

**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.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

(In Chapel of the Nativity)

RECONCILIATION

(In Main Church)

Friday 8-8:45 a.m.

Saturday 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Any time by appointment.

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**NOVEMBER 5, 2017**

"God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work he had done in creation."

This past weekend, I gave a homily on the importance of keeping the Lord's Day holy. Father Steven asked me to recap some of the main points for further reflection.

Sunday is the Lord's Day. Sunday is a gift from the Lord to each of us. It is so important to our spiritual life that we receive this wonderful gift and allow it to change us and draw us closer to God.

Our loving Father takes such good care of us! He knows what we need. He knows that we struggle through the week in our daily battles with the world. It is easy for us to give more and more of ourselves over to the world because of all the demands it places on us. For some of us, our relationship with the Lord gets pushed to the back burner, as the world takes more and more of our lives. So let's look at the gift that the Father gave us.

Sunday is a day of celebration!

The focus of Sunday should be our communal celebration of the Lord's Day. We draw our strength for all of the challenges of earthly life from the table of the Lord. Here, Jesus gives us His very Body and Blood as spiritual food for our journey. Sunday Mass attendance around the world has dropped dramatically. Sadly, many of our brothers and sisters do not realize that the Lord is waiting for them to come to the table, where they will be fed with Real Food and Real Drink. Sunday is holy to the Lord, and it must be a priority in our lives.

Our celebration of Sunday should not end as we exit the doors of the church! Sunday should be a day of family, friends and guests. Sunday is a day to take a rest from our labors. We need rest and refreshment, in order to prepare ourselves for the coming week. While some people are required to work on Sunday because of their profession, most of us can choose to avoid any work on Sundays. If we can avoid work on Sundays, we should do so.

My family has had a tradition of the big family meal on Sunday evenings. We try to gather our children and grandchildren around the table at least once or twice each month. This is an opportunity for Anne and me to share time with our family in the spirit of celebration, as we thank God for His goodness.

Sunday is a day to think outside the box. When was the last time you sat down as a family to play a board game together? Sunday is a day for taking a walk or a drive, for listening to

good music, for reading or doing other quiet activities that don't tie us to electronic gadgets.

Sunday is a day of rest!

God intended for us to rest from our labors on the Lord's Day. This is a good day for leisure, to allow our bodies to recover from the busy week that we have just finished. In Matthew, Chapter 11, Jesus tells us, *"Come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."* We very much need to rest in the Lord, as part of our Sunday celebration. Sunday is a day of reflecting on the gospel message of the day and allowing God's Word and His Eucharistic presence to take hold in our hearts.

Some people have asked if it is okay to watch football on Sunday. Our modern culture is very rooted in sports events of all kinds. Watching football on Sunday can be an enjoyable and restful activity. This is even better if it can be a family time, as opposed to one or two family members going off to the TV room by themselves. The caution is that football can overtake Sunday to the point where the focus of the day is on the game (or games) and not on the Lord. Everything in moderation.

Sunday is silence. . .

Psalm 46, Verse 10 says, *"Be still and know that I am God."* Sunday is a day to be still. It is a day to allow God to speak to us. God does not have a cell phone or an email account. He is not found on Facebook! We need to be still to hear His voice. We can find that stillness when we deliberately close off the "noise" of our electronic gadgets and allow the peace of some silence.

God has given us a beautiful gift in making the seventh day a day of celebration, rest and silence. We need what Sunday brings. Can you and I open our hearts to our loving Father's call to make Sunday the Lord's Day? Let's resolve to celebrate Sunday well, not just as the second half of the weekend, but as a day set apart for the Lord. God's abundant blessings will flow from our worthy celebration of Sunday.

May God bless you,

Deacon Tim

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YOUTH NEWS

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

November 8

Grade 1, 3 and 5

Christos - meet in your homes.

Grade 2

Meet in your classrooms at your regular times.

Grade 4

Please bring all Grade 4 children to Classroom 3 at their regularly scheduled time, 4:30 or 6:30 p.m. This is the Archdiocesan mandated lesson on Personal Safety. If your child is not going to be there, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 or kraible@stpetersmendota.org, so we can schedule a make-up lesson for your child.

Grade 6-8

Meet in your classroom at your regular times.

This week families should continue working in their children's books. Please contact Kathy if you would like any additional help or ideas for the lesson.

ST. PETER'S WORKCAMP

Calling all high school youth! Join us for a life-changing week at Workcamp! This summer, we will travel to Vandalia, Illinois from July 7-14, for a week of service, prayer, fun and daily trips to Dairy Queen! Applications are available on the information counter and are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Have questions? Call Elizabeth McCanna, Youth Coordinator, at 651-905-4312 or email her at emccanna@stpetersmendota.org.

FAITHFUL SHEPHERD INFO NIGHT



We invite you to join us on Thursday, November 9, at 6:30 p.m. to meet our kindergarten teachers, talk to current parents and learn more about our Kindergarten through 8th grade program. For more information or to RSVP, please call Jen Claude at 651-262-2898.

Child care is available.

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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- ♦ Deacon Tim Hennessey: 651-905-4301

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

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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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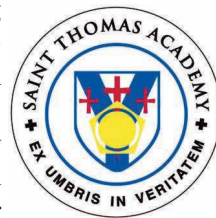
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OPEN HOUSE AT ST. THOMAS ACADEMY

We invite families interested in learning more about St. Thomas Academy to attend an upcoming admissions open house on Sunday, November 5, at 1 p.m. St. Thomas Academy is Minnesota's only Catholic, college preparatory, and military/leadership school for boys. For the schedule and to register for the open house, please visit www.cadets.com/openhouse or call 651-683-1516.



OPEN HOUSE AT BETHANY HOUSE

On Sunday, November 5, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., Bethany House will hold an open house.

Bethany House is a place of discernment for women seriously considering consecrated life. It is located at the Holy Cross Convent, 1615 University Avenue Northeast, in Minneapolis.

Bethany House is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations and the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus.



WINE TASTING EVENT



Please join us for our Annual Wine Tasting Event on Friday, November 17, from 6 to 9 p.m., in Heritage Center. Wine will be available to sample, as well as purchase at a discounted price. Hors d'oeuvres will be served with the wine. The fee to attend is \$10 in advance and

\$12.50 at the door. Come join us for a fun night out with fellow parishioners!

BOY SCOUT WREATHES FOR SALE

The Boy Scouts will be selling Christmas wreaths this weekend in the Gathering Space.

Stop by the Boy Scout table this weekend after Mass and order your Christmas wreaths in the gathering space.



SECURITY CHANGES

Now that our Adoration Chapel is open, we have had to make some changes to our security system and the availability of doors being open during the day. It was also a good time to look at the best procedures for the security of our staff and visitors. If you find that doors that used to be open and are now locked, please don't feel we are trying to keep you out. We are simply trying to be more aware of who is in the building for the safety of all.

All visitors and parishioners will be asked to stop at the office window and let us know that you are here. The Main Church and Gathering Space will remain open in the mornings following Mass and for events and meetings that will occur in Heritage Center.

The Adoration Chapel will be open for prayer and adoration each day from 5 a.m. until 10 p.m. It will be closed during daily Mass from 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. and Saturday from 4:45 p.m. to Sunday at 1 p.m. No check in is required for drop-ins during those times. Please be patient as we all adjust to these new procedures.



*Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend*

CCW COLLECTING FOR HAITI

In Haiti, medications come in bulk form and medical personnel have to dispense them in smaller containers. For burials, sheets or tablecloths are used. They are currently cutting sheets in half to make them go further. Pillowcases are used to transport rice.

The CCW will once again be collecting these much needed items:

- Empty pill bottles (with labels removed - fill the bottle with HOT water to loosen the label).
- All sizes of **WHITE ONLY** sheets and pillow cases.
- All sizes of **WHITE ONLY** tablecloths.

In the cloak room, you will find gray bins for these collections: one for the sheets/pillowcases/tablecloths and one for the pill bottles.

We would like to thank John Kemper for transporting our past collection of bottles and sheets to Rochester in time for them to be included in the October trip, by truck and boat, to Haiti.

Thank you so much for your participation.

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.



GERTEN PLANT CARD SALE BY CCW

It's time to start thinking about Christmas! The Council of Catholic Women will be selling Gerten Plant Cards after all Masses the weekends of November 18 and 19 and December 2 and 3. The CCW will NOT be taking orders for Poinsettia plants this year. Instead, stop at the CCW table in the Gathering Space and buy your Gerten Plant Card; go to Gerten's during the months of November and December and enjoy the beauty there. See all the decorations and pick out your poinsettias to decorate your home or for a gift. Have a blessed Christmas Season!

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 NOVEMBER 5

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde-3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, November 6	† Robert LeMay
Tuesday, November 7	† Alice Struwas
Wednesday, November 8	† Jack McCauley
Thursday, November 9	† Paige Duncan
Friday, November 10	† Don Sault
Saturday, November 11	† Byrma Paulzine
Sunday, November 12, 9 am	† Bill & Agnes Stock
11 am	Mass For The People

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 6

Monday, November 6

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

Tuesday, November 7

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm Archdiocesan Bible Study, Heritage Center
6:30 pm RCIA, Conference Room 1

Wednesday, November 8

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

Thursday, November 9

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Small Faith Group, Conference Room 1
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5
7 pm Fall Festival Follow-up Meeting, Conference Room 1

Friday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 11

8 am Confirmation Mini-Retreat, Heritage Center
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 with Confirmation Rite of Welcome, Main Church

Sunday, November 12

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass - Teaching Parish Sunday, Main Church
9 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Room
9 am Sunday School, Classrooms
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
10:30 am Rosary for St. Peter's Parish, Chapel of the Nativity (new adoration chapel)
11 am Mass - Teaching Parish Sunday, Main Church
11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Room
12:30 pm Baptism Class, Conference Room 1

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



This past week, we celebrated the Feast of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls. As we follow Jesus, we see how he supports us through the faith of others and how our love for one another continues even after death, as we pray for the faithful departed. This week, let us thank the Lord for those who have inspired us and pray for those who have gone before us.

NEIGHBORS FOOD SHELF

You may be aware that Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming up very fast. As you know, the holiday season places extra pressure on most of us to have a merry time and to provide good memories for our families. We are doing our best to prepare for the needs people will have this November and December. The food shelf has started to distribute the special "holiday food" that we stockpile for this season. I've included a list of those foods below, since I know many of you particularly like to shop for those items.

Our Love Your Neighbor holiday program is ready now receiving applications. If you know of someone who may need extra help with gifts for their family or a senior that might really appreciate some thoughtful gifts this Christmas, please send them to Neighbors! Of course, we are also welcoming volunteers, people who want to "adopt" a family with gifts, and donations of new clothing and toys. Please feel free to call us at 651-455-5000 with questions.

Most Needed Items: All kinds of soups, canned vegetables, hygiene products, jelly.

Special Holiday Foods: Broth, stuffing, pumpkin or other pie fillings, gravy and condensed milk.

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.



ST. PETER'S PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

St. John Vianney, advocated contemplative prayer, described as "a loving awareness of God's presence especially in the Eucharist." There is a story of an old farmer that St. John Vianney found praying daily in the church.



"There was an old peasant who every day went into the church before going to his labor in the fields, and again when he returned. There he used to remain for a long while quite motionless and mute, with his eyes fixed on the Tabernacle.

"What do you say to Our Lord during your visits?" St. John Vianney asked him one day, surprised at never seeing his lips move. The farmer replied, "I say nothing to Him and He says nothing to me, but I look at Him, and He looks at me."

Our new Perpetual Adoration Chapel is now open and the Lord is waiting for you!

Please call Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or email her at lamos@stpetersmendota.org to sign up for your hour. We especially need adorers at the following hours:

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

SINCERE SYMPATHY

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of John Gallagher and Louis Chapdelaine. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make them sharers in eternal salvation.



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.

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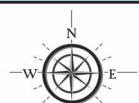


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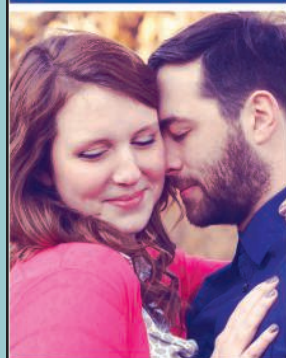
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