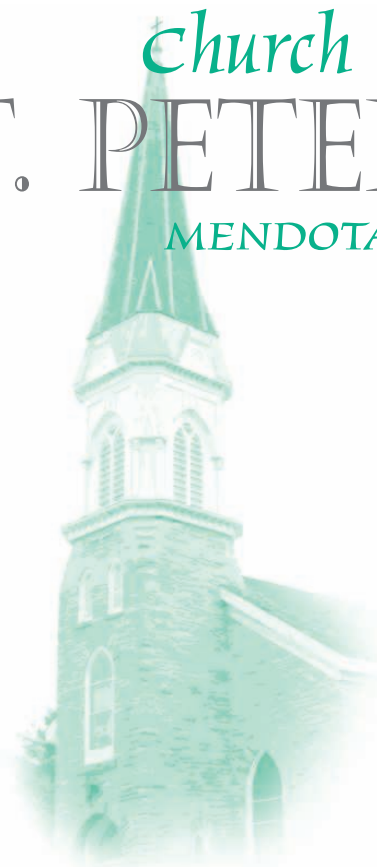


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SUNDAY MASSES (all in the Main Church)

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Sunday 9 am and 11 am

WEEKDAY MASSES (all in the Historic Church)

9 am Monday-Friday

HOLY DAYS As announced.

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Fridays, 8 to 8:45 am and Saturdays 3:30 to 4:45 pm
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BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Mary LeClair E-mail: maryleclair62@gmail.com
or call the parish office at 651-452-4550.

July 24, 2016
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR VISION

We envision St. Peter's to be a dynamic and growing parish through our: expressions of faith and worship, service to one another and the broader community, welcoming new members, compassion and ministry in pastoral care, and stewardship of God's gifts and blessings.

OUR MISSION

The Church of St. Peter, the first Catholic parish in Minnesota, serves as a cornerstone of faith and heritage, where we welcome all to celebrate and live as the Body of Christ. We embrace our commitment to continue this founding legacy, care for future generations, and advance the Kingdom of God.

Reflections from our Deacon

In light of the troubling news stories about violence here and in other parts of the country, I was particularly moved by the liturgies on the weekend of July 10. I finished my Sunday duties at St. Peter's and prepared for the family events that would occupy the rest of my day. I reflected on the words from Ephesians 6 as I drove to meet my wife, daughter and granddaughter for lunch:

"For our struggle is not with flesh and blood, but with the principalities, with the powers, with world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens..."

I made a conscious decision to wear my clerical garb for most of that Sunday. Seeing a priest or deacon in clerical attire typically evokes a response in people, and I have decided I need to be more deliberate about doing this in public. I entered the grocery store to pick up a few things for our evening meal. There in aisle 4, the Global Foods section, I encountered three young men, who recently came to Minnesota from the country of Ghana. They greeted me warmly, we exchanged a few words and I was on my way.

A few minutes later in aisle 12, I encountered one of the men. He approached me and asked what church I belonged to, if it was Catholic and where it was located. I told him about St. Peter's and gave him my business card. We introduced ourselves, and I offered him a blessing. So there in aisle 12, I laid hands on this man from a world away and blessed him. I was reminded again of how beautifully our Lord orchestrates the people and situations in our lives.

The food I purchased for that evening was for a special meal with an honored guest. We met Ferome several years ago when he and Anne were paired up as behavioral specialists in a north Minneapolis school. The image of the two of them working the halls always makes me laugh. Ferome is about twice the size of Anne in both height and girth. He is a former gang member turned gang reformer, and Anne is a teacher with a passion for helping kids in crisis.

Ferome arrived for dinner after attending the wake for a two year old child, the latest casualty in the violence on the streets. He comforted the grieving family, said a prayer for the precious child who died, and then made his way to our house for dinner. Over the course of the next two hours, Ferome shared stories of his work with young men in the gangs of Minneapolis. He is a warrior of sorts who long ago laid down his weapons in favor of a gentle but firm hand for young men who have wandered.

"Therefore, put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day and, having done everything, to hold your ground."

After years of gang life and crime, Ferome gave his life to Christ. He will proudly raise his shirt to show any interested person the 13 bullet holes that are evidence of the life he left behind. He spent some of his youth and young adult years in prison. Now he walks the streets of north Minneapolis. His calling card is the respect he has earned by "walking the walk" and living up to his word with the young men he is trying to rescue from the gangs. He is regularly called upon to mediate violent encounters between rival gangs.

I gave him blessed salt and blessed oil to add to his arsenal for the spiritual battle. He smiled and thanked me. I then placed my stole over his shoulders, as I prayed over him. After each intercession I prayed for him and those he is trying to help. His strong voice echoed an "Amen." I felt the presence of holiness as I prayed over him. I felt honored and blessed to be able to bless him and to pray for the protection he needs to do the work he does in the streets.

I am blessed to know Ferome. Whenever I am in his presence, I feel the depth of his commitment to help those who have gone to the gangs. I feel the depth of his love for his brothers and sisters, and for his community. I also feel his pain. He carries the pain of those who have been lost in the battle and those he is desperately trying to save.

My prayer is that each of us would commit to pray for peace in our hearts, our homes, our community and our world. Peace is a gift that we must not take for granted. May God's peace come into our hearts and shine through our words and actions to others.

May God bless you with His peace!

Deacon Tim

Eucharistic Adoration

Parishioners and friends are welcome for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Historic Church on Tuesdays after the 9 a.m. Mass until 6 p.m.

Matthew 26:40-41—Jesus said to Peter:

"Could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray."

For more information please contact Jane Vasiliou at 651-454-5292 or jvasiliou@comcast.net

Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

Religious Education Preschool through Grade 8

Please remember to register for the 2016 - 2017 school year if you have not yet done so. Register online by going to St. Peter's website at www.stpetersmendota.org and clicking on the Faith Formation tab. In the drop down box, click on RE/FF Registration for 2016-17 and follow the directions located there. **The registration deadline was May 15. There will now be a late fee charged.** Please note that this is only for children ages 3 ½ yrs through Grade 8 in the fall of 2016.

Religious Education Programs (Preschool – Grade 8) for 2016-2017

- **Sunday School:** For ages 3 ½ through Kindergarten. Classes are held on Sunday mornings during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Classes begin September 25, 2016.
- **Grades 1 - 5:** Classes are held on Wednesdays. There are two sessions: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Classes begin on September 28, 2016.
- **Grade 6 - 8:** Classes are held on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Classes begin on September 28, 2016.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparation

- When you register your child for the Grade 2 class, he/she is in the First Reconciliation and First Eucharist programs.
- The Grade 2 classes are mostly held on Wednesdays and follow the Elementary schedule. However, there are several Tuesday evening classes that both child and parent need to attend.
- Children in Catholic schools must be prepared for the sacraments at their parish. Catholic schools do not prepare children to receive Reconciliation or First Eucharist.
- If you wish for your child to receive First Eucharist, he/she must first participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- If your child is older than Grade 2 and needs to be prepared for these Sacraments, please contact Kathy Raible at kraible@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4311.

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World Youth Day 2016

Follow our pilgrims!

Several groups of youth and young adults from the archdiocese, as well as Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens, are making a pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland, for World Youth Day (July 20 – August 2). Follow @WYD16archspm on Facebook, and search all social media using #WYD16archspm. Keep them, Pope Francis, and all those attending World Youth Day in your prayers!

Vocation Day for Young Men/ Daughters of God Retreat

The Saint Paul Seminary

Young Catholic men and women, ages 12-17, who are interested in deepening their faith and better discerning God's calling in their life, are invited to these one-day events on Saturday, August 20, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (check in is at 8:30 a.m.). The cost is \$15 per person or \$30 family maximum. Lunch will be provided. Register by August 1 to get a FREE Vocations Day t-shirt! Parents are invited to an informational session following the 9 a.m. Mass. For more information and to register, visit www.archspm.org/VocationsDay. If you have questions, please contact Patty McQuillan at 651-962-6890 or Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489.

New Preschool Program at Faithful Shepherd

Sign up now for Fall 2016!

We are excited to announce a new partnership with Lake Area Discovery Center to bring a NAEYC-accredited, Parent Aware preschool program (ages 3-5 years old) to Faithful Shepherd Catholic School, beginning in the Fall of 2016! Registration is now open.

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School Discovery Center is designed to meet children's individual needs and learning styles. We believe parents are the first and most important teachers, and we encourage parents to experience the center with their child. Faith is an important component of our curriculum. Lessons built on our Catholic faith are written into our curriculum and children participate in singing and worship.

For more information about the preschool program at Faithful Shepherd, visit www.fscsmn.org/discovery-center-preschool/.

ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Tours of the Historic Church

Have you ever wanted to hear more about the history of our parish? The Historic Church will be open for tours every Sunday from 12 noon to 2 p.m. now through Labor Day. You do not need a reservation and there is no fee for the tours. Feel free to stop in and learn about your community's very own historic site!



Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis asks us to "live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: 'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.'" (cf. Lk 6:36) Participate throughout the year by making a pilgrimage to a Holy Door at the Cathedral of Saint Paul or Basilica of Saint Mary, regularly receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and participating in the #MercyWorks video challenge. Find additional ways to **pray, learn** and **act** at www.archspm.org/Mercy.

The Catholic Watchmen

The Catholic Watchmen is coming to our parish.

The Catholic Watchmen is coming soon to our parish! The mission of the Catholic Watchmen is to respond to Bishop Cozzens' call to Catholic men to live up to their duty to be protectors, providers and leaders of their families. To accomplish this task, Catholic Watchmen learn and practice 7 Disciplines.

Attend monthly Catholic Watchmen Nights starting in September. Each Catholic Watchmen Night runs from 6:30-9 p.m. with a video presentation, social time and group discussion, with plans to provide food and beverage, as well as time for adoration and confession. Watch for more information over the summer! If you would like to be part of the parish vanguard or Core Team planning group, please contact the Catholic Watchmen Point Man at your parish, Jim Lodoen (612-201-2910). To learn more about this initiative go to www.thecatholicwatchmen.com.



Knights of Columbus Celebrate Life Walk

Get your walk in around the track at Eastview High School Stadium in Apple Valley **CELEBRATING LIFE!** On Saturday, August 6, walk anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Warm ups for the 5K Run will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided by the Knights of Columbus (free will offering).

All pledges of \$50 or more will receive a free t-shirt and will be eligible to win prizes, including an Apple watch and Beats headphones. Earn extra tickets with every \$25 in pledges. There will be face painting, rosary balloons and a water dunk tank! Print out your pledge forms at www.knightsforlifemn.org.



Marriage Encounter

Renew or rediscover your love for each other by attending the August 13-14 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center, 7984 West 257th Street in Farmington. For information or to register, visit www.marriages.org or you can call Mary Jackson at 651-454-3238.

The Catholic Spirit's 15th Annual Leading With Faith Awards Banquet

Archbishop Bernard Hebda will present the "Leading With Faith" Awards at a noon luncheon banquet on Thursday, August 18, in Rauenhorst Hall, Coeur de Catherine Building at St. Catherine University, 2004 Randolph Ave., St. Paul. You are invited to come help us honor this year's winners. For reservations, go to www.archspm.org/Events. You can also call Mary Gibbs at 651-251-7709 or email her at gibbsm@archspm.org.



Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

The Week of July 18

Monday, July 25

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
7 pm Catholic Watchmen, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, July 26

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:30 am Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament
 until 6 pm, Historic Church

Wednesday, July 27

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)

Thursday, July 28

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, July 29

- 8 am** Confessions, Main Church
9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)

Saturday, July 30

- 9 and 10:30 am**
 AA Meeting, Classrooms 2, 4
10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Community
 Room
3:30 pm Confessions, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm Mass, Main Church

Sunday, July 31

- 8:30 am and 10:30 am**
 Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass, Main Church
11 am Mass, Main Church



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Readings for the Week of July 24

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-6/Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8-11, 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, July 25 - †Bob Wilhelmy
Tuesday, July 26 - †Raymond Huberty
Wednesday, July 27 - Donald & Mary Friedlander
Thursday, July 28 - †Terry Wilkins
Friday, July 29 - †Norman Beskar
Saturday, July 30 - Mass For The People
Sunday, July 31 - 9 a.m. - †Larry Ryan
11 a.m. - †Br. Michael Gaworski

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Be Renewed by God's Mercy

Pope Francis said, "Let's not forget that God forgives and God forgives always." If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion - women, men, grandparents, siblings and health care professionals. The next retreat is August 5-7, in the Twin Cities area. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313, or see www.rvineyardmn.org.

The Gift of Being Grand

The Gift of Being Grandparents

Mark your calendar to attend *The Gift of Being Grand Catholic Grandparent Conference* on Saturday, August 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mary, Mother of the Church, 3333 Cliff Road East in Burnsville to learn how you can be equipped to pass on a Heritage of Faith. Join others for a conference unlike any other, where you will:

- Hear what God says about the role of grandparents.
- Gain ideas to strengthen your relationship with both adult children and grandchildren.
- Discover how to encourage faith in your own children – it's never too late.
- Learn about a parish plan to equip other grandparents at your church.
- Connect with other grandparents for encouragement.
- Reclaim a vision for intentional grand parenting and building faith in your family.

Grandparents are invited to take part in a survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJHYQ5Y>. The results from the survey will be utilized at the conference and be part of a resource book. Watch for registration, promotional materials and an event page coming soon. This event is sponsored by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.



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Growing Through Loss

Grief Ministry Opportunities

St. Peter's is part of a coalition of local churches that presents Growing Through Loss, a program of support and information for persons who are experiencing grief. Small group facilitators are needed for this coming year. Training is provided.

If you are a good listener and wish to minister to those experiencing grief, this ministry may be for you. If you are interested in sharing your gifts in this wonderful ministry, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org for more information.

Cardinal Burke to Speak at Divine Mercy Conference

Divine Mercy Conference at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Queen of the Americas Guild, along with the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin, is pleased to announce a two day conference at the Shrine on July 29 and 30. The theme of this year's conference is "Divine Mercy and the Freedom of Religion," a topic that is on the forefront of debate in today's society.

Highlights of the conference will include Mass and dinner with keynote speaker, His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Cardinal Patron of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and founder of the Shrine. Others on the panel of presenters will include Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, former Rector of the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy, Rev. David Pignato of St. John's Seminary in Boston, and Grammy nominated Catholic singer/songwriter, Marty Rotella.

The conference will be an excellent opportunity to enhance your faith and learn more about Divine Mercy, the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Shrine in La Crosse. In addition to informational speakers, the schedule will include Mass each day, group rosary prayer, and time for personal reflection.

A hotel and conference package will be offered. Space will be limited and area hotel rooms will be in short supply. Make your reservations now! For further information, please call the Queen of the Americas Guild at 630-584-1822 or register online at www.queenoftheamericasguild.org.

Catechetical Institute

Continue to Learn and Live the Catholic Faith.

**Come discover the plan that will transform your work,
your marriage, your family, your community...
your life!**

This fall, the Archbishop Harry J. Flynn Catechetical Institute will begin another two-year course at The Saint Paul Seminary campus. This course is taught by some of the best instructors in the Twin Cities, such as Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Jeff Cavins, Deacon Joe Michalak, Fr. John Klockeman, Dr. Bill Stevenson, Dr. Todd Flanders, Christina Smith and more. The program follows the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and will make sense of all things Catholic, deepen your faith, and lay out the roadmap to heaven.

The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules and meet on Monday evenings, from 7 to 9 p.m., with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module. Applications are now being accepted **through July 31** (extended deadline), for the class beginning in September. For more information and an application to become part of the Class of St. Teresa of Calcutta, call (651)962-5028 or visit www.CIstudent.com.

Cursillo Corner

A More Personal Relationship With Jesus Christ

Would you like to understand what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Please consider attending a Cursillo weekend. A Cursillo is a short course where you will learn what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and how to deepen your relationship through prayer, study and action.

Future events include:

- Sunday, July 31, at 6:30 p.m. (potluck) South East Metro Ultreya at Church of St Patrick, 3535 72nd Street East in Inver Grove Heights.
- Saturday, August 20, at 11:30 a.m., Twin Cities Cursillo Outdoor Mass and Potluck at Hyland Park, 10145 Bush Lake Road in Bloomington.
- Sunday, September 25, at 7 p.m., South East Metro Ultreya at the Church of St. Patrick in Inver Grove Heights.

For more information about all Cursillo events and weekend retreats, see www.tc-cursillo.org, e-mail janemarie.rief@gmail.com or call 651-485-7089.

St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards

Nominate someone today!

Do you know of someone who devotes his or her time helping the poor, elderly, disabled, pregnant, or is committed to praying for Respect Life issues? He or she may be our next Champion for Life! The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is looking to honor those who respect life at our annual St. John Paul II Champions for Life Awards. To submit a nomination or for more information, go to archspm.org and search keywords "Champions for Life." Nomination deadline is August 1. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489 or MFL@archspm.org.

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July 20, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Traditionally, at the beginning of each Mass, we stand and ask God and each other to forgive “what we have done and what we have failed to do.” It is a humbling prayer.

Today has been a day of asking for forgiveness for what we have done and what we have failed to do. In our statement filed in court this morning, the Archdiocese admitted to failures in the handling of Curtis Wehmeyer, who once served as priest of this Archdiocese. We failed to give priority to the safety and wellbeing of the children he hurt over his interests and those of the Archdiocese. In particular, we failed to prevent him from sexually abusing children. Those children, their parents, their family, their parish and others were harmed. We are sorry. I am sorry.

I know that words alone are not enough. We must do better. Far-reaching changes have already been underway. The Archdiocese has added lay personnel with relevant experience and solid expertise to help create the safest environments possible. The Civil Settlement Agreement with the Ramsey County Attorney, which today we expanded and extended for a total of four years, holds the Archdiocese accountable and ensures that our actions will continue to match our words. In court this morning, we presented our first progress report to Judge Teresa Warner and laid out to her our progress so far and our commitment going forward.

When I arrived here about a year ago, criminal and civil charges against the Archdiocese had just been announced. A decision had to be made: do we fight the charges in court – which would have taken years of time and resources -- or do we work with the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office to try to make amends to those harmed and achieve justice for all in the broadest possible way. I am grateful that the Lord seems to have offered guidance in many different forms. I am particularly appreciative for the advice that was provided by our lay leadership at the Archdiocesan level, as well as for the wise counsel and support of my brother priests and deacons.

Cooperation seems to have been the right avenue for achieving a just resolution. Today, the Ramsey County Attorney dismissed the criminal charges. More importantly, through our Civil Settlement Agreement, John Choi and I have committed to a course of action that will keep kids as safe as possible. I am grateful that his office will hold us

accountable. Over the past year, we worked with Mr. Choi and his team to define how the Archdiocese can best create and maintain safe environments for children in our parishes, schools and communities. Over the past six months, we have demonstrated our commitment to that path. Today, we humbly acknowledge our past failures and look forward to continuing down that path to achieve those vital, common goals that together we all share.

I pledge to all victims and survivors, to the community, and to you, my brothers and sisters of this local Church, to move forward openly, collaboratively and humbly, and always mindful of our past. We will never forget.

I ask that you continue to pray for all victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please also pray for me and know of my daily prayer for you.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "+ Bernard A. Hebda". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis