

**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.

ADORATION

(In Historic Church)

Tuesday 9:30-6 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

(In Main Church)

Friday 8-8:45 a.m.

Saturday 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Any time by appointment.

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**JANUARY 22, 2017****REFLECTIONS FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Each time we approach the Lord in the Scriptures, God, living and active, is preparing us to meet him in that time of prayer, in the life that waits on the other side of death and in the life we experience here and now. It is critical for us to grasp this truth, as we set out on the journey of discipleship: God is not merely present; God is alive and well, active, moving, speaking, teaching, guiding, leading, providing, protecting, feeding.

In every Liturgy, there are multiple aspects of the Christian life that are addressed. The Lord is always trying to get our attention, always trying to speak to us in a message appropriate for that very moment in our lives and for the moment just around the corner.

I tend to think of the Gospel as the “Main Event” of the Liturgy of the Word. It is in the Gospels we learn of the person of Christ; we see him in action, hear his personality, and grow to understand his priorities and preferences, even his likes and dislikes to a degree.

The big events in this week’s Scriptures are two encounters of which little description is given (particularly in this account), one with Simon (later called Peter) and Andrew and the other with the brothers James and John. All were fishermen going about the work of their trade.

What piqued the curiosity of the Lord we are not told here, though the account of Luke gives more detail. The similarities across the three accounts in the synoptic Gospels (those accounts that serve as synopses of Jesus’s life) are striking.

First, Jesus saw these guys. That’s it. He saw them. This is important for us, because it tells us something extremely key to the life of faith - God’s heart is moved by us. We catch his eye, and we move God to love and affection. It is nothing specific in our intent or manner that does this, but rather just us being us - I being I, God loves me; you being you, God loves you.

The Creator of everything that exists perceives us and cares personally, individually, collectively and totally for us. (As an aside, you’ll find that God doesn’t do anything halfway. It isn’t in the nature of the Divine to be any less than 100%

invested in the things He does.)

Jesus, God-made-Man, demonstrates the care of the Father for us, as he sees Peter, Andrew, James and John and calls to them and invites them to be participants in his work. The way he calls to them is a bit peculiar, too. The accounts do not agree precisely in timing or phrasing, but he made them fishers of men in each of Matthew, Mark and Luke’s accounts.

Thus begins the discipleship of some of the greatest Saints in the history of the Church. Jesus called them one day, and within hours, they had left the life and work they knew. In essence, they had taken up a new trade. Where once they were fishermen, experts in the catching of fish on open water, they would now begin an apprenticeship in the trade of drawing people to God in Christ Jesus.

And this is precisely what “discipleship” is: a curriculum, a course of learning, as the apprentice to a master craftsman.

I’m a bit of an appreciator of words, and according to Online Etymology Dictionary (www.etymonline.com), the word disciple has a really fascinating collection of roots, by which we arrive at the modern understanding, and especially the Christian application of the word. One way of deconstructing the term could be “one who takes apart so as to grasp.”

This discipleship is the process we’ll be undertaking for these coming months, as Fr. Steven mentioned a few times over the course of the past weeks. We will take apart the various tenets of Christian life, in order to grasp them. This process helps us then see the beauty of the whole tapestry of faith in Jesus, as we then know the value of each thread and color, and how the ethic of the whole is served thereby.

The process of discipleship is, of course, one that does not end. Furthermore, it is absolutely necessary. If we would aspire to be saints, we must do the work of learning God’s own heart, as expressed perfectly in Jesus.

Music Director

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YOUTH NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Eucharist Parent and Child Session I is Tuesday, January 24



There will be **no Wednesday class** for Grade 2 on **Wednesday, January 25**. Instead, we will have a **Parent and Child Session on Tuesday, January 24, at 6 p.m.** Children will go to their classrooms, and parents will go to Heritage Center. If you have questions or cannot attend, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311. Thank you.

WORKCAMP

Join Us For Workcamp!

All high school youth are invited to join Elizabeth and the rest of the Workcamp Team, as we travel to Covington, Tennessee from June 24 through July 1! Spend a week being the hands and feet of Christ for the people of Covington, all while making new friends, having fun and eating lots of Dairy Queen! Fundraising starts in just a couple weeks so make sure to sign up today! For an information packet and application, please email Elizabeth McCanna at emccanna@stpetersmendota.org or call her at 651-905-4312.



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FAITHFUL SHEPHERD OPEN HOUSE

Families interested in learning more about our parish PreK - Grade 8 school, Faithful Shepherd Catholic School, are invited to attend an open house on Tuesday, February 7 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.



Open house attendees will have an opportunity to take a tour of the school and have questions answered by Faithful Shepherd staff, parents and students. If you are unable to make this date, you may contact Shawnessy Schwartz at 651-262-2898 or at sschwartz@fscsmn.org to arrange a private tour of the school.

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School is part of the educational ministry of St. Peter's of Mendota, St. John Neumann of Eagan and St. Thomas Becket of Eagan.

OFFICE INFORMATION

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BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Submit via website, to Mary LeClair

(maryleclair62@gmail.com) or call the parish office.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL FOUNDATION

The 2017 Catholic Services Appeal for the 17 Collective Ministries of our Archdiocese has officially begun! The Collective Ministries are the shared ministries of this Archdiocese that no one parish can support on its own. Those who have contributed to the Appeal in the past should shortly receive a mailing from the CSAF requesting your continued support. We ask that you once again open your generous hearts to hear the cry of the poor, the sick, the school children and the many other people in need who are served by these ministries.

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge. You can visit our website at www.csafspm.org for more information regarding the 17 Collective Ministries. Please send in your pledge using the postage prepaid envelope provided with the mailing, or bring your completed pledge to Mass and drop it in the offering basket. Thank you for your generosity!

The 17 Collective Ministries served by the Catholic Services Appeal are:

1. American Indian Ministry
2. Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW)
3. Campus Ministry - Newman Center
4. Campus Ministry - Saint Paul's Outreach
5. Catholic Charities
6. Deaf Ministry
7. Elementary Schools
8. Evangelization and Catechesis
9. High School Scholarships
10. Hospital Chaplains
11. Latino Ministry
12. Marriage, Family and Life
13. Parishes
14. Prison Chaplains
15. Saint John Vianney College Seminary
16. The Saint Paul Seminary
17. Venezuelan Mission



ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS • STEWARDSHIP • COMMUNITY NEWS

MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY - DECEMBER 2016

Month - December	Actual	Budget
Contribution Income	\$ 102,231	\$ 88,948
Other Income	<u>24,178</u>	<u>17,969</u>
	126,409	106,917
Expenses	<u>(73,465)</u>	<u>(75,400)</u>
Net Income (Expense)	\$ 52,944	\$ 31,517
Year To Date July - December	Actual	Budget
Contribution Income	\$ 473,745	\$ 437,482
Other Income	<u>98,305</u>	<u>78,192</u>
	572,050	515,674
Expenses	<u>(501,935)</u>	<u>(499,630)</u>
Net Income (Expense)	\$ 70,115	\$ 16,044
Parish Debt		
Principal Balance Beginning of Month		\$ 5,519,938
Principal Paid		<u>12,151</u>
Principal Balance End of Month		\$ 5,507,787

ST. PETER'S GROUP TRIP

Join Fr. Steven and Lisa Amos on Wednesday, February 1, for our trip to the Weisman Art Museum (WAM) in Minneapolis. WAM creates art experiences that spark discovery, critical thinking and transformation. Our tour will highlight innovative design and surprising artworks.



We will depart in our coach bus from St. Peter's, following the 9 a.m. Mass, for a guided tour of the museum, time to explore the exhibits and shop in their gift shop and enjoy lunch at Kafe 21 in historic Dinkytown. We will return to St. Peter's at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org to register. The cost is \$40/person, which includes tours, lunch and bus.

CANA DINNER

Cana Dinner tickets go on sale January 21/22, 28/29 and February 4/5 in the gathering space, after each Mass. An elegant evening is planned to celebrate the sacrament of marriage and all couples; married, widowed and single people are invited to attend. The cost is \$25 per attendee, which includes dinner, two drink tickets and a presentation by Dr. John R. Buri. We look forward to seeing you there!



*Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend*

ACCW LEADERSHIP DAY

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will host a Leadership Day, "Spiritual Lipstick to Beautify Your Soul," on Saturday, February 4, at Sacred Heart Church, 4087 West Broadway Avenue in Robbinsdale. Mass is at 8 a.m., registration and refreshments start at 8:30 a.m. and the speaker forum begins at 8:45 a.m. Call 651-291-4545, if you have questions. Send payment to ACCW, 328 West Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102. For credit card registration, visit <https://events.archspm.org/accw-lead-2017>.

BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The Boy Scouts are hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 5, after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. Breakfast includes sausage, eggs and all the pancakes you can eat. Cost is \$8/adult, \$5/child or \$25/family. Mark your calendars!



Matt 4:18-20 As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew,

casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117/Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 23 † Kathleen Loga
 Tuesday, January 24 † Vi Schlichting
 Wednesday, January 25 † Tom Mulvihill
 Thursday, January 26 † Jeffrey Weiss
 Friday, January 27 † George & Annamma Cherucheril
 Saturday, January 28 Mass For The People
 Sunday, January 29 - 9 a.m. Bernice Thill
 11 a.m. † Vincenzina Pacitto

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: JANUARY 23

Monday, January 23

9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:30 rosary)
6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony, Heritage Center
7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, January 24

9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:30 rosary)
9:30 am Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament until 6 pm, Historic Church
9:30 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
6 pm Grade 2 Parent Child Session, Classrooms, Heritage Center

Wednesday, January 25

9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:30 rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
4:30 pm RE Grades 1-4, Classrooms
6:30 pm RE Grades 1-8, Classrooms
6:30 pm Perissos, Youth Room
7 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday, January 26

9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:30 rosary)
9:30 am Potluck Birthday Breakfast, Heritage Center
10:15 am Grandparents Grand Adventure, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm RCIA, Conference Room 1
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, January 27

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

Saturday, January 28

9 and 10:30 am AA Meeting, Classrooms 2, 4
10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Community Room
3:30 pm **Confession and Rosary with Knights of Columbus, Main Church**
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm **Mass, Main Church**

Sunday, January 29 - *Hospitality Sunday with Faithful Shepherd Catholic School*

8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
 Rosary with Knights of Columbus, Main Church
9 am **Mass with Rite of Welcome, Main Church**
9 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Room
9 am Sunday School, Classrooms
11 am **Mass, Main Church**
11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Room

PASTORAL MINISTRY

RACHAEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

It's time to forgive yourself.

Pope Francis said, "God forgives always." If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion - women, men, grandparents, siblings and health care professionals.

The next retreat takes place on February 24 - 26, at the retreat center in Buffalo. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineyardmn.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

What am I most thankful for in my marriage in this past year?

Enjoy the blessings of your spouse by enriching your marriage. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are February 10-12, and May 5-7, in Buffalo. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit our website at: www.twincitieswwme.org. You may also contact Brent and Tracy by email at applications@twincitieswwme.org or call 612-756-8720.



YOUTH GRIEF SERVICES

Fairview's Youth Grief Services is offering a 7-week grief support series for youth, ages 4 - 18. Parents are also supported through this series and attend their own groups while the children/teens attend theirs. Groups meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, February 7 at Fairview Education Center in Burnsville. There is no fee to attend, but participants need to pre-register by phone. To register or to receive more information, please call 952-892-2111.

COR JESU

Meaning "Heart of Jesus," Cor Jesu is a moving opportunity to worship Christ in community with the Church through Eucharistic adoration, confession, praise and worship, benediction and fellowship.



Join college age and young adults for these evenings at St. Mary's Chapel at the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, 2260 Summit Avenue, in St. Paul, at 8 p.m. on the following first Fridays: February 3, March 3, April 7 and May 5.

FOLLOWING JESUS

Jesus invites us to follow Him, which means Jesus is asking us to hand over and entrust everything to Him.



This week: Take a moment to ponder every relationship, possession and experience in your life. Use this prayer as you consider each of them. "Jesus, I trust in You."

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina is Latin for "divine reading," meaning "to pray with Scripture." By stilling your soul and opening it up to the Holy Spirit, you will find that reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation - the four steps of Lectio Divina - will open your heart to receive the truths that Jesus wants to show you.

A free-will offering is accepted for this event, with a suggested donation of \$10. A light dinner will be served. For more information and to register, visit the events page on www.rediscover-faith.org and print the flyer.

This event takes place on Tuesday, January 31, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 145 Jersey Avenue South, in Golden Valley.

CURSILLO CORNER

The next Cursillo event is Sunday, January 29, at 7 p.m., at the South East Metro Ultreya, Church of St. Patrick, 3535 72nd Street East, in Inver Grove Heights.

Also, please pray about working, sponsoring or attending the next set of Cursillo weekends. This could be a life changing retreat which will deepen your relationship with Jesus. The weekends will be held at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. The men's weekend will be February 9-12. The women's weekend is February 16-19.

For more information about all Cursillo events and weekend retreats, see www.tc-cursillo.org or contact janemarie.rief@gmail.com or at 651-485-7089.

COUPLES RETREAT

St. Charles Borromeo, 2739 Stinson Boulevard N.E., in St. Anthony, is hosting a retreat for all couples that have been married 0 to 7 years and wish to have a happy, holy and healthy marriage. It takes place on Saturday, February 4, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The retreat includes special presentations, breakout sessions, reconciliation and the opportunity for couples to renew their wedding vows. The cost is \$40 per couple, including continental breakfast and a catered lunch. Watch for details coming soon on how to register!

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