

**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.

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**

Something wonderful is happening in our midst. Many people have commented on it, some have named it and others have simply noticed that something feels different. The “something” of which I speak is the subtle, gentle, yet powerful, movement of the Holy Spirit within our parish. It is truly an exciting and awe-inspiring miracle to witness! Let me comment on just a few of the ways the Spirit is moving.

The Alpha program launches at St. Peter’s on Monday, September 18. This program is used around the world to bring people to Christ and to deepen the faith life of believers. Dedicated volunteers and staff have been working for over a year to bring this program to fruition. We expect God to move powerfully through this amazing program.

The Adoration Chapel is under construction and will be ready to receive adorers very soon! This has been a wonderful work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. The graces that will flow from the hours spent before the Blessed Sacrament will transform our hearts in powerful ways. This will be a place set apart for each of us to meet the Lord at any hour of the day or night.

Our worship continues to be a source of great blessing and grace for all of us. Each week, we welcome visitors to our parish. Some are folks passing through, while others are people searching for “the right place.” St. Peter’s is welcoming new members each week.

We are in the process of meeting with the various ministry groups to discuss ways to draw each of us deeper into the mystery of God’s saving presence at every Mass.

In addition, we look forward to the installation of beautiful stained glass windows above the altar in the near future. These windows will feature St. Peter and will be a visible sign of his presence as our patron.

Our focus in preaching on discipleship is also bearing much fruit in our parish. Each week people comment on how their hearts have been touched during the Mass and through their own private time in prayer. Our parish is alive, and the Spirit is moving powerfully in the hearts of the people of St. Peter’s! As with all things, God works in his own time in each of our hearts. Our call is to remain open to how the Lord wants to work in us.

This weekend, we have a short but powerful reading from the prophet Jeremiah that offers a wonderful reflection for us to consider on what this movement of the Spirit looks like in our hearts:

“I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.”

This reading reminds me of a beautiful conversion story that an old friend shared with me several months ago at a healing Mass. I had not seen my friend in many years. The person I knew back in the 1980’s was a free spirit who was unapologetic about her fast lifestyle. I must say that I was somewhat surprised to meet her at a healing Mass! We began talking about the old days, and soon she shared her beautiful conversion story with me.

Several years ago, Patty’s sister had invited her to go on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Patty told her sister that she was definitely not interested in any kind of religious trip. After diligent prayer and some amount of coaxing, Patty’s sister and mother convinced her to join them. Patty reluctantly agreed, but she made it clear that she would not participate in any religious activities on this trip. However, God had other plans! Patty attended Mass one evening, and she was completely swept away by the power of the Spirit. She renounced her past life of pleasure, went to confession and devoted herself entirely to a new life lived for Christ. She used words similar to the ones in the passage above to describe her newfound faith in Christ.

What does God have planned for you and me as we begin this new season? Are we open to allowing the Spirit to work powerfully in our hearts? Are you and I ready to step out in faith and to go deeper in our walk with the Lord?

My brothers and sisters, the Spirit is moving powerfully at St. Peter’s! This can be a time of great renewal, if we are open to what God can do in our lives. Let’s journey together, supporting each other in prayer, confident that God has great things in store for us. God is so good!

In Christ,

Deacon Tim

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YOUTH NEWS

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

First Reconciliation and First Communion

Please be aware that all children in second grade must prepare for their sacraments at their parish. Even if your child is in a Catholic school, he or she must be registered for the Wednesday night program. If your child is in second grade this year and you wish to enroll him or her in the First Reconciliation and First Communion program, please register them into the Grade 2 class. Children must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation prior to First Communion. Go to St. Peter's website, click on the Faith Formation tab and then click on Registration.

We Need Catechists!

Religious Education/Faith Formation classes are starting the week of September 24, and our children need you. Teachers are given training and full support by the RE/FF staff. You may find your own faith life growing and strengthening as you share your faith with others. For more information, please contact any RE/FF staff member. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Catechist Training

Grade 2 Teacher Training takes place on Tuesday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the Religious Education Office.

Grades 1, 3-5 Teacher Training will take place on Wednesday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the Conference Room.

Teacher Commissioning will take place on Sunday, September 17 at the 9 a.m. Mass.

Liturgy of the Word for Children (LWC)

LWC will resume on September 10, at the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. You do not need to register your child for this program. All children, ages 6 through 12, are invited to join us to share God's Word in a format designed for children. This is a ministry that requires many adult volunteers. We need more volunteers at both the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. It is a very enjoyable, rewarding and easy ministry. Please contact Kathy Raible at kraible@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4311, for more information or to volunteer your time.

Start/Resume dates for 2017 - 2018

Sunday School (Ages 3½ to 5 yrs.) classes begin on Sunday, September 24, at 9 a.m.

Elementary & Middle School classes begin on Wednesday, September 27, at 4:30 for grades 1-5, and at 6:30 for grades 1-8.

Baptism Preparation Class

Please be aware that our next Baptism Class is scheduled for Sunday, September 17, at 12:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Parents that are expecting the birth of their child in the next few months are encouraged to attend a class prior to the birth of the baby. Parents must attend a baptism class before their child is baptized. Contact Kathy Raible for more information at 651-905-4311.

OFFICE INFORMATION

- ♦ Father Steven Hoffman: 651-452-4550
- ♦ Deacon Tim Hennessey: 651-905-4301

Parish Office Hours: Mon - Thurs, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fri, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Phone: 651-452-4550

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.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILY PACKETS

Beginning this year, we are emailing the "Family Packet" to you. There will be no pick up in the Gathering Space, nor will you receive it in the regular mail. We will email your child's religious education calendar, medical emergency forms, etc. around September 15. Please remember to check your email!

PERISSOS AND CONFIRMATION

Perissos/Confirmation

Do you have a high school teen looking to be involved in our high school youth group, Perissos? Paper registration forms are available on the information counter 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**. More information about preparing for Confirmation will be available at our Confirmation parent-candidate meeting on Wednesday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m. in Heritage Center.

For more information, or if you have questions, please call Elizabeth McCanna at 651-905-4312 or you may email her at emccanna@stpetersmendota.org.

ST. PETER'S MINISTRY FAIR



This year, St. Peter's Ministry Fair will be held after all Masses, on September 16 and 17. The ministry fair kicks off our annual parish stewardship renewal. We will have representatives from several different ministries in Heritage Center showcasing ministries in which they are involved. This is a great time to see what opportunities are available and to ask questions. There will be no sign-ups at the ministry fair, just a chance to browse and talk to different volunteers.

UGANDA MISSION PIG ROAST

Only one more week until the Ugandan mission team pig roast! We will gather in Heritage Center this coming Saturday, September 9, after the 5 p.m. Mass, to greet Fr. Lawrence Kimbowa and Fr. Charles Muyimba. They will provide us with an update on mission activities. Free will donations will be gratefully accepted and will be donated to the mission. Thank you for your support!



THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the parishioners who supported my Eagle Scout project, building an outdoor chapel for St. Peter's. Your encouragement and prayers were appreciated. I am grateful for your support. Thank you, Alex Guillard, Boy Scout Troop 451 & St. Peter's Parishioner.

FALL FESTIVAL



Fall Festival

Come join us for St. Peter's Fall Festival on Sunday, October 1.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

One Mass at 10 a.m.

Festival 11:15 a.m.-3:00p.m.

We have something for everyone! Bingo, pork dinner, silent auction, the dice game, country store, concessions, live polka music under the tent, kids games, inflatables, a wine raffle and our \$5,000 raffle! Join us for one Mass at 10 a.m., with the festival immediately following. We look forward to seeing you there!

Are you interested in volunteering or donating items?

Please contact Gail Barta at 651-454-9552 or e-mail Anne O'Keefe at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org.

FALL FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHT



ST. PETER'S FALL FESTIVAL

This Week's Highlight
~Silent Auction~

If you are interested in donating to the silent auction, here are a few items you might consider:

Themed gift baskets, sporting event tickets, weekend get-aways to a hotel, cabin or time-share, gift certificates to various local restaurants, movie theaters, grocery stores and salons.

Items can be brought into the parish office Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or they can be dropped off in the family room before or after Mass on the weekends.

If you are interested in helping with the silent auction, please call Gail Barta at 651-454-9552.

THANK YOU!

VIRTUS TRAINING AT ST. PETER'S

ALL Volunteers, who have either regular or unsupervised interaction with children and youth (catechists, substitutes, hall monitors, Liturgy of the Word volunteers, etc.), are required by the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Policy to attend a VIRTUS training. We are hosting a **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Awareness Session** at St. Peter's, on Thursday, September 14 at 6 p.m., in Heritage Center.

If you have already attended a live training session, you do not need to attend another. If you are not sure if you need to attend, please contact Kathy Raible at kraible@stpetersmendota.org. For those who need to attend a session, please log onto www.virtus.org to register for this session at St. Peter's, or any other of the numerous sessions held throughout the Archdiocese.

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.



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.

Trustees:

Jim Oricchio.....651-452-3587
Helen Wilkie.....651-365-1334

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/
Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13/Lk
4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/
Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt
1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-
10/Mt 18:15-20

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 4	† Gerald O'Brien
Tuesday, September 5	† Jerry Hirsch
Wednesday, September 6	† Joe Schloegl
Thursday, September 7	† Rita Joynt
Friday, September 8	† Robert LeMay
Saturday, September 9	Mass For The People
Sunday, September 10, 9 am	† Virginia McCanna
11 am	† William Hermes

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER 4

Monday, September 4

Labor Day - Parish Office Closed

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

Tuesday, September 5

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

9:30 am Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament
until 6 pm, Historic Church
Loaves and Fishes, Off Campus

Wednesday, September 6

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

6 pm Perissos Core Team Meeting, Youth
Room

Thursday, September 7

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

7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, September 8

8 am Confession, Main Church

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

5:05 pm Pow Wow, Church Grounds

Saturday, September 9

9 am Visioning Committee Meeting,
Classroom 10

9 am & 10:30 am

AA Meeting, Classrooms

10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Conference
Room

11 am Pow Wow, Church Grounds

3:30 pm Confession, Main Church

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

5 pm Mass, Main Church

6 pm Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Sales,
Gathering Space

6 pm Uganda Pig Roast, Heritage Center

Sunday, September 10 - *Hospitality Sunday* *Hosted by the CCW*

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

9 am Mass with Baptism, Main Church

10 am New Parishioner Information Table,
Gathering Space

10 am Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Sales,
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

11 am Pow Wow, Church Grounds

12 pm New Parishioner Information Table,
Gathering Space

12 pm Fall Festival Raffle Ticket Sales,
Gathering Space

12 pm Historic Church Tours, during the Pow
Wow, Historic Church



PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



My dear friends, The Bible says God is love. As God is infinite love, God is infinitely happy. Because sin has wounded and weakened our capacity to love, we often experience unhappiness. Jesus suffered and died to redeem us from sin and free us for love. This freedom comes by consenting to die to all forms of selfishness and pride. As we do this, Jesus' love is resurrected in us. This week, let us accept the invitation and grace from Jesus to carry this cross toward a greater love.

SINCERE SYMPATHY



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

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE

St. Peter's Divine Mercy Cenacle will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 13, at 9:45 a.m. in the Ravoux Room. This first meeting is the kick-off for existing members but also a great time for you to check out our group. We study the writings of St. Faustina, Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. If you would like further information, please contact Carol Mulvihill at 651-356-2970.

HELP NEEDED WITH LOAVES AND FISHES: FEEDING THE HOMELESS

Every other month, parishioners prepare and serve a hot meal to those who most need it. We are still looking for new cooking team members.

If you are looking for new ways to be involved in caring for God's beloved poor, please consider becoming part of our ministry team! Contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304. You will have plenty of training and guidance!

ST. PETER'S BLOOD DRIVE



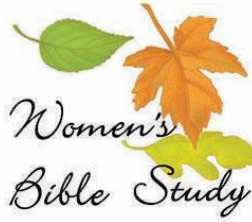
A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood. You can help! The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at St. Peter's on Thursday, September 14, from 1 to 6 p.m., in the Ravoux Room. Please sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org or call Sandra or Lynn at 651-452-1844 for an appointment. Thank you for your help.

ST. PETER'S PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



Our Perpetual Adoration Chapel is opening soon! All are welcome and encouraged to participate. To schedule your hour of adoration please contact Lisa Amos, 651-905-4304 or Mark Mischke, 651-481-6900, or complete a registration card found on the Gathering Space information counter.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



St. Peter's Women's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays, from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. in the Ravoux Room, with our first meeting on September 19. In our first study, we'll open ourselves to Mary's special grace with "Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle for You." It's a great opportunity to connect with other women and grow spiritually, through God's Word. If you are interested in joining, or have any questions about this study, please contact Jennifer Vogel at 612-709-1835 or jennifervogel@comcast.net, or contact Sandy Rabuse at 651-681-9258.

WEDDING BANNES



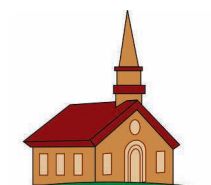
First Proclamation

Sean Brennan and Katie Fink



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (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 amos@stpetersmendota.org.



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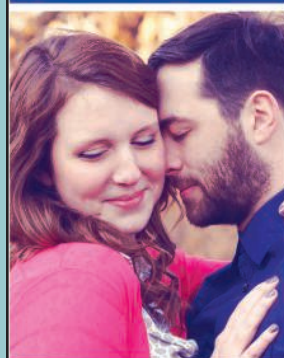
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