

**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.

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

Jesus chose ordinary people, just like you and me, to be his disciples. He built his Church, not through a well-funded advertising campaign, but through touching interpersonal encounters, public miracles and teaching and preaching to the people.

You and I are “everyday disciples,” and we don’t even know it! But God is watching. He sees our every move, and nothing gets past his watchful eye. While you and I are focusing on all the mistakes we made today, our loving God is smiling over all the ways in which he used us to be his disciples, right here in our everyday lives.

Yvonne works a low-paying office job. Her husband, Bert, passed away four years ago. They had no children. Yvonne now lives a quiet life, filled with gaps of loneliness and sadness as she remembers her beloved Bert, who died suddenly at the age of 67. Yvonne is preparing to retire, but she fears being all alone in that empty house, with time on her hands. She calls the parish office to ask if there is something she can do to help her church. They are looking for lectors, but Yvonne is scared to death of reading in public. They could use a sacristan to help out at the 7:30 Mass during the week, but Yvonne tells the volunteer coordinator that she would feel too nervous to do anything like that. Well, there is the candle job. Yvonne’s interest is piqued. The coordinator explains that the parish needs someone to come in on Saturday mornings to clean the wax out of the votive holders and place new candles in them. This is the job for Yvonne!

Yvonne looks forward to her Saturday ministry. She attends the 7:30 a.m. Mass and then goes to her car to fetch the supplies. She spends the next couple of hours chipping at the wax that has stuck to the red and blue votive holders. On many Saturday mornings, she works quietly, while a few faithful kneel in prayer or stand in line waiting for Father Olsen to hear their confessions. On some Saturdays, she is joined by Max, an 80-something year old man with wispy grey hair and an infectious smile. Max calls her “St. Yvonne,” because he says she does the hardest job in the parish. Yvonne enjoys talking with Max. They talk about what it is like to lose a spouse, how to make the perfect chocolate cake and what heaven will be like, if they are lucky enough to get there.

Meanwhile, on the other side of town, another everyday disciple is about to be called to ministry, without even realizing it!

Jeff is a 35 year old father of two. He travels 15 miles on Sunday mornings to visit his grandmother, who is in a care facility. Jeff waters her plants, shares a cup of coffee and listens to her talk about the old days. The visits rarely last more than 30 minutes, as Grandmother always drifts off to sleep, sitting in her favorite chair. Jeff quietly exits the room and heads down the hall toward the elevator. As he passes an open door, he spots a gentleman sitting alone in his room. Their eyes meet and the old gentleman motions for Jeff to come in.

Jeff enters the room and obediently takes a seat, as the old gentleman directs him to the chair immediately opposite where he is seated. Jeff feels uneasy and wonders why he has been summoned to the room. The man grabs a large book with a well-worn cover from his bedside table. He opens the book and begins to share the story of his early days. He points to pictures of himself and his brother when they were younger. He turns the page and gazes at the beautiful woman in the long, white dress. His eyes water as he shares that this is Emma, his bride. He tells Jeff that today is their wedding anniversary. It would have been 70 years of marriage today, if Emma had lived. He asks Jeff about his family. Jeff takes out his cell phone to show him pictures of his kids and his wife. Soon they are talking baseball and the good old days. Jeff’s Sunday morning visit to his grandmother has turned into an unplanned visit with an old man, who desperately needed to share his life with someone. The two men embrace as Jeff announces that he has to go. Jeff smiles all the way to the car. Wait until the kids hear this story!

God continually places people and events in our lives. Each day we meet people in need, and God gives us a chance to be everyday disciples by sharing His love. Whether it is chipping wax out of the votive glasses or sharing life stories with a new friend, God uses us right where we are. I wonder what God has planned for you today.

In Christ who calls us,

Deacon Tim

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YOUTH NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

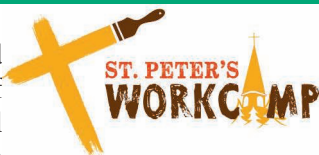
Sunday School and Children's Liturgy of the Word

There will be no Sunday School or Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, February 19. Programs will resume on Sunday, February 26.

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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YOUNG ADULTS NEEDED FOR TEACHING THIS SUMMER

Apply to be a team member for the Totus Tuus Summer Catechetical Program. We are in need of college age men and women who feel called to share their Catholic faith with the youth from local parishes around the Archdiocese. Positions are a 2-month commitment (June 2 to July 29), which includes one week of training and one week break for the 4th of July. Each team member will receive \$2,520 for their work. Find application forms at www.archspm.org/TotusTuus.



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Leave as a Friend*

OFFICE INFORMATION

- ♦ Father Steven Hoffman: 651-452-4550
- ♦ Deacon Tim Hennessey: 651-905-4301

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 651-452-4550

Email: church@stpetersmendota.org

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.



A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP HEBDA

The 2017 Catholic Services Appeal has begun and as the shepherd of this local Church, I am asking you for your support. The CSA is the way in which the collective ministries in the Archdiocese are funded. *Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal is restricted for the benefit of its collective ministries. The designated ministries cannot be funded on their own or by any one single parish but rather need our collective help.* I wholeheartedly support the Appeal, and I will make my personal pledge to it. I am calling on you to join me in doing our part, so that these important ministries of this Archdiocese can be fully funded. Please be assured of my gratitude for your participation in the Catholic Services Appeal, as well as a remembrance in my daily prayers.



A Note About the Catholic Services Appeal

Our parish is now conducting the 2017 Catholic Services Appeal for the 17 Collective Ministries of the Archdiocese, ministries that no one parish can support on its own.

The CSA recognizes each parish itself as a ministry integral to the daily life of the Archdiocese. Our parish really is our second home; we see our brothers and sisters in Christ every week, as together we celebrate the Mass. It is also where we are prepared and supported as disciples to go forth to preach the Gospel. Thus, our parish is a benefited ministry of the CSA; we receive 25% of the dollars we collect in our parish, if we reach our parish goal. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to help us reach our goal!

CATHOLIC WATCHMEN MONTHLY EVENING



All men are encouraged to attend the Catholic Watchmen monthly meeting on Thursday, February 16, at 6:30 p.m., in Heritage Center. Fr. Dufner will talk on Discipline #6 - "Confession." The mission of the Catholic Watchmen is to assist men in living up to their duty to be protectors, providers and leaders of their families. Join us for the talk, the discussion over dinner, as well as optional adoration and confession. To learn more about this initiative, go to www.thecatholicwatchmen.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIZZA NIGHT

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pizza Night at Solos Pizza in the Eagan Promenade (1270 Promenade Place). Simply print the flyer from the K of C website at eaganknights.com, and come in to Solos on Wednesday, February 15, between 4 and 9 p.m. Thirty (30%) of your purchase will be donated to the Knights to benefit the good work being done in our community. Thank you for your support.



HAITI COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations of white sheets and empty pill bottles for the needs in Haiti. We collected more than we anticipated and appreciate your kindness. We are putting this on hold due to the lack of storage space. We will resume the collection on May 1. Thank you!

TOYS NEEDED

We are working to provide childcare opportunities for families during some of our events here at St. Peter's, and we need your help. Please consider donating gently used or new toys. We will gratefully accept toys, puzzles and games for all ages. Please, no used stuffed animals, toys in need of repair or violence themed toys, such as toy weapons.

In addition, we would like to organize a list of adults willing to care for children when childcare is offered.

Training is required and provided. Donations may be left in the marked bin in the coatroom. To volunteer, please contact Anne O'Keefe, Community Life Coordinator, at 651-905-4308, or Lisa Amos, Pastoral Associate, at 651-905-4304. Thank you!



BOY SCOUT FISH FRY IS BACK

This year during Lent, the Boy Scouts will be hosting two fish fries - one on Friday, March 3, the other on Friday, March 24. The dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for children ages 3-12, age 2 and under eat free. Mark your calendars now. Don't miss these scrumptious events!

SAVE THE DATE - MARDI GRAS!

Come join us on Friday, February 24, at 6 p.m. for a pizza feast and bingo! Feel free to dress in appropriate Mardi Gras attire, as well. We will have the regular children and adult prizes, but the "cover all" at 7:30 will be a \$50 gift card to Gerten's. If we have multiple winners, we will draw a name for the winner.



Bring your appetite and join us for a family-friendly good time. We will have a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space on the weekends of February 11/12 and 18/19, so we can estimate how much food to buy, or you can call Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308, or email her at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org with your RSVP. Looking forward to seeing you there!

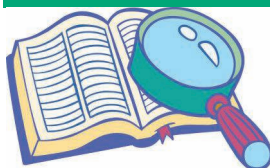
ST PAUL DEANERY CCW QUARTERLY MEETING

On Thursday, February 16, the St. Paul Deanery Council of Catholic Women will hold their 3rd Quarterly Meeting at the Church of Maternity of Mary, 1414 Dale Street North, in St. Paul, beginning at 8:15 a.m. Learn about the Breaking Free Ministry that helps hundreds of women escape prostitution and sexual exploitation.

We will be collecting personal items, grocery gift cards and canned goods to donate to Breaking Free.

Lunch will be served following the noon Mass. The cost for the day is \$13. Please RSVP by February 13, by calling Jane at 651-261-2534 or Cathy at 651-481-1012. All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

HEARING AND VISION AIDS



If you find it hard to hear at Mass, or your ability to participate is inhibited by difficulty reading the hymnal or worship aids, we can help with that. Please see one of our friendly ushers and let them know of your need. We have hearing devices and magnifiers available for you to use while you are here. Thank you.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council Email:

ParishPastoralCouncil@stpetersmendota.org

Trustees:

Jim Oricchio.....651-452-3587

Helen Wilkie.....651-365-1334

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Mk 8:34--9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, February 13	† Charlie Stead
Tuesday, February 14	† Marian & Leo Reding
Wednesday, February 15	† Duane Kahnke
Thursday, February 16	† Mary Imholte
Friday, February 17	† Tom Schommer
Saturday, February 18	† Jack Conway
Sunday, February 19 - 9 a.m.	† Mary Chapdelaine
11 a.m.	Mass For The People

“Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 6

Monday, February 13

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

Tuesday, February 14

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
10:30 am Mobile Meals, Off Campus

Wednesday, February 15

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
4:30 pm RE Grades 1-4, Classrooms
5:30 pm Middle School Chill, Youth Room
6:30 pm RE Grades 1-8, Classrooms
6:30 pm Perissos, Youth Room
7 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday, February 16

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 rosary)
9:30 am Small Faith Group, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm ACCL, Family Room
6:30 pm RCIA, Conference Room 1
6:30 pm Catholic Watchmen, Heritage Center
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, February 17

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

Saturday, February 18

9 and 10:30 am AA Meeting, Classrooms 2, 4
10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Conference Room 1
3:30 pm Confession, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm Mass with Blessing for Expectant Mothers, Main Church

Sunday, February 19 - Hospitality Sunday hosted by the Men's Club

8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass with Blessing for Expectant Mothers, Main Church
10:20 am Rosary for St. Peter's Parish, Historic Church
10:30 am Theology of the Body Workshop, Conference Room 1
11 am Mass with Blessing for Expectant Mothers, Main Church
12 pm Baptism, Main Church



PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS

Jesus journeys with us into our hearts to help us overcome our anger and impatience — our tendency to deal with people harshly and critically. We then know the blessing of the peacemakers and the meek. There is a beautiful prayer we can use in such moments: "O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto yours." Pray this slowly with heart three times when you're feeling angry or impatient.



LENT SPEAKER SERIES 2017

Living by the Power of the Holy Spirit Through Faith, Hope and Love

St. Peter's will hold a Lenten Speaker Series on Tuesday, March 7, 14, and 28, in Heritage Center, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning with the speaker and ending with refreshments and fellowship.

Among the gifts given to us in our baptism by the Holy Spirit are three powerful virtues: Faith, Hope and Love. Come and join us as we set out to deepen our understanding of how to live by these virtues and lean on them in moments of doubt and fear, weakness and discouragement. Everyone is welcome. We invite you to bring a friend!

Topics and speakers are:

March 7: The Gift of Faith with Fr. Steven Hoffman

March 14: The Gift of Love with Fr. Andrew Jaspers

March 28: The Gift of Hope with Elizabeth Kelly

Childcare will be provided for children ages 6 months to 11 years. **Registration for the childcare is REQUIRED in advance one week prior to attendance.**

ROSARY FOR ST. PETER'S



The rosary will be prayed for St. Peter's Parish every Sunday in the Historic Church, from 10:20 to 10:40 a.m. Please join us. All are welcome.

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.

GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage: A Refreshing, Liberating Vision of Marriage and Sexuality offers a view of marriage that helps you fully embrace, and even celebrate, God's glorious plan for your life.

Join us on Sunday, February 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Ravoux Room. This half-day workshop will provide you with a rich understanding of the teachings of the Church, offer you the tools to live married life as God intended and give you ample opportunity to discover your relationship in a wholly and holy new way.

A requirement for engaged couples, but relevant for ALL couples, this workshop might be just what you're looking for and what God is calling you to in your relationship.

Register with Lisa Amos, Pastoral Associate, by email at lamos@stpetersmendota.org or call her at 651-905-4304, no later than February 15. A light lunch will be provided for couples who register in advance. *A suggested donation of \$20 per couple will be gladly accepted.*

All couples, whether engaged, newly married or looking for ways to deepen your relationship through Christ-centered intimacy are welcome.

WINE: CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



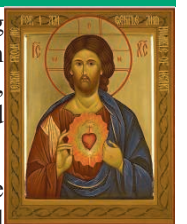
Women of all ages are invited to the **WINE: Catholic Women's Conference**, Saturday, February 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Mary, Mother of the Church, in Burnsville. Our 2017 theme is *Small Things, Great Love: It's What We Do*. The day includes inspirational talks, music, lunch, prayer, shopping, confession, Mass at 4 p.m., chocolate and more. It is the perfect way to prepare for Lent.

The cost is \$65. Brought to you by WINE: Women In the New Evangelization and the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. For more details and to register, visit www.archspm.org/WINE.

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: March 3, April 7 and May 5.



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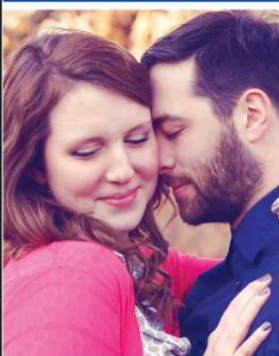
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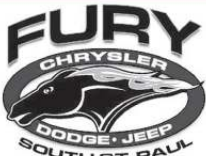


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