

**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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***JANUARY 14, 2018***

Dear beloved sisters and brothers,

I am glad to announce that Alpha will be offered again this winter. 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. It is open to all. The fruitful success of Alpha around the world is its simple, warm approach of gathering people around a meal for teaching and lighthearted discussions about the big questions of life. Some of the questions are: 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?! And 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, did far greater than this after Jesus' resurrection. By the gift of the Holy Spirit, they began to set the world on fire with faith in Jesus Christ.

In my years of ministry, one of the things that troubles and saddens me most is when I encounter people stuck in a hopeless complacency—people who do not think or believe that there is anything more to life than what they know and is familiar to them. They remain in the same place year after year, completely unaware of the fruitful, abundant life Jesus continues to offer 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 and another week.

Jesus did not suffer, die and rise from the dead, so that you and I could simply survive, and even less, to live a safe, 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 winter 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 and for further details and information on how you can register.

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

May God overwhelm you with his love,

Fr. Steven

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YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION

January 17

Grade 2 (First Communion Preparation)

Children in the First Communion Program will begin classes on January 17. 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 regular class and time. If your child was not in the Reconciliation Program, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 to discuss options. Thank you.

Grades 1, 3, 4, & 5

Christos - Meet in your homes. Continue working in the children's books.

Grade 6-8

Meet in your classrooms at your regular times.

Sunday, January 21

Grade 2

First Eucharist Focus Mass

We will be having the second grade Focus Mass at the 9 a.m. Mass. We encourage all second grade students who are involved in the First Eucharist Program to be at this Mass. Please call Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311, if you have any questions.

Wednesday, January 31

Please note that the Parent & Child session take place at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. on January 31. Parents and children will meet with Fr. Steven at this session.

FAITHFUL SHEPHERD

We are now enrolling students for the 2018/2019 school year. Our families love our personalized learning, our faith-based education and our strong supportive community. Visit our website at www.fscsmn.org to learn more, or call Jen Claude at 651-262-2898 to set up a private tour.



WORKCAMP PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The Workcamp Youth invite you to join us for a delicious pancake breakfast after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday, January 21. You can enjoy pancakes, sausage and egg bake, while helping support St. Peter's Workcamp trip. The cost for breakfast is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children and \$20 per family.

Contact Elizabeth McCanna at 651-905-4312 or at emccanna@stpetersmendota.org for more information about workcamp.

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.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Email Lisa Amos at lamos@stpetersmendota.org, call her at 651-905-4304 or call the parish office.

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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 two-month commitment (June 1 through July 28), which includes one week of training and one week break for the Fourth of July. Each team member will receive \$2,520 for their work. For more information, visit www.archspm.org/TotusTuus.

COR JESU



Meaning "Heart of Jesus," Cor Jesu is a moving opportunity to worship Christ in community with the Church through Eucharistic adoration, reconciliation, praise and worship, benediction and fellowship.

Join college age and young adults for these evenings at St. Mary's Chapel at the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity, 2260 Summit Avenue, in St. Paul, at 8 p.m. on the following first Fridays: February 2, March 2, April 6 and May 4.

COMING TO ST. PETER'S - MILITARY PRAYER BOARD

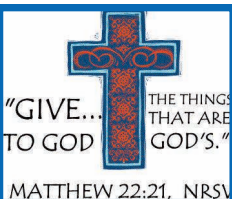
Many of us hold a special place in our hearts for those that have served our country through our military branches: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. Today, thousands of Americans continue to follow in the steps of those before them in choosing the selfless act of service through active duty, reserves and guard forces. A new prayer board will be coming to St. Peter's to encourage our parishioners to hold in our love and prayers these generous, courageous servants of our country. Watch future bulletins for updates and ways to submit photos of your loved ones serving our country.

NEW PARISHIONER DINNER

There will be a dinner for all new parishioners on **Saturday, January 27**, following the 5 p.m. Mass. This time together gives us a chance to welcome you and give you a chance to meet other new members and some long-time parishioners. There will be drawings for a few prizes, as well as a tour of our Historic Church. To RSVP, please contact Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308 or aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org.

Volunteers Needed!

Are you interested in helping at the New Parishioner dinner? We need people to help make and serve a homemade lasagna dinner to our new parishioners! Please call Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308 or email her at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org, if you would like to help.



Financial Recap July 1 to January 7, 2018

YTD Actual Collections:	\$524,870
YTD Budgeted Collections:	503,294
Difference:	\$21,576

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



*Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend*

CATHOLIC WATCHMEN AND MEN'S CLUB MEETING



All men are invited to attend the Catholic Watchmen and Men's Club monthly meeting on Thursday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m., in Heritage Center. Bishop Cozzens will speak on Discipline #4, "Engaging in Weekly Mass." Join us for social time, dinner and discussion. For more information contact Jim Lodoen at 952-707-0539 or at jlodoen@lindquist.com or John Vogel at 651-587-3073 or john.p.vogel@skf.com.

YOUR LIFE, YOUR LEGACY: GRANDPARENTS SEMINAR

We all want to leave a legacy. We all want to be remembered, but how do you do that exactly? The answer is Legacy Writing. A combination of personal reflection and communication, Legacy Writing is a perfect way to start planning your estate in a faith-filled way. St. Joseph's Church, 13900 Biscayne Avenue in Rosemount invites you to join us on Sunday, January 28, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., to hear Bill Marsella speak on Legacy Writing. Find details and register at www.CatholicGrandparenting.org. If you have questions, please contact Susanna Parent at parents@archspm.org or 651-291-4411.

WINE: WOMEN IN THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

WINE: Women In the New Evangelization invites women of all ages and stages to the WINE: Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, February 10, at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. The theme, *Hope: An Anchor for the Soul*, is inspired by Saint Philomena's example and Pope Francis' invitation to fight against enemies of hope, such as discouragement and negativity, in order to shine as beacons of hope to those we encounter. The day includes inspirational talks, music, lunch, prayer, shopping, confession, chocolate and more. This conference is the perfect way to prepare for Lent, which begins the week after the conference. Registration is \$55 before January 10 and \$65 after. For more information and to register, visit www.CatholicVineyard.com and select the EVENTS tab.

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.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 15	Donald Struwas
Tuesday, January 16	Alice Mayers
Wednesday, January 17	† Marie Schloegl
Thursday, January 18	† Louis John Chapdelaine
Friday, January 19	† Jerry Hirsch
Saturday, January 20	† Anna Maurer
Sunday, January 21, 9 am	† Tom Mulvihill
11 am	Mass For The People

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: JANUARY 15

Monday, January 15

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
6 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting, Heritage Center

Tuesday, January 16

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

Wednesday, January 17

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
4:30 pm Grade 2 meet in your classrooms. Grades 1, 3, 4 & 5 meet in your homes.
5:30 pm Chill, Youth Room
6:30 pm Grade 2 meet in your classrooms. Grades 6-8 meet in your classrooms. Grades 1, 3, 4 & 5 meet in your homes.
6:30 pm Perissos, Heritage Center

Thursday, January 18

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Small Faith Group, Conference Room
6:30 pm Catholic Watchmen/Men's Group, Heritage Center
6:30 pm ACCL, Family Room
7 pm Finance Committee Meeting, Conference Room 3
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, January 19

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

Saturday, January 20

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, Main Church
6 pm Sign ups for March For Life, Gathering Space
6 pm Sign ups for Alpha, Gathering Space

Sunday, January 21 - *Workcamp Pancake Breakfast*

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass with Grade 2 Focus Mass, Main Church
9 am Sunday School, Classrooms
10:30 am Rosary for St. Peter's Parish, Chapel of the Nativity
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
11 am Mass, Main Church
11:30 am RCIA, Conference Room
12 pm Sign ups for March For Life, Gathering Space
12 pm Sign ups for Alpha, Gathering Space
12 pm Baptism, Main Church

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



The Gospel today invites us to remain with Jesus. One of the challenges of our Christian life is staying close to Jesus in the day to day activities that make up our lives. Besides the Mass, there are many opportunities that God offers us which help us to remain in Jesus: Adoration, reading the Bible, serving the poor and the suffering and living a prayerful life. As disciples of Jesus, let's continue to use these, and other means, this week to remain close to the Lord.

ALPHA IS RETURNING TO ST. PETER'S

Alpha is returning to 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." Sign-ups will begin January 20. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins. 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.



GROWING THROUGH LOSS

St. Peter's is an active member of a coalition of local churches that presents Growing Through Loss, a program of support and information for persons who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one, broken relationship, job loss, loss of health, etc. Small group facilitators are needed for this coming year.

Growing Through Loss Series take place twice a year. Each series runs once a week for four weeks in the fall; and four weeks, with a fifth for a remembrance service, in the spring. Each session offers a presentation, followed by small groups led by facilitators. Training is provided. If you are a good listener and wish to minister to those experiencing grief, this ministry may be for you. St. Peter's has always been very well represented, and many parishioners serve as facilitators. If you are interested in learning more or applying for this ministry, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or at lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

CHAPEL OF THE NATIVITY ADORATION CHAPEL



Teammates. You hear this word all the time in sports. The best teams usually have the players who work well together as a team. You can do more as a team than you can as individuals. Great spouses look at each other as a team. Wonderful families work together as a team to accomplish many things that the Lord has given them to accomplish. Great teammates support one another, through good times and bad times, and become stronger through the journey. Usually these teams have a captain to make sure that things are running smoothly, to iron out differences, help the team stay focused and encourage others to become the best they can be.

Who is on your team? Are they family members, coworkers, fellow parishioners, friends? Is Jesus the captain of your team? He will never steer you wrong or cause any harm to you. He will give you wonderful direction, help develop your gifts, skills and talents better than any coach, and he will want what's best for you and your team.

Please consider joining the "adoration team" at St. Peter's. You will have many teammates in this wonderful worship practice. Jesus is our captain. At the Chapel of the Nativity, we come together to thank Him for all He does and to share in His glory, so we can become that great teammate we are intended to be. 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	Monday	2 to 3 pm	Thursday	6 to 7 pm
Friday	5 to 6 am	Friday	Noon to 1 pm	Friday	7 to 8 pm
Saturday	3 to 4 am	Friday	4 to 5 pm	Friday	8 to 9 pm
Saturday	4 to 5 am				

ACCL PRAYER VIGIL AND MARCH

A Community Caring for Life has arranged a carpool for the Annual Prayer Vigil and March for Life in St. Paul on Monday, January 22. Committee members will host a sign-up table in the Gathering Space after all Masses on January 13 and 14 and on January 20 and 21. You may also contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or at lamos@stpetersmendota.org to sign up. Please consider joining others from around the state in giving voice to this very important work.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m., in the Conference Room. All are welcome to attend.

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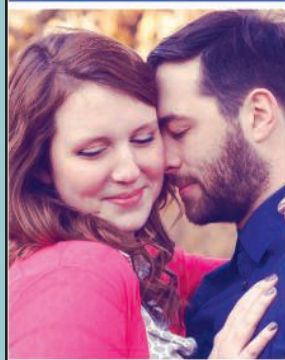
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Workcamp Pancake Breakfast

January 21, 2018



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Sunday, January 21, 2018
Pancakes will be served after both the
9:00am and 11:00am Mass

Adults: \$7 | Children: \$4 | Family: \$20

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