

**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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**OCTOBER 22, 2017**

"I hope that this form of Adoration, with permanent exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will continue into the future. Specifically, I hope that the fruit of this Congress results in the establishment of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in all parishes and Christian communities throughout the world."

St. John Paul II spoke these words in an address at the forty-fifth International Eucharistic Congress, in Seville, Spain in June of 1993. It is fitting, and I would say, Providential, that today, his feast day, we open our Perpetual Adoration Chapel, joining the many who have answered this beloved pope and saint's call.

For ten months, much work has been going on here at St. Peter's to make this possible. It has been a true and humbling blessing to watch so many people in our parish come together to make this happen. They have been planning, praying, organizing and recruiting. They have torn down and built up walls, designed spaces and hung doors. Some among you have nearly taken on full time, unpaid jobs, for which we will never be able to thank you enough. Over 200 people have committed their time, as scheduled adorers, substitutes and hourly coordinators. The response has been overwhelmingly positive.

Has it been daunting? Yes. Stressful? A bit. Exhausting? Most certainly. Will it be worth it? Absolutely. Yes. There have been signs of God's hand in this all along the way. When you are in the chapel, you can feel the rightness of the place. You can't help but feel that, in at least this one thing, you've understood His will and you've responded in a way that pleases Him immeasurably. I have watched as everyday struggles have become extraordinary miracles. As doubters became adorers, and roadblocks became solutions, Christ, through us, has created a place where we can go to Him and simply be near Him.

If you have talked to someone who visits Eucharistic Adoration, (or maybe you yourself are one) you have likely heard from them how transformative the experience is. I will tell you that building a chapel, and all the organizing that goes into filling it, are transformative as well. My faith has been tested. There are powers that would triumph in a failure, and they have not been shy about making this known to me. My faith has been strengthened. I trust in

Him with more confidence than ever before. God won't allow us to fail when we seek His Will. The more obstacles that came along, the more God provided.

My return to faith was inspired by the One True Presence of the Eucharist, that's true, and, for me, the Blessed Sacrament has always been at the core of my relationship with Christ and His Church. This has not changed, nor did I expect that this project would do so. What did surprise me was how much I still had to learn about this devotion. Time and time again, I, and others on the Adoration Team, attended information sessions or meetings and talked about our experiences. We shared with others the history and theology of this holy practice.

I discovered that however well we explain Eucharistic adoration, I needed to accept that, because of its very nature, there would always be some lingering mysteries about the Eucharist that were beyond my human reasoning. This is a good thing. We live in a world which drives us to know every last detail of everything we do. We measure our steps, we monitor our carbs, we tap into social media to read about the minutia of our acquaintance's lives. Adoration invites us to prayer, from a place of trust and deep faith. We are encouraged to come without a task list or our own agenda.

Embracing this chapel took a tremendous leap of faith by our parish. By now, I shouldn't continue to be surprised by the remarkability of this community. Your efforts, your encouragement, your personal commitment, and most of all, your prayers have created an oasis of rest and peace in a world of demands and noise.

May God bless us and bless our time in Perpetual Adoration. Because of His Infinite Love, we are opening the doors of St. Peter's Perpetual Adoration Chapel this weekend. I pray that you are looking forward to your time with Him as much as I am!

Lisa Amos
Pastoral Associate

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YOUTH NEWS

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

October 25

Grade 2 Reconciliation Program

Regularly scheduled class.

Grades 1, 3, and 4

This week families should be working on Chapter 3 of the children's books. Please contact Kathy Raible at kraible@stpetersmendota.org if you would like any additional help or ideas for the lesson.

Grade 5

Please bring all Grade 5 students to Classroom 3 at their regularly scheduled time (4:30 or 6:30). This is the Archdiocesan mandated lesson on Personal Safety. If your child is not going to be there that night, they will need to schedule a make-up lesson. Please contact Kathy at 651-905-4311.

November 1

No lessons are scheduled, but all families are encouraged to attend the All Saints Day Mass at 6:30 p.m.

OFFICE INFORMATION

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

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

Phone: 651-452-4550

BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Email Lisa Amos at lamos@stpetersmendota.org, call her at 651-905-4304 or call the parish office.

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ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH DAY

“The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is His Name.” Lk. 1:49

Experience the community of World Youth Day locally at Roy Wilkins Auditorium, St. Paul RiverCentre, on Saturday, October 28, from 1:30 to 9 p.m. Join other teens for a day of excitement and spiritual growth at Archdiocesan Youth Day 2017. The keynote speaker is Emily Wilson. Bishop Cozzens will join us, too! For more information, visit www.archspm.org/AYD. Registration is by group only. Talk to your parish youth minister or campus minister to sign up!

ST. JOHN PAUL II CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE AWARDS LUNCHEON

All are invited to honor those who respect life at our annual St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards Luncheon on Friday, October 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Church in Mendota. Join special guest Bishop Andrew Cozzens and keynote speaker Maddie Schulte. The cost is \$35 per person or \$280 for a table of 8. Register at www.archspm.org/C4L by October 23. Call 651-291-4488 or email MFL@archspm.org with questions..



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WEDDING BANNS

Second Proclamation

Dave Kvasnicka and Christine Henke

Third Proclamation

Jon Edge and Erin Perry



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Leave as a Friend*

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS PICK-UP



Fall Festival We will have a table in the Gathering Space after Mass on October 28 and 29 for individuals to pick up their silent auction items. If the items are not picked up by October 29, we will move down the list of the bids to get a new winner. Items can also be picked up in the parish office Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thank you for supporting the festival!

FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE

Thank you to all who volunteered, sponsored, prayed and participated in our annual Fall Festival. Because of all of you, the parish has netted a grand total of \$42, 209! Thank you all!

We are already planning for next year, so if anyone is interested in joining this wonderful team, please contact Gail Barta at 651-454-9552 or email Anne O'Keefe at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TRUNK OR TREAT

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat for children age 12 and under, at the St. John Neumann parking lot, on October 28. Parking begins at 9:45 a.m. with treating to start at 10 a.m. Please bring treats to share! We look forward to seeing all the little ones.

APPALACHIA CHRISTMAS DRIVE



Appalachia As mentioned in previous bulletins, we are collecting **NEW** gifts for the poor of Appalachia. A box will be on display in the Gathering Space in which to place these gifts. Again we ask you to buy two of whatever you purchase, since we will be sending the gifts to two parishes. Sunday, November 5 is the cut-off for bringing in the gifts, with Monday November 6 set aside for packing.

As in the past, we will be collecting **WRAPPED** candy for the children. This would be a good time to get rid of leftover Halloween candy. We will also be doing the Shoe Box Program called Papal Footprints, started by Pope Francis. Some boxes will be provided – but just an empty cardboard shoe box or a plastic one from the Dollar Store will work.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

HALLOWEEN PIZZA BINGO

Come join us on Friday, October 27, at 6 p.m. for a Tommy Chicago pizza feast and bingo! We will have the regular kids prizes and adult prizes, but the cover all, which takes place at 7:15, will be a \$50 Lucky's Gift Card for the adults and a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card for the kids. If we have multiple winners we will draw a name for the winner. Bring your appetite and join us for a family-friendly good time! Costumes are not required but are encouraged! No toy weapons or scary costumes, please. We will have a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space this weekend, October 21 and 22. We ask that you sign up, so we can estimate how much food to buy. You can also call Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308, or email her at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org with your RSVP. Looking forward to seeing you there!



GIVING TREE



It may seem very early to think about Christmas and the Giving Tree, but there are so many things that need to be done. Those who work with the program know that it is necessary to begin now, so we have things ready for the families before Christmas. If you, or someone you know, is in need of Christmas gifts, please complete a flyer, available in the Gathering Space, to recommend them for the Giving Tree by November 12. Your help in identifying recipients is very important. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or at lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

ST. PETER'S GROUP TRIP

Join us for St. Peter's 20th Group Trip. On Thursday, November 16, we will travel to the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis, where we will enjoy a guided tour, followed by a visit to their "Windows to Heaven: A Visual Hymn of Praise" icon exhibition. Before returning to St. Peter's, we will share a delicious lunch at The Capital Grille. Always fun, always new friends to be made. The bus departs from St. Peter's at 9:45 a.m. and will return at 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person; space is limited. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, November 8. To register, please stop by the office or contact Lisa Amos, Pastoral Associate, at 651-905-4304 or at lamos@stpetersmendota.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
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-8/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: om 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, October 23	† Frank Indihar, M.D.
Tuesday, October 24	† Alley Valiaveedan
Wednesday, October 25	† Gail Sullivan
Thursday, October 26	Don & Audrey Geneva
Friday, October 27	† Jeffrey Weiss
Saturday, October 28	Mass For The People
Sunday, October 29, 9 am	† Ralph Schloegl
11 am	† Bill Higgenbothum

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: OCTOBER 23

Monday, October 23

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
6:30 pm ALPHA, Heritage Center

Tuesday, October 24

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
10:30 am Mobile Meals, Off Campus
6:30 pm Archdiocese Bible Study, Heritage Center
6:30 pm RCIA, Conference Room
7 pm Endow, Family Room
7 pm Cana Dinner Committee Meeting, Conference Room 3

Wednesday, October 25

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
4:30 pm Grade 2 & Grade 5 meet in classrooms, Grades 1, 3 & 4 meet in their homes.
6:30 pm Grade 2, Grade 5 and Grades 6-8 meet in classrooms, Grades 1,3 & 4 meet in their homes.
6:30 pm Perissos, Heritage Center

Thursday, October 26

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Potluck Birthday Breakfast, Heritage Center
1 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Room
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, October 27

8 am Confession, Main Church
9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
6 pm Halloween Pizza Bingo, Heritage Center

Saturday, October 28

9 am & 10:30 am AA Meeting, Classrooms
10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Conference Room
1:30 pm Archdiocesan Youth Day, Roy Wilkins Auditorium
3:30 pm Confession, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm Mass, Main Church
6 pm Respect Life Table, Gathering Space

Sunday, October 29 - Hospitality Sunday

Hosted by Community Caring for Life

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass, Main Church
9 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Room
9 am Sunday School, Classrooms
10 am ACCL Respect Life Month Information Table, Gathering Space
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
10:30 am Rosary for St. Peter's Parish, Historic Church
11 am Mass, Main Church
11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Room
12 pm ACCL Respect Life Table, Gathering Space
12 pm Chill, Too! Youth Room

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Jesus says in the Gospel: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When it comes down to the full Christian view of life, everything, even what we render to a governing body, belongs to God. This makes us temporary stewards of what God entrusts to us, namely our time, talents and treasure. This week, let's ask Jesus to show us how to live more generously with the gifts God has given us.

ST. PETER'S BOUNTY FUND

We all know that there are times when we could use a little help. Sometimes, the help someone needs is financial. St. Peter's has a special fund that is used to provide aid to those in our community. It is often used to assist them with basic needs like food, gas to get to work, rent or utility payments. The Bounty Fund relies on donations. No monies are used from our general donations. Please consider donating to this very important ministry. Simply mark your checks or, if cash mark the envelope, as "St. Peter's Bounty Fund" and drop it in the weekend collection basket or at our office. If you have questions about this fund, please contact Lisa Amos, 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

ACCL

Did you know that October is designated Respect Life Month, by the Church? In honor of this, St. Peter's Community Caring for Life ministry will have a table in the Gathering Space after Mass. We will provide information regarding many issues related to the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death.

We invite you to join us for 40 Days for Life. We are co-sponsoring a day of prayer with the Church of St Joseph, on October 28, from 1 - 6 p.m. We need people to pray for one hour outside the Planned Parenthood in St. Paul. If you are interested, please contact Carol Mulvihill at 651-356-2970.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 4th Thursday of every month in the Family Room. In October, we will try a NEW time and gather from 1 to 3 p.m. Our next meeting is October 26. Those who knit or crochet are always welcome to join us for fellowship, prayer and shared work. Shawls are given to those who are ill or otherwise suffering with declining health, difficult diagnosis or grief. Our baby blankets are donated to Wakota LifeCare Center in West St. Paul. For more information about this meeting, please contact Laura Elm at lblynam@yahoo.com or 612-578-0377.

ST. PETER'S PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

We are opening! Our beautiful, new Perpetual Adoration Chapel opens this weekend! At 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 22, we will have the Blessing and First Exposition. We are very excited and pray that you feel the same.



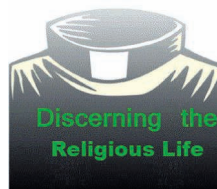
Although we have scheduled nearly 200 people, we do still have 19 hours that are not assigned. I am asking you to please consider making one of these times your own. If you can help on Saturday or Sunday, you have the option of committing to one or two a month, as part of a prayer team. If you are willing, please contact Lisa Amos to let her know which day and time you can help.

The times for which we need your help are:

Early Morning		Daytime	Evening
Monday	2-3 am	Friday	4-5 pm
Wednesday	2-3 am	Saturday	10-11am
Friday	2-3 am	Saturday	11am-Noon
Saturday	3-4 am	Saturday	Noon-1pm
Saturday	4-5 am	Saturday	1-2 pm
Saturday	5-6 am	Sunday	1-2 pm
		Sunday	2-3 pm
		Sunday	4-5 pm
		Tuesday	6-7 pm
		Friday	7-8 pm
		Friday	8-9 pm
		Sunday	5-6 pm

Thank you in advance for your help! God bless you.

OPERATION ANDREW DINNER



On Thursday, November 9, from 6 to 8 p.m., Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Bishop Andrew Cozzens and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite men, ages 16 to 50, who are discerning the priesthood, to dinner and conversation, with vocations testimonials on the priesthood and religious life. It is typical for a pastor, religious or youth minister to accompany each discerning guest. The dinner takes place at Lumen Christi Church, 2055 Bohland Avenue in St. Paul. Register online before November 6. For more information or to register, please call the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890 or you may email www.stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org.

MARRIAGE RETREAT WEEKENDS

This Fantasy Football season, how about "less huddle and more cuddle?" Enjoy a World Wide Marriage Encounter November 17 - 19, at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake. Visit www.twincitieswwme.org or call 612-756-8720 for more information.



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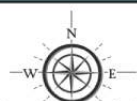


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