

**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.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***JULY 2, 2017***

I went to use the copy machine at work the other day, and someone had posted a large sign saying that the machine was out of order and that service had been called. Most of us have had the experience of expecting some convenience of our modern age to work when we need it, only to find that it is out of order.

When we are not feeling well, we might describe our physical body as being out of order. Something is not working right; perhaps there is a disease or a virus that is making our body sick. When this happens, we typically seek a medicine that will help get our body back to normal again, or we seek out a medical professional to help diagnose the problem and prescribe the appropriate medication or treatment.

In all of creation, there is a beautiful order to things. Each of us has our place in the created world, and the world works the way God intended when all things adhere to their natural order. We can see, in our modern society, how things can go terribly wrong when we lose a sense of that order that God intended.

In today's gospel, Jesus gives a hard teaching to his disciples when he says:

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. . .”

Jesus is teaching his disciples about the right order of things. We can look to the Ten Commandments and see that the first two commandments address our relationship with the Lord. If our lives are to be in right order the way God intended, then God must have first place in our lives. This is sometimes a painful truth for us when we find that our lives are full of so many things, that we struggle to give God an hour each week at Mass on Sunday.

The simple reality is that we need to put God in first place in our lives. The Church teaches that we have to develop our relationship with the Lord according to our state in life. God does not expect a married mother of three to live the same kind of spiritual life as a cloistered religious or even a diocesan priest. But God does expect us to give him pride of place in our lives, regardless of how busy we are. Married

couples are sometimes surprised to learn that after God, it is their spouse who should be the focus of their attention. Parents today spend countless hours running children to this practice or to that event, finding that, at the end of the day, they have had no time for each other. It is important to remember that our children grow from a loving, committed marriage relationship. We are called to nurture that relationship, so that it will continue to grow and be fruitful.

I was talking recently to a retired friend of mine, who stated that he feels as busy in retirement as he was when he worked 60 hours per week at his job! This weekend, Jesus teaches us that God needs to assume first place in our lives, if our lives are to be correctly ordered. Placing God first helps us to focus on Him as the source of everything we receive. It is good to examine our lives, from time to time, and check ourselves. If golf, football or trips to the mall have taken first place over God, then our lives are not in right order, and we may find ourselves feeling lost and unhappy.

God has a plan for each of our lives. The more we turn our lives over to him, the clearer his plan for our life becomes. God reveals himself more and more to us as we open our hearts and make more room for him to work in our lives. Our God is ever patient with his children! If your life seems to be “out of order,” don’t panic. God can help! We can begin each day with a little prayer recognizing God as the source of everything in our lives. As we come to him in all humility, he gently leads us and draws us closer to himself.

Jesus is calling his disciples and us to make our relationship with him the most important one in our lives. He will give us the grace we need to make the changes necessary in order to place him in the most important position in our hearts. Our lives flow from the love that God has bestowed on us. Let us place God first in our lives, so that everything we do in this life flows from God.

In the heart of Christ, the servant,

Deacon Tim

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YOUTH NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018

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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.

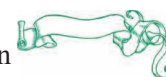


WEDDING BANNERS



Third 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*

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.

NEIGHBORS FOOD SHELVE

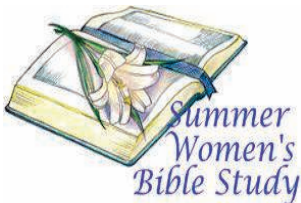
Happy Summer Solstice! I hope you are enjoying the extra daylight. Gardeners, how's it growing? I hope your crops are coming along well. If you haven't planted anything yet, there are some crops that you **neighbors, inc.** could plant even now and have them ready by harvest time. The U of M Extension suggests Chinese cabbage, kale or sweet corn. If you buy a plant that's already growing, you can do tomatoes, peppers or your favorite veggie. Summer is just beginning!



The food shelf is looking for volunteers. We have several "self-schedule" shifts available for you to drop in with very little commitment. We are also looking for some more ongoing (that is, one shift a week) volunteers, volunteers who would like to collect produce donations at local farmer's markets and people to serve meals at the schools through the Summer Meal Program. There are lots of ways you can help feed people! If interested, please check the volunteer section of the Neighbors website or contact Mandy at mandy@neighborsmn.org.

Most needed items: shampoo, Hamburger Helper, baking supplies (sugar, flour, oil, mixes), baked beans and soap.

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.

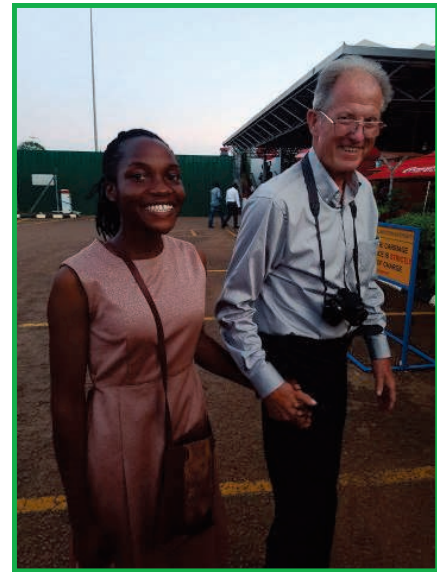
The Bible Study meets on the second Tuesday of July and August, from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m., in Classroom 10. All women are welcome. To register, please contact Sandy Rabuse at 651-681-9258 or sandyrabuse@comcast.net.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Ugandan Mission Team Presentation

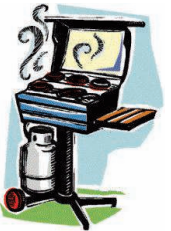
The team that travelled to Uganda in early June will be telling us about their experiences from the mission trip on Wednesday, July 12, at 7 p.m. in Heritage Center. They will be sharing their stories and many pictures of this wonderful, life changing trip! We hope you can join us.

This photo is of Ralph Dumond and Hilda Katahuise, the young lady Ralph and Kathi sponsored.



COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

The Faithful Shepherd Knights of Columbus has partnered with the Eagan Hy-Vee for a special fund raising opportunity. During the month of July, for every single Hy-Vee bratwurst or skinless bratwurst sold at the Eagan Hy-Vee Chophouse Meat Counter, a portion of the proceeds will benefit the funding of winter jackets for the Coats For Kids program. Please support our Coats For Kids by purchasing your brats at Hy-Vee! Thank you for your support.



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.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 2

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc-2/Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-6/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, July 3	† Joseph Guild
Tuesday, July 4	† Jerry Johnson
Wednesday, July 5	John Musielewicz
Thursday, July 6	Al & Alice Mayers
Friday, July 7	† Teresa McMahon Quirk
Saturday, July 8	† Bill Olson
Sunday, July 9, 9 a.m.	Mass For The People
11 a.m.	† Bridget Murphy

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: JULY 3

Monday, July 3

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

Tuesday, July 4 - Parish Office Closed

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

9:30 am Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament until 6 pm, Historic Church

10 am Loaves and Fishes, Off Campus

Wednesday, July 5

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

Thursday, July 6

8 am Summer Stretch, Heritage Center

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

6:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting, Conference Room 1

7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, July 7

8 am Confession, Main Church

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

9:30 am Anointings, Historic Church

Saturday, July 8 - Workcamp Team arrives back from Covington, Tennessee

9 am & 10:30 am

AA Meeting, Classrooms

10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Conference Room 1

10 am Historic Church Tours for Mendota Days, Historic Church

3:30 pm Confession, Main Church

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

5 pm Mass, Main Church

Sunday, July 9

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



... and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."



PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Jesus teaches that we must love him more than the members of our family. Being faithful to prayer and going to Mass are two ways we keep Jesus first. Let's bring our families to Jesus this week, when we pray

and go to Mass.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you are aware of someone from our parish who is unable to attend Mass because of illness or old age, please notify the parish office. Hospitals and nursing homes are no longer able to notify us, and often those who need our help are unwilling to call for fear of "being a burden." We depend on our parishioners to make sure we know who among the parish is in need of pastoral care. When you call, please share with us as much information as you can, so that we may reach out to them. We appreciate immensely your help with this matter.

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 Bill Bordenave. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make him a sharer in eternal salvation.



PERPETUAL ADORATION



The greatest gift we can give is the gift of ourselves, whether it is taking care of a loved one, teaching your children about loving God, giving your time with those in need, lending a hand, sharing a smile or just being a good listener. This is really what love is and what

we are called to do.

No act of kindness will ever go unnoticed by God. This is exactly what God provides us in the Eucharist at Mass and when we sit in front of Him in the Blessed Sacrament. He gives us promptings to do what is right and just. He listens to our hardships and gives us encouragement through a variety of ways. He's always arranging scenarios for our well-being, whether we understand it at the time or not. Christ gave His life for all and for all time. Can we give him an hour a week at Perpetual Adoration, which is coming to St. Peter's soon? For more information or if you would like to sign up for a time slot, please call Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or Mark Mischke at 651-481-6900. All are welcome and encouraged to participate!

WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY: JESUS APPROACHES

Join local author and speaker, Elizabeth M. Kelly, in an eight-week women's Bible study based on her new book, *Jesus Approaches: What Contemporary Women Can Learn About Healing, Freedom and Joy From the Women of the New Testament*.

The sessions are on Tuesdays, from September 19 through November 14, and include a lecture and small group discussion. This study is offered at two locations: a morning study with limited childcare available at St. Bartholomew's in Wayzata, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., and an evening Bible study at St. Peter's in Mendota, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There is no session at either location on October 31. The cost is \$60 per person. Visit www.rediscover-faith.org for more information. Register soon, as space is limited.



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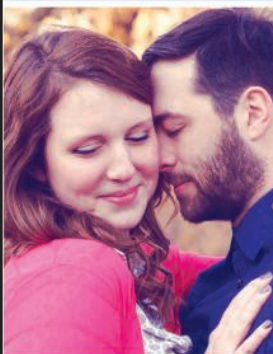
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