

**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.

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER**MAY 14, 2017**

My dear friends,

Before you head out this summer for vacations, trips to the cabin and other ventures, I want to tell you more about **Alpha**, which we plan to launch this September. There are more and more parishes within our archdiocese and around the country that are using Alpha as a way to help create an environment of personal encounter with Jesus, growing as His disciples and living by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Alpha is an 11 week course that focuses on the core message of the Gospel: God's love for us and His desire to give us a new life through His Son, Jesus Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The evenings are structured very simply: there's a meal, a talk and a time for discussion. Each session in the series explores different questions around faith, such as: Who is Jesus? What does it mean to have faith? How does God guide us? Who is the Holy Spirit? How can I resist evil? These and more questions will be discussed.

While the **Alpha** Series is especially suited to help those with little or no faith, it is at the same time very helpful for those with faith, to take them deeper in their relationship with God. This is what will renew us, renew marriage and family life, renew the whole Church - if each of us allows God to take us deeper in our faith. All this rests on the certain hope that God's heart holds more for each of us, that there is further growth, healing and freedom possible in Christ.

The **Alpha** Course started in England in 1977 by a Reverend Charles Mamham. Growing rapidly in the 1990's, the course now runs in 169 countries and 112 languages, with over 27 million people having taken the course. Because **Alpha** focuses on the basic Gospel message, it can be used by any Christian community as a tool for evangelization and spiritual growth.

The **Alpha** Series is going to play a key part in our seven year vision, to help ensure that all of us together are moving forward in Christ. Once we offer the **Alpha** Series this Fall,

we will offer it every year, with the hope that, eventually, every person in our parish will have the opportunity to attend. For our first session in September, we will be able to welcome 50 adults. We have a similar program already in place for our youth, called Perissos. I tell you this now in case you wish to take part in the Fall **Alpha**. Sign ups will begin in August. All are welcome. There is no charge and no preparation necessary.

I hope you will prayerfully consider attending the Alpha Series this Fall. If the dates will not work for you this time around, no worries; there will be other opportunities to follow.

Please know of my special prayers for you and your families in all your summer activities.

Jesus bless you,

Fr. Steven



Happy Mother's Day

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YOUTH NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018

Please remember to register for the 2017 - 2018 year, if you have not yet done so. Please register online by going to St. Peter's website at www.stpetersmendota.org, and clicking on the Faith Formation tab. In the drop down box, click on RE/FF Registration for 2017 - 2018 and follow the directions located there. **The registration deadline is May 15. Registrations taken after that will have a late fee charged.**

SUMMER REFF STAFF HOURS

Religious Education Staff Hours For Summer

During the summer months, the RE/FF staff hours will be drastically reduced. Beth Newton is on break from May 16 through August 15. Kathy Raible will be on break from June 16 through August 15. Elizabeth McCanna will be here, but her days on site will vary.

A NOTE FROM MIKE RANDALL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT FSCS

As the temperatures warm, it's easy to start dreaming about summer! Faithful Shepherd Catholic School has many wonderful summer camp options for students of all ages including robotics classes, sports camps and more. Please visit our website at www.fscsmn.org to learn more. We would love to have your child join us!

Also, as we wrap up another school year at Faithful Shepherd, we would like to extend a word of thanks to the parish. Your support allows us the opportunity to instill faith, character and confidence in our students on a daily basis. If you have never had the opportunity to visit Faithful Shepherd, we invite you to come for a visit! Whether you come for a tour, join us for Mass on Wednesday mornings or attend one of our events, we would love to share our school with you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



St. John Neumann and St. Thomas Beckett invite you to join them June 19-23 at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose!

Children in grades K-5 for the 2017-18 school year are welcome. You can register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/sjnvbs2017>. The cost is \$40 for one child, \$75 for two children, and \$100 for 3+ children. The registration deadline is May 24. For more information call Maria at 507-358-7850 or Tonya at 763-227-2679.

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.

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STEUBENVILLE ST. PAUL YOUTH CONFERENCE

New to St. Peter's!

Calling all high school youth! Join us this summer at the Steubenville St. Paul conference! This life-changing weekend includes praise and worship, adoration, internationally known speakers, Mass and more! Encounter Jesus in a new and personal way - your life will never be the same. The conference is July 28-30. Registration material is available on the information counter.



For more information and to sign-up, call Elizabeth at 651-905-4312, or you can email her at emccanna@stpetersmendota.org.

SUMMER STRETCH

All middle school and high school youth are welcome to join us Thursdays, during July for Summer Stretch! Spend the mornings serving others and the afternoons out on an adventure! The fun starts on Thursday, July 6, and runs each Thursday through August 3. For more information, and to sign up, check the information counter or contact Elizabeth McCanna.



CCW STYLE SHOW

The Council of Catholic Women will be taking reservations for their annual Spring Style Show and Luncheon this weekend, May 13 and 14, after all Masses. The Style Show and Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 20, in Heritage Center. Sign in starts at 11:30 a.m., the luncheon will begin at noon and the style show starts at 1 p.m. The cost for the luncheon and style show is \$20. Call Marge Sullivan at 651-451-6690 for more information or to make a reservation.



"IT TAKES A VILLAGE" TO BUILD A CHAPEL

St. Peter's has received a generous donation of Dept. 56 Christmas Villages, so we have decided to hold another Dept. 56 Village sale. All proceeds will go toward the Adoration Chapel Project.

If, as you are doing your spring cleaning, you find you have too many Dept. 56 Christmas Villages, please consider donating them to St. Peter's. On June 4, we will hold the fundraiser in the Gathering Space after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. Bring your Christmas Villages to the parish office by May 21. Please contact Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308 or aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org with questions.

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Check out St. Peter's website at www.stpetersmendota.org, our Facebook page at facebook.com/stpetersmendota and Twitter @StPetersMendota.

THANK YOU TO THE GROUNDS CLEAN UP CREW

A big thank you to all who showed up this past weekend (and last weekend) to help make the grounds at St. Peter's fresh and beautiful. You are greatly appreciated!



WEDDING BANNERS

Second Proclamation

Zach Becker and Melissa Mollenhoff



ANNUAL ST. PETER'S CCW MEETING

The annual meeting and installation of officers for the St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women (SPCCW) will take place on Wednesday, June 7, in Heritage Center, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. There will be a short board meeting, election and installation of officers, followed by a pasta dinner and entertainment. All women of St. Peter's are invited.

Nominated candidates for the 2017-2018 SPCCW officers include: Lisa Brooks for President, Nancy Stanton for Vice President, Barbara Kaufmann for Secretary and Connie Powell for Treasurer. The SPCCW by-laws allow for additional nominations to be made at the meeting. Please RSVP to Nancy Stanton at 651-686-9009.



ST. PETER'S PHOTO DIRECTORY

The appointment dates for our upcoming photo directory are fast approaching. With a goal of 100%, we need all families to sign up. Our directory will allow us to connect names and faces. Photography times are still available. Visit our website to sign up now. If you need assistance in making your appointment, call Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308 or email her at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org.

Every family will receive a free 8 x 10 portrait and a printed and electronic copy of our directory. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits, if you choose to do so. Plan on spending an hour at your appointment.

The photo sessions will take place May 22, 23 and June 1 through 10. We look forward to seeing you.

We are still looking for people who would be willing to take a shift with the photo directory check-in. We need to have someone at the church on May 22 and 23, and on June 1 through 10. The weekday time slots to choose from are from 2 to 9 p.m. and the weekends are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Even if you can only help for 1 hour, it would be greatly appreciated. We only need one person for each shift. Please call Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308 or email her at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org.



*Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend*

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 MAY 7

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

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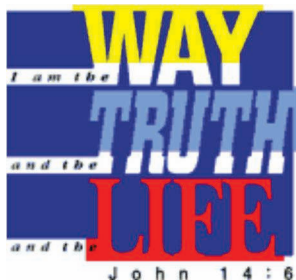
MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 15	† Joseph Guild
Tuesday, May 16	† Peter Kenneally
Wednesday, May 17	Joe Schloegl
Thursday, May 18	† Fr. Matthew Cherucheril
Friday, May 19	John DeNiro
Saturday, May 20	† Tom Mulvihill
Sunday, May 21, 9 a.m.	† Gladys Miotti
11 a.m.	Mass For The People



Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: MAY 15

Monday, May 15

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony Rehearsal, Heritage Center
6 pm Eucharistic Minister Training, Main Church
7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, May 16

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:30 am Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament until 6 pm, Historic Church
9:45 am Women's Bible Study Final Meeting and Lunch, Heritage Center

Wednesday, May 17

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Rm 1
3:30 pm Adoration Chapel Meeting, Conference Room 1
6:30 pm Perissos, Heritage Center
7 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday, May 18

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:30 am Small Faith Group, Conference Room 1
6:30 pm ACCL Meeting, Family Room
7 pm Catholic Watchmen, Heritage Center
7 pm Finance Committee Meeting, Conference Room 3
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, May 19

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

Saturday, May 20

9 am & 10:30 am AA Meeting, Classrooms
10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Conference Room 1
11:30 am CCW Style Show, Heritage Center
3:30 pm Confession, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm Mass, Main Church
6 pm Sponsor a Workcamper, Gathering Space
 Alpha Information Table, Gathering Space
 Perpetual Adoration Chapel Meeting, Heritage Center

Sunday, May 21 - Hospitality Sunday

Hosted By The Men's Club

8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church
 Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Room
10 am & 12 pm Sponsor a Workcamper, Gathering Space
 New Parishioner Meet & Greet, Ravoux Room
10:30 am Rosary for St. Peter's, Historic Church
12:30 pm Baptism Class, REFF Office

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Jesus reminds us, through the letter of St. Peter, that our baptism confers on us a priestly identity, commissioning us to offer “spiritual sacrifices” to God through Jesus Christ.

According to the Bible, one spiritual sacrifice very pleasing to God is a sacrifice of thanksgiving, especially for the gift of God’s saving mercy. Let’s be sure to offer this sacrifice to God every day this week, thanking Him for Jesus’ death and resurrection and any other blessings.

GROWING THROUGH LOSS

AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL COALITION OF SOUTH SUBURBAN CHURCHES PRESENTS THE FIFTH IN A FIVE-WEEK SERIES: GROWING THROUGH LOSS

Growing Through Loss ends their spring speaker series with a Remembrance Service on May 16, at 7 p.m., at St Joseph’s Church in Rosemount. All are welcome. Everyone who comes is invited to bring a small photo or memento of a loved one who has passed on from this life to Eternal Life.

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.; the speaker starts at 7 p.m.; support groups (facilitated by trained leaders), will begin at 8.

A freewill offering will be gratefully accepted.

This program is offered to any adult experiencing a loss or major crisis and to Pastoral Ministers, i.e., Befrienders and Stephen Ministers. For additional information, call 651-452-8261 or e-mail at growingthroughloss@gmail.com.



ST. PETER’S SPRING GROUP PILGRIMATE

Join Fr. Steven and Lisa Amos in making a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Lacrosse, Wisconsin. We will travel together to this beautiful and sacred place dedicated to the Blessed Mother and her intercession for the unborn and the poor.

While there, we will enjoy a guided tour, Mass at the Shrine Church, a delicious lunch at Culina Mariana Cafe and ample time on our own for exploration and prayer at the many devotional areas available.

Reservations are limited. Parishioners have priority registration through May 31. Reserve your spot now by contacting Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or you can email her at lamos@stpetersmendota.org. The cost is \$65/person. The deadline for registering is June 9.



SINCERE SYMPATHY

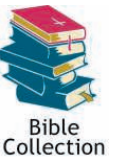
St. Peter’s Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Martin VanBeck. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make him a sharer in eternal salvation.



ST. PETER’S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN COLLECTIONS

The SPCCW is again collecting white sheets, white pillowcases and pill bottles without labels. These items are for the Haiti Collection sponsored by the ACCW.

Also, the Prison Ministry program sponsored by the SPCCW will be collecting hard and soft cover Bibles in good condition. That will be the only item they will be collecting this year.



PERPETUAL ADORATION

My father-in-law had a framed drawing of a cross, a chalice, purple grapes, a loaf of bread and a statement under these items that said, “Let all Guests be received as Christ.” After my father-in-law died, I was given this drawing. I have it in my office, so my clients can see it.

I need this reminder to live my life by, because all too often, I fall short of the statement underneath that drawing. This is also why it is so important to have a regular scheduled hour when our new Perpetual Adoration Chapel opens. We are Christ’s guests when we visit Him in our Adoration Chapel. He treats us with love, compassion, understanding and dignity. Do we do that to others? Please schedule a time with Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or Mark Mischke at 651-481-6900. All are welcome and encouraged to participate!

FROM GRIEF TO GRACE

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE

Grief to Grace is a five-day retreat fully centered upon the healing love of Jesus Christ. It is for anyone who has suffered physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. This effective model of care provides a powerful therapy for the soul. Our next local G2G Retreat is scheduled for August 20 - 25. For more information or to answer your questions, please visit www.griefftoGrace.org or contact Diane at diane@griefftoGrace.org or 612-440-7247.

A past attendee commented, “I was fascinated by the retreat and speechless at the depth of the growth and healing it facilitated.” “He walks with me and my wounds are sacred to Him. He weeps with me and for me.”



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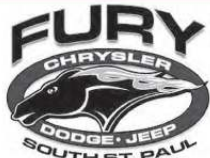


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