

Church of ST. PETER MENDOTA



January 17, 2016
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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,

In my last article I talked a bit about my wife, my children, and my grandchildren. Anyone who knows me well knows that my family is a source of great joy in my life. I would like to spend some time in this article sharing about my family growing up and some of the experiences that shaped me.

I am the fourth of five children born into a traditional Catholic family. I grew up in St. Anthony, a suburb of Minneapolis. My home parish was St. Charles Borromeo, where I attended Catholic school from first through eighth grade. Being a child of the 60s, almost every mother on our block was a stay-at-home mom. It was typical for every family to have several children, and there were few exceptions to this. Most of the families on our block were Catholic, and almost everyone went to St. Charles School. On most days, we walked to school, but if it was too cold, icy or raining, one of the moms would drive us in the station wagon.

I fondly recall my days as an altar server at St. Charles. My great claim to fame is that I served for Bishop John Roach, as he was assigned as an interim pastor at St. Charles after he was ordained a bishop. It was a great honor to serve for a bishop.

By seventh grade, I was already nearly six feet tall, and this meant that most of the server cassocks did not match my height. I had the special privilege of wearing a more traditional cassock and Father assisted me with the cincture. I certainly felt proud wearing that special garment! Later in my career, I had the opportunity to lector at school Masses. These early experiences definitely shaped my love for the Church.

As I reflect back on my childhood, I have many happy memories of growing up in a big family with loving parents and siblings. I was educated in a Catholic school by sisters and lay teachers who were dedicated to their faith and to learning. I spent four years at Totino Grace High School during the 1970s. This was a time of meeting new friends and trying out new things. It is also the place where I met my beautiful wife, Anne! I continued to learn about my faith during those high school years and learn about serving the needs of others through my school experiences, as well.

A turning point for me in high school was going to Dunrovin Retreat Center for my senior retreat. I remember being apprehensive about this retreat as it was one of my first experiences of being away from home. I vividly recall sitting on the floor in the big retreat hall and talking about my faith with my peers. I was surprised at how easily I was able to do this, and how open others were as well. I enjoyed hearing about other people's faith journeys. It was an awakening for me at a time in my life when I needed to have a life compass pointed in the right direction, and my faith helped to point me in the right direction.

Foundations are so important in life. When we build a house, we set it on a solid foundation, firmly grounded, so that it will still be standing 50 years from now. The same is true of our faith. We need the foundation that grounds us in Christ, so that we can weather the storms of life that will inevitably come our way. I am grateful for the good foundation that I was blessed with in my early years. I know that it set me on a path of seeking to know more about Jesus.

It is important now and then to look back at where we came from, to know our roots and to see how those early experiences formed us. May the God who loves us beyond our wildest imagining continue to surprise us with new experiences of His presence in our lives.

Blessings and peace 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, located 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)

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.

Grade 2 First Eucharist Focus Mass

We will be having the Grade 2 Focus Mass on Sunday, January 24, 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 questions.

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 17 & 18, call the RE phone line at 651-905-4314 and leave a message, or go to St. Peter's website www.stpetersmendota.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

First Eucharist Parent and Child Session 1

The First Eucharist Parent and Child Session is on Tuesday, January 26, at 6 p.m. Children will go to their classrooms; parents will go to Heritage Center. There will be no Wednesday classes for 2nd grade students. Please call Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 with questions.



Youth Ministry

Middle School Chill

All middle school youth are welcome to join us for our middle school youth group Chill, on Wednesday, January 20, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. We will meet in the newly renovated youth room for pizza, games and a look at the upcoming Sunday Gospel. For more information, contact Elizabeth McCanna at 651-905-4312 or emccanna@stpetersmendota.org.

Pancake Breakfast Next Weekend!

Plan to stay after Mass next Sunday, January 24, for our annual Workcamp Pancake Breakfast. Enjoy some delicious pancakes, sausage and egg bake to support our high school youth who will be travelling to Racine, Wisconsin this June. Tickets will be sold at the door. Adults \$7, kids \$4, and families \$20. Contact Elizabeth McCanna with questions at 651-905-4312 or emccanna@stpetersmendota.org

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 today, Sunday, January 17, 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.

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 Saturday, January 30. 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

Natural Family Planning Classes

The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes for engaged and married couples on the *Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning* at Holy Family Church, 5900 West Lake St. in St. Louis Park. New streamlined methodology and new materials integrate Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Classes begin on Tuesday, January 19, at 7 p.m. Register at www.twincities.ccli.org or, for information, call 612-721-3791 or email twincities.ccli.org@gmail.com.

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.

Catholic Services Appeal

Dear Father Hoffman,

On behalf of the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation, I want to thank you and your parishioners for your support of the needed work of the Catholic Services Appeal. This year, a portion of all donations from your parishioners are returned to your parish for Catholic formation, educational programs or for the greatest needs facing your Church.



Enclosed is a check for \$14, 214.22. May it help to build up the Body of Christ in your parish community.

Gratefully,

Tim Healy
President of the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation

Annual Prayer Service for Life and 42nd Annual MCCL March for Life

Please join us at the Cathedral of Saint Paul at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 22, for the Annual Prayer Service for Life, followed by Minnesota Concerned Citizens for Life (MCCL) 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. The March begins at the State Capitol at 12 p.m. 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.

Transportation to the March is available. A bus will leave Holy Spirit Church, 515 Albert St. S, St. Paul at 11:30 a.m. The bus will return to Holy Spirit after the program, around 1:30 p.m.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

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, help you to learn more about the process and have your questions answered. We look forward to helping those baptized in other Christian traditions, those not yet baptized 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 lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

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

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 and sign up to choose how you want to hear the news.



The Week of January 18

Monday, January 18

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6 pm St Paul Civic Symphony, Heritage Center
7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, January 19

- 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
10:30 am Mobile Meals, Off campus

Wednesday, January 20

- 9 am** Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
4:30 pm REFF Grades 1-5
5:30 pm Middle School Chill, Youth Room
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
6:30 pm REFF Grades 1-8

Thursday, January 21

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

Friday, January 22

- 8 am** Confessions-Main Church
9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:40 rosary)
6 pm Pizza Bingo, Heritage Center

Saturday, January 23

- 9 and 10:30 am**
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Rooms 2, 4
10 am Scripture Study, Community Room
3:30 pm Confessions, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm Mass, Main Church
After Mass:
 Workcamp Bake Sale
 FSCS Information Table, Gathering Space

Sunday, January 24

- 8:30 & 10:30 am**
 Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass, Grade 2 Focus Mass, Main Church
9 am Sunday School, Classrooms
12 pm Baptism, Main Church
After Masses:
 Workcamp Pancake Breakfast
 FSCS Information Table, Gathering Space

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Readings for the Week of January 17

- Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/
 Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/
 Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/Mk
 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1-2, 9-
 10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/Mk
 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11/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: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/1
 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4;
 4:14-21

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Mass Intentions

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

- Monday, January 18** - †Sally Renish
Tuesday, January 19 - †Helen Hughes
Wednesday, January 20 - †Robert LeMay
Thursday, January 21 - Debra Thorne
Friday, January 22 - †Dick & †Br. Michael Gaworski
Saturday, January 23 - 5 p.m. - †Dorothy Kuklok
Sunday, January 24 - 9 a.m. - †George Zirnheld
11 a.m. - Mass for The People

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

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 27, from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. at FMSC, 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. 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!

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School Receives Grant

Faithful Shepherd Catholic School is proud to announce that we have received a \$50,000 grant from the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence. This award recognizes our commitment to academic excellence and will allow us to award grants of \$1,000 to each Kindergarten student for the 2016-17 school year. In addition, Faithful Shepherd has over \$100,000 available in financial aid for families in need of additional help. Our goal in offering these grants and additional financial aid is to allow everyone the opportunity to experience the Faithful Shepherd difference.

Enrollment is now open for the 2016-2017 school year. To learn more or to apply, please visit our website at www.fscsmn.org or call us at 651-406-4747. We're proud of our vibrant, faith-filled community, and we want you to become a part of it. We are committed to providing a Catholic education for all who seek one.

David Haas is Coming to Christ the King

On Wednesday, January 20, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., David Haas, author and composer of contemporary liturgical music, will come to Christ the King Church, 5029 Zenith Avenue South in Minneapolis, for a celebration honoring the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. This is an evening that is sure to inspire and delight people of all ages.

David's best known songs include "Blest Are They," "You Are Mine," "We Are Called" and "We Have Been Told." David is also the founder and director of *Music Ministry Alive!*, a summer institute for young, liturgical musicians.

This event is free. Invite your friends and family members.

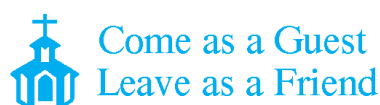
Lector Training

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

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 are required by January 27. Direct inquiries and registrations to Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or 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, invite women of all ages to the 2016 WINE: Catholic Women's Conference, on Saturday, February 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 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 \$65. For more information and to register, visit 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 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 or our Facebook page 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 to 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.

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, from 7 to 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. For more information on this, and other events, check out www.10000vocations.org.

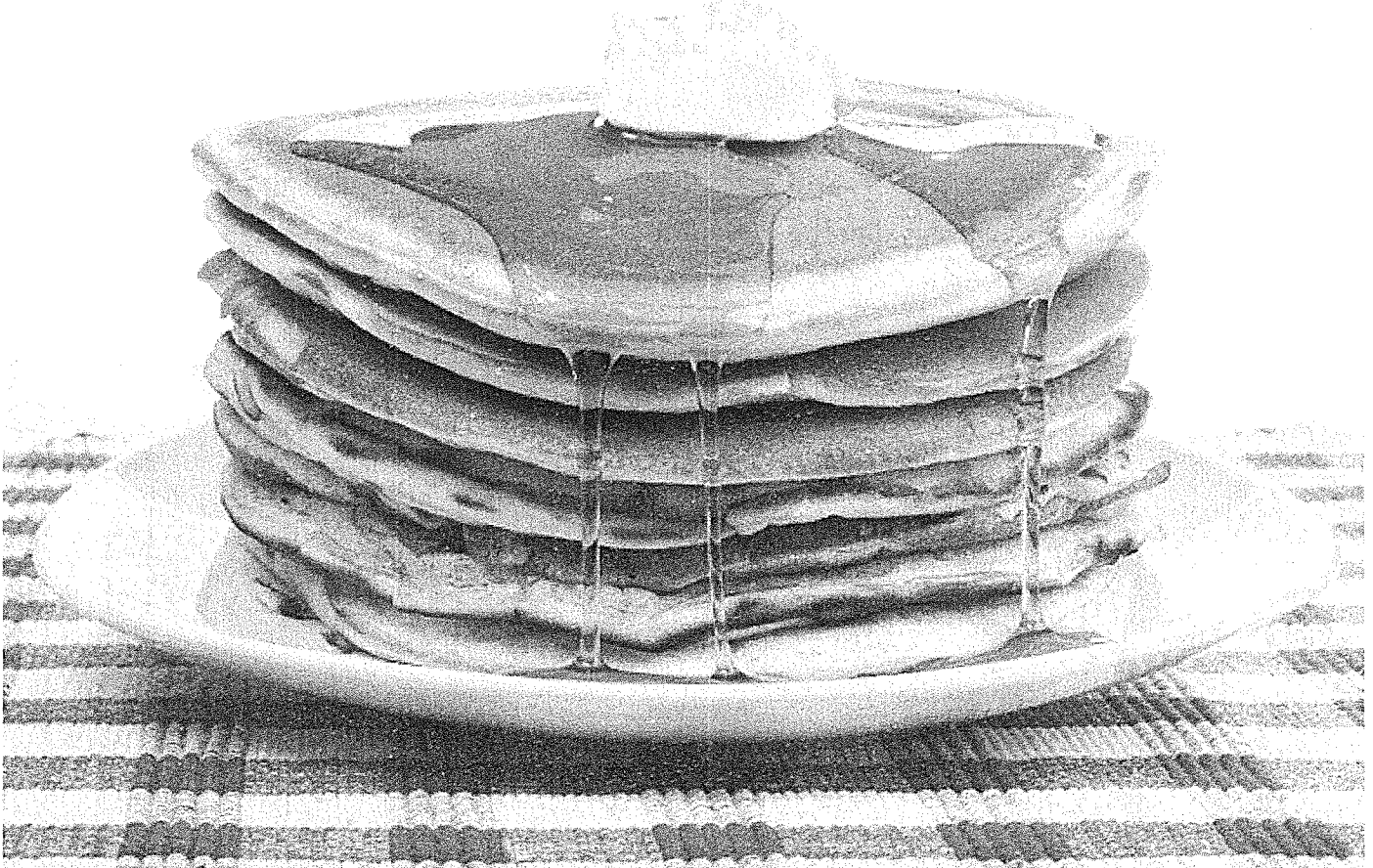
Miryam Dinner

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 to 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.

Workcamp Pancake Breakfast

January 24, 2016



All are welcome to join us for pancakes, sausage, and egg bake
to help support St. Peter's Workcamp trip!

Sunday, January 24, 2016

Pancakes will be served after both the 9:00am and
11:00am Mass

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

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For more information about workcamp contact Elizabeth McCanna.
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