

**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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***JULY 16, 2017***

I admire the true gardeners, those who can make the beautiful and the useful grow. I am in awe of these people. If you are one of them, I thank God for you. I have the well-deserved reputation among my family and friends, including here in the office, of being a plant-killer. Sad but unfortunately true.

I was determined that this summer would be different. I hit the local greenhouse and bought up the basics for a small container garden; some herbs, a few flowers to fill the boxes, a tomato and a jalapeño plant. Sure, I bought starter plants - not seeds - but one must be realistic. While there, the very helpful gentleman answered my countless questions regarding the best size for the pots, the best soil, whether I should fertilize, how often to water and so on. In other words, I wanted to know how to give those young plants the best chance to thrive.

Our life in Christ is no less important and no less dependent upon our desire to nurture it. God, in His infinite love for us and as the One who knows what we need even before we need it, has already prepared the soil of our souls, desiring that "the seed [would fall] on good ground [and] yield a fruitful harvest" (Luke 8:8). As we hear today in Psalm 65, "Thus you have prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, softening it with showers, blessing its yield."

We are like those starter plants in many ways. Our lives, and especially our relationships, thrive and bear fruit when sown into good and healthy ground. As we've been hearing for the last few weeks in Scripture and at Mass, God wants to be first in our hearts. It goes even beyond that, however. We all want the most solid foundation possible for our families and our relationships. That is what we create when we make our love for God and God's love for us the base of all that we do.

When God is our reason for everything, our reasons are sound. When we consider what God wants for us (because we know God always wants the best for us) before we make any decisions, we will do the right thing, whether these decisions involve our career, marriage, children or any other area of our lives. God provides a solid foundation, but only if we allow it. It's simply not enough to spend our days doing what we want and then asking for help when things

don't turn out the way we had hoped.

God gave us an example of what the life of someone looks like when built on this foundation. Jesus Christ is both the sower of these seeds and the living fruit of those seeds, as they are meant to be. It follows then, that the closer we grow to Christ, the richer our soil will be and the deeper our roots will stretch. No matter how shaky and loose our own foundation is at this moment in our lives, Christ is forever and always there to show us how to shore it up.

As a parish, we are united in deepening our relationship with Christ. We are exploring what it means to be disciples of Christ. We are becoming intentional about reordering our own lives and that of our community, so that Christ is at the center. From the music we sing at Mass, to the books we choose to read, to the upcoming opening of our Perpetual Adoration Chapel, we are committing ourselves in new ways, and recommitting to more traditional ways, of nurturing our spiritual soil, so that we, too, may be ready for the seeds of God's great love for us.

Beautifully, when we focus on God as the foundation for all that we are and do, we make even more fertile our own hearts for the greatest gifts we have been given - the Sacraments. This weekend at all Masses, the priest prays these words at the Prayer After Communion, "Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by the participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow." We prepare the soil, the foundation of our lives, and through Jesus Christ, God's seeds are sown. The richer we've made the garden of our soul, the greater the yield in our lives, in our relationships and in the world. "Some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

May you seek and find in your life in Christ that which nourishes your soil and makes strong your foundation, so that God's seeds of love and life, once planted, thrive and grow - and be much more fruitful than my tomato plant.

Lisa Amos
Pastoral Associate

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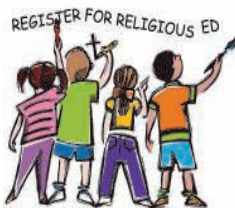
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NEWS

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.**



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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Leave as a Friend*

OFFICE INFORMATION

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- ♦ Deacon Tim Hennessey: 651-905-4301

Parish Office Hours: Mon - Thurs, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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.

2017 WORKCAMP CREW COVINGTON, TENNESSEE



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.

NEW DATE ADDED FOR DIRECTORY PHOTOS



Be a part of our
family album
**PORTRAIT
SIGN-UP**

Lifetouch has added another day for directory photos. In addition to Wednesday, July 19, we have added Tuesday, July 18, from 4 to 9 p.m. Please sign up on our website at www.stpetersmendota.org,

and click on the Lifetouch slider which will take you directly to the Lifetouch scheduling page. You can also call the parish office at 651-452-4550. You will receive a free 8x10 and a free photo directory for participating, so please sign up today!

STARVATION DOESN'T TAKE A SUMMER VACATION

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 lives 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.

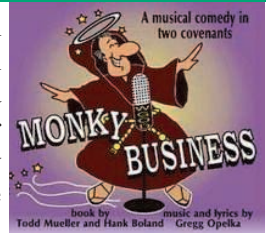
COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM



The Faithful Shepherd Knights of Columbus has partnered with the Hy-Vee in Eagan 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.

ST. PETER'S GROUP TRIP

Our next group trip is scheduled! Join us on Friday, September 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will spend the afternoon at Day Trippers Theater in Bloomington, where we will enjoy a beautiful lunch and take in the matinee showing of "Monky Business: A Musical Comedy in Two Covenants."



The fun-loving monks of Saint Bernard's Monastery are in a jam. Abbot Costello and his four beleaguered brethren have just learned that a real-estate developer is about to turn their monastery into a gambling hall called Bernie's Casino Royale. Unless the merry Men in Brown can raise \$250,000 dollars by midnight, they are done for. Luckily, the Brothers have a divine plan. Good and evil race to beat a midnight deadline in this hilarious hit musical.

Cost per person is \$55; space is limited. To register, please stop by the office or contact Lisa Amos, Pastoral Associate, at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE EXTENDS DEADLINE

This fall, the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute will offer the two-year course in two different locations. Classes will be held at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville on Monday evenings and at the Church of St. Andrew in Elk River on Tuesday evenings. **Applications are now being accepted through July 31, 2017**, for the class beginning in September. For more information and an application to become part of the Class of St. Padre Pio, call 651-962-5028 or visit www.CIstudent.com.

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 16

Sunday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-8/Mt 10:34--11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27/Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10--12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc-18/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Next Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, July 17	Sr. Patricia Thalhuber
Tuesday, July 18	Wayne Thalhuber
Wednesday, July 19	† Kevin Mahoney
Thursday, July 20	† Joseph Bobic
Friday, July 21	Thomas J. Indihar
Saturday, July 22	† Mass For The People
Sunday, July 23, 9 a.m.	Rose Ryan
11 a.m.	† Marian & Leo Reding

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: JULY 17

Monday, July 17

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

Tuesday, July 18

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

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

4 pm Lifetouch Photo Session, Ravoux Room

Wednesday, July 19

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

2 pm Lifetouch Photo Session, Ravoux Room

Thursday, July 20

8 am Summer Stretch, Heritage Center

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

7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, July 21

8 am Confession, Main Church

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

Saturday, July 22

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 23

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



A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."



PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



God is the master gardener who delights in watching us bloom and grow. May our hearts be open to the sun and the rain, which pour forth from heaven and bring life to the rich soil that the Master has

cultivated in our hearts.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

St. Peter's is seeking commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to bring the Eucharist to the sick and the homebound, as well as to serve in nursing homes in our community. Candidates for this ministry are those in our parish who are already commissioned or are eligible for commissioning, have a compassion for those who may be suffering, a friendly and warm disposition, a deep love of Jesus Christ and a desire to bring the incredible gift of Christ in the Eucharist to our sisters and brothers. Training is provided; times and days are flexible. For more information, please contact Lisa Amos, Pastoral Associate, at 651-905-4304 or email lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry will have a gathering on Thursdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Family Room. Those who knit and crochet are always welcome to join us for fellowship, prayer and shared work.



For more information about this meeting, please contact Laura Elm at lblynam@yahoo.com or 612-578-0377.

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 www.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 Jerome Hirsch. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make him a sharer in eternal salvation.



PERPETUAL ADORATION



From the opening of St. John Paul II's encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, on the relationship of the Eucharist to the Church: *"The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates the heart of the mystery of the Church. In a variety of ways she joyfully experiences the constant fulfilment of the promise: 'Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age' (Mt 28:20), but in the Holy Eucharist, through the changing of bread and wine into the body and blood of the Lord, she rejoices in this presence with unique intensity. Ever since Pentecost, when the Church, the People of the New Covenant, began her pilgrim journey towards her heavenly homeland, the Divine Sacrament has continued to mark the passing of her days, filling them with confident hope."*

Become part of Adoration here at St. Peter's and enrich your own relationship to Christ through the Eucharist. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please contact Lisa Amos to schedule your hour of adoration by calling 651-905-4304 or Mark Mischke at 651-481-6900.

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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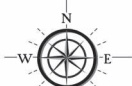


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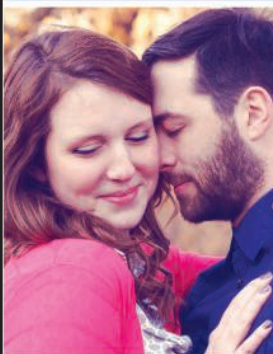
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