

**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.***First Sunday of Lent******FEBRUARY 18, 2018***

We begin again our Lenten journey. Marked with ashes, our pilgrimage begins, as we enter the desert with Jesus to fast and pray.

St. Mark's gospel reading this Sunday leaves out many of the details of Jesus' sojourn into the desert. Mark is a man of few words, but we certainly understand, from this short presentation, that Jesus was driven into the desert by the Spirit and endured temptation by Satan during his forty days there. We can learn much about overcoming temptation, by following Jesus through these days of Lenten journey.

Lent is about discipline. This is a term that typically evokes a negative connotation. Some of us might equate discipline with punishment. We may recall being "disciplined" by parents or teachers—in some cases, maybe harshly. The discipline of Lent is not intended to be a punishment but a "training" for Eternal Life. During this beautiful season of grace, we are called to step up our acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Fasting

Jesus endured forty days in the desert without nourishment. Most of us can't imagine going even a few hours without something to eat or drink (I know I can't). Our required Lenten fasts are very modest compared to what our Lord endured during his stay in the desert. The practice of giving up something for Lent is a way of saying "no" to things of this world, so we can say "yes" more deliberately to God. As I write this article, I am happily sipping a diet soda, one of the things on my "give it up for God" list! I know that I will miss my favorite beverage, but I also know that in giving it up, I am tempering my passion for food and drink.

Fasting helps us tame our appetites for worldly things. In addition to giving up certain foods, we might also consider fasting from our use of electronic media, fasting from gossip and criticism or fasting from other favorite activities. As we fast from something that we typically enjoy, it is helpful for us to remember why we are fasting. These little acts of giving up something help us to be grateful for all that we have and to learn to discipline our wills.

I want to offer a caution to be kind to yourself if you slip occasionally with your Lenten practices. It is easy to just give up when we are tempted toward something that we

have chosen to give up for Lent. If you slip, simply renew your resolution and begin again!

Feasting

There is so much grace in this season of preparation for the Lord's resurrection, if we choose to receive it. Lent is a time to step up our prayer. If you are accustomed to praying for 15 minutes, consider doubling that time during the Lenten season. Many of us find that we simply don't have time to pray or engage in spiritual practices in our busy lives. By fasting from some of the activities we normally do, we will gain extra time that can be spent in prayer. We can also feast on spiritual reading, during the Lenten season. Our resource area is filled with wonderful books that will fill your soul and provide fruit for meditation during this season. Lent is a time for diving into scripture. Take your Bible with you to work, to school or on the bus. Spend a few minutes reading the Gospel stories or praying the Psalms.

One very beautiful way of feasting during this Lenten season is to feast on the face of Christ in Eucharistic Adoration. Our chapel is open throughout the day and night, and Jesus is waiting for you. Of all the things we can do during this season, face time with Jesus in adoration is among the most beautiful. Jesus is always waiting for us, ready to spend time with us and to renew us. If you are already a regular adorer, consider making an extra visit each week during the Lenten season. If you have not yet visited our Lord in the adoration chapel, this is a wonderful time to experience his Holy Presence.

So let's begin this journey together. Our Lord walks with us through this time of seeking a deeper relationship with Him through our Lenten practices. God wants to give each of us something beautiful this Lenten season. Let us open our hearts as we give Him our special offerings and allow Him to heal us and restore us.

Wishing you a blessed Lenten journey.

Deacon Tim

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YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday, February 21

Grade 2 meet in classrooms. Grades 1, 3-5 meet in their homes.

Grades 6-8 meet in their classrooms.

Perissos meets in Youth Room at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School and Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

Wednesday, February 28

First Eucharist Parent and Child Session II

Please note that we have our Parent & Child session at 4:30 and 6:30 pm. Parents will meet with Kathy in Heritage Center and children will go to their classrooms.

If you have any questions, or if you will not be able to attend this session, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



The Random Acts of Kindness Cross is in the Gathering Space by the elevator. Each time you perform a random act of kindness—an act you perform because of a “desire to connect, to lend a helping hand and/or to extend ourselves out into the world”—please put a tissue paper flower into the cross. By Easter, we will have a blooming cross of kindness!

KIDS' CHANGE FOR KIDS: TO UGANDA WITH LOVE

During Lent, we are asked to give alms. In order to encourage our youth and children to follow this Lenten practice, we are sponsoring a child in Uganda. Please have children and youth bring in money that they have earned to help support this child. They may bring the money to their religion class and put it in the can located on the teacher's desk. All proceeds go to support this child. We will continue to collect money through Lent.

FSCS NOW ENROLLING

Academic excellence, faith-based education and a supportive community that engages the whole family are just a few reasons that our families love our school! We are currently enrolling grades K through 8 for the 2018-2019 school year! To learn more, visit www.fscsmn.org or call Jen Claude at 651-262-2898. We look forward to meeting you and sharing our school with you!



OFFICE INFORMATION

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BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

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ALPHA BEGINS AT ST. PETER'S



Alpha will begin at St. Peter's tomorrow, 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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Leave as a Friend*



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OPERATION ANDREW DINNER

On Tuesday, March 6, Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Bishop Andrew Cozzens and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite men, ages 16 to 50, discerning the priesthood to dinner and conversation with vocations testimonials on priesthood and religious life. It takes place at the Archdiocesan Chancery, 777 Forest Street, St. Paul.

It is typical for a pastor, religious or youth minister to accompany each discerning guest. Register before March 2. Email stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org or call the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890.

NOW HIRING COLLEGE AGED YOUNG ADULTS FOR TEACHING

Apply to be a team member for the Totus Tuus Summer Catechetical Program! We are in need of college age men and women who feel called to share their Catholic faith with the youth from local parishes around the Archdiocese. Positions are a 2-month commitment (6/1-7/28), which includes one week of training and one week break for the 4th of July. Each team member will receive \$2,520 for their work. Find application forms at www.archspm.org/TotusTuus.



Financial Recap July 1 to February 11, 2018

YTD Actual Collections:	\$614,961
YTD Budgeted Collections:	\$590,669
Difference:	\$24,292

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

LENTEN MEALS

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

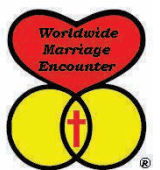
Stations of the Cross will be held Fridays at 6:30 p.m., February 16 through March 23

FIND PEACE THIS LENTEN SEASON

Pope Francis said, "God is always waiting for you." 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 March 2-4, in the Twin Cities area. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvinyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or visit www.rvinyardmn.org.

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

Ever thought about getting away and doing something special for your marriage but just never had the time to do it?



Here's your opportunity! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Catholic based marriage enrichment program that will be held the weekend of July 27-29. The weekend will be held at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School. This will be a non-residential weekend, meaning you will go home at the end of the day and return the next morning. The weekend begins Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. For more information about WWME or to register for the weekend, go to www.wwme.org or call 612-226-8378. Space will be limited, so we suggest registering early.

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.



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 FEBRUARY 18

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc--8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, February 19	† Debbie Ginder
Tuesday, February 20	Dorothy & Wayne Thalhuber
Wed., February 21,	† Rick Smith
Thursday, February 22	† Louis John Chapdelaine
Friday, February 23	† George Zirnheld
Saturday, February 24	Ava Mayers
Sunday, February 25, 9 am	† Bill Stock
11 am	Mass For The People

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 19

Monday, February 19

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

Tuesday, February 20

9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)
10 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm Prayer Workshop, Heritage Center

Wednesday, February 21

9 am **Mass, Main Church** (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
10 am Prayer Workshop, Heritage Center
4:30 pm Grade 2 meet in their classrooms. Grades 1, 3-5 meet in their homes.
6:30 pm Perissos, Youth Room
6:30 pm Grade 2 meet in their classrooms. Grades 1, 3-5 meet in their homes. Grades 6-8 meet in their classrooms.

Thursday, February 22

9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)
9:30 am Potluck Birthday Breakfast, Heritage Center
1 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting, Family Room
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study, Conference Room
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, February 23

8 am **Reconciliation (Main Church)**
9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)
5 pm Workcamp Pasta Dinner, Heritage Center
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross with Benediction, Main Church

Saturday, February 24

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

Sunday, February 25

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am **Mass, Main Church**
9 am Sunday School, Classrooms
9 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Room
10:30 am Rosary for St. Peter's, Chapel of the Nativity
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
11 am **Mass, Main Church**
11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Room
12 pm Chill, Too!, Youth Room
6:30 pm Uganda Team Meeting, Conference Room

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



In our Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent, we hear again about temptation. Jesus knows that we are tempted and wants to experience temptation Himself in order to obtain for us the grace to overcome the enticements to sin in our life. As His disciples, Jesus offers us His help. Let's pray this week to be aware of temptation and more intentional about asking for His protection and strength to resist.

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.

ENDOW

St. Peter's offers Endow, a ministry for young, single women. Do you want to become the best version of yourself? Would you like to discover more fully that you are made in the image and likeness of God? It is the vision of Endow that, through weekly group discussion, each woman encounters her infinite value and dignity, untold talents and beauty. Meetings are on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Family Room, beginning March 6.

For more information visit www.endowgroups.org or contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.



ADORATION CHAPEL

On a recent Sunday after Mass, my wife Linda, son Jacob and I were driving to visit a friend who is in prison. On the drive, we were talking about the Sunday readings and Father Steven's homily on the importance of spreading Jesus' teachings to one another and all over. Jacob is a junior at the University of St.



Thomas and would soon be leaving to spend his second semester in Rome. He mentioned his concern for young people, because he feels that his generation has a hard time hearing Jesus' voice and having a personal relationship with Him because of the distractions of their lives. Whether it's Hollywood, television, social media, emails, voicemails or all the various ways of communicating, in some ways they are prohibiting us from communicating with Christ. What we need is quiet, where we can hear Christ's voice through the noise. Have you ever stopped to think about how noisy our lives are? Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God." Why does God say this? Because He knows there are many other voices bombarding us each day. We need that quiet time, if for nothing more than to quiet and declutter our minds, so we can focus on what is important. In the silence we are better disposed to hear God's voice for direction, comfort, forgiveness, wisdom, understanding and much more. Outside of Mass, there are few better places to go than our adoration chapel. There you will find the quiet that you need to be able to spend quality time with Jesus. You will hear His voice. Are you listening for it? Whatever brings life is from Jesus! All are welcome. God bless you all!

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
Saturday	3 to 4 am	Monday	2 to 3 pm		
Saturday	4 to 5 am	Wednesday	2 to 3 pm		
Saturday	5 to 6 am	Friday	4 to 5 pm		

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the fourth Thursday of every month, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., in the Family Room. Our next meeting is February 22. Those who knit or 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 612-578-0377.

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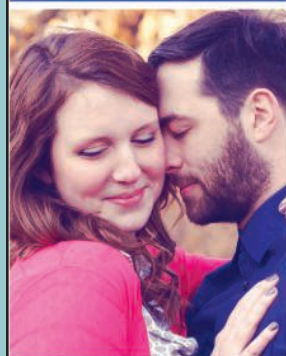
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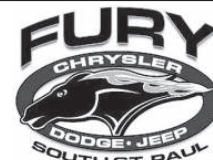
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Children: \$5

Family: \$25

For more information about
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