

**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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***JULY 23, 2017***

This Sunday, I will baptize my first grandson, Gus (technically it is Guthrie David). I was blessed to baptize my youngest granddaughter, Emmie, on December 6, 2015, the day after I was ordained a deacon. Anne and I have doubled our grandchild population over these past few weeks. My daughter, McKenzie, and her husband, Mark, welcomed twin boys into their hearts just seven weeks ago. I will baptize their sons, Mark and Harrison, in September.

Being a grandparent is a great gift. Anne and I have enjoyed all the time we get to spend with our six (3 girls and 3 boys) beautiful grandchildren. Our children all live in town, so we regularly see our grandchildren, often caring for them, so their parents can get a little break. I feel honored to be able to preside over the baptisms of Gus, Mark and Harrison, as they begin their journey of faith.

The Diaconate has been a great gift to me and our family. As a deacon, I am conformed to the image of Christ, the servant. As a father and grandfather, I am often serving my children and grandchildren in beautiful and wonderful ways. My service to my family helps me to serve those I meet in the parish, in correctional facilities and in other places where I am called to serve.

A deacon is a man who lives in two worlds. I am married, have a family and work a regular job, just like many men in our parish community. I am also ordained, so I have responsibilities to many people who are family to me, as brothers and sisters in the Lord. My family life feeds my ministry, and my ministry feeds my family life. It is truly a beautiful gift from God to be husband, father, grandfather and deacon.

We recently celebrated the fourth birthday of our oldest grandchild, Zariah. She is an amazing little girl with a wonderful imagination and a vocabulary that is well beyond her years. Since Zariah lives in our house, we have many more "grandpa" moments than I do with my other grandchildren. One of the beautiful things we do periodically is to pray together. I hear a little knock on my door from time to time when Zariah decides that she wants to join me for prayer. She has her own prayer book, and she knows exactly where to find it on the shelf when it is time to pray. She sits on my lap and she reads her prayer book while I read mine. I love these moments of sharing God's

presence with my granddaughter.

God has delicately woven this beautiful new reality into my heart, as I embrace being a husband, father, grandfather and now, a deacon. My seminary studies prepared me well for the duties of my ministry. God, in His wonderful wisdom, is teaching me how to integrate and live these different roles that I am called to live in my daily life. I suspect that all of us walk this same path of learning and living new realities, as God weaves the story of our lives through the many people we meet and events we experience. What a beautiful thing it is to encounter God in so many amazing ways.

In a few weeks, my family will head to the great north country for a family vacation. This has been a tradition over the last several years, and one that we deeply cherish. In the space of one week, we will pack 6 of our 7 children, their spouses and our 6 grandchildren into vehicles and head for a week of leisure at a northern Minnesota resort. There is time for golf, fishing, swimming, great food and drink and, of course, snuggling with our grandchildren. I hope that your summer includes time for a little rest and relaxation. It is during these times that we can set aside the pressures of daily life, suspend our schedules and enjoy God's creation together. This is important because it helps recharge "our batteries" and gives us time to really appreciate all that we have been given.

This weekend, Jesus gives us wonderful parables about the Kingdom. It is easy to contemplate the Kingdom when we are sitting in Church, but do we think about how we are called to build up the Kingdom within our own families? God is always at work in us. Often the ministry to and with our own family members is some of the most challenging that we are called to do in our lives. Jesus uses beautiful images of growing to show us how the Kingdom is built upon our willingness to say "yes" to God, and it shows us His providence in providing the growth for us to do His work.

May you continue to grow where God has planted you and enjoy these days of sunshine!

In the Heart of Christ, the Servant,

Deacon Tim

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NEWS

BACK TO SCHOOL 2017-2018

Sunday School and Grades 1-8

As your child(ren) get ready to head back to school, please remember to register for Religious Education! Sunday School and Religious Education for Grades 1-8 registration is available online by going to St. Peter's website 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.**

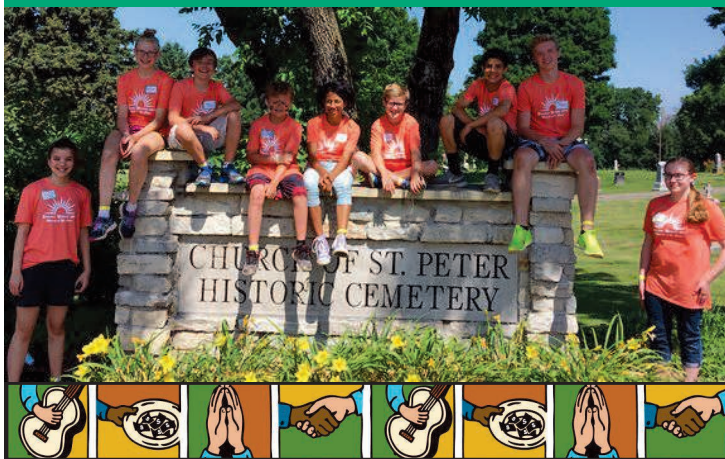


Perissos/Confirmation

Do you have a high school teen looking to be involved in our high school youth group called Perissos? Paper registration forms are available on the info table or can be downloaded from our website. All high school youth are welcome to participate and **active participation is required for those preparing for Confirmation in June of 2018.**

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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.

NET MINISTRIES NEEDS HOST FAMILIES

Morgan Mattfeld is a team supervisor for NET Ministries. This Fall they hope to have 177 missionaries serving with them all across the country. Their training begins on August 17 and ends September 23. The last two weeks of training, September 9 - 21, they send the missionaries to stay with host families. This is to give them an opportunity to experience staying with host families before they officially begin their time of ministry. NET Ministries is reaching out to our parish to ask for assistance in finding host families. It would be of great help to them. Visit www.netusa.org for more information. If you are interested in hosting, please call Morgan at 651-450-6833, extension 157 or email at morganm@netusa.org.

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.



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

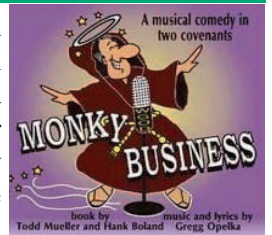
When: Thursday, July 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

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.

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,** 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.

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.

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!



*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.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 23

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

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, July 24	Theresa Van Tu
Tuesday, July 25	† Roberta Mary Graf
Wednesday, July 26	† Jeffrey Weiss
Thursday, July 27	John DeNiro
Friday, July 28	David & Stacy Rynders
Saturday, July 29	† Joyce Lucking
Sunday, July 30, 9 a.m.	† Tom Mulvihill
11 a.m.	Mass For The People

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: JULY 24

Monday, July 24

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

7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, July 25

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

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

Wednesday, July 26

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

1:30 pm Cemetery Committee, Conference Room 1

Thursday, July 27

8 am Summer Stretch, Heritage Center

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

9:30 am Potluck Birthday Breakfast, Heritage Center

7 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Room

7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, July 28

8 am Confession, Main Church

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

Saturday, July 29

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

6 pm Perpetual Adoration Sign-Ups, Gathering Space

Sunday, July 30

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

9 am Mass, Main Church

10 am Perpetual Adoration Sign-Ups, Gathering Space

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 Perpetual Adoration Sign-Ups, Gathering Space

12 pm Historic Church Tours, Historic Church

2 pm Cub Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room

“Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’”



PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Jesus used wonderful stories called parables to reveal the mysteries of the Kingdom. These parables helped bring people to Jesus. As disciples, we can use stories in our own day and time to introduce others to the wonder of God. Who in your life is ready to listen to a story?

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 meets the 4th Thursday of every month, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Our next meeting is July 27. 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 lbynam@yahoo.com or 612-578-0377.



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.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

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



ST. PETER'S PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



The Good Shepherd. What image comes to mind when you see that name? Is it one of protection and security? Is it one of providing and direction? Is it one of peace, solemnity and understanding? The good Shepherd comes to us in many ways. Some examples of this would be through the Scriptures, the Eucharist and other Sacraments, nature, song and each other. The Good Shepherd can even use our sins for good.

The Good Shepherd is present to us in the Blessed Sacrament, and we will all be able to be near Him in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel that St. Peter's Church is opening this October. Your Good Shepherd wants to spend time with you in Adoration and to be present to you in a special way where you can sense his peace, love, and concern for you. We have been busy behind the scenes trying to have our Adoration program and chapel prepared for all who may wish to participate. All are welcome, and we hope all will participate. There is a special **time** waiting just for you. Please call Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or Mark Mischke at 651-481-6900 with questions or if you would like to establish a regular time to attend.

LAPS FOR LIFE AND 5K RUN

Get your walk in around the track at Eastview High School Stadium, 6200 - 140th Street West, in Apple Valley, celebrating life! On Saturday, August 5, you can walk anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The 5K Run will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Warm-ups begin at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided by the Knights of Columbus (free will offering).



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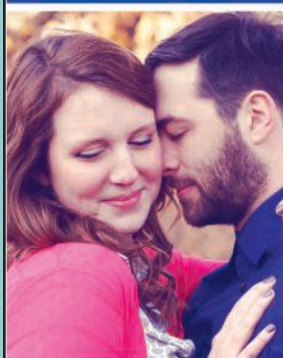
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