

**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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***JULY 9, 2017***

Life is a complicated, often painful endeavor, and the greatest adventure we can have, though never without struggle. Living a full life is highly demanding and forces us to reckon with our limitations. So many times, we come to the end of our lives and find that there is still so much more we want --more to do, to become, to accomplish, to create, to say.

Last weekend, Fr. Steven gave a homily that served as a beautiful teaching on the central, critical importance of correctly ordering our loves. When we fail in this, displacing God with a lesser person, place, activity or pursuit, our lives go sideways. And the longer we leave our priority issues unaddressed, the more haywire we are liable to become.

This week, Jesus continues to proclaim the Gospel ("good news") in the presence of John the Baptist's disciples, those who had come inquiring whether he is "the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" He launches into a lengthy discourse on the worthiness of following him and the costs of going another way.

The first portion we encounter is an intimate look at the nature of his relationship with the Father. If you'll hearken back just a few weeks, recall what I wrote on the Blessed Trinity. Here, Christ sheds light on just how intimate and intertwined he and the Father are, yet how distinct they are as well. Jesus leaves little doubt that, while united, he and the Father are not one and the same. Instead, Jesus alone knows the Father, and only the Father really knows the Son. Therefore, the only way to come to sure knowledge of God in his true nature is through Jesus. Then, Jesus appeals to our need for respite from struggle and recognizing that we will not have that respite without help, "Come, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest."

We, who find ourselves lacking and who know our own inability to really control our circumstances (perhaps much less our own whims), should be all ears. Lord, tell me please, how can I know some peace? Of course, the answer is as simple as it is indescribable.

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves," the Lord tells us. Not just those within earshot, but all

generations henceforth can know the abiding peace of the knowledge of God, the source and origin of our very selves.

Twenty years ago, God revealed himself to me, and I knew him through Jesus in an instant. I knew his reality -- that he simply IS -- and knew that even in my own heart he had the first place. I experienced two very different things concurrently: 1) incredible exhilaration and excitement that I had not known even possible, and 2) profound peace that I could not really begin to describe (thus the phrase, "peace beyond all understanding"). It was at once a joy that made me whoop and shout, as well as gave me a quiet, steady sense of well-being. It gave me the unaccountable assurance that all would be well, no matter what came for the rest of my days.

Instantly, I knew that I would be capable of all the loves I had -- my spouse, my family, my friends, my hobbies, my dreams. Obviously, I would learn through the course of the ensuing years that keeping all of those things in the proper perspective would involve lots of failure and "learning the hard way."

Loving God first, after a while, is no longer about having nothing else on the mind, as much as it is about having that love inform every other facet of life. It becomes the basis, the platform, or, for the computer savvy, the operating system, that facilitates every other process and task one must do. It is in the context of the truth that God exists, loves us boundlessly and is an unending joy to love; in return, there is an ease to life and its demands.

Life doesn't become easier once we take on the yoke of Jesus, knowing the Father bit by bit, more and more, day by day, but truly living becomes possible.

May you all one day soon experience firsthand that rest which follows from the knowledge and love of God.

David Dunst
Music Director

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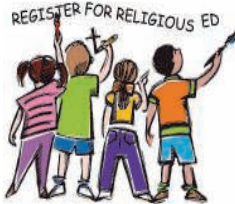
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NEWS

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



PIZZA NIGHT AT SOLOS

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 (eaganknights.com) and come in to Solos on Wednesday, July 12, between 4 and 9 p.m. Thirty percent 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.

LOST AND FOUND



We have several items in our lost and found, as well as several items from the Feast of St. Peter Potluck. If you are missing a dish or serving utensil, please stop by the Heritage Center kitchen to see if it is there. If you are missing a jacket, glasses, sweater, etc., please stop by the coatroom. On the south wall, we have a tote full of lost and found items, as well as items hanging on the coat rack above it. Thanks!

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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.

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.



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. The deadline to submit your nomination is August 1. If you have 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.

STARVATION DOESN'T TAKE A SUMMER VACATION

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN  *While starvation doesn't take a summer vacation, many volunteers at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) do. If you are available, please help us bring a large volunteer group to FMSC to help them pack as many meals as possible!*

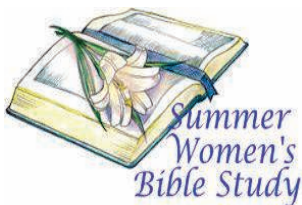
Where: Feed My Starving Children, 990 Lone Oak Road (just east of Lexington), Suite 136, Eagan

When: Thursday, July 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

In April, the St. Peter's community helped pack meals that went to the starving in Haiti. In total, we helped pack over 90 boxes, which is 19,500 meals. This is enough to feed 54 kids for a year! Join us to see how a little time and a whole lot of love can make a huge difference in the life of so many children!

To sign up or learn more, please contact Paul or Peggy Hirsch at 651-431-1832 or email them at phirsch651@aol.com.

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.



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 9

Sunday:	Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/ Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2 - 3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27 -28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-4, 6 -7/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18- 23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, July 10	† Elizabeth Orme
Tuesday, July 11	† Frank Indihar, MD
Wednesday, July 12	† Gerry Gutzmann
Thursday, July 13	† Eleanor Hoffman
Friday, July 14	† Philip Cherucheril
Saturday, July 15	† Helen Hiney
Sunday, July 16, 9 a.m.	† Calvin Mulvihill
11 a.m.	Mass For The People

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: JULY 10

Monday, July 10

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

7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, July 11

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

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

9:45 am Summer Bible Study, Classroom 10

Wednesday, July 12

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

7 pm Uganda Team Presentation, Heritage
Center

Thursday, July 13

8 am Summer Stretch, Heritage Center

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

7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, July 14

8 am Confession, Main Church

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

Saturday, July 15

9 am & 10:30 am

AA Meeting, Classrooms

10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Conference
Room 1

3:30 pm Confession, Main Church

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

5 pm Mass, Main Church

Sunday, July 16

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 Baptism, Main Church

12 pm Historic Church Tours, Historic
Church



“Come to me, all you who labor and are
burdened, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest
for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”



For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
Matthew 11:30

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



We all struggle with anger and pride, and these can be the cause of much conflict and unhappiness. The opposite of anger and pride are meekness and humility, and we can find these in the heart of Jesus. Here is

a simple prayer that we can say to gain these virtues: Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto yours.

PLEASE NOTIFY US

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



PERPETUAL ADORATION



On June 30, a group of St. Peter's parishioners visited The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in La Crosse, Wisconsin and spent time before the Blessed Sacrament in their beautiful Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

The sisters have maintained around-the clock Adoration for over 130 years! It was an honor to be even a small part of that and to say a prayer for our own Perpetual Adoration Chapel. All adorers there end their Holy Hour with these words, "O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine. Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, furnace of divine love, grant peace to the world."

You have an opportunity to spend time with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus here at St. Peter's! All are welcome and encouraged to participate. To schedule your hour of adoration, call either Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304, or Mark Mischke at 651-481-6900.

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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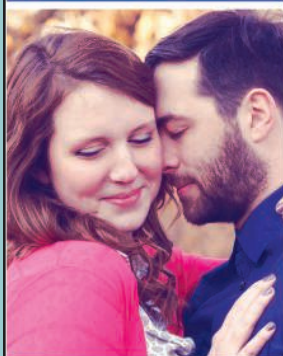
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