

**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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***SEPTEMBER 24, 2017***

As I reflected on today's readings in preparation for the this bulletin article, it was not something from the readings that stood out to me, but rather the simple Gospel antiphon, "Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your son." This antiphon is easily missed, sung by the cantor in between the "Alleluias" that ring out from the congregation. I have found that one of the biggest blessings in reflecting on the readings before Mass is that I tend to catch the subtle lines where God speaks profound words to me.

"Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son." This is a powerful prayer - one that we, as disciples of Christ, should pray each day. Opening our hearts to be listening hearts and being still allows us to hear the small voice of God, who speaks to us throughout our days.

Some days this prayer sounds a little different in my life. "Open my heart, O Lord, to hear you, instead of the noise of this world." "Lord, soften my heart, so that I might see and hear you in those around me." "Lord, open my heart and fill it with your words of love." I asked him to open my heart and the hearts of our teens, as we participated for the first

time, as a youth group in the Steubenville St. Paul Youth Conference. I heard him say, "I will never disappoint," as I witnessed hundreds of teens publicly acknowledge their love of Jesus for the first time.

When we ask, God is ready to open our hearts to hear him and to do beautiful things in our lives. I asked him to open my heart this summer, during the long and tiring days of Workcamp, then heard him in the words of our teens, as they shared with one another the ways they experienced God working in their lives.

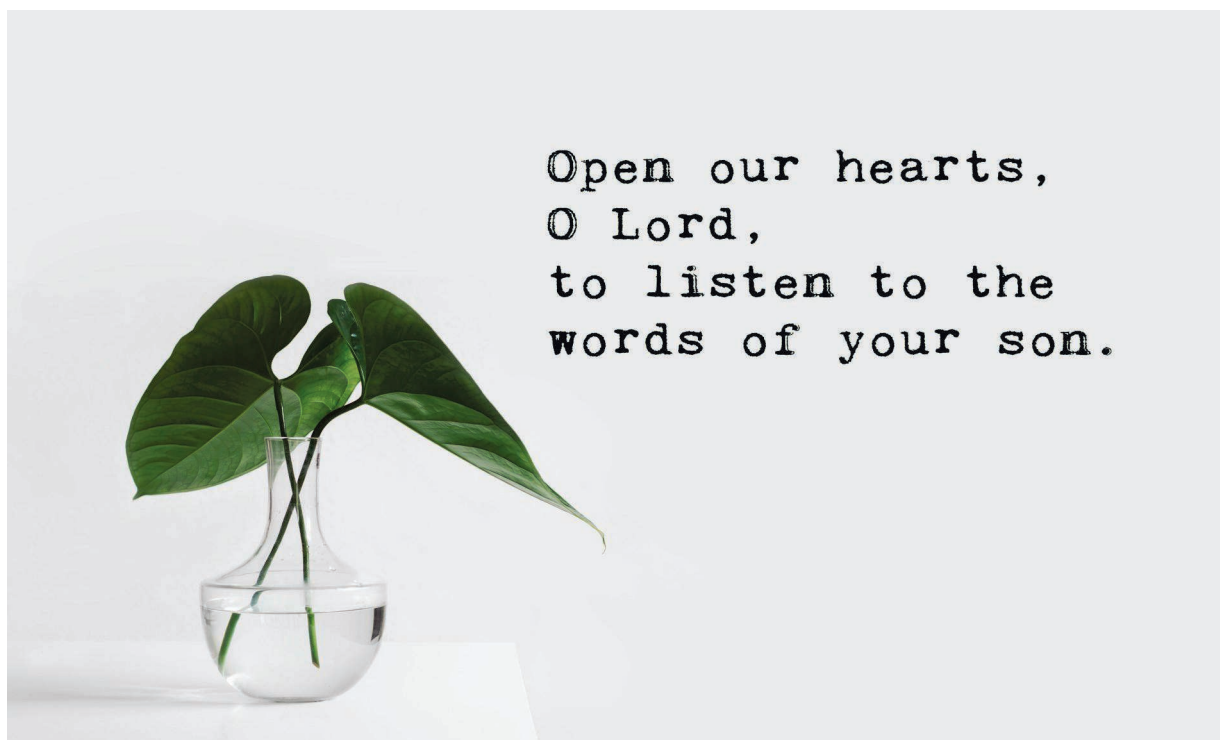
As the school year began and things got busy again, I asked the Lord to open my heart to follow His plan for our teens this year. I am excited to see what He has to say.

Have you asked the Lord to open your heart recently?

"Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your son."

Elizabeth McCanna

Youth Coordinator

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YOUTH NEWS

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

REFF Monthly Newsletter

If you have a child between the ages of 3 and 16, you should be receiving a copy of the monthly newsletter at your family email address. The October mailing will be sent out at the end of this week. If you do not receive one, please contact Kathy Raible with your family name and email address.

Start/Resume dates for 2017- 2018

Elementary & Middle School (Grades 1-8) classes will begin on Wednesday, September 27.

Please be aware that we will have an informational meeting for parents that day, for the first half hour of class time. The last 20 minutes of each session will be a prayer service in the Main Church. All parents are invited to join us.

No Classes on October 1 - Fall Festival

There will be no Sunday School or Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, October 1. There will be just one Mass at 10 a.m., followed by the St. Peter's Fall Festival! I hope to see you all there!

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Small group and large group adult volunteers are still needed at both the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. PLEASE consider helping with this enjoyable and easy ministry. Contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 for more information.

PERISSOS-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.**

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.



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Leave as a Friend*

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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*'Lord, when did we see You
hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger,
or naked, or ill, or in prison, and
not minister to your needs?'*
Matthew 25:44



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

When: Monday, October 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

In our three previous events this year, we have helped pack more than 150,000 meals; that is enough to feed 155 children for a full year.

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

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Check out St. Peter's website at www.stpetersmendota.org, our Facebook page at facebook.com/stpetersmendota and Twitter at [@StPetersMendota](https://twitter.com/StPetersMendota).



APPALACHIA CHRISTMAS DRIVE



The generosity of St. Peter's parishioners has brought Christmas joy to many destitute families in Kentucky. Especially welcomed were the shoeboxes that were filled with gifts specifically designed for certain age groups of boys or girls. These children were pleased to have something especially chosen for them.

Now that summer is all but over, it is time to look at the end-of-season sales and back-to-school sales with the Appalachian Christmas Drive in mind. There are many things going on at St. Peter's now, but I hope you, with your extreme generosity, will find time to shop for our brothers and sisters in Appalachia. Again, we will be sending gifts to two parishes, so we would ask that whatever new items you purchase, you will buy two. A notice will be coming in future bulletins that will list gifts for different age groups. Shoebox items will also be listed. God bless you in advance for making Christmas brighter for the poor of Appalachia.

FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

One Mass at 10 a.m.

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



The Marv Nissel Polka Band is booked, the raffle tickets are for sale, the pork is ordered and the Country Store is taking shape. The **Fall Festival** Festival Committee is busy getting ready for this fun-filled event.

We still need help to make this festival a success; there are several ways to participate.

We need the following items for each event:

- Pork Dinner - Homemade or store bought pies.
- Silent Auction - Gift cards, themed baskets or new items.
- Kids Games - Children's Prizes.
- Country Store - Knitted items, crafts, home-made jewelry, cookies, bars, cakes, home-made cards, etc.

Consider volunteering the day of the event, such as:

- Set up tables and tents before the festival starts.
- Volunteer for a one-hour shift during the festival, so everyone gets a chance to enjoy it.
- Help take down the tents and put away the tables and chairs when the festival is over.

Thank you in advance for making this year's Fall Festival a success!

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

~ Last Minute Update ~

We have sold 368 raffle tickets - our goal is to sell ALL 1,000 tickets. Please help us reach that goal. Tell your friends and neighbors about the raffle.

We still need the following donated items:

- Wine for the Dice Game.
- Pies for the Pork Dinner (home-made or store-bought).
- Baked items, home-made candy, cookies, etc. for the Country Store.
- Prizes for the kid's games.

The baked items can be brought in on Saturday, September 30, or Sunday, October 1, before the 10 a.m. Mass. If you have items for the country store, please price your items.

Please consider volunteering to help with the clean-up, which will take place around 2:45 p.m. on the day of the festival.

Thank you for your support! We hope you are all able to join us for our Fall Festival.

GRANDPARENTS ADVENTURE

All grandparents are invited to attend a **Grandparents Adventure** monthly gathering on the last Thursday of each month, following the birthday brunch, beginning on September 28, at 10:30 a.m., in the Conference Room.



We will be using the book, *Ten Anchors*, by Fr. John Forliti, with reflections on the Christian faith for young Catholics.

You may call Joan Pilney at 651-454-1568 or email her at fpilney@gmail.com.

TRANSFORMING PAIN WORKSHOP

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 5071 Eden Avenue in Edina is hosting a "Transforming Pain Workshop" on Tuesday, October 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Please join us as Patricia Hughes Baumer helps to make our care toward the many faces of pain that we encounter in ministry more knowledgeable and our knowledge more caring. A light dinner is included. Please RSVP at jasongodin@olgparish.org.



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 24

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jr 31:10-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, September 25	Ivan Posthumus
Tuesday, September 26	† Jeffrey Weiss
Wednesday, September 27	† Jerry Hirsch
Thursday, September 28	Paul Selge
Friday, September 29	† Roberta Nolan
Saturday, September 30	† Rick Smith
Sunday, October 1, 10 am	Mass For The People

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER 25

Monday, September 25

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
6:30 pm ALPHA, Heritage Center
7 pm Cub Scout New Parent Orientation, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, September 26

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:30 am Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament until 6 pm, Historic Church
9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
10:30 am Mobile Meals, Off Campus
6:30 pm Archdiocese Bible Study, Heritage Center

Wednesday, September 27

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
1:30 pm Cemetery Committee, Conference Room
4:30 pm RE Grades 1-5
6:30 pm RE Grades 1-8

Thursday, September 28

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:30 am Potluck Birthday Breakfast, Heritage Center
10:30 am Grandparents Adventure Meeting, Conference Room
7 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Room
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, September 29

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

Saturday, September 30

9 am & 10:30 am AA Meeting, Classrooms
10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Conference Room
3:30 pm Confession, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm Mass, Main Church

Sunday, October 1 - *Fall Festival*

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
10 am Mass, Main Church (One Mass only)
11:15 am Fall Festival
12 pm Historic Church Tours, Historic Church



Fall Festival



PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



In the Gospel, we see a landowner who goes out at different hours of the day to seek laborers - an image of how God persistently, untiringly invites people into his Kingdom. God never gives up on anyone. If there are any persons in your life that do not practice faith, be like God - continue to invite them, first by the way you live, and secondly, by encouraging words.

CAREGIVER WORKSHOP

Paths to Faithful Caregiving is a workshop for caregivers, designed to strengthen the personal faith of those who are often struggling, while taking care of another's needs.

You will learn how to:

- Manage stress and difficult emotions.
- Communicate more effectively.
- Create balance in life.
- Locate helpful resources.
- Find caregiving strength through your faith partner and personal spiritual practices.

Paths to Faithful Caregiving meets weekly on Saturdays, from September 30 through October 28, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., in the Good Shepherd Room, at St. John Neumann Church, in Eagan. To register, you may email Rozannrey@gmail.com or call 651-334-3207, by September 26. A fee of \$15, payable to St. John Neumann, includes class materials.

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.



ST. PETER'S PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

How do we make decisions? Often, our decisions are made by what we think would be good for us. Other decisions are made based on what we think is good for someone else. At times, our decisions are based on sound moral teaching and reason, but some are made based on emotions and gut feelings. These methods may work for an appropriate situation.



The question is, are we allowing the small inner voice of the Holy Spirit to influence the decisions we make? If you haven't already made a commitment to participate in the Perpetual Adoration program which will be opening soon, it may help you to ask yourself if you sense the Holy Spirit inviting you to participate. If you say "yes," it may be one of the best decisions that you've acted upon! All are welcome with no exceptions!

To schedule your hour at adoration 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.

WEDDING BANNERS

First and Second Proclamation
Joe Gjengdahl and Rosie Bielejeski

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.

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 September 28. Those who knit and crochet are always welcome to join us for fellowship, prayer and shared work. For more information about this meeting, please email Laura Elm at lblynam@yahoo.com or you may call her at 612-578-0377.

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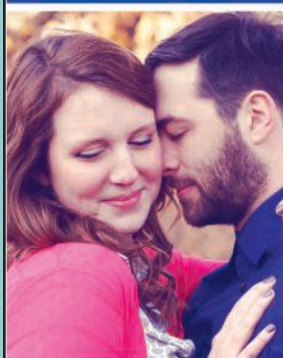
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