

**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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***NOVEMBER 12, 2017***

One of my favorite passages in scripture is the story of Martha and Mary. Jesus accepts a dinner invitation to visit his two dear friends. Martha is busy preparing the meal and making sure that everything is just right for Jesus, while Mary sits quietly at the feet of Jesus listening to his every word. In our lives we all play out these two roles at different times and in various circumstances. The image of Mary sitting at the feet of our Lord has always held a beautiful place in my heart. Wouldn't we all like to be in that spot?

This past week, Father Steven had the opportunity for some time away on retreat. I will venture out for retreat this coming week for a few days with deacons from our local archdiocese and beyond. This is a time for prayer, instruction, rest, reflection and fellowship. I look forward to this time away to center myself and to evaluate where God is leading me. It is always easier for me to hear God's voice when I am in a focused setting.

I have vivid memories of my first diaconate retreat the summer of my first year of seminary. We were at New Melleray Abbey out in the green pastures of Iowa. I found myself in the dark abbey chapel late in the evening of the first full day of our retreat. It had been a long day, and I was physically and emotionally tired. I had taken in a lot of new information and was struggling to understand all that was being taught. I ended this challenging day on my knees in the chapel. I recall asking the Lord what I was doing in this place. I certainly felt like I didn't belong among this group of men, who seemed so much smarter and holier than I. The week went on, and my angst lessened, as I realized that seminary formation is a process, and that I was exactly where God wanted me to be. I found solace in the darkness of that abbey chapel, where the only light illuminated a beautiful icon of our Blessed Mother.

In August of 2015, I was again at New Melleray Abbey, but this time for a pre-ordination retreat, the last official retreat of my seminary formation. I was now a few years older, maybe a bit wiser but still a little uncertain about God's plan for my future. I returned to that same dark chapel the first night. I was hundreds of miles from home, my daughter was nine months pregnant and due at any time, and I felt the weight of the week ahead, as I sat in the stillness of that chapel. Once again, I asked God what I was doing here.

Satan had sowed the seeds of worry, fear and doubt in my heart, as I moved closer to ordination. I worried about every detail, and despite knowing in my head that it was the work of darkness, I still felt weak and uncertain. Those feelings lifted as the week progressed and God's goodness shone through all the worry and fear.

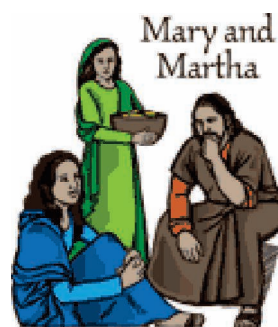
There is a rhythm of life in a monastery. Prayers are prayed regularly throughout the day and night. Bells toll, calling the monks and guests to the chapel to pray. Prayer is simple, yet beautiful, as the monks take turns chanting the psalms across the cavernous chapel. It is in the integration of these elements, all done with an interior silence, that God is able to speak into even the most menial of tasks.

Taking time away on retreat helps me to reset the rhythm of God's time in my own heart. Going away helps me to be still and silent. I pray and I listen. I walk and I journal. I meditate on God's Word and feed on His very Body and Blood in the daily Eucharist. I collect the pieces of who I am again as husband, father, grandfather, deacon, brother, uncle, friend...I give thanks for all of this, as I am again able to breathe with the breath of the Spirit leading me deeper into the mysteries of the life of Christ.

As I head off for this time away, I am grateful to each of you for your faith, your warmth, your prayers, your care and concern and your love. I never in my life imagined that God would give me so much! I am grateful for my brother and friend, Father Steven and for my co-ministers on staff here at St. Peter's. I pray that this time away will bring me to a deeper and more abiding faith, so that renewed and strengthened in Christ, I may return to do His work.

In His perfect peace,

Deacon Tim

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YOUTH NEWS

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

November 15

Grades 1, 4, & 5

Christos - Meet in your homes. Continue working in the children's books. Please contact Kathy if you would like any additional help or ideas for the lesson.

Grade 2

Please bring all Grade 2 children to their classroom at their regularly scheduled time, 4:30 or 6:30 p.m.

Grade 3

Please bring all Grade 3 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.



Christmas Pageant Registration

Christmas pageant registrations were sent to you in the November email. Please remember to register your children. All children, ages 4 and older, are invited to participate in the pageant OR be in the pageant choir. Rehearsals are on December 2, 9 and 16, at 9:30 a.m. for the pageant and/or choir participants. The pageant is on **December 17, after the 9 a.m. Mass.** If you did not receive a registration slip, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311. I hope to hear from you!

The first rehearsal is Saturday, December 2, at 9:30 a.m. in the Main Church.

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.



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OFFICE INFORMATION

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- ♦ 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

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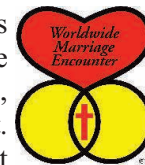
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KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS PIZZA NIGHT

The K of C are hosting a Pizza Night at Solos Pizza in the Eagan Promenade, 1270 Promenade Place. Simply print the flyer from the K of C website (eaganknights.com) and come in to Solos on Wednesday, November 15, between 4 and 9 p.m. Thirty percent (30%) of your purchase will be donated to the Knights to benefit the good work being done in our community. Thank you for your support.

MARRIAGE RETREAT WEEKENDS

This Fantasy Football season, how about "less huddle and more cuddle?" Enjoy a World Wide Marriage Encounter from November 17 to 19, at the Franciscan Retreat Center, 16385 St. Francis Lane in Prior Lake. Visit www.twincitieswwme.org or call 612-756-8720 for more information.



NEIGHBORS, INC.

Dear friends at Church of St. Peter,

Our sincere thank you for the generous donation you made to us in October. Your donation of 379 pounds of groceries to our food shelf is greatly appreciated. Many of your neighbors will benefit as a result of these gifts given from your heart. Thank you for being part of the Neighbors' family!

With gratitude,

Beth Skwira, Director of Development

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!

PRAYER SHAWL

Due to Thanksgiving and Christmas, St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on the 3rd Thursdays in November and December from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Family Room. Our next meeting is November 16. Those who knit and crochet are always welcome to join us for fellowship, prayer and shared work. For more information about this meeting, please contact Laura Elm at lblynam@yahoo.com or at 612-578-0377.



COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

CCW ST. PAUL DEANERY MEETING

The CCW St. Paul Deanery meeting will take place on Thursday, November 16, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 401 Concord Street, in St. Paul. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m., Mass at noon and lunch at 1 p.m. Register no later than Monday, November 13, by calling Cathy Evans at 651-481-1012 or Jane Rosner at 651-261-2534.

GERTEN GIFT CARDS

It's time to start thinking about Christmas! The CCW 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. Have a blessed Christmas Season!

HAITI COLLECTION

The CCW is again collecting these much needed items for Haiti:

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

Please drop off your items in the marked boxes in the coat room.

We would like to thank John Kemper for transporting our past collection of bottles and sheets to Rochester.

Thank you all so much for your participation.

GIVING TREE

The deadline for identifying Giving Tree recipients is this weekend. The Giving Tree will be put up this week. Next weekend you will be able to choose doll tags for purchasing gifts. New, unwrapped gifts should be returned to the tree with the doll tag attached. **All gifts need to be in on Sunday, December 3, by 12 noon. Please make every effort to have them here by the deadline.** Thank you for your generosity in advance. Questions about specific gift requests can be directed to Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

Other helpers are also needed. The more the merrier! There are small tasks with limited time commitments for adults and young adults, and the rewards are huge! Please consider spreading some Christmas cheer by helping with this very important project! Call Carol at 651-453-1345 to help or for more information. Thank you!

THANK YOU, BULLETIN SPONSORS

Our bulletin is a method of communicating information to our members on a weekly basis. We could not provide this information to our parishioners, if it wasn't for our gracious bulletin sponsors. We would like to take this time to thank all of our existing sponsors for continuing to renew their ad space for another year and invite all other parishioners to consider supporting the bulletins by taking out an ad space. We currently need to fill three openings to reach our goal for this year. If you are in business, or know of someone who is, please consider advertising in our bulletin.

If you are interested or want more information about sponsoring an ad, please call Gary Stang, our Bulletin Representative at 320-266-0520.

CATHOLIC WATCHMEN AND MEN'S CLUB MEETING



All men are invited to attend the Catholic Watchmen and Men's Club monthly meeting on Thursday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Heritage Center to hear Fr. Spencer Howe's message on Discipline #3, "Being a Spiritual Father." Join us for social time, dinner and discussion. Contact Jim Lodoen at 952-707-0539 or at jlodoen@lindquist.com. You may also contact John Vogel at 651-587-3073 or at john.p.vogel@skf.com.



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 12

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-10/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps /Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5ab/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, November 13	Mark & Sarah Williamson
Tuesday, November 14	† Gail Sullivan
Wednesday, November 15	Linda Christen
Thursday, November 16	† Dan Chapdelaine
Friday, November 17	† Carl Skally
Saturday, November 18	Mass For The People
Sunday, November 19, 9 am	Ed & Mary LeClair
11 am	† Rita McCallan

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 13

Monday, November 13

9 am Mass, **Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)
6:30 pm ALPHA, Heritage Center
7 pm Cub Scout Pack Committee Meeting, Conference Room 1

Tuesday, November 14

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 15

9 am Mass, **Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
1:30 pm Cemetery Committee Meeting
4:30 pm Grade 2 & Grade 3 meet in their classrooms, Grades 1, 4 & 5 meet in their homes.
5:30 pm Giving Tree Doll Tag writing and put tree up, Family Room
5:30 pm Chill, Youth Room
6:30 pm Grade 2, Grade 3 and Grades 6-8 meet in their classrooms, Grades 1, 4 & 5 meet in their homes.
6:30 pm Perissos, Heritage Center

Thursday, November 16

9 am Mass, **Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Group Trip to the Basilica of St. Mary
1 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Room
6:30 pm Catholic Watchmen and Men's Club, Heritage Center
6:30 pm ACCL Meeting, Conference Room 1
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5
7 pm Finance Committee Meeting, Conference Room 3

Friday, November 17

8 am Confession, **Main Church**
9 am Mass, **Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)
6 pm Wine Tasting Night, Heritage Center

Saturday, November 18

9 am & 10:30 am AA Meeting, Classrooms
9 am Vision Committee Meeting, Classroom 10
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**
6 pm CCW Gerten Plant Card Sale, Gathering Space

Sunday, November 19 - *Hospitality Sunday* *Hosted by the Men's Club*

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 CCW Gerten Plant Card Sale, Gathering Space
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, **Main Church**
11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Rm
12 pm Baptism, Main Church
12 pm CCW Gerten Plant Card Sale, Gathering Space

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



We live in a time of much darkness. Our readings this weekend remind us that we are children of light. We are called to shine the light of Christ to all those we meet. We have seen the one true light in God's only Son. How is God calling each of us to use our talents to bring that light into the world?

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.



GREET ADVENT AS WOMEN OF DISCERNMENT

The St. Paul-Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women invite you to:

"Where is God Leading You?"

A Morning of Prayer, Praise and Presentation"

Join us on Saturday, December 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, 2739 Stinson Boulevard Northeast, in St. Anthony. Extend the blessings by inviting a friend (or a carful) to join you!

Vendors and exhibitors will be available to help you with Christmas shopping. The cost for the day is \$15 before November 22 and \$20 thereafter. Parking is available behind the church and school.

Make checks payable and mail to ACCW, 777 Forest Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55106. If you have questions, please call 651-291-4545.



*Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend*

ST. PETER'S PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Fall is here and most of the leaves have fallen off the trees, but as I write this article there still are some trees that won't release their leaves. What in our lives are we still hanging onto of which we need to let go? Sometimes we hang on to past sins that have already been forgiven, because we may still feel ashamed of what we have done. Please let go of it! Sometimes we hold on to old grudges. Please let go of it! Sometimes we try to control too many things, too many events or too many people. Please let go of it! The Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Peter's is the perfect place to "let go and let God." There are many things God wants us to let go of, so that he can enter into our lives in a more fulfilling way. When we hang on too tightly, we can't grasp what God is offering us. God can tell us what we need to let go of to be more complete, more whole and more at peace.



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

The Chapel is closed for regularly scheduled Masses; Monday through Friday from 8:45-10 a.m. and on Saturday from 4:45 p.m. to Sunday at 1 p.m. Even if there are others in the chapel when it's time to close, the scheduled adorer in that hour has been instructed that they must close the tabernacle. The chapel will also close for Holy Day Masses. Those hours will be posted outside the chapel when appropriate.

Please contact Lisa Amos to sign up at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org. We still 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	10 to 11 am	Friday	7-8pm
Saturday	4-5 am	Saturday	11am-Noon	Friday	8-9pm
Saturday	5-6 am	Saturday	1-2 pm		
		Sunday	2-3 pm		

COMMUNITY CARING FOR LIFE

Community Caring for Life is having a guest speaker who will be talking to us about embryos that have been frozen and stored. Please join us at our regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m., in Conference Room 1. We hope you can join us. All are welcome!

Did you know?

Our ministry assists quarterly at Resurrection Cemetery in a Memorial Service and Burial of the fetal remains of children lost in early pregnancy. It is a beautiful way of honoring their brief lives, and their parents find great comfort in this service. These babies come to us from four Twin Cities hospitals, and their families come to commend these little ones to God.

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