

**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.

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**JULY 30, 2017*

You may remember the story from your childhood about Aladdin and the magic lamp. By rubbing the lamp, Aladdin summons the genie, who grants him three wishes. In our reading from the Old Testament this weekend, we hear the story of Solomon, who is preparing to succeed his father, David, as king. The Lord appears to Solomon in a dream with these words, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Being a wise and humble servant, Solomon asks for an understanding heart to judge the people and distinguish right from wrong. God grants Solomon's wish and gives him more than he could have hoped for by his humble request.

As the Lord speaks to Solomon, he commends him for the beauty of his request. Solomon didn't ask for more money or a better house or revenge upon his enemies. He asked for something good, and God was delighted to answer his prayer. We are given the formula for making our requests to the Lord in Matthew, Chapter 7, where Jesus gives us the way to ask for what we need:

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

In this brief line from the gospel, our Lord gives us the confidence to approach him with all of our needs. Our Lord also tells us that we shouldn't spend our time worrying about these earthly things, because he will always take care of us. We can take the time we spend worrying about tomorrow (which is not promised to us) and focus our energy on making our needs known to God today. We can shift our focus away from the future and live in the present moment that God has given us, confident of his love and care for us.

Ask. We have a good example of the kind of persistence we need to have in prayer when we read about Abraham's bargaining with God, for the salvation of those in Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham asks if 50 righteous people could be spared and then continues to pose yet another question to God. Abraham continues to ask God to save even ten righteous people in this city beset by sin. Abraham is making his desires known to God in this beautiful dialogue.

Seek. My favorite story in scripture of seeking is in Luke's gospel where we read the story of the woman who suffered hemorrhages for twelve years. We are told that she suffered

this affliction for years and tried everything to find a cure. In an act of faith, she reaches out to touch just the hem of Christ's garment as he passes. Jesus calls her out of the crowd and heals her affliction, because of her great faith. Like so many of us, she was seeking in all of the wrong places. When she knocks on the right door, her healing is manifested through the powerful hand of Jesus.

Knock. The beautiful story of the healing of the paralytic gives us an example of the persistence that is sometimes necessary for our prayers to be answered. Here, not only the faith of the paralyzed man, but the faith of those who devised a way to lower him through the roof is evident in this story. Jesus performs a miracle of healing before a room full of people. When knocking at the door didn't work due to the capacity crowd inside the place, these men made their own entrance and lowered their brother in for the healing he desired.

We ask, seek, knock and then trust in God to provide exactly what we need when we need it. There is another critical element of petitioning God to grant our needs that is sometimes overlooked. We see this beautifully illustrated when Jesus heals ten lepers. Nine of those healed skip off to show their family and friends, and only one remains to thank the one who healed them. It is so important that we develop a grateful heart, a heart that recognizes that God is the source of all gifts in our life.

Solomon was given an opportunity to ask God for what he needed. With a discerning heart and a humble spirit, he asked for wisdom, and it was granted to him. God was pleased to grant his request, because it honored God first and would benefit those whom Solomon served. Perhaps you and I can glean a little wisdom from our brother Solomon about how to formulate our petitions to the Lord. God is good and generous toward all of his children. May God help us to develop hearts that trust fully in his providence and, in humility, come to him with all of our needs.

May the peace of Christ enfold you,

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.**

Have questions on registration? Call the Religious education Office today at 651-905-4312.

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FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Check out St. Peter's website at www.stpetersmendota.org, our Facebook page at facebook.com/stpetersmendota and Twitter @StPetersMendota.

OFFICE INFORMATION

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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

First Proclamation

Michael Janicki and Kathy Stauble
and
William Maher and Anne Dancy



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.



ALPHA SIGN UPS BEGIN AUGUST 19



Alpha is coming to St. Peter's in September. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. It will run from September 18 through December 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in Heritage Center.

Alpha consists of a meal, a talk and small group discussion. It is an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. It is designed to create and/or deepen a personal relationship with Jesus.

Sign ups will begin August 19, on St. Peter's website. You may also sign up after all Masses on August 19 and 20, and on August 26 and 27.

Mark your calendars and join us! Space is limited to 50 participants. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Reding at 612-419-1709 or at lreding1@aol.com.

LAPS FOR LIFE AND 5K RUN

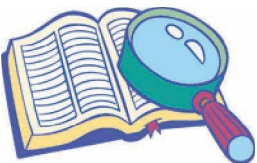
Get your walk in around the track at Eastview High School Stadium, 6200 - 140th Street West, in Apple Valley, celebrating life! On Saturday, August 5, you can walk anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The 5K Run will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Warm-ups begin at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided by the Knights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



All pledges of \$50 or more will receive a Life t-shirt and will be eligible to win an Apple watch, Google Home and Beats Headphones.

Proceeds go to benefit Pro Life Education in our local community.

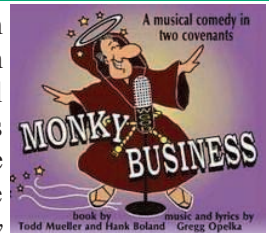
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If you find it hard to hear at Mass or your ability to participate is inhibited by difficulty reading the hymnal or worship aids, we can help with that. Please see one of our friendly ushers and let them know of your need. We have hearing devices and magnifiers available for you to use while you're here. Thank you.

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.

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.



*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 30

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

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, July 31	† Joseph Guild
Tuesday, August 1	† Richard Gangl
Wednesday, August 2	† Mary Steffes
Thursday, August 3	† Bill Bordenave
Friday, August 4	† Lloyd Cizek
Saturday, August 5	Abigael Rynders
Sunday, August 6, 9 a.m.	† Dennis Leisz
11 a.m.	Mass For The People

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: JULY 31

Monday, July 31

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

Tuesday, August 1

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:30 am Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament until 6 pm, Historic Church
10:30 am Mobile Meals, Off campus

Wednesday, August 2

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

Thursday, August 3

8 am Summer Stretch, Heritage Center
9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, August 4

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

Saturday, August 5

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, August 6

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



Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."



PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



The Kingdom of heaven is described as a treasure buried in a field, a pearl of great price or as a net full of fish. We are children of the King, and God wants us to share in the riches of the Kingdom.

Regardless of what the world tells us about who we are, Jesus offers us a place at the banquet table of heaven.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Katherine "Tottie" Lilly. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make her a sharer in eternal salvation.



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.

HELP NEEDED WITH LOAVES AND FISHES: FEEDING THE HOMELESS



St. Peter's thanks Elizabeth G. Baker for giving over 20 years of faithful ministry in leading the cooking team of our work at Loaves & Fishes. Thank you, Elizabeth. Words aren't nearly enough to convey our

gratitude.

Every other month, parishioners prepare and serve a hot meal to those who most need it. We will need to find a new cooking team leader. If you are currently involved in this ministry or are looking for new ways to be involved in caring for God's beloved poor, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304. You will have plenty of training and guidance!

We are also looking for at least three new cooking team members. Please consider becoming part of our ministry team!

ST. PETER'S PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Have you put off signing up for Adoration because you are convinced that you "don't know how to *do* Adoration?" Mother Teresa of Calcutta offers some insight to you. "God is the friend of silence. We need to find God and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. See how nature, the trees, the flowers, the grasses grow in perfect silence . . ., see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life."



You have a special hour of silence waiting for you.

To spend your special hour with Him here at St. Peter's, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or Mark Mischke at 651-481-6900. You may also complete a registration card, found in the Gathering Space. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

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."*

RCIA

If you, or someone you know, has been thinking about becoming Catholic, we would very much like to hear from you! To begin, we'd like to get to know you and help you to learn more about the process. We will answer any questions you may have. We look forward to helping those baptized in other Christian traditions, the unbaptized and anyone who may already have made their First Communion as a child, but has not received the sacrament of Confirmation. For more information or to schedule a private inquiry meeting to discuss your own faith journey, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or email her at lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

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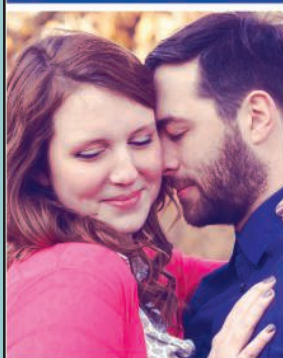
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