

**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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Dear beloved in Christ,

We are about to enter together another season of Lent—praise God. I have always loved this special season of grace and conversion, mainly because I know I need it, but also for the blessings it brings. I'm sure you have found the same to be true. As we open our heart to greater intimacy through prayer, deeper purification through self-denial and progress in love through works of charity, we feel better, we live better and we experience the joy and peace of soul that always increase as we become more like Jesus.

Even though we may struggle as we take up this way of penance, especially the "sacrifice" and "self-denial" part, we know that if we generously take up this cross with Jesus, He will share with us the fruits of His resurrection. I would love, for example, to rise to a greater humility of heart, where I can forget myself more and more, and be only about God and His wonderful will. I desire and pray for this humility, because I find myself so weak when it comes to living the life Jesus teaches us in the Gospel. Humility will help me lean more upon the Lord and His strength, allowing me to do the wiser and more loving things I previously thought impossible.

Without at first realizing it, the desire for a more humble heart will mean asking for the grace to grow in prayer, for prayer is the first and most important exercise of humility. Prayer is the cry of a child that knows it will be heard, that knows it is loved. May we all yearn for that child-likeness that is completely comfortable with dependence and unwavering in trustful surrender to God. How much different all our lives will be when we are humble like Jesus.

We are so wonderfully made by the Lord and even more wonderfully redeemed—we are the masterpiece of God's creation and the cherished object of salvation. This is why Lent is also a season of Hope, as we yield our unfinished selves to the Potter's able hands. This heavenly Potter likes to use many different instruments to form the cherished vessels that we are. Sacraments, relationships, situations and circumstances—all the daily stuff of life can serve to give our life that Christ-like shape that will be uniquely ours for all eternity. All the vessels God makes will be noble and beautiful, but not in the same way.

The Stations of the Cross that we relive each Lent will be a powerful reminder of how much we have been loved by Jesus our Savior, the One who has wept over us, was scourged and wounded for us, crucified and died for us. In Lent we pray to allow this tremendous, redeeming love to have its way, to unleash its power to transform us. The various practices we take up during this sacred time are then simply our willing response to the One who has loved us first.

Be assured of my special prayers for you and your families this Lent, and I thank you in advance for all your prayers for me. May our Lady, the Mother of God, keep us all close to her son Jesus, our living Hope.

God love you,

Fr. Steven

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YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday – There will be no Grade 1 – 8 classes. We encourage families to attend Ash Wednesday Mass at 7 a.m., 9 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

The Lenten Soup Supper will be served beginning at 5 p.m. in Heritage Center.

Sunday School and Children's Liturgy of the Word

There will be no Sunday School or Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, February 18. Programs will resume on February 25.

MINUTE TO WIN IT GAMES AT FSCS

Father Steven and Lisa Amos represented St. Peter's Parish at the FSCS Minute-to-win-it games. They proudly took second place!



PIZZA BINGO FUN!



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.

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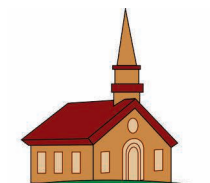
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ALPHA BEGINS AT ST. PETER'S



Alpha will begin at St. Peter's on Monday, February 19. In a recent homily, Deacon Tim asked the question, "Have you met Jesus?" Alpha is a place to meet Jesus and to explore the basics of the Christian faith. It will take place on Mondays, February 19 through May 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in Heritage Center. Alpha consists of a meal, a video 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 and create fellowship. One recent participant commented, "Great sharing with fellow participants!" Another said, "I really entered into a relationship with the Holy Spirit." You can register online at www.stpetersmendota.org/alpha-registration/. In the meantime, mark your calendars and plan to join us! Space is limited. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Reding at 612-419-1709 or lreding1@aol.com.



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2018 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL



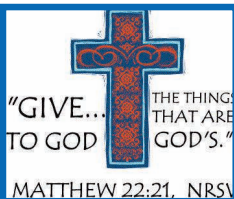
As a follow-up to the Catholic Services Appeal Commitment Weekend, we look forward to partnering with you to love and strengthen our thousands of neighbors who are supported through the 18 Collective Ministries of the Archdiocese.

If you have not already done so, please fill out your 2018 pledge form and drop it in the plate or mail it directly to the CSAF processing center using the prepaid envelope you received in the mail from the CSAF.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Catholic Services Appeal!

The 18 Collective Ministries served by the Catholic Services Appeal are:

1. American Indian Ministry
2. Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW)
3. Campus Ministry—Newman Center
4. Campus Ministry—Saint Paul's Outreach
5. Catholic Charities
6. Deaf Ministry
7. Elementary School Subsidies and Scholarships
8. Evangelization and Catechesis
9. High School Scholarships
10. Hospital Chaplains
11. Latino Ministry
12. Marriage, Family and Life
13. Parishes
14. Prison Chaplains
15. Saint John Vianney College Seminary
16. The Saint Paul Seminary
17. Venezuelan Mission
18. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities



Financial Recap July 1 to February 4, 2018

YTD Actual Collections:	\$598,473
YTD Budgeted Collections:	\$576,243
Difference:	\$22,230

To donate electronically visit www.stpetersmendota.org and click on Stewardship & Community Life or call Mary in the parish office at 651-905-4307.



Please join us for Ash Wednesday Mass:
7:00 am Historic Church
9:00 am Main Church
6:30 Main church

LENTEN MEALS

CCW Soup Supper

Wednesday, February 14, 5-7pm

Meal includes soup, breadsticks and beverages
A free will donation will be accepted for Sharing and Caring Hands.

Workcamp Pasta Dinner

Friday, February 23, 5-7pm

Meal includes pasta, salad, bread and beverages
Adults - \$8 Kids - \$5 Family - \$25

Boy Scouts' Fish Dinner

Friday, March 2 AND Friday, March 23, 4:30-7pm

Meal includes fish, potatoes, coleslaw, vegetable, macaroni and cheese, dessert and beverages
Adults - \$10 Children 2-11 - \$7
Children under 2 (with paid adult) - Free

**Stations of the Cross will be held Fridays at 6:30 pm,
February 16 - March 23**

CATHOLIC WATCHMEN

All men are invited to attend the Catholic Watchmen and Men's Club monthly meeting on Thursday, February 15, at 6:30 p.m., in Heritage Center to hear Fr. Daly's message on Discipline Number 5, "Serve and Be a Witness to Family and Community." Join us for social time, dinner and discussion. For more information, contact Jim Lodoen at 952-707-0539 or jlodoen@lindquist.com, or John Vogel at 651-587-3073 or john.p.vogel@skf.com.

CATHOLIC SPIRIT MAGAZINE

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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:

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11

Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday:	Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, February 12	† John & Midge Phillips
Tuesday, February 13	† Martha Smith
Wed., February 14, 7 am	Mass For The People
9 am	† Marian & Leo Reding
6:30 pm	Ashley Nichols
Thursday, February 15	† Dutch Sedoris
Friday, February 16	† Louis John Chapdelaine
Saturday, February 17	Dee Hazuka
Sunday, February 18, 9 am	Mass For The People
11 am	† Dan Chapdelaine

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 12

Monday, February 12

- 9 am** Mass, **Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)
- 6:30 pm** Alpha Training, Heritage Center
- 7 pm** Men's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
- 7 pm** Cub Scout Pack Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, February 13

- 9 am** Mass, **Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)
- 10 am** Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
- 10:30 am** Mobile Meals, Off Campus
- 7 pm** Endow, Family Room

Wednesday, February 14

- 7 am** Ash Wednesday Mass, **Historic Church**
- 9 am** Ash Wednesday Mass, **Main Church** (8:30 Rosary)
- 9:45 am** Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
- 5 pm** Lent Soup Supper, Heritage Center
- 6:30 pm** Ash Wednesday Mass, **Main Church**

Thursday, February 15

- 9 am** Mass, **Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)
- 9:45 am** Small Faith Group, Conference Room
- 6:30 pm** Women's Bible Study, Conference Room
- 6:30 pm** Catholic Watchmen & St. Peter's Men's Club, Heritage Center
- 6:30 pm** ACCL, Family Room
- 7 pm** AA Meeting, Classroom 5
- 7 pm** Finance Meeting, Ravoux Room

Friday, February 16

- 8 am** Reconciliation (**Main Church**)
- 9 am** Mass, **Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)
- 6:30 pm** Stations of the Cross with Benediction, **Main Church**

Saturday, February 17

- 9 am & 10:30 am** AA Meeting, Classrooms
- 10 am** Saturday Scripture Study, Conference Rm
- 3:30 pm** Reconciliation, **Main Church**
- 4:30 pm** Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
- 5 pm** Mass with Rite of Sending and Calling to Continuing Conversion, **Main Church**

Sunday, February 18 - Hospitality Sunday Hosted by the Men's Club

- 8:30 am** Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
- 9 am** Mass—Teaching Parish Sunday, **Main Church**
- 10:30 am** Rosary for St. Peter's, Chapel of the Nativity
- 10:30 am** Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
- 11 am** Mass—Teaching Parish Sunday, **Main Church**

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Jesus longs to heal us in our deepest places of sin, sorrow and pain. We encounter His healing mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation as our sins are forgiven. We are strengthened and renewed in the Eucharist. Let us allow

Jesus to heal us and set us free!

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Visiting those who are sick or infirm is one of the means God gloriously uses to grant us a heavenly focus in our lives. There are many in our parish family who will be cheered and nourished when you visit them, bearing with you the very Presence of Christ. As we work to identify those in our community, our dependence on your generosity increases.

St. Peter's is seeking commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to bring the Eucharist to the sick and the homebound, as well as to serve in nursing homes in our community. Candidates for this ministry are those who have a compassion for those who may be suffering, a friendly and warm disposition, a deep love of Jesus Christ and a desire to bring the incredible gift of Christ in the Eucharist to our sisters and brothers. Training is provided; times and days are flexible. Long and short-term assignments are needed. For more information, please call Lisa Amos, Pastoral Associate, at 651-905-4304 or email her at lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

RESOURCE CENTER

Anytime you are looking for resources to encourage and help you to grow in faith, consider checking out the Resource Center located in the Gathering Space. You will find books, CD's and pamphlets about a variety of subjects. In addition, you will be able to choose spiritual reading that you can trust, recommended by Fr. Steven, Lisa Amos and Elizabeth McCanna (yes - there are even books for teens and young adults!).

This center is self-funded. We ask that those who are able to do so, please donate \$5/CD, \$1/pamphlet and the list price of the books you choose (usually listed on the back cover). Because we want everyone to be able to enjoy these resources, whether they can contribute or not, we welcome any additional donations, above these suggestions. There is a slot in the center to place your donation. If you are unable to donate, please take a resource anyway!



READ THE BIBLE

ADORATION CHAPEL

With Valentine's Day upon us, we focus on love and, specifically, love from the heart. We give the people we care about a Valentine, which, although decorated with various things, almost always includes a heart of some sort. Why a heart? Our heart says everything about ourselves. You have probably heard the phrases; "he or she has a big heart," "she has the heart of a lion," "he has a gentle heart," "she plays sports with a big heart" or "he has a heart of gold." What does Jesus's Sacred Heart say to us about Him? It speaks volumes and says everything we need to get to know Him. His Divine Heart, and his human one, pumped the Precious Blood that was shed for us to be forgiven from our sins. It is what has cleansed us from every impurity. His Heart represents perfect love, joy, mercy, humility, graciousness, dignity and life itself. Our Blessed Mother's Immaculate Heart held no malice, no evil and no sin. As Scripture mentions, Mary pondered the many things that God revealed to her in her heart. What is in our hearts? Please come to Jesus in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Peter's and find out what the Lord's Heart has in store for you! All are welcome!

The chapel is closed for Masses. If you need a sub for your hour, please refer to our substitute roster to cover your hour in advance. Contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or at lamos@stpetersmendota.org to sign up for an hour of adoration. We still need adorers at the following hours:

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

BOOK GROUPS

Small faith groups are a wonderful way to form relationships of support and encouragement with others who share your love of Jesus. Book study groups are a terrific way to start. If you have thought about gathering friends in your home or local venues, but don't know where to begin, we can help! Fr. Steven has put together a spiritual reading book study guide, and we can recommend books. The titles by Fr. Jacques Philippe in our resource center are just right for this type of study. For further book suggestions or a copy of the reading guide, contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

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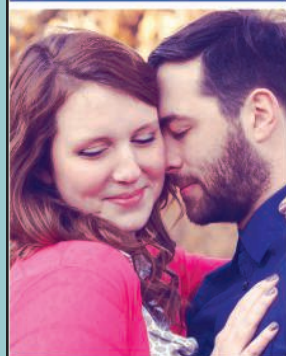
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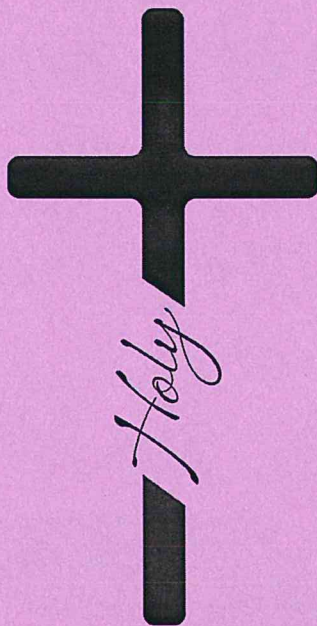
Please bring a container for takeouts, which will be available after 5 p.m., if you want to take some home.

Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at:

- ♦ 7 a.m. in the Historic Church
- ♦ 9 a.m. in the Main Church
- ♦ 6:30 p.m. in the Main Church

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*Join us for
Stations of the Cross and Adoration*

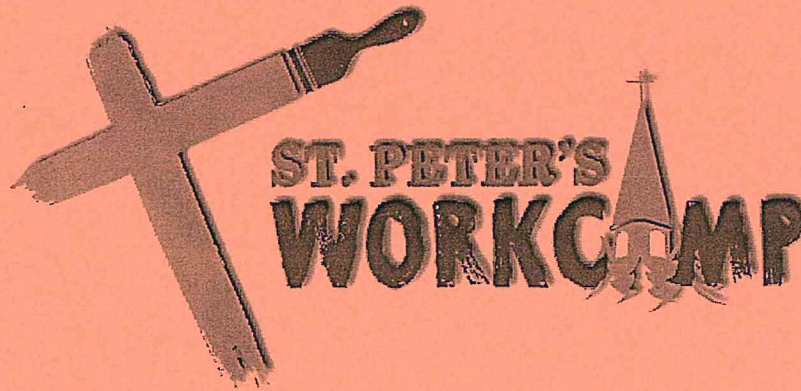


Stations of the Cross and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction will take place on Fridays during Lent as follows:

February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 and 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Church.

All are welcome and encouraged to experience this service of prayer and reflection on our Lenten journey.

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