

**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.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**JUNE 25, 2017**

This weekend, we celebrate the feast of our patron, St. Peter. This is a great time for us, as a parish, to celebrate Peter, the rock, upon which Jesus built the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church!

Sometimes when reading scripture, I wonder if Jesus could have used a personal consultant. You know, someone who could advise him on how to select the best and brightest for the work he was doing in the Father's name. In Jesus' disciples, we see not the "best and brightest," as we would perhaps define them in our modern day, but rather a bumbling, doubting, and frightened group of men who never seemed to quite get it right. Peter was chief among those, who routinely frustrated our Lord. Throughout the scriptures, we hear Jesus gently admonishing his imperfect, yet loyal, band of brothers because they seem to falter and fail more than they succeed.

We see in Peter a man who seems less than perfect, often given to wrong-headed ideas, and who runs out on Jesus when he needs him most. Peter is the guy who is so in love with Jesus, that he can't bring himself to accept the Father's plan for Jesus to suffer, die and rise from the dead. In his pride, Peter is the one who tells Jesus that Jesus will never wash his feet. And Peter is the one who denies Jesus three times, as he is bound in chains and led off to his death. Peter did not seem to exhibit the leadership qualities that one would expect in someone who would be the first pope of the newly founded Catholic Church.

Jesus saw something in Peter. He was able to look beyond Peter's weakness to see something of true worth. Jesus was able to look past Peter's denial and the fact that he was not among those who stood at the foot of the cross, as Jesus suffered and breathed his last. Jesus was able to wash Peter's feet, and in doing so, taught him a great lesson about how to care for his people. Jesus was able to accept Peter for who he was, and to give him the keys to the Kingdom.

I love to read the gospel stories and imagine what it must have been like to travel with Jesus, as did Peter and the apostles. These men gave up their lives to follow Christ. They lived a nomadic existence, never knowing where their next meal would come from or where they would lay their heads at night. In that famous scene from the transfiguration, Peter, James and John are given a very brief glimpse at the glory of the Lord. Peter wanted to savor this moment, to make it last, but it was not to be. That little bit of glory would have to carry these brave men through the horror of the passion, the uncertainty of the resurrection and the work of building Christ's Church, after

he ascended to the Father.

This weekend, we celebrate St. Peter. We celebrate a great saint who, like many saints, did not lead a perfect life. St. Peter publicly denied Christ three times, just as Jesus predicted he would. Days later, in their meeting on the shore, Jesus asked Peter that all-important question, "Do you love me?" Peter did indeed love Jesus, but he had a long way to go to develop the "agape" love to which Jesus was calling him in his service to the Church. In the end, Peter chose to be crucified upside down, as he felt unworthy to be crucified in the manner that his Savior was crucified.

I don't know about you, but I have many "Peter" moments in my life. These are the times when I lose patience with an important person in my life or struggle to accept a reality that doesn't quite fit with my view of how things should be. It is in these moments, that I sometimes think about St. Peter and how much he seemed to falter and fail. Jesus chose Peter to guide his Church here on earth. Now, over 2000 years later, Pope Francis follows in the footsteps of St. Peter, our first pope, as he leads that same Catholic Church through the trials and challenges of our day. It wasn't an easy task in St. Peter's time, and it certainly isn't any easier for our current pontiff.

Today we feast! We open our hearts to a God who loves us, even when we fall down and lose our way. We celebrate a God who became man and walked among us. We celebrate a saint who accepted the keys from his Master and used those keys to open a way of faith to a struggling world. Today we eat cake, and in Father Steven's case, ice cream! It is good to celebrate the patron saint of our parish and to enjoy these beautiful days of summer together as a parish family. As we celebrate today, let us remember that God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called. St. Peter became one of the greatest saints of our Catholic tradition, because Jesus believed in him. St. Peter accepted Jesus' call, and we are invited to do the same. Let us follow in the footsteps of Peter, as we share the love of Christ with all those we meet.

May God be praised, now and forever!

Deacon Tim

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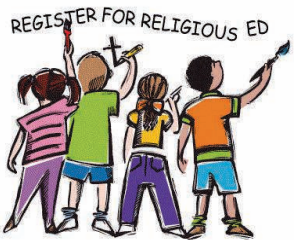
YOUTH NEWS

PRAY FOR OUR WORKCAMPERS

St. Peter's Workcampers leave on Saturday, June 24, and return on Saturday, July 1. Please pray for them on their trip to Covington, Tennessee, as they grow in their relationship with Christ by becoming his hands and feet for the people of Covington.

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 was May 15. Registrations will now be charged a late fee.**



STEUBENVILLE ST. PAUL YOUTH CONFERENCE

New to St. Peter's Parish!

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.



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Fri, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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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.



WEDDING BANNERS



Second Proclamation

Jacob Schirra and Natalie Lodoen



ST. JOHN PAUL II CHAMPION FOR LIFE AWARDS

Do you know of someone who devotes his or her time helping the poor, elderly, disabled, pregnant, or is committed to praying for Respect Life issues? He or she may be our next Champion for Life! The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is looking to honor those who respect life at our annual St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards. To submit a nomination or for more information, go to archspm.org/C4L. Questions? Please contact Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489 or MFL@archspm.org.



*Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend*

GRAND ADVENTURE OF GRANDPARENTING



Grandparenting is both a blessing and an anchor in a family. A child who has loving grandparents is blessed, empowered, enriched and nourished. They often have time for special one-on-one interaction. The next Grand Adventure of Grandparenting meeting will be Thursday, June 29, at 10:30 a.m., in Heritage Center. This will be the last meeting until fall.

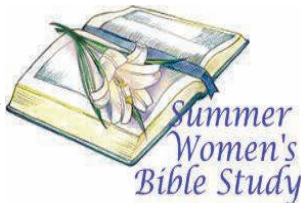
REPLICA OF HISTORIC CHURCH

Karlie Regep, a student at St. Agnes School in St. Paul, made a replica of our Historic Church. She has loaned it to us for the month of June. It is in the display case on the wall of Heritage Center. She will be entering the replica into the State Fair in August. I encourage you to look at it sometime this month. It is wonderful!

SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our summer session of Women's Bible Study is back by popular demand. This year, we will continue with The Footprints of God series with *The Apostolic Fathers: Handing On The Faith*. In this video series, Steve Ray will take you on an exciting journey to the Roman Empire and the world of the first Christians. You'll sit at the feet of the apostles, celebrate the Eucharist in hiding and tremble at the suffering they endured for Jesus Christ.

The Bible Study meets on the second Tuesday of June, July and August, from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. in Classroom 10. All women are welcome. To register, please contact Sandy Rabuse at 651-681-9258 or sandyrabuse@comcast.net.



ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR DIRECTORY PICTURES

You will have one more opportunity this summer to get your picture taken from Lifetouch Photography for the parish directory. On Wednesday, July 19, Lifetouch will be at St. Peter's from 2 to 9 p.m. To sign up, please call the parish office at 651-452-4550, or you can visit our website at www.stpetersmendota.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Ugandan Mission Team Presentation

The team that travelled to Uganda in early June will be telling us about their experiences from the mission trip on Wednesday, July 12, at 7 p.m. in Heritage Center. They will be sharing their stories and many pictures of this wonderful, life changing trip! We hope you can join us.

The photo below is at the Uganda Martyrs' Shrine.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

We need your help in keeping our parish records current. If you have moved out of the area and are no longer members of St. Peter's, if your children have moved out and are on their own, if you have a new phone number or if there is any other information you would like to update, please email Rita Holien at rholien@stpetersmendota.org.

The new pictorial parish directory will be available in the fall to those parishioners that have had their photographs taken. The directory will include photos, last name, head of household and spouse, address and phone number. If you have an unlisted number and would like it listed in this directory, or if you would like to request other changes, please contact Rita Holien or Anne O'Keefe at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS



Have you ever wanted to learn more about the history of our parish? Our Historic Church will be open for FREE tours every Sunday through Labor Day, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Feel free to stop in and learn about your community's very own historic site!

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
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 25

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-50, 53-55/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, June 26	† Jeffrey Weiss
Tuesday, June 27	† Jerry Johnson
Wednesday, June 28	† Tuan Tu Family Members
Thursday, June 29	† Bill & Luella Slickoway
Friday, June 30	† Rosalino Vinluan
Saturday, July 1	† Jack Conway
Sunday, July 2, 9 a.m.	† Gloria Isham
11 a.m.	Mass For The People

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: JUNE 26

Monday, June 26

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, June 27

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

Wednesday, June 28

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

Thursday, June 29

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
10:30 am Grandparents' Adventure Meeting, Heritage Center
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, June 30

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

Saturday, July 1 - Workcamp Team arrives back from Covington, Tennessee

9 am & 10:30 am AA Meeting, Classrooms
3:30 pm Confession, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm Mass, Main Church

Sunday, July 2

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass, Main Church
10:30 am Rosary for St. Peter's Parish, Historic Church
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
11 am Mass, Main Church
12 pm Historic Church Tours, Historic Church



“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”



PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Jesus asked Peter, "But who do you say I am?" Peter responded in faith, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus gave Peter and the disciples the power to forgive sins. May we never despair of the abundant mercy of our loving God.

THANK YOU, ST. PETER'S PARISH!

Thank you for providing needed aid to the pastoral ministries in Latin America and assisting in the restoration of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Thank you for showing solidarity with the emerging Church in Africa and providing ongoing support to the most vulnerable served by the efforts of Catholic Relief Services. Your gift of \$1,245 to the Center for Mission for Global Solidarity Sunday is greatly appreciated.

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.griegtograce.org or contact Diane at diane@griegtograce.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."*



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



These marriage encounter retreats are a special time for a married couple away from all distractions: work, kids, bills and other pressures and concerns. When was the last time you had a weekend like that? Couples do not share with the group. This weekend is for you and your spouse. Priests and religious are encouraged to attend as well. Take some time on July 14-16, at Kings House Retreat Center in Buffalo. To apply, go to wwme.org or contact Brent or Tracy at 612-756-8720.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

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



PERPETUAL ADORATION



St. John Paul II was devoted to Eucharistic Adoration. Those close to him recall that he often spent two or three hours a day praying in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We are all busy in our personal and professional lives. We might get so busy that we may feel that we just can't find the time to commit to Adoration. I think we'd all likely agree that being the pope is a busy job. Why did St. John Paul II commit himself in spite of his doubtless overwhelming obligations? He said, "The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this Sacrament of Love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in Adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our Adoration never cease."

Become part of unceasing Adoration here at St. Peter's! All are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please contact Lisa Amos to schedule your hour of Adoration by calling 651-905-4304, or call Mark Mischke at 651-481-6900.

RESOURCE CENTER

Anytime you are looking for resources to encourage you and help you grow in faith, consider checking out the Resource Center, located in the Gathering Space. You will find CD's and pamphlets about a variety of issues. In addition, you will be able to choose spiritual reading you can trust, recommended by Fr. Steven, Lisa Amos and Elizabeth McCanna. (Yes, there are even books for teens and young people!)

This center is self-funded, so we would ask that those who are able to donate do so, and if it's possible for you, please consider donating \$5/CD, \$1/pamphlet and the list price of the books you choose. The price is usually on the back cover. Because we want everyone to be able to enjoy these resources, whether they can donate or not, we also welcome generous donations above these suggestions. There is a slot for donations in the center itself. If you are unable to donate, please take a resource anyway!

Thank you and may God bless your every effort to grow in faith and love.

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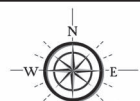


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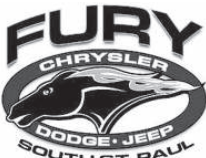
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