

**SUNDAY MASSES**

(All in Main Church)

Saturday at 5 p.m.

Sunday at 9 &amp; 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time****September 9, 2018**

I am now entering into the second month of my tenure here at St. Peter's. I am abundantly blessed to have this position and cannot deny the sheer providence of God that brought me to this beautiful community. I would be remiss if I could confidently tell you that I had a shred of an idea on what to write for this article. My first article, I stayed too close to the readings of the weekend, almost like I was writing a paper for school. Going over the weeks, months and years of Page 1 stories and instruction, life's movements and murmurings about the daily readings, I have decided that some of the most successful articles I have read were stories from the life of those who wrote them. Relating them to the times we exist in, I find, are the most relatable.

It's hard to deny the times we live in as Catholics. We seem to be easy to dislike and even harder to stomach. Being a Catholic in 2018 pulls at the very moral fiber and foundation that we live. Taking a pot shot at my faith is all around me, and it is, at times such as those we live in now, when we start to evangelize less; some shrink away from the faith and the Church all together. These times are right for the evil one to strike and pick up the spares, as we find it easier to deny, like Peter, rather than be a martyr for our faith.

These are times when God needs his flock to be the strongest. Every 500 years or so, the Church goes through a fire, a burning of the faith to eradicate the weak and move forward in a new, stronger direction. Look at 500 years ago, during the appointment of Pope Leo X. Pope Leo X and his "pay-for-penance" scheme nearly bankrupted the church and drove Martin Luther to pen the "95 theses," beginning the Protestant reformation and nearly tearing the Catholic faith apart.

Think of recent times; those that can remember pre-Vatican II and the aftermath. It drove many from the faith because of its radical ideas and an almost 180 degree turn from tradition. Those on the backside of Vatican II will look at this reformation as the saving of the faith and a rejuvenation that sparked tremendous growth in the Catholic population. Detractors persisted for years but grew accustomed to the new Church, the new Mass and new faith, which, in hindsight, never really changed in rubrics. . . just not as much Latin.

The idea is similar to those of the past. The Church goes through a fire, a cleansing, if you will. The faithful grow

stronger and learn new ways to defend the body of Christ. We pull together to martyr for her and say that the one, true faith - the one true Church - is necessary in our world. We are going through that now. We are being shaken to our very foundation of what we believe and in whom we put our faith and our trust. My home parish in Northeast Minneapolis has not slipped by unscathed and has had me question things from my past, people I have known and the leadership of shepherds in which I have put my complete faith.

These times call for tremendous measures. I feel there could be no better time for me to be entering into my aspirancy year in the permanent Diaconate. Mother Church needs strong leadership. Locally, we could not have been blessed with a greater general in this faith fight than our own Archbishop Bernard Hebda. We could not have asked for a wiser, more sincere shepherd to lead our local flock and see this dark time to its hopefully peaceful ending. We can look at the beautiful and heartfelt homily from last weekend of our own faith-filled shepherd, Fr. Steven. . . its sentiments still ringing in my ears.

Strong leaders, like Archbishop Hebda, Bishop Cozzens and Fr. Steven are but a few in a growing number that will faithfully lead us out of our darkest times in recent memories. During this fight, we have to remember that without war, there are no heroes and without the Cross, there are no saints. The forgotten in all of this, behind the bureaucracy of this fight, are the helpless victims for whom we should pray daily. Their voice has been heard and will continue to resound; but it is their darkness that we should storm the heavens with prayer. Padre Pio once remarked that the rosary is the second strongest prayer, only second to the Mass in Heaven. Let us continue to fight through spiritual warfare, pull together during a daily rosary or in our prayer groups and prayer chains and never forget that the one, true faith and the one true Church is in us. As Fr. Steven said, "I stand and fight for my faith and defend my Church."

Chris Seiple  
Director of Parish Operations

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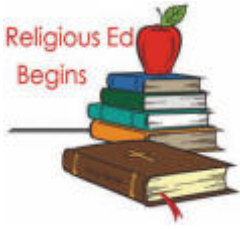
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# YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

## 2018-2019 REGISTRATION FOR GRADES 1-8



Classes for Grades 1 through 8 will begin on September 26. Please submit your registrations as soon as possible. You may go to St. Peter's website to register. Click on the "Faith Formation" tab, then click on "Registration."

The Grade 2 Program entails preparation for children to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion. Please be aware that all children in Grade 2 must prepare for their sacraments at their parish, regardless if they attend Catholic school. He or she must be registered for these classes here at St. Peter's. Children must receive the sacrament of reconciliation prior to their first communion.

### Catechist Training Schedule

On Wednesday, September 12, at 6 p.m., Catechist Training will take place for those teaching Grade 2. We will meet in Conference Room 1.

On Wednesday, September 19, at 6 p.m., Catechist Training will take place for those teaching Grades 1, 3, and 5. We will meet in Conference Room 1.

Teacher Commissioning will take place on Sunday, September 16, during the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses.

### We Need Catechists!

Faith Formation classes are starting in just a few weeks and our children need you! Co-teachers are still needed in Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5. Teachers are given training and full support by the RE/FF staff. You will find your own faith life growing and strengthening, as you share your faith with others. For more information, please contact Kathy Raible. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.



### 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](mailto:kraible@stpetersmendota.org).

## FSCS SEPTEMBERFEST WEEKEND

Make plans to join us at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School for our Annual Septemberfest Weekend.

**Family Fun Night!** Join us from 4 to 8 p.m., on Friday, September 21, for fun inflatables, a petting zoo, carnival games and more! We will also have craft brews, wine and food trucks, along with music! Admission is \$5 per person or \$20 per family at the door.



## OFFICE INFORMATION

Father Steven Hoffman: 651-452-4550

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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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## 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 in September and be offered at both Sunday Masses. New this year, LWC will continue through the summer at the 9 a.m. Mass only. Beth Halbert, our Preschool Coordinator, has been hard at work creating curriculum for your children. If you have had children in Sunday School classes, you already know what a terrific job she does. Much of the content will feel familiar. 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.

In order for this to be the very best program it can be, we need your help. Please consider volunteering to help with LWC. You will be able to return to Mass in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If you are willing, or want to learn more, please contact Beth at [bhalbert@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:bhalbert@stpetersmendota.org) or [kraible@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:kraible@stpetersmendota.org).

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 at [lamos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org). Thank you for your continued prayers for the children of our parish and your valuable support of our programs!

## 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, 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](mailto: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	\$131,826
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$145,920
Difference	\$(14,094)

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.

## BLOOD DRIVE

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S. You can help! The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at St. Peter’s on Thursday, September 13, from 1 to 6 p.m., in Heritage Center. Please sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), or call Sandra or Lynn at 651-452-1844 for an appointment. Thank you.

**\*\*New this fall! Everyone who comes to give blood will receive a coupon for FREE CHEESE CURDS at the St. Peter’s Fall Festival!**

## 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.

## DONATIONS NEEDED

If you or anyone you know has a connection to a wine or alcohol distributor, we are looking for donations for our over 21 dice game. Any donations of wine, liquor or bottled beer would be appreciated! Donations can be dropped off in the Gathering Space before or after Mass or up in the parish office Monday – Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. If you have any questions please contact Anne O’Keefe at 651-905-4308 or [aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:aokeefe@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. For those that sign up as an individual, we will pair you 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.

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](mailto:algailbarta@q.com) or Anne O’Keefe 651-905-4308 or [aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org](mailto: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:

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/  
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37  
**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5, 5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4]/Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38  
**Friday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
**Next Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 10 † Special Intention  
Tuesday, September 11 † Jack Eddy  
Wednesday, September 12 Cheryl Kinney  
Thursday, September 13 † Mark Linnell  
Friday, September 14 † Michael Hughes  
Saturday, September 15 Mass For The People  
Sunday, September 16, 9 am Ellen Drasin  
11 am † Stanley Barta

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER 10

### Monday, September 10

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)  
7 pm Boy Scout Troop Meeting, Classroom 10

### Tuesday, September 11

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

### Wednesday, September 12

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)  
6:30 pm Grade 2 Catechist Training, Conference Room 1  
7 pm Fall Festival Team Meeting, Ravoux Room

### Thursday, September 13

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)  
1 pm Red Cross Blood Drive, Heritage Center  
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

### Friday, September 14

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

### Saturday, September 15

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 New Parishioner Welcome Table, Gathering Space  
6 pm Raffle Ticket Sales, Gathering Space

### Sunday, September 16 - Hospitality Sunday Hosted by the Men's Club

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room  
9 am Mass with Catechist Commissioning, Main Church  
9 am Liturgy of the Word for Children  
10 am Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Sales, Gathering Space  
10 am New Parishioner Welcome 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 with Catechist Commissioning, Main Church  
11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children  
12 pm Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Sales, Gathering Space  
12 pm New Parishioner Welcome Table, Gathering Space  
12 pm Uganda Mission Trip Meeting, Conference Room  
12 pm Baptism, Main Church

## PASTORAL MINISTRY

### FOLLOWING JESUS



Our readings this weekend remind us of the ways in which we can become blind and deaf to God's presence and action in our lives. To the amazement of the crowd, Jesus heals the deaf man and cures his speech impediment. In what

ways are we in need of healing, so that we can truly hear God's Word and speak the truth of our faith? May the Holy Spirit draw us into a deeper faith in Christ.

### FIND OUT WHAT DEACONS ARE AND HOW TO BECOME ONE

#### Ordained in the Person of Christ Jesus the Servant

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 [sileif@stthomas.edu](mailto:sileif@stthomas.edu) or call 651-962-6891.

*We are where the Archbishop needs us.*

*We are where the Church wants us.*

*We are where Jesus is.*

### SINCERE SYMPATHY

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of John M. Kurhajetz. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make him a sharer in eternal salvation.



### 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.



*As Roman Catholics, we believe that Jesus Christ is actually, physically, personally and spiritually present in the consecrated host in the appearance of a wafer of bread, in faith and trust of Jesus' words (Jn 6:47-59 and Mt 26:26-28). Short of receiving Jesus inside me at Mass, the eight feet away from the Jesus who walked the earth 2000 years ago, suffered, died and was raised to life to forgive us and give us new, eternal life is the closest I can be in this life to the God of the universe. Realizing that these divine encounters must also lead us to real love of others, there is no greater calling than these, Eucharist and Adoration, and no better way to spend the time we are given.*

*~ Anonymous*



The chapel is closed during the Masses. If you need a substitute 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](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org) to sign up for an hour of adoration. We still need adorers at the following hours:

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

### 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](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org).

### 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).



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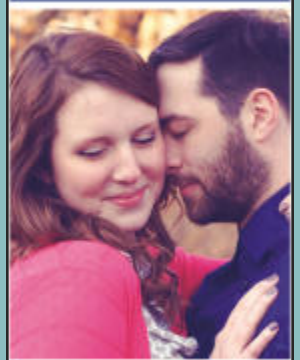
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# St. Peter's needs YOUR help!

We currently have 2 wonderful part-time positions open in our office and are seeking candidates to apply. The full job description and application process can be found on-line at:

[www.careers.archspm.org](http://www.careers.archspm.org)

If you, or someone you know and trust, might be interested in applying for these 2 positions, we are accepting applications through 9/14/2018 and will be conducting interviews the week of 9/17/2018. The two part-time positions do not include benefits and are 20-25 hours a week.

The 2 positions are:

## **Assistant to the Pastor**

### **Job Description**

The qualified candidate is a practicing Catholic who has a love of and respect for the Church's liturgy, prior experience in administrative assistant work, comfortability and enthusiasm helping to promote the Gospel through your work, ability to establish and manage schedules and flow of information effectively, ability to collaborate, strong organizational skills and attention to detail and thoroughness. This pastor assistant position will work directly with Father Steven.

## **Assistant to Mission & Ministry**

### **Job Description**

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The Parish office also needs **VOLUNTEERS!** We are currently seeking several parishioners who are willing to give of their precious time to help us cover our front desk on an on-going basis. We would like several volunteers to be able to give at the most, a 2-hour block of time to answer phone calls to assist Rita in coverage outside of her normal working hours. Candidates would answer calls 2pm-4pm, Monday through Friday and during her Adoration hour. Please stop by the office and discuss this with Rita so that she can put together a call list and calendar of coverage.





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October 6 and 7, 2018

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