

**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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

From time to time, I take advantage of these lines to explain some part of our parish music ministry or some of my philosophy in the way I direct it. On those occasions, I suppose the words are in a kind of isolation from the Gospel or other Scriptures, for the particular Sunday feast. This occasion is a departure from that phenomenon, as the Gospel offers me the distinct opportunity to speak to the music ministry, while remaining in faithful concert with the Scripture.

This week, we hear proclaimed again the parable of the talents. I'll sum up, as a refresher (just in case).

A master was to travel, so, in preparation, left three of his servants in charge of varying portions of his wealth. To one was entrusted five "talents;" he doubled the wealth in his charge through trade. To one was entrusted two talents, who made use of the master's wealth in an equally profitable way. The third servant received but one measure, and in fear he buried it, according to the parable, literally in the ground.

What is the greatest failure on the part of this third servant? Certainly he failed to invest it in the safest manner, but even failed to trade unsuccessfully so as to merely maintain the money. I might suggest that the greatest failure was the attempt to simply protect his master's wealth in the most simple-minded way. However, I think there might be an even greater shame.

The master's wealth was hidden, which does keep it safe from robbers, but also denies the master a measure of respect or glory from simply having it. In a way, this servant denies the master the esteem of his peers or of other onlookers.

Rather than continuing in this vein, and REALLY heaping on the guilt, I'd just like to take this chance to shill a bit.

Over the past month, I have heard a number of folks who are interested in being a part of the music ministry at the Mass of their choice, and yet do not join, inquire as to the commitment or "try it on for size."

Our singers are all volunteers of varying levels of skill, many untrained, many raising kids even in the midst of the choir. They sing for love of the Lord, for love of the song and for love of the singing itself.

The music we make is the humble song of our parish, offered up as a sacrifice of praise to our heavenly Father.

I'd like to encourage anyone who has considered singing with the choir or joining the music ministry to put that thought to action.

We rehearse each Wednesday, at 7 p.m. until about 8:30 p.m. (save for a few weeks or intervening holy days). In addition, we prepare in the music room 30 minutes prior to each Mass -- regardless of which Mass you'd prefer to attend. In total, the commitment is from an hour-and-a-half to three hours total each week. Even if you're unable to make those regular rehearsals, please contact me to see what possibilities there may be.

I should mention that this invitation is not to the exclusion of instrumentalists, but often this commitment is more demanding, and requires a greater level of preparation, skill, competence and confidence.

Our music ministry is in need of every talent, from singers to drummers, to guitarists, to violinists or other orchestral or wind instruments. Please give serious consideration to participating in the leadership of our parish's sung prayer. Even better, please see me after Mass or contact me at 651-905-4323 or at ddunst@stpetersmendota.org.

David Dunst
Music Director

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YOUTH NEWS

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

November 22

Grades 1-8

No classes due to Thanksgiving Break.

November 26

No Sunday School or Liturgy of the Word for Children due to Thanksgiving Break.

November 29

Grades 3, 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 1

Please bring all Grade 1 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.



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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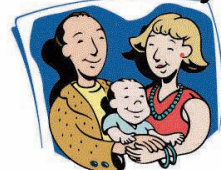


St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Kimberly Donine Franson. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make her a sharer in eternal salvation.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

The St. Peter's Photo Directories are ready to be picked up! If you had your picture taken for the photo directory, you can pick yours up in the parish office Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call the parish office at 651-452-4550, if you have questions.

Parish Photo Directory



BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS



The Knights of Columbus will host a Breakfast with St. Nicholas in Heritage Center on Sunday, December 3, after both Masses. Come enjoy a wonderful breakfast of eggs, sausage and pancakes, while meeting this great saint.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT



Would you like a nice dinner out? Do you need more time for Christmas shopping? Bring your kids (ages 6 months to 12 years) to St. Peter's Parents' Night Out!

On Friday, December 15, from 5 to 8 p.m., you are welcome to drop your children off in Heritage Center and have a few hours to yourself. This event is **FREE**, although we will accept free-will offerings. The profits will go directly to St. Peter's. Supper will include pizza, carrots, apple slices and milk or water. You are welcome to bring a different dinner for your child, if they won't or can't eat ours.

We hope you can take advantage of this event! RSVP's are **strongly encouraged**. For more information or to RSVP, contact Anne O'Keefe at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4308.

Help Support Young Families at St. Peter's!

We are looking for people to help us care for kids, during our Parents' Night Out event on Friday, December 15. **We could really use your help!** All volunteers will need to have Virtus training, as well as a background check. If you are interested, please contact Anne O'Keefe via the information above. Thank you!

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

GERTEN GIFT CARDS

It's time to start thinking about Christmas! The CCW will be selling Gerten Plant Cards after all Masses on 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

Our Giving Tree is now in the Gathering Space. Gift requests are on paper doll tags, and we invite you to take one or more dolls, purchase the gift written on it and return **UNWRAPPED** gifts with the doll tag attached by **December 3, at 12 noon**.

Your generosity will make a big difference in the holiday of someone in need. Please direct any questions about specific gift requests to Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or email her at 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 651-356-2970 for more information or to help. Thank you!



APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

On Monday, November 6, several parishioners helped the Appalachian Christmas Mission Committee to pack Christmas gifts and candy to send to the people in need in Appalachia. We filled 27 large boxes and 19 "shoe boxes," along with five 5-gallon buckets of candy, all to be transported to two parishes. Many warm blankets and warm winter clothing items were included in the shipment.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

The extreme generosity of St. Peter's parishioners has come forward again. Because of this generosity, many of the people in need in the mountains of Appalachia will experience a real Christmas. God bless you all!

Sincerely,

Appalachia Committee,
Kathi Dumond Chair
Paula Ehrich Co-Chair.



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 NOVEMBER 19

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
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd-12/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, November 20	† Doreen Russell
Tuesday, November 21	† Connie Mueller
Wednesday, November 22	† Tom Mulvihill
Thursday, November 23	† Jerry Hirsch
Friday, November 24	† Frank Indihar, M.D.
Saturday, November 25	† Jack Eddy
Sunday, November 26, 9 am	† Jeffrey Weiss
11 am	Mass For The People

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 20

Monday, November 20

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
7 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting, Heritage Center

Tuesday, November 21

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 RCIA, Conference Room 1

Wednesday, November 22

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day Parish Office Closed

9 am Mass, Main Church (8:30 Rosary)
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, November 24 - Parish Office Closed

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

Saturday, November 25

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

Sunday, November 26

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass, Main Church
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
10:30 am Rosary for St. Peter's Parish, Chapel of the Nativity (our new adoration chapel)
11 am Mass, Main Church



Happy Thanksgiving

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?

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.

COR JESU



Meaning "Heart of Jesus," Cor Jesu is a moving opportunity to worship Christ in community with the Church through Eucharistic adoration, confession, praise and worship, benediction and fellowship.

Join college age and young adults for these evenings at St. Mary's Chapel at the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, 2260 Summit Avenue, in St. Paul, at 8 p.m. on the following first Fridays: December 1, February 2, March 2, April 6 and May 4.

NEIGHBORS, INC.

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. We will need broth, stuffing, pumpkin or other pie fillings, gravy and condensed milk.

Other needed items include all of kinds of soup, canned vegetables, jelly and hygiene products, such as shampoo, adult toothbrushes, etc.

ST. PETER'S PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

We are approaching the season of Advent, during which we anticipate the celebration of the human birth of Jesus Christ. All too often, we get caught up in shopping, gift giving and decorating; these are all good things, but they can be done in due time.



During Advent, our primary focus is preparing our hearts, minds and souls to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in a more fulfilling and complete way. There was no room at the inn for Mary and Joseph; there was no place available for Jesus to be born. In what areas of our lives do we need to make room for Jesus to dwell? Are we focused too much on the materialism of Christmas? Are we too focused on getting the house decorated perfectly?

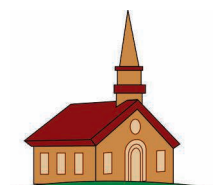
Spending time in the perpetual adoration chapel may be more important than ever, during this Advent season. Why? One reason may be that the holiday season can be exhausting and filled with so many things that will not keep us happy for long. We feel unfulfilled. Quiet time with Our Lord in the chapel may help bring you that peace, love and hope that we all so desperately want. Our new Perpetual Adoration Chapel is now open, and the Lord is waiting for you! All are welcome. God bless you all!

Chapel Hours

The Chapel is closed for regularly scheduled Masses Monday through Friday, from 8:45 to 10 a.m., and from 4:45 p.m. on Saturday to 1 p.m. on Sunday. 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 call Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or email her at amos@stpetersmendota.org to sign up for your Holy Hour. We still especially need adorers at the following hours:

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



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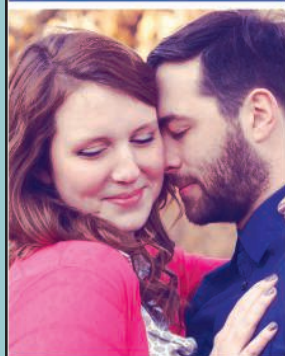
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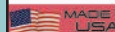
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