

# Church of ST. PETER MENDOTA



January 10, 2016  
The Baptism of the Lord

## 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.*

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### SUNDAY MASSES (all in the Main Church)

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 9 am and 11 am

### WEEKDAY MASSES (all in the Historic Church)

9 am Monday-Friday

**HOLY DAYS** As announced.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fridays, 8 to 8:45 am and Saturdays 3:30 to 4:45 pm  
and also any time by appointment.

### BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

### PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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or call the parish office at 651-452-4550.

## Reflections from Deacon Tim

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I was delighted when Father Steven asked me to take a short series of articles to tell my wonderful new parish family a little about me. I hope that my effort at giving you a little bit of my story will help you to get to know me better as I begin this new journey at St. Peter's.

I met my wife, Anne, while we were both students at Totino-Grace High School. We were friends in high school, but we didn't begin dating until two years after we graduated, when our paths crossed at an alumni meeting. On October 10, 2015, we celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary. In 35 years of marriage, God has blessed us with seven children and three grandchildren. We are indeed blessed!

I began my professional career in county government in 1981. During a 32-year career, I worked in Public Assistance, Child Support, and most recently, Social Services. It has been gratifying to serve the needs of a wide variety of people throughout my career in government. In addition to working my regular job, I have also had the pleasure of working for a number of other agencies during my career. This has helped me to develop my clinical skills as a social worker. I am now on the second leg of my career, this time working for the State of Minnesota.

While I was busy in government work, my wife, Anne, has been busy serving the needs of children. Anne began her career in early childhood education in 1981. She worked in a variety of positions, including working as director of several large programs. Over the years my wife has worked with hundreds of children in a variety of educational settings. She currently operates her own non-profit early childhood program that primarily serves children whose families are in crisis.

The year 2015 will be remembered in our family as a banner year. In addition to celebrating my ordination on December 5, we also welcomed a new grandchild, celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary, celebrated our youngest son's college graduation, and flew to New York to celebrate our oldest son's wedding in September. Our Christmas gift this year was to have all seven children and three grandchildren together for the Christmas holiday.

I wanted to begin my story by sharing a little bit about my family. As a deacon, I am called to two vocations: marriage and holy orders. Since my first "I do" was on

my wedding day in 1981, marriage is my first vocation. Part of the challenge of being both married and ordained, is to integrate these two beautiful vocations. In addition to being Deacon Tim, I am also a husband, father, grandfather, and worker. My daily life probably looks a lot like that of many people at St. Peter's. My primary service at the parish will be my participation in the weekend liturgies. I am also assigned to corrections ministry for the Archdiocese. My assignment is the coordination of corrections ministry for Washington County. In that assignment, I am responsible for Stillwater and Oak Park Heights Prisons, and Washington County Jail. I will be sharing stories from my corrections work with you in the months to come.

My wife, children, and grandchildren are a source of great joy in my life. I learned to be a servant to God's Church by first being a servant in my family. I look forward to sharing more about the diaconate and the important role that the deacon plays in our Holy Catholic Church. May God continue to bless each of us on our journey of faith!

Blessings in Christ,

Deacon Tim

## That Man is You Men's Program

That Man is You program is running, and we welcome all men to participate in this exciting program. Did you miss one of the previous sessions? That is not a problem! Please join us and learn more. Men will meet at 6:30pm on Thursdays in the Msgr Foran Great Room of the Church of St. Joseph at 1154 Seminole Ave, West St. Paul.

That Man is You is an interactive men's program focused on the development of men in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. The Spring session emphasizes the practical means of becoming that man.



## Religious Education/ Faith Formation (RE/FF)

### Sunday School & Children's Liturgy of the Word

There is no Sunday School or Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, January 17.

### Grade 2 Classes Resume

The grade 2 First Eucharist classes begin on Wednesday, January 20. If your child was in the Reconciliation Program for the first half of the year, you do not need to register. Simply bring your child to his/her class in the same room at the same time. If your child was not in the Reconciliation Program, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 to discuss options. Thank you.



### Pizza & Bingo Night - Friday, January 22

On Friday, January 22, the Religious Education/Faith Formation team is excited to host another Pizza and Bingo night. From 6 to 8 p.m., we will serve pizza and play bingo. Fun for all ages! Although this event is FREE, we ask that you make a "reservation" so we know how much pizza to order. You can sign up for this event at the table in the Gathering Space after all the Masses on January 9 & 10 and 16 & 17 or call the RE phone line at 651-905-4314 and leave a message, or go to St. Peter's website [www.stpetersmendota.org](http://www.stpetersmendota.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

## Pastoral Ministry



### Holy Hour and Rosary for Our Archdiocese

As we wait with hope for the assignment of a new archbishop for our archdiocese, coming together as a community to pray is increasingly important.

Please join others on Sunday, January 17, 2016, from 1-2 p.m. in the Main Church for an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, which will begin with the rosary. We will pray together for healing for all of those who have been hurt in any way by the events of the recent past and to pray for the future of our local church, its current leadership, and its eventual new archbishop.

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### St. Peter's Group Trip

Join Fr. Steven and Lisa Amos for our next trip. The **Pavek Museum of Broadcasting** presents and preserves the history of broadcasting, especially in Minnesota. They have one of the finest collections of antique radio, television, and broadcast equipment in the world and are home to the Broadcasting Hall of Fame. The Museum has gained international recognition for its continuing efforts to preserve and document the history of an industry that has made monumental changes in the fabric of modern life.

On Wednesday, January 27, we will depart in our coach bus from St. Peter's following the 9:00 Mass for a guided tour of the museum, time to explore the Broadcasting Hall of Fame, and lunch at Cooper Irish Pub. We will return to St. Peter's at approximately 2:30 p.m. Reservations are limited; reserve your spot now by contacting Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or [lamos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org). Cost is \$45/person, which includes tours, lunch, and bus. We look forward to seeing you then!

### Prayer Workshop

If you ever feel as if your prayers are going nowhere, that you are in a faith-life rut, or you've grown complacent about prayer because of your frantic family life, consider joining us for a half-day prayer workshop on January 30, 2016. Authors and presenters, Michelle Steele and Angela Lambert, will help us reinvigorate our prayer lives. Drawing on Teresa of Avila, Francis de Sales, and others, they will couple instruction in the tradition of the prayers of the Church with everyday examples relevant to lay persons living in the "real" world. You will leave feeling empowered and inspired, and having enjoyed a few laughs. We will gather at 8 a.m. for Mass in the Main Church before the workshop begins. Following the conclusion of the workshop at 12 noon, we will enjoy a light lunch together. Fee to participate is \$25/person or \$40/married couples who register together, and includes workshop, materials, and lunch. For further information, or to register (deadline to register is January 25), please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or [lamos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org)

## St. Peter's Community News

### Parish Office Closed Monday



The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 18, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

### 2016 Catholic Services Appeal



The 2016 Catholic Services Appeal is about to kick-off! In this Year of Mercy, we should remember Jesus taught us the Corporal Works of Mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. These Corporal Works of Mercy are precisely what the 17 Collective Ministries of the Archdiocese accomplish. The 17 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 Schools
8. Evangelization and Catechesis
9. High Schools
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

Please begin to prayerfully consider your upcoming gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. Please visit CSAF's new website at [www.csafspm.org](http://www.csafspm.org) to learn more about the over 200 programs of the Ministries and the many thousand in need who are served.



Come as a Guest  
Leave as a Friend

### Hearing and Vision Aids Available for Mass

If you find it hard to hear at Mass or your ability to participate is inhibited by difficulty reading the hymnal or worship aids, we can help with that. Please see one of our friendly ushers and let them know of your need. We have hearing devices and magnifiers available for you to use while you're here. Thank you.

### 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 7 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](mailto:jvasiliou@comcast.net)

### Annual Prayer Service for Life

Please join us at the Cathedral of Saint Paul at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 22, 2016, for the Annual Prayer Service for Life, followed by Minnesota Concerned Citizens for Life (MCCL's) March for Life at the State Capitol. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. All are invited and welcome. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage, Family & Life at 651-291-4488 or visit [www.archspm.org](http://www.archspm.org).

### Be Among the First We Tell

We don't know who. We don't when. But we do know who we'll tell first... you! Follow The [Catholic Spirit](http://TheCatholicSpirit.com) for the best coverage when our new archbishop is named. Go to [www.TheCatholicSpirit.com/NewAbp](http://www.TheCatholicSpirit.com/NewAbp) and sign up to choose how you want to hear the news.

## The Week of January 11

### Monday, January 11

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)  
**6:30 pm** Cub Scout Meeting, Classroom 2 and 4  
**7 pm** Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room  
**7 pm** Cana Dinner Meeting, Conference Room 1

### Tuesday, January 12

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)  
**9:30 am** Adoration Before Blessed Sacrament  
 Until 7 pm, Historic Church  
**9:45 am** Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room  
**7 pm** Stewardship Committee, Conference Room 1

### Wednesday, January 13

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)  
**9:30 am** Divine Mercy Cenacle-Ravoux Room  
**4:30 pm** REFF Grades 1, 3-5  
**6:30 pm** Choir Rehearsal, Music Room  
**6:30 pm** REFF Grades 1, 3-8

### Thursday, January 14

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)  
**7 pm** Alcoholics Anonymous, Room 5  
**7 pm** Al-Anon, Room 7  
**7 pm** Teen Al-Anon, Room 6

### Friday, January 15

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

### Saturday, January 16

- 9 and 10:30 am**  
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4  
**9:30 am** Al Anon District Meeting, Room 9  
**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  
**After Mass:**  
 Pizza Bingo Sign Up

### Sunday, January 17

- 8:30 & 10:30 am**  
 Choir Rehearsal, Music Room  
**9 am** Mass, Prayer Shawl Blessing, Main Church  
**11 am** Mass, Main Church  
**12 pm** Baptism, Main Church  
**After Masses:**  
 Hospitality  
 Pizza Bingo Sign Up  
**1 p.m.** Holy Hour and Rosary for the Archdiocese,  
 Main Church

## Parish Pastoral Council

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### Trustees:

- Jim Oricchio..... 651-452-3587  
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## Readings for the Week of January 10

- Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-19/Mk 1:14-20  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Mk 1:21-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10/Mk 1:29-39  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12  
**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17  
**Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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## Mass Intentions

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

- Monday, January 11** - †Pamela Hirsch  
**Tuesday, January 12** - †George Zirnheld  
**Wednesday, January 13** - †Bill Olson  
**Thursday, January 14** - †Marlene Ferguson  
**Friday, January 15** - †Carol Dumond  
**Saturday, January 16 - 5 p.m.** - Mass For the People  
**Sunday, January 17 - 9 a.m.** - †Marie Schloegl  
**11 a.m.** - †Mel DeBlauw

## FAITHFUL SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND TRI-PARISH CENTER

St. John Neumann, St. Peter, St. Thomas Becket  
3355 Columbia Drive, Eagan, MN 55121  
651-406-4747, [www.fscsmn.org](http://www.fscsmn.org)

## 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](http://eaganknights.com)) and come to Solos on Wednesday, January 13, 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.

## Feed My Starving Children



### Turn Hunger Into Hope

We hope you can join the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) ministry team at a meal packing event on Wednesday, January 27th from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. at FMSC in Eagan, 990 Lone Oak Rd (just east of Lexington), Suite 136, Eagan. Space can be limited, so if you are interested in joining us in this, or future, food packing events, please contact Paul or Peggy Hirsch at 651- 431-1832 or at [phirsch651@aol.com](mailto:phirsch651@aol.com). Last time, FMSC Ministry members came together with others in the community to assemble 11,016 meals that were to be used for future emergency food needs. Please join us for this fun and rewarding event!

## Sincere Sympathy

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of **Chuck Hall**. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make him a sharer in eternal salvation.



## The Music Ministry Thanks Barb Yourczek

The music ministry would like to thank Barb Yourczek for her selection of "Today in Bethlehem" for the Christmas Masses. Barb was the winning bidder on the silent auction item "Choose a hymn for Christmas" at the Fall Festival. Barb chose something she remembered from her childhood, and this was a lovely piece that resonated with a number of people who grew up in Polish immigrant parishes, for example.

## Lector Training

All lectors, new and experienced, are asked to attend a one hour lector training on Saturday, January 23 at 9 a.m. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the theology of our ministry, as well as review protocols and discuss any changes that you think would improve this ministry for our faith community. For more information, contact Helen Wilkie at 651-260-2420 or [helenwilkie@comcast.net](mailto:helenwilkie@comcast.net)



## Thank You For the Warm Welcome

Thank you to all who have stopped in to say welcome over the past couple weeks. I am happy to be back at St. Peter's. Just a reminder that the deadline to get articles to me for the bulletin is the Friday one week before it comes out. You may call me at 651-905-4302 or email me at [rhlien@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:rhlien@stpetersmendota.org).

## Newly Married Social



Couples married 5 years or less are warmly invited to join others for our next evening of fellowship and fun. On Tuesday, February 2, at 6 p.m. we will be at The Urban Growler in St. Paul. We will enjoy a FREE tour at 6 p.m. (come early if you want to purchase a pint to enjoy during the tour!). We'll stay for dinner after the tour ends. Dinner will be at each couple's own expense. Space is limited and reservations by January 27 are required. Direct inquiries and registrations to Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or [lamos@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lamos@stpetersmendota.org).

## 2016 Women in the New Evangelization (WINE) Conference

WINE: Women in the New Evangelization, in partnership with the archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, invites women of all ages to the 2016 WINE: Catholic Women's Conference, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., **Saturday, February 6**, at Mary, Mother of the Church, Burnsville. Our theme, *Mercy: Encountering Boundless Love*, is inspired by Pope Francis' invitation to enter into an extraordinary jubilee, a holy Year of Mercy. Registration is \$55 before January 6, \$65 after. For more information and to register, visit [www.archspm.org/WINE](http://www.archspm.org/WINE)

## Cathedral Young Adults Theology on Tap

All young adults ages 18-39 are invited to come to the next Theology on Tap series, presented by the Cathedral of Saint Paul Young Adults. Connect with others for an evening of food, fellowship, and faith. The series will be held on Wednesday evenings from January 6 to February 3 at O'Gara's, 164 Snelling Avenue North, St. Paul. Social hour is 6:30-7:30 p.m. and the speaker begins at 7:30 p.m. Topics focus on faith and contemporary issues that directly affect the lives of young adults. All evenings are free of charge.

### Speaker Schedule

- January 13:** New Feminism, Leah Jacobson
- January 20:** The Freedom of Surrender, Deacon Joseph Michalak
- January 27:** Living 100% of Your Life, Jeff Cavins
- February 3:** Called to Witness, Ken Fitzgerald.

For more information, visit [www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/cya](http://www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/cya) or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/19770161424](https://www.facebook.com/groups/19770161424).

## Closing Mass for the Year of Consecrated Life

Please plan to celebrate with us as we close out the Year of Consecrated Life, held at the Cathedral of St Paul on Sunday, January 31, at 2 p.m. Join with members of consecrated life as well as faithful laity at this Mass.

## 9 Days for Life

### US Bishop's Annual Novena

The U.S. bishops annual novena **9 Days for Life** takes place **Saturday, January 16-Sunday, January 24**. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).

## Prayer Vigil for Hope, Healing and Mercy

For over forty years, legalized abortion has left many men and women empty, confused and longing to be whole again. This vigil is open to all and is a special invitation to those who have been hurt by abortion. Please join us Thursday, January 21, 2016, 7-11 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel at the Saint Paul Seminary.

## Operation Andrew Dinner

### Men Ages 16 to 50

The Operation Andrew Dinner is hosted by Bishop Andrew Cozzens for men, ages 16 – 50, who have a genuine interest in the priesthood or religious life. It takes place on Tuesday, January 26, from 6- 8 p.m., at the Archbishop's Residence, 230 Summit Ave, Saint Paul. Plan to attend with your pastor, religious brother or youth director. Reserve your spot at the table before January 19. Call 651.962.6890 or email [stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org](mailto:stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org). For more information on this, and other events, check out [www.10000vocations.org](http://www.10000vocations.org).

## Miryam Dinner

### Women Ages 16 to 35

The Vocation Office invites you to the Miryam Dinner hosted by Bishop Andrew Cozzens. The event will be held on Tuesday, February 16, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Archbishop's Residence, 230 Summit Ave, St. Paul. It is for women, ages 16 – 35, who are discerning consecrated life. It is typical for women discerners to be accompanied by their pastor, consecrated religious, or youth minister. The evening begins with prayer, followed by dinner with consecrated women sharing their vocation testimonies. Reserve your spot at the table before February 9. Call 651.962.6890 or email [stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org](mailto:stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org).