

# Church of ST. PETER MENDOTA



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**September 18, 2016**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## OUR MISSION

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.

## SUNDAY MASSES (all in the Main Church)

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am

## WEEKDAY MASSES (all in the Historic Church)

9 am Monday-Friday

**HOLY DAYS** As announced.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fridays, 8 to 8:45 am and Saturdays 3:30 to 4:45 pm  
and also any time by appointment.

## BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

## PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Mary LeClair. E-mail: [maryleclair62@gmail.com](mailto:maryleclair62@gmail.com) or call the parish office at 651-452-4550.

## Reflections from our Music Director

As we continue to ponder works of mercy, dwelling upon and carrying out acts that make the love of Christ both visible and concrete, we come to this Sunday's readings, which call us to reform how we relate to earthly wealth and to one another.

The first reading, from Amos, sets the stage for us, giving context to the parables Jesus will offer in the Gospel. Putting it simply, the poor and needy are abused in various ways, sold for profit and devalued; this is an offense to God.

Today, this may sound somewhat obvious, but it is also clear that these offenses have not ceased. The least among us still struggle not only for the necessities of life, but even for life itself. Let us be clear, the offenses against the poor, and by extension against God, remain rampant.

The psalm response offers praise to God, "who lifts up the poor." In this, we know that God is the ally of the lowly. The third "verse" of the psalm then sheds clearer light on what the Lord really wants us to understand: "He raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill he lifts up the poor to seat them with princes, with the princes of his own people." God puts the poor on a par with the royal.

God's design has more to do with wiping away the distinctions between persons according to means or might. For example, Paul tells us that prayers are to be offered for the small and the great alike, "that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all (Timothy 2:2b-6)."

Before unpacking that treasure chest, however, I want to point to the Gospel for today, which further strengthens the message: we should distrust the security offered by wealth, as it will fail us, especially when we are called to judgment for the lives we lead.

The key, as always, is Jesus. He is the mediator; he is the one who will judge, as God, though he became a man himself.

The Mystery of the Incarnation changes the rules and "lifts up the poor," both lowly and princely. So, whether rich or poor, each human person is entitled to "a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity," free from oppression. Therefore, our mandate is to work to provide this opportunity for one another and for the stranger in our midst. Note here that "dignity" is the difficult part and requires the most change in our world.

Like the dishonest steward in the Gospel, we must

become rich in true wealth by detachment from "dishonest wealth." We are encouraged to use worldly wealth to build up those around us, so that by our living mercy, we may so empty ourselves of attachment to the fleeting pleasures of earth as to find in God our real treasure.

*David M. Dunst*

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## New Music Equipment

I want to share some information about the new equipment that we installed in our sound system this summer. You may have heard of this for a number of weeks now, but I would like to describe what has been done and why.

We found ourselves having an increasing number of audio problems. It was clearly time to upgrade the hardware that handles the system to a digital standard, which is less susceptible to temperature shifts and changes in humidity. This also enabled us to do away with some of the complicated elements of our sound installation, while not losing any functionality.

Our new mixing system is operated by an iPad or iPhone (you may have seen me with one during Mass) on a closed network, enabling us to mix from anywhere in the church. In addition, we'll be able to sell parts of our old equipment to recoup some of the cost.

## Cursillo Corner

All are welcome to attend the monthly Ultreya (meeting) for the South East Metro which will be held on Sunday, September 25th, at 7 p.m. in Shamrock Hall at the Church of St. Patrick, 3535 72nd Street East, Inver Grove Heights. Future dates to keep in mind:

- Sunday, October 30th, 7 p.m., South East Metro Ultreya at the Church of St Patrick in Inver Grove Heights.
- Saturday, November 12, 8 a.m., 4th Day Encounter, St John the Baptist in New Brighton.
- Sunday, November 27, 7 p.m., South East Metro Ultreya at the Church of St Patrick in Inver Grove Heights.

For more information about all Cursillo events and weekend retreats, visit [www.tc-cursillo.org](http://www.tc-cursillo.org), email [janemarie.rief@gmail.com](mailto:janemarie.rief@gmail.com) or call 651-485-7089.

## Wedding Banns



**First Proclamation**

Bradley Busch and Amy Trainer



## Register Your Child for REFF! Classes Start the Week of 9/25!

### Family Packet Pick Up

Please stop by the table in the Gathering Space after all Masses on September 17 & 18, to pick up your family packet if you have already registered your children. These packets contain information regarding your children's religious education classes. If you have not registered your child, please do so immediately. Thank you.

### 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 at [kraible@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:kraible@stpetersmendota.org) with your family name and email address. Unless you have specified, you will not receive the newsletter through the post office mail.

### Start/Resume dates for 2016 - 2017

- ◆ Elementary & Middle School (Grades 1–8) classes begin Wednesday, September 28.

Please be aware that we will have an informational meeting for parents on September 28, for the first half hour of class time. The last 20 minutes of each session will be a prayer service in the Main Church. All parents are invited to join us.

- ◆ Sunday School (Ages 3 ½ to 5 yrs.) classes begin Sunday, September 25 at 9 a.m.
- ◆ Liturgy of the Word for Children, ages 6 through 12 has begun. It takes place at the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. You do not need to register your child for LWC. All children, ages 6 through 12, are invited to join us to share God's Word in a format designed for children.

### ◆ Grade 2 Reconciliation Program Parent-Child Session I

On Tuesday, October 11, we will have our first Parent-Child Session for those who have children in the Reconciliation Program. We will meet at 6 p.m. in Heritage Center. All children that are in Grade 2 (public and Catholic school) should be registered in this program. Please remember that the grade 2 children do not go to class on Wednesday, October 12; instead they will accompany you on Tuesday, October 11. Children will go to their classrooms while the parents meet in Heritage Center.

Thank you.  
Kathy Raible  
651-905-4311

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

## Baptism Preparation Class

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Please be aware that our next Baptism Preparation Class is scheduled for **Sunday, September 18**, at 1 p.m., in Conference Room 1. If you are interested in having your baby baptized, please contact Kathy Raible for more information. Parents that are expecting the birth of their child in the next few months are encouraged to attend a class prior to the birth of the baby. Parents must attend a baptism class before their child is baptized.

## Youth Ministry

### Workcamp 2017 Kick-Off This Sunday!

All high school youth interested in joining us for Workcamp 2017 are invited to an informational meeting on Sunday, September 18. It will take place in the youth room after the 9 a.m. Mass. Learn more about where we are going, the cost involved, potential fundraisers and how to sign-up! Not able to make the meeting? Contact Elizabeth by email at [emccanna@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:emccanna@stpetersmendota.org) or you can call her at 651-905-4312.

## Confirmation

### Parent/Candidate Meeting

All those hoping to be confirmed in May of 2017 should join us on Wednesday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m. for our Confirmation Parent/Candidate Meeting. All those in high school are eligible to prepare for Confirmation. Registration should be completed before the meeting. For more information and to register, contact Elizabeth McCanna at [emccanna@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:emccanna@stpetersmendota.org) or call her at 651-905-4312.

## Learn More About FSCS

Learn more about our parish school, Faithful Shepherd Catholic School, at one of our upcoming open house dates:



**Thurs., Nov. 10** from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Parent Information Night.

**Wed., Dec. 7** from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Open House.

**Wed., Feb. 1** from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Open House.

More information about these events can be found online at [www.fscsmn.org](http://www.fscsmn.org). If you are unable to make one of these events, we invite you to contact the school at 651-406-4747 to schedule a private tour.

## ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY NEWS

### The Catholic Watchmen

The mission of the Catholic Watchmen is to respond to Bishop Cozzen's call to Catholic men to live up to their duty to be protectors, providers and leaders of their families. Monthly meetings start on September 22 and run from 6:30 to 9 p.m. with a video presentation, social time, group discussion with dinner and time for adoration and confession. Contact Jim Lodoen at 952-707-0539 or [jlodoen@lindquist.com](mailto:jlodoen@lindquist.com). To learn more about this initiative go to [www.thecatholicwatchmen.com](http://www.thecatholicwatchmen.com).

### Heritage Center Cleaning

#### Kitchen Cleaning

We are looking for volunteers to join us in a deep cleaning of the Heritage Center kitchen on Monday, September 19, following morning Mass. Lunch will be provided. If you are able to help, please contact Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308 or at [aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org).

### Uganda Mission Trip Meeting

#### Mission Trip

There will be another informational meeting regarding the 2017 Uganda Mission Trip on Wednesday, September 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Ravoux Room. There are a limited number of spots available for this trip.

### Appalachia Christmas 2016

Last year's (2015) collection of NEW gifts for the poorest of the poor topped 2014's donations by a landslide. It is that time of year again. Even though we at St. Peter's are involved in several programs, we can take advantage of all the upcoming sales and stock up on items the people of Kentucky are in need of to live a little more comfortably. As in the past, there will be a flyer in the October bulletin with a list of the NEW ITEMS needed. We will also be filling shoeboxes for children as requested by Pope Francis in the "Papal Footprints" program he instituted. Letting our children fill a simple shoe box to donate would be a great way to get them involved, as well.

Thanking you in advance,

Kathi Dumond, Chair and Paula Ehrich, Vice Chair

### St. Peter's Fall Festival Raffle Tickets on Sale Now

#### Buy a Raffle Ticket!

The Fall Festival raffle tickets will be on sale this weekend after every Mass. The grand prize is \$5,000, the first place prize is \$2,000, and the second place prize is \$1,000! We are only selling 1,000 tickets, so buy them now! The cost is \$25.00 each. We will continue selling the tickets each weekend, until they are sold out. Good luck and thank you for supporting your parish!

### Fall Festival News



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016

One Mass 10:00 a.m.

Festival 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Each week we will highlight something about our Fall Festival. This week is the Silent Auction.

#### We need donated items:

Themed gift baskets, weekend get-aways, gift cards, sporting events, theatre tickets, concert tickets, movie gift cards, etc.



If you are able to donate to the silent auction, please bring your items to the parish office Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or drop them off at the Fall Festival table before or after Mass on the weekend! We will accept donations up until Wednesday, September 28th.

Thank you for supporting our parish!

#### Interested in donating items?

E-mail Sarah Larsen at [sarahlarsen0@gmail.com](mailto:sarahlarsen0@gmail.com) or you can e-mail Anne O'Keefe at [aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org).

## The Week of September 19

### Monday, September 19

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)  
 9:45 am Kitchen Cleaning, Heritage Center Kitchen  
 6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony, Heritage Center  
 7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Rm

### Tuesday, September 20

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)  
 9:30 am Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament  
 until 6 pm, Historic Church

### Wednesday, September 21

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)  
 6 pm Uganda Mission Trip Info Night, Ravoux Rm  
 6:30 pm Confirmation Parent Meeting, Heritage Center  
 7:30 pm Perissos Small Group Leader Training,  
 Heritage Center

### Thursday, September 22

- 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)  
 6:30 pm Catholic Watchmen, Heritage Center  
 7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

### Friday, September 23

- 8 am Confessions, Main Church  
 9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)

### Saturday, September 24

- 9 and 10:30 am AA Meeting, Classrooms 2, 4  
 10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Community Rm  
 3:30 pm Confessions, Main Church  
 4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm  
 5 pm Mass, Main Church  
 After Mass  
 Silent Auction, Heritage Center  
 Boy Scout Information Table, Gathering Space

### Sunday, September 25

- 8:30 and 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm  
 9 am Sunday School, Classrooms  
 9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church  
 Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Rm  
 After 9 and 11 am Masses  
 Silent Auction, Heritage Center  
 Boy Scout Information Table, Gathering Space  
 12 Noon Boy Scout 50th Anniversary Celebration,  
 Ravoux Room



Come as a Guest  
 Leave as a Friend

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### Trustees:

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## Readings for the Week of September 18

**Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13  
**Monday:** Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 8:16-18  
**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44/Lk 8:19-21  
**Wednesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13  
**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:7-9  
**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1-4/Lk 9:18-22  
**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:43b-45  
**Next Sunday:** Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

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## Mass Intentions

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

**Monday, September 19** - Michelle & John Nichols  
**Tuesday, September 20** - †Lambert Derks  
**Wednesday, September 21** - †Anita Friedrick  
**Thursday, September 22** †Jacob & Mary Ambalam  
**Friday, September 23** - †Donald Friedlander  
**Saturday, September 24** - Mass For The People  
**Sunday, September 25** - 9 a.m. - †Jeffrey Weiss  
 11 a.m. - †Calvin Mulvihill

## PASTORAL MINISTRY

### Growing Through Loss

#### Grief Ministry Opportunities

St. Peter's is part of a coalition of local churches that presents Growing Through Loss, a program of support and information for persons who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one, broken relationship, job loss, loss of health, etc. Small group facilitators are needed for this coming year. Growing Through Loss takes place twice a year. Series run once a week for four weeks in the fall, and four weeks, with a fifth for a remembrance service, in the spring. Each session offers a presentation followed by small groups lead by facilitators. Training is provided.

If you are a good listener and wish to minister to those experiencing grief, this ministry may be for you. If you are interested in sharing your gifts in this wonderful ministry, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or [lamos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org) for more information.

### Emergency Collection for Louisiana Flood Victims

#### Emergency Collection Next Weekend

This weekend, September 18, there will be an emergency collection taken up for the Louisiana Flood Victims. Recent storms in Louisiana have produced historic flooding, leading to the worst domestic disaster since Hurricane Sandy. These storms may not have a name, but the names of those suffering in the wake of the flooding are our brothers and sisters.

Funds collected by this emergency collection will be used to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA and provide pastoral and rebuilding resources to impacted Catholic dioceses in the affected region. Join the Church in being a visible witness of Jesus to those who suffer in the world.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Many husbands and wives seem to be caught up in their career, TV, sports or children. Re-examine your married lifestyle and priorities through a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are October 7-9, in Buffalo, and November 18-20, in Prior Lake. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit our website at [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org) or contact Brent & Tracy at [applications@twincitieswwme.org](mailto:applications@twincitieswwme.org) or 612-756-8720.

### Divine Mercy Cenacle

St. Peter's Divine Mercy Cenacle will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 28, at 9:45 a.m. in the Ravoux Room. This first meeting is the kick off for existing members, but also a great time for you to check out our group. We study the writings of St. Faustina, Scripture, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. If you would like further information, please contact Carol Mulvihill at 651-356-2970.

### Interested in Becoming Catholic?

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).

### A Tree to Remember Service

Each year, the St. Paul Deaneries' Council of Catholic Women plans a special service of song and prayer with individuals sharing their stories at A Tree to Remember.

The tree was planted in 1993 to commemorate those who died prior to birth or soon after. It is a place to pray, to remember, to meditate and to rest. Come to visit and to seek comfort by this special tree and bench in Como Park. Invite someone to accompany you to visit this special spot, so you can open to sorrows and memories in your heart and pray in this blessed and dedicated area of Como Park.

A plaque placed by the tree reads, "A TREE TO REMEMBER" FOR SPECIAL LOVED ONES, BORN AND UNBORN, ST. PAUL DEANERIES—COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN.

The service takes place on Saturday, October 8, at 11 a.m. in Como Park.

Directions: Go to Esterbrook by the parking lot, turn east to Nason Place, turn left, going east. Turn right at the first street, go to the end and park. The tree is on the hill by the bench.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY - AUGUST 2016**

| <b>Month - August</b> | <b>Actual</b>   | <b>Budget</b>   |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Contribution Income   | \$ 63,408       | \$ 58,827       |
| Other Income          | <u>16,532</u>   | <u>12,063</u>   |
|                       | 79,940          | 70,890          |
| Expenses              | <u>(74,423)</u> | <u>(74,565)</u> |
| Net Income (Expense)  | \$ (5,517)      | \$ (3,675)      |

| <b>Year To Date</b>  | <b>Actual</b>    | <b>Budget</b>    |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Contribution Income  | \$ 31,957        | \$ 28,967        |
| Other Income         | <u>21,885</u>    | <u>18,127</u>    |
|                      | 153,842          | 147,094          |
| Expenses             | <u>(162,408)</u> | <u>(163,766)</u> |
| Net Income (Expense) | \$ (8,566)       | \$ (16,672)      |

**Parish Debt**

|                                      |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Principal Balance Beginning of Month | \$ 5,567,988  |
| Principal Paid                       | <u>11,930</u> |
| Principal Balance End of Month       | \$ 5,556,058  |

**Troop 264 Celebrates 50 Years**

St. Peter's Boy Scout Troop is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special event on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m. Our Scouts will be demonstrating their skills outdoors, while special exhibits in the Ravoux Room will highlight Troop 264's history and programs. A Court of Honor will follow beginning at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Current and former St. Peter's Scouts and leaders are especially encouraged to attend. Contact Dwight Rabuse at 651-681-9258 for more information.

**Cub Scout and Boy Scout Information Night**

Cub Scouts is for boys in kindergarten through grade 5. There will be a signup/information night on Sept 22, at all local public elementary schools. There will be one at Mendota Elementary from 6 to 7 p.m. If that night doesn't work for you, you can get information after the Masses on September 24/25 in the Gathering Space. Experienced scouts will there to answer your questions.

We are available to talk to boys who might want to join Boy Scouts (ages 11-18) at either of these times.

St Peter's sponsors both a Cub Scout Pack and a Boy Scout Troop. We hope you will stop by to see what we are all about.

**Bible Study Burnsville**

**Mary, Mother of the Church Bible Study** in Burnsville invites you to hear Sister Paul Therese Saiko, S.S.N.D., Parish Resource Speaker and Spiritual Formation Faculty (Retired) as she presents, "The Book of Revelation: Timeless and Mysterious." Presentation dates are Thursday, September 22, 7 to 9 p.m., or Friday, September 23, 9:30 to 11:45 a.m., at Mary, Mother of the Church, 3333 East Cliff Road, in Burnsville. There is no charge for the presentation. All are invited to hear this engaging speaker. Bring your bible and your friends!

**Moms/Ladies Night Out**

Join us for wine around the fire!

October 7, at 8pm., 1316 Raspberry Ln, Eagan.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Jubilee Year of Mercy**

Pope Francis asks us to "live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: 'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.'" (cf. Lk 6:36) Participate throughout the year by making a pilgrimage to a Holy Door at the Cathedral of Saint Paul or Basilica of Saint Mary, regularly receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and participating in the #MercyWorks video challenge. Find additional ways to **pray, learn and act** at [www.archspm.org/Mercy](http://www.archspm.org/Mercy).

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