans and family members are invited.



### PARKING LOT VANDALISM

Unfortunately, a car in our parking lot was recently broken into. The Mendota Heights Police have alerted us to the fact that there has been a large increase in car break-ins around the area in recent weeks. Please be sure that your valuables are secured out of sight while you are here.

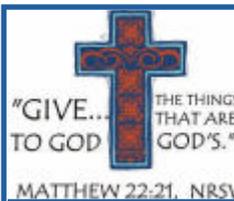
### HOSPITALITY WEEKENDS

You will notice in the upcoming weeks at our Hospitality Weekends that there is a table with a "welcome balloon" on it. We all know how hard it is to come to a new place and feel comfortable. One of our new parishioners suggested that we designate a spot in Heritage Center during hospitality weekends to let people know they are welcome. It is such a wonderful and easy way to welcome new parishioners. Please take the time to acknowledge all parishioners, whether new or established, because we all want and need to feel welcome!

### CCW POINSETTIA AND CYCLAMEN SALE



The St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women will be taking orders for poinsettias and cyclamen plants this weekend, November 3-4. They will also have Gertens gift cards available for sale. The plants will be available for pick up on December 8 and 9 in the Gathering Space after all Masses. See the order form in last week's bulletin.



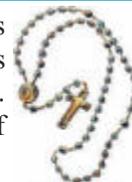
### Financial Recap July 1 to October 28, 2018

YTD Actual Collections	\$293,803
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$282,120
Difference	\$ 11,683

To donate electronically visit [www.stpetersmendota.org](http://www.stpetersmendota.org) and click on Donate Online or call Chris Seiple in the parish office at 651-905-4307.

### ROSARY MAKERS

The next meeting of the Rosary Makers is Tuesday, November 6. Take advantage of this chance to learn how to make corded rosaries. Join us in Classroom 10 on the first Tuesday of every month from 7 to 8:30 p.m.



Rosary Makers

In addition to making rosaries, we assemble kits for anyone who wishes to make rosaries at home. The completed rosaries are then donated to anyone who asks for them. Last year we supplied several hundred to local churches and adoration chapels. We need more people to make rosaries to keep up with requests.

Won't you consider joining us? Please call Mary Ellen at 651-457-1764 for more information.

### THE GIVING TREE



If you are aware of someone, yourself or others, in need of Christmas gifts from the parish, use one of the flyers available in the Gathering Space to recommend them for the Giving Tree, by November 11. Please submit recipient recommendations for the Giving Tree by Sunday, November 11.

Flyers are available in the Gathering Space, on our website or by calling Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or emailing her at [amos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:amos@stpetersmendota.org). Your help in identifying recipients is very important. Thank you!

**Other helpers are needed.** There are small tasks with limited time commitments for adults and young adults, and the rewards are great! Please consider spreading some Christmas cheer by helping with this very important project! Call Carol at 651-356-2970 to sign up to help or to get more information. Thank you!

### WINE TASTING NIGHT



Please join the CCW and the Men's club as they host their Annual Wine Tasting on Thursday, November 15, from 6 to 9 p.m., in Heritage Center. Wine will be available to sample, as well as to purchase, at discounted prices. The ticket price includes wine tasting, a variety of cheeses and hors d'oeuvres, and refreshments for wine drinkers and non-drinkers alike. Entry is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Come join us for a fun night out with fellow parishioners!

## 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 NOVEMBER 4

**Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/  
Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

**Monday:** Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk  
14:12-14

**Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab,  
30e, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk  
14:25-33

**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/  
Lk 15:1-10

**Friday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
[5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

**Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and  
/Lk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10  
[1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or  
12:41-44

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, November 5           † Quentin Mayers  
Tuesday, November 6         † Louis J. Chapdelaine  
Wednesday, November 7       Sally Sault  
Thursday, November 8         † Gene Cilek  
Friday, November 9           † Louis Pilney  
Saturday, November 10       † Bob & Betty Inserra  
Sunday, November 11, 9 am   † Bill & Agnes Stock  
  11 am   Mass For The People

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: OCTOBER 29

### Monday, November 5

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

### Tuesday, November 6

9 am       **Mass, Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)  
10 am      Women's Bible Study, Heritage Center  
6:30 pm   Alpha, Heritage Center  
7 pm       Endow, Youth Room  
7 pm       Rosary Makers, Classroom 10

### Wednesday, November 7

9 am       **Mass, Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)  
9:45 am   Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room  
6 pm       Faith Formation Grades 1-8, Classrooms  
6:30 pm   Perissos, Youth Room

### Thursday, November 8

9 am       **Mass, Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)  
6:30 pm   Women's Bible Study, Conference Rm 1  
7 pm       AA Meeting, Classroom 5

### Friday, November 9

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

### Saturday, November 10

9 am & 10:30 am  
              AA Meeting, Classrooms  
3:30 pm   **Reconciliation**  
4:30 pm   Choir Rehearsal, Music Room  
5 pm       **Mass - Teaching Parish Weekend, Main Church**

### Sunday, November 11 - *Hospitality Weekend* *Hosted by the Mom's Club*

8:30 am   Choir Rehearsal, Music Room  
9 am       **Mass - Teaching Parish Weekend, Main Church**  
9 am       Liturgy of the Word for Children,  
              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 Weekend, Main Church**  
11 am       Liturgy of the Word for Children,  
              Classroom 10  
12 pm      RCIA, Conference Room 1  
12 pm      Uganda Mission Trip Meeting,  
              Classroom 10



## PASTORAL MINISTRY

### FOLLOWING JESUS



Our life of faith can be simplified by remembering Jesus' words to the scribe. We are called to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We are called to love our neighbor as we love our self. Imagine how the world would

change if each of us followed this simple commandment of love.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

If you, or someone you know, has been thinking about becoming Catholic, we would very much like to hear from you! To begin, we'd like to get to know you and help you to learn more about the process. We will answer any questions you may have. We look forward to helping those baptized in other Christian traditions, the unbaptized and anyone who may already have made their First Communion as a child, but has not received the sacrament of Confirmation. For more information or to schedule a private inquiry meeting to discuss your own faith journey, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304, or email her at [lamos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org).

### THANK YOU!

A thank you to John Kemper for making the trip to Rochester with 34 boxes of donations, consisting of pill bottles, sheets, tablecloths, pillow cases and canvas packs. These donations are being given to the Haiti Project, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women of the St Paul-Minneapolis Diocese. Thank you, parishioners of St. Peter's, for your donations.

We will not be collecting during the winter months, November through March of 2019. **Please save your articles at home.** We will collect again starting in March of 2019.

### 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 to help, call Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or email her at [lamos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org).

### 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.



The chapel is closed during the Masses. Between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., there is access to the chapel only with a key card. If you need a sub for your hour, please refer to our substitute roster in advance to cover your hour. Contact Lisa Amos at [lamos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org) or at 651-905-4304 to sign up for an hour of adoration. We still need adorers at the following hours:

<b>Monday</b>	3 to 4 pm
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 to 2 am, 2 to 3 am
<b>Thursday:</b>	3 to 4 am, 10 to 11 am, 1 to 2 pm, 3 to 4 pm
<b>Friday:</b>	1 to 2 am, Noon to 1 pm, 7 to 8 pm 3 to 4 am, 10 to 11 am,
<b>Saturday:</b>	9 to 10 am on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month

### CATECHISM CORNER



#### Catechism Corner

This week, we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints, followed by the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed; but what is the difference between those two feasts?

According to CCC paragraph 828, the Church canonizes (proclaims as saints) individuals who are proven to have "practiced heroic virtue and lived in fidelity to God's grace."

These individuals are revered for their holiness, which drives the Church to mission and "apostolic activity," which is a term that refers to the work given to the apostles by Jesus: preach, baptize, serve, heal, and give witness to faith in Jesus by personal sacrifice. The saints serve as examples of holiness (paragraph 2030), as evidence of the Church's holiness (par. 867), and as intercessors for the living (par. 956).

You might recall in last week's corner, it was mentioned that our prayers are heard because of our union with Christ. In the case of the saints, those prayers are all the more effective because their union with Christ is so much clearer and closer.

The "Faithful Departed" are those who have died believing in Christ. We remember the Children of God (the Faithful Departed) in a particular way on November 2. While we may not presume to know the state of the soul of one who has died, we have good reason to place our trust in the mercy of God (par. 270), with regard to the dead. This feast is an opportunity to pray for the dead, that they would indeed be held in God's mercy.

So, in a way, the Solemnity of All Saints can be an occasion of seeking the intercession of those closest to Jesus, while the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed is an occasion for interceding on behalf of the dead.



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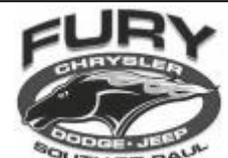
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*What: Dept. 56 Christmas Village fundraiser for the  
“windows to the future” in the old 1957 building.*

*Please consider donating any Dept. 56 items or  
“like new” Christmas decorations.*

*When: December 2, after the 9 a.m. Mass*

*Where: Gathering Space*

*Bring your Christmas Villages to the parish office by November 26.*

*Please contact Anne O’Keefe at 651-905-4308  
or at [aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org) with questions.*