

**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.

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**September 16, 2018**

In our gospel this weekend, Jesus asks his disciples an important question: “But who do YOU say that I am?” It is to this question that Peter steps forward in faith and answers, “You are the Christ.” This is an important question for each of us to answer, as we struggle with our own doubts and fears in the face of the current crisis.

Jesus is the reason we gather each Sunday as a community—only Jesus! As much as I would love to stay at St. Peter’s, I know that someday I will be re-assigned, and another deacon will replace me. Father Steven will minister at St. Peter’s, for a limited time as well. We serve at the pleasure of Archbishop Hebda, who is responsible for the spiritual needs of the entire archdiocese. My point is that it is not Father Steven or Deacon Tim who we come to meet at every Mass—it is Jesus! Jesus is the one who forgives our sins and heals us in the Sacrament of Confession. It is Jesus who comes to the innocent child, who receives his or her First Holy Communion. It is Jesus that we meet in prayer and encounter in the scriptures. It is Jesus who has shepherded the St. Peter’s community through good and bad times for over 178 years. Pastors and servant leaders have come and gone, but it is Jesus who has remained. Only Jesus.

Jesus is asking each of us to answer this important question in our time, right here and right now. We know from past and current experience that leaders will sometimes disappoint us. We need to keep our eyes on Jesus and recognize that human beings will fail us, but Jesus will never fail us!

The Church was born in the upper room where those frightened disciples stood behind locked doors, for fear of the Jews. The Holy Spirit filled the room and filled each of their hearts. Jesus told His disciples that the Holy Spirit would be with them always. This enabled them to move past their fear and doubt and set about doing the work of building the Kingdom.

We have spoken much about how the Holy Spirit works in our lives and about our call to be disciples. It is the Holy Spirit who is constantly at work in our hearts. It is the same Spirit who hovered over the disciples at Pentecost and who will inspire each of us, as we go through these next weeks, months and years as Catholic disciples. The head of the

Church is Christ, who stands over the Church, watching over it and guiding it. Jesus promised to be with us, until the end of time. Jesus isn’t going anywhere, and neither should we! Let us place our trust in the God who loves us beyond our wildest imagining. Let us allow the Spirit to work in our hearts and guide us in these difficult days. And let’s remember that it is not the priest or deacon who presides in our assembly that deserves our praise; it is the God who called that man to serve whom we worship and adore. Should anyone ask us to defend our Catholic faith in Jesus Christ, let’s be prepared to tell them who Jesus is and what He has done in our lives!

Be at peace. . . God is in control.

In Christ who heals,

Deacon Tim

**But who
do you say
that I am?**

Mark 8:29

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YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

2018-2019 REGISTRATION FOR GRADES 1-8



Faith Formation Classes for Grades 1 - 8.

Classes begin on Wednesday, September 26, at 6 p.m. This class is for all children and parents registered in the on-site program and the home school program. Please bring your

child to the Main Church and stay for our opening prayer service. After the prayer service, students in the on-site program will go to their classrooms.

Parents are then invited to the "Open House" in Heritage Center. This will be an opportunity to see curriculum, Personal Safety Curriculum and ask any questions you may have about the program.

Home school program parents are also asked to come to the Open House, in order to receive your necessary materials and ask any questions you might have about the program.

REFF Monthly Newsletter: If you have a child between the ages of 3 and 16, you should be receiving a copy of the monthly newsletter at your family email address. If you did not receive one, please contact Kathy Raible with your family name and email address.

Family Packet

Family packets will be emailed to you around September 17. This email will contain such things as your child's religious education calendar, medical emergency forms, etc. Please remember to check your email!

If you have questions, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 or at kraible@stpetersmendota.org.

Volunteers Needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Small and large group adult volunteers are needed at both the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. We especially need volunteers at the 11 a.m. Mass. PLEASE consider helping with this enjoyable and easy ministry. Contact Beth Halbert at bhalbert@stpetersmendota.org for ages 3 to 5 and Kathy Raible at kraible@stpetersmendota.org for ages 6 to 12.



FSCS SEPTEMBERFEST WEEKEND

Make plans to join us at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School for our Annual Septemberfest Weekend! All events are on the grounds of Faithful Shepherd at 3355 Columbia Drive in Eagan.

Friday, Sept 21-Family Fun Night Join us from 4 to 8 p.m. for fun inflatables, a petting zoo, carnival games and more! Craft brews, wine and food trucks and music! Admission is \$5 per person or \$20 per family at the door.

Sunday- Sept 23-Mass under the Big Top- Join us for Mass at 11 a.m. The Knights of Columbus will offer a free-will grilled lunch after Mass.

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.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

EXCITING NEWS! We are expanding Liturgy of the Word for Children (LWC), which was for 6 to 12 year-olds, to include ages 3-5! LWC will begin on September 9 and be offered at both Sunday Masses. New this year, LWC will continue through the summer at the 9 a.m. Mass only. LWC will give your children an experience of the Word in a meaningful, age appropriate way, while allowing them to experience the Mass. There is no need to register your children. Simply send them when Fr. Steven calls the children forward at Mass.

Because of the future implementation of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and the expansion of LWC, we will no longer have traditional Sunday School during the 9 a.m. Mass. All families already registered have been notified by email.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Lisa Amos, Director of Mission and Ministry, at lamos@stpetersmendota.org. Thank you for your continued prayers for the children of our parish and your valuable support of our programs!

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 We look forward to meeting and sharing our school with you!

MASS TIMES WILL CHANGE FOR FALL FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Mass times will be changed on October 6 and 7, on both Saturday and Sunday, due to the Fall Festival.

On Saturday, October 6, **Mass will begin at 4 p.m.** There will be no 5 p.m. Mass. The pork dinner will begin immediately after Mass, followed by live music.

On Sunday, October 7, there will be **one Mass only** at 10 a.m. There will be no 9 or 11 a.m. Mass. The festival activities will begin immediately after the 10 a.m. Mass.

Please call the parish office at 651-452-4550 if you have any questions or concerns.

SPONSOR OUR FALL FESTIVAL

This year, our Fall Festival will be a two-day event, with live music, a silent auction (still need donated items), 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. Contact Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308 or email her at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org.


SUPPER FOR THE POOR OF PERU

We will be hosting a fundraiser to raise money for the poorest of the poor in Peru.

Please join us for the 18th Annual Supper for the Poor of Peru. We will have delicious food, typical Peruvian dance, silent auction items and wonderful Peruvian art.

The supper takes place on Saturday September 22, from 6 to 10 p.m. in Heritage Center. The cost for the meal is \$25 per person.

Please contact Yojani Bachmeier at 651-233-4834 or Maria Keller at 651-338-0913 to RSVP.



Financial Recap
July 1 to September 2, 2018

YTD Actual Collections	\$145,969
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$162,720
Difference	\$(16,758)

To donate electronically visit www.stpetersmendota.org and click on Donate Online or call Chris Seiple in the parish office at 651-905-4307.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a volunteer job that has a small time commitment? St. Peter's delivers mobile meals to the elderly and homebound on Tuesday mornings, at 10:30 a.m., once every four weeks. It takes about an hour and a half. If you can help, please call St. Peter's at 651-452-4550, or call Barb Yourczek at 651-454-3622.

APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS

The generosity of St. Peter's parishioners has brought Christmas joy to many destitute families in Kentucky. Especially welcomed were the shoeboxes that were filled with gifts specifically designed for certain age groups of boys or girls.

It is time to look at the end-of-season sales and back-to-school sales with the Appalachian Christmas Drive in mind. There are many things going on at St. Peter's now, but I hope you, with your extreme generosity, will find time to shop for our brothers and sisters in Appalachia. Again, we will be sending gifts to two parishes, so we would ask that whatever new items you purchase, you will buy two. A notice will be coming in future bulletins that will list gifts for different age groups. God bless you in advance for making Christmas brighter for the poor of Appalachia.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a mandatory training for all current servers and any students in grade 4 or older who would like to serve as altar servers at St. Peter's. The training will be held on Saturday, September 29, from 10:30 to 1 p.m. We will meet in the Gathering Space at 10:30 sharp. We will have a pizza lunch at the end of the training. Servers who attended the training last spring do not need to attend this training. Please RSVP to Deacon Tim at thennessey@stpetersmendota.org.

BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT

A group of parishioners that met through Alpha is hosting the **Bean Bag Tournament**. The entry fee is \$10 per person, \$20 per team. You can sign up in the Gathering Space any time before October 6. Those that sign up as an individual will be pair with another partner. We will collect the fee the day of the festival. Pay out will go to the top two teams with 50% of the entry fee, the other 50% goes to St. Peter's. The tournament starts at 11:30 a.m. and will run until 2:30 p.m.

Bomb Box Challenge. Another chance to win money at Bean Bags! Pay \$5 to throw 8 bags. Whoever makes the most bags in the hole will take 50% of the total money paid. The other 50% will go back to St. Peter's. The challenge starts at noon and ends with a winner at 2pm.

If anyone has a bean bag toss (corn hole toss) set we are in need of 2 more. Please contact Gail Barta at 651-454-9552 or algailbarta@q.com or Anne O'Keefe 651-905-4308 or aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org.

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:

Jim Oricchio.....651-452-3587
Helen Wilkie.....651-365-1334



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1 Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [3]/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 17	Father Steven
Tuesday, September 18	† Paige Duncan
Wednesday, September 19	† Lilian Langan
Thursday, September 20	† RoJean Todd O'Malley
Friday, September 21	† Donald George Kammerer
Saturday, September 22	† Special Intention
Sunday, September 23, 9 am	Ceil & Keith Bentler
11 am	Mass For The People

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER 17

Monday, September 17

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

Tuesday, September 18

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

6:30 pm Alpha, Heritage Center

7 pm Endow, Youth Room

Wednesday, September 19

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

6 pm Grade 1, 3-5 Catechist Training,
Conference Room 1

6:30 pm Perissos, Heritage Center

Thursday, September 20

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

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room

6:30 pm ACCL, Conference Room 1

7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, September 21

8 am Reconciliation, Main Church

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

Saturday, September 22

9 am & 10:30 am

AA Meeting, Classrooms

10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Conference Rm
Room 1

3:30 pm Reconciliation, Main Church

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

5 pm Mass, Main Church

6 pm Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Sales,
Gathering Space

6 pm Peruvian Dinner, Heritage Center

Sunday, September 23 -

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

9 am Mass, Main Church

9 am Liturgy of the Word for Children,
Classroom 2 and 10

10 am Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Sales,
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

11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children,
Classroom 2 and 10

12 pm Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Sales,
Gathering Space

1 pm Baptism Class, Conference Room 1



PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Jesus asks his disciples the question, "But who do YOU say I am?" Our faith in Christ comes alive when we share it with another person. How would you answer the question that Jesus asks today? What does Jesus mean to you,

and in what ways has His Spirit touched your heart? People are hungry to know Jesus. Let's share our story with someone this week.

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE

Our Divine Mercy Cenacle will start meeting again on Wednesday, September 26, after the 9 a.m. Mass. As a Cenacle, we pray for the sick and dying, study Scripture and the Catechism, as it relates to God's Mercy. We also read the Diary of St. Faustina, to whom the Divine Mercy message was given, and we pray together the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Everyone is welcome; please consider joining us. For more information, contact Carol Mulvihill at cmulvihill@earthlink.net, or 651-356-2970.

COMMUNITY CARING FOR LIFE

It's hard to believe that it's time to start another season of the Community Caring for Life ministry. If you are interested in what our group does, we invite you to come check us out. Our kickoff meeting is Thursday, September 20, at 6:30 p.m. We will have guest speaker, Laura Elm, Executive Director of Sacred Heart Guardians and Shelter. Laura will be updating us on their mission and the organization's next steps. We will also be discussing the upcoming MCCL event coming to St Peter's. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Carol Mulvihill at cmulvihill@earthlink.net or at 651-356-2970.

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to explore the biblical springs of the Eucharist. Through this exploration, you will enrich your understanding of this sacrament and deepen your appreciation of the great gift it is. Through texts from the Old Testament, the Gospels and New Testament letters, you will discover that the Eucharist unites the prayers, works, joys and sufferings of our lives as an offering in union with Christ. Through meditation on these texts, you will learn to cultivate a Eucharistic life of prayer and active commitment in the world.

Sessions are Thursday, 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Ravoux Room, beginning September 30. All are welcome. Please register by contacting Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or 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 651-905-4304 or at lamos@stpetersmendota.org to sign up for an hour of adoration. We still need adorers at the following hours:

Wednesday:	1 to 2 am, 2 to 3 am, 3 to 4 am
Thursday:	3 to 4 am, 10 to 11 am
Friday:	Midnight to 1 am, 1 to 2 am, Noon to 1 pm, 7 to 8 pm
Saturday:	3 to 4 am, 7 to 8 am

FIND OUT WHAT DEACONS ARE AND HOW TO BECOME ONE

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A Deacon Discernment Day, for men ages 25 to 59, will take place at The St. Paul Seminary, Institute for Diaconate Formation, 2260 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, on Saturday, September 22 **or** Saturday, November 3, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You need only attend one of these days. If you are married, your wife is encouraged to attend also.

Registration is required. Email Shellee Leif at sjleif@stthomas.edu or call 651-962-6891.

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We are where the Church wants us.

We are where Jesus is.

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.



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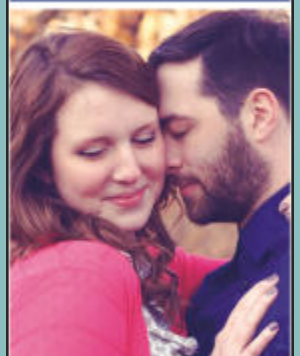
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WHY YOU SHOULD "LOOP" YOUR CHURCH

Hearing loss is an invisible disability - the third most prevalent disability in the United States. 12% to 14% of the population suffers from a mild to profound hearing loss which affects their ability to function. 47% of people seventy five and over and 35% of people sixty five and over have such a hearing loss. Thus, if you are dealing with someone who is 75 years or older, there is a 50% chance they are having difficulty understanding you. The way to handle that is not to raise your voice, but rather, get the person's attention before you speak and speak deliberately with a slight pause between each word - never "Iamgoingdowntown" but rather "I am going downtown").

It is not a harmless affliction. If you have a partner it is much easier - someone who can listen to voice mail messages, make telephone calls, go to meetings/appointments with you to "hear," cue you in at social events, etc. In my own case, it was common for people to refer to me as not very bright, arrogant, aloof, withdrawn, and so forth - when the main problem was my inability to understand what was being said. The feeling of isolation is overwhelming. And, one has to work very hard to get by - increasingly I find that hearing professionals recognize that fact.

Only 15% to 20 % of people who could benefit from hearing aids use hearing aids; and only 6% of those who could benefit from a cochlear implant (CI) have a CI. But people who use hearing aides and CIs have not corrected their hearing problem - rather, they have only made a better situation out of a bad situation. They still need to speech read, avoid noisy environments, use assistive listening devices, and use other cues to operate at a minimal to acceptable level in society.

For hard of hearing (HOH), a common problem is to overcome the negative effects of "noise" - the interference of unwanted sound which makes it difficult to impossible for a person who is HOH to understand speech. Someone with normal hearing can separate "noise" from speech - a person with hearing loss finds it difficult to do so.

There are three environments with which a person with hearing loss must deal.

The first involves conversation in the 3 to 6 foot area among three or four people in a quiet setting. An example would be talking in the living room or in similarly quiet surroundings. The hearing aid or CI works satisfactorily, but not perfectly, in those situations and people who are HOH can usually operate normally. When you introduce noise or people talking at the same time, it becomes difficult.

The second environment involves hearing when the speech source is at a distance of 6 to 15 feet such as watching TV or a group of 5 to 8 people in a restaurant. In that situation, blue tooth often does a satisfactory job. For example, it is possible to attach a TV streamer to a TV set which transfers the sound from the TV directly to both ears without the interference of ambient sound. Also, captioning and looping the TV area

works well. It is also possible to use a blue tooth device with a cell phone which transfers the sound directly from the cell phone to both ears without ambient noise interference. A final example is use of a "mini mic" which allows the placement of a microphone among, for example, 6 or 8 people at a dinner table so as to pick up each of the voices with minimum interference from ambient noise. None of these aids allows a person to hear normally, but it does allow the person to "get by."

The third environment is the "public venue" - the best example of which is a House of Worship. In that case, the distance from the speaker and the intervening ambient noise makes it impossible to understand speech in the absence of an excellent public address system, excellent acoustics (absorption of sound rather than permitting echos), and/or an assistive listening device. The best solution, by far, to ensure understanding the speaker is to use a looping system. Looping is the process of running a wire around the perimeter of the area to be looped, connecting the wire to an amplifier, and connecting the amplifier to the public address microphone - the sound that goes through the public address system also goes through the looping wire. The person who is HOH sits in the audience within the looped area, turns on a t-coil on his/her hearing aid or CI, and hears the speaker by receiving a magnetic signal from the looping wire without the interference of ambient noise. The person who is HOH wears no special equipment. A HOH person using only a hearing aid or CI in a typical House of Worship understand anywhere from 25% to 80 % of the speech at the service; whereas, if the sanctuary is looped, they understand 90% to 100% of the speech.

An alternative to looping is an FM system. It is not a good choice. It requires that the HOH person wears cumbersome equipment; and often the system simply does not work. As a result, many HOH people will not use an FM system.

My view, based on the above analysis, is that for the typical person who is HOH, understanding speech in environments 1 and 2 is manageable, though far less than that experienced by people with normal hearing. However, environment 3 is not manageable for most HOH, without looping. The technology is available. A looping system can be installed easily. The cost is modest (\$5 to \$15 thousand dollars for an average sized church). And, the looping system is likely to pay for itself. I asked a prominent member of a Jacksonville church why they had suddenly decided to loop after previously being ambivalent. He said - "it was easy, when we questioned people who were no longer participating in the service as to why, a high percentage said it was because they could no longer hear the service. We knew if we looped, we could bring those people back, and looping would pay for itself. It was a no brainer."

Putting it another way, if someone asked what could be done to enhance the quality of life for HOH most immediately and dramatically, the answer is to loop Houses of Worship.

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