

**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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***AUGUST 13, 2017***

Dear beloved sisters and brothers,

As you've heard, Alpha is coming to our parish this Fall. Alpha is an 11-week course that is focused on the essential, core message of the Gospel: faith and salvation in Jesus Christ, who empowers us by the gift of the Holy Spirit to live a new life. Alpha has helped millions of people come to faith, grow in their faith and be enkindled with a new enthusiasm for living the faith.

Since Alpha focuses on the basic message of the Gospel, which is common to all Christians, it is ecumenical in its approach - that is, open to all. The fruitful success of Alpha all around the world is its simple, warm approach of gathering people around a meal for teaching and light hearted discussions regarding the big questions of life. These are some of the questions: Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus? How can I have faith? Why and how do I pray? Why and how should I read the Bible? How does God guide us? Who is the Holy Spirit? How can I resist evil?

The reason for bringing Alpha to our parish is simple. Jesus said, "I came that they (those who follow me) may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10). There's a big difference between living our own concepts of a "good life" and the "abundant life" that Jesus came to give us. The Gospel account of Peter walking on the water is a great example of this. Peter could have stayed in the boat, hugging his fear and playing it safe. Had he done so, he would have never discovered what more he could do through Jesus Christ. Walk on water? Really?! Jesus said, "Come." Peter stepped out of the boat, which represents all that is safe, secure and familiar and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. Amazing! And Peter, together with this small band of disciples, will do far greater than this after Jesus' resurrection. By the gift of the Holy Spirit, they will begin to set the world on fire with faith in Jesus Christ.

In my years of ministry, one thing that troubles and saddens me most is when I encounter people stuck in a hopeless complacency. These people do not think or believe there is anything more to life other than what they know or what is familiar to them. They remain in the same place year after

year, completely unaware of the fruitful, abundant life Jesus offers them. They lack the deep, abiding joy and enthusiasm for life that comes through the Spirit. It's more about survival and just getting through another day, another week.

Jesus did not suffer, die and rise from the dead, so that you and I could simply live a good life, or a better life, and even less, a safe and joyless life. Jesus came to bring us an "abundant life," life to the full. The Alpha course is simply a useful tool to help awaken and foster this gift of New Life within those who attend.

I hope you will prayerfully consider attending the Alpha course this Fall or sometime in the near future. We will be offering the course each year, giving everyone a chance to attend. There is no preparation needed; just come as you are. Please keep your eye on the bulletin for further details and information on how you can register.

Be assured of my continued prayers for you and your families.

God overwhelm you with his love,

Fr. Steven

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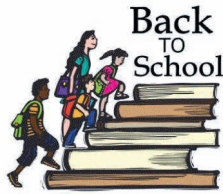
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YOUTH NEWS

BACK TO SCHOOL 2017-2018

Sunday School and Grades 1-8

As your child(ren) get ready to head back to school, please remember to register for Religious Education! Sunday School and Religious Education for Grades 1-8 registration is available online by going to St. Peter's website and clicking on the Faith Formation tab. In the drop down box, click on RE/FF Registration for 2017 - 2018 and follow the directions located there. **The registration deadline was May 15. Registrations will now be charged a late fee.**



Perissos/Confirmation

Do you have a high school teen looking to be involved in our high school youth group called Perissos? Paper registration forms are available on the info table or can be downloaded from our website. All high school youth are welcome to participate and **active participation is required for those preparing for Confirmation in June of 2018.**

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BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Submit via website, to Mary LeClair
(maryleclair62@gmail.com) or call the parish office.

WEDDING BANNS

Third Proclamation

Michael Janicki and Kathy Stauble
and
William Maher and Anne Dancy



HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the history of our parish? Our Historic Church will be open for **FREE** tours every Sunday through Labor Day, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Feel free to stop in and learn about your community's very own historic site!



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.



ALPHA SIGN UPS BEGIN AUGUST 19



Alpha is coming to St. Peter's in September. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. It will run from September 18 through December 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in Heritage Center.

Alpha consists of a meal, a talk and small group discussion. It is an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. It is designed to create and/or deepen a personal relationship with Jesus.

Sign ups will begin August 19, on St. Peter's website. You may also sign up after all Masses on August 19 and 20, and on August 26 and 27.

Mark your calendars and join us! Space is limited to 50 participants. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Reding at 612-419-1709 or at lreding1@aol.com.

UGANDA MISSION PIG ROAST

Join the Ugandan mission team for a pig roast after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 9. Fr. Lawrence Kimbowa and Fr. Charles Muyimba will be visiting to thank you for your support and to provide an update on mission activities. Free will donations will be gratefully accepted. One hundred percent (100%) of these donations will be given to the mission.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIZZA NIGHT AT SOLOS



The Knights of Columbus 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, August 16, 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.



FALL FESTIVAL

ST. PETER'S FALL FESTIVAL



Sunday, October 1
One Mass at 10 a.m.
Festival—11:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fall Festival

Raffle - The grand prize is \$5,000, 1st place is \$2,000, 2nd place is \$1,000. We will sell only 1,000 tickets, so act fast! Tickets are \$25 each. They go on sale the weekend of August 26/27.

Events - Pork dinner, silent auction, kids' games, concessions, Country Store, inflatable obstacle course, bingo, wine raffle, face painting, four square tug-o-war, Duggan's Dash and Historic Church tours.

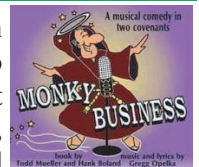
We are now accepting donations for the Country Store and silent auction.

There is a flyer in today's bulletin regarding sponsorship to our Fall Festival. We would greatly appreciate any type of donation, whether it be items for the silent auction and the country store, pies for the pork dinner, prayers or a monetary donation to help make this fall festival successful. Thank you in advance from the Fall Festival Committee for helping to make this the most successful and fun festival yet!

If you are interested in volunteering or in making a donation, please call Gail Barta at 651-454-9552 or email Anne O'Keefe at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org.

ST. PETER'S GROUP TRIP

Our next group trip is scheduled! Join us on Friday, September 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will spend the afternoon at Day Trippers Theater in Bloomington, where we will enjoy a beautiful lunch and take in the matinee showing of "*Monky Business: A Musical Comedy in Two Covenants*."



The fun-loving monks of Saint Bernard's Monastery are in a jam. Abbot Costello and his four beleaguered brethren have just learned that a real-estate developer is about to turn their monastery into a gambling hall called Bernie's Casino Royale. Unless the merry Men in Brown can raise \$250,000 dollars by midnight, they are done for. Luckily, the Brothers have a divine plan. Good and evil race to beat a midnight deadline in this hilarious hit musical.

Cost per person is \$55; space is limited. To register, please stop by the office or contact Lisa Amos, Pastoral Associate, at 651-905-4304 or 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.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday:	Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21--19:1
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 14	† Elizabeth Orme
Tuesday, August 15, 9 am	† Walter Lucking
Tuesday, Aug 15, 6:30 pm	Mass For The People
Wednesday, August 16	† Herbert Mischke
Thursday, August 17	† Bill Bordenave
Friday, August 18	Priests & Religious
Saturday, August 19	Mass For The People
Sunday, August 20, 9 a.m.	Clare McCanna
11 a.m.	† James William Garrett

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: AUGUST 14

Monday, August 14

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

Tuesday, August 15

8:30 am Rosary, Historic Church

9 am Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Main Church

9:30 am Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament until 6 pm, Historic Church

6:30 pm Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Main Church

Wednesday, August 16

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

Thursday, August 17

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

7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, August 18

8 am Confession, Main Church

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

Saturday, August 19

9 am & 10:30 am

AA Meeting, Classrooms

10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Conference Room 1

3:30 pm Confession, Main Church

4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

5 pm Mass, Main Church

6 pm ALPHA Sign-Ups, Gathering Space

Sunday, August 20

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

9 am Mass, Main Church

10 am ALPHA Sign-Ups, Gathering Space

10:30 am Rosary for St. Peter's Parish, Historic Church

10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

11 am Mass, Main Church

12 PM Baptism, Main Church

12 pm ALPHA Sign-Ups, Gathering Space

12 pm Historic Church Tours, Historic Church



But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"



PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



When Jesus invites Peter to step out of the boat to walk toward Him on the water, it's an invitation to step out in faith. Where in our life is Jesus asking us to step out in faith, beyond our fears and comforts? Let's pray for the grace this week to take that step with Him.

FROM GRIEF TO GRACE

Healing The Wounds of Abuse

Grief to Grace is a five-day retreat fully centered upon the healing love of Jesus Christ. It is for anyone who has suffered physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. This effective model of care provides a powerful therapy for the soul. Our next local G2G Retreat is scheduled for August 20 - 25. For more information or to answer your questions, please visit www.griefftograce.org or contact Diane at diane@griefftograce.org or 612-440-7247.



A past attendee commented, "I was fascinated by the retreat and speechless at the depth of the growth and healing it facilitated." "He walks with me and my wounds are sacred to Him. He weeps with me and for me."

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

If you, or someone you know, has been thinking about becoming Catholic, we would very much like to hear from you! To begin, we'd like to get to know you and help you to learn more about the process. We will answer any questions you may have. We look forward to helping those baptized in other Christian traditions, the unbaptized and anyone who may already have made their First Communion as a child, but has not received the sacrament of Confirmation. For more information or to schedule a private inquiry meeting to discuss your own faith journey, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or email her at lamos@stpetersmendota.org.



*Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend*

ST. PETER'S PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Jesus chose the desert as a place to pray in solitude. He fought temptation - the temptations of the devil himself. He taught us how to be victorious over temptation. We must desire victory over it. Call upon the Lord to help you fight temptation, any temptation, every temptation. All too often, we crowd out the opportunity to be victorious for Christ. We allow "my schedule," "my time," "my life" to come before the voice of Christ, which says, "Come to Me." When we permit this, temptation wins. We can try to pray as St. Augustine prayed, "God, give me the grace to triumph over my enemy, temptation." When we open ourselves to the graces of making time with Jesus a priority, we can overcome every challenge and temptation.



*"Jesus is waiting for you in the chapel.
Go and find him when your strength
And patience are giving out,
When you feel lonely and helpless.
Say to him: 'You know well what is happening,
My dear Jesus, I have only you.
Come to my aid.'
And then go your way.
Don't worry about knowing
How you are going to manage.
It is enough
To have told the Lord.
He has an excellent memory."*

~ Jeanne Jugan, Little Sisters of the Poor

You have an opportunity to bring all your temptations and heartaches to Jesus, here at St. Peter's! All are welcome and encouraged to participate. To schedule your hour at adoration, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304, or Mark Mischke at 651-481-6900. You may also complete a registration card found in the Gathering Space.

HELP NEEDED WITH LOAVES AND FISHES: FEEDING THE HOMELESS



Every other month, parishioners prepare and serve a hot meal to those who most need it.

We are looking for at least three new cooking team members. Please consider becoming part of our ministry team!

If you are looking for new ways to be involved in caring for God's beloved poor, contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304. You will have plenty of training and guidance!

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