

**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.

ADORATION

(In Historic Church)

Tuesday 9:30-6 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

(In Main Church)

Friday 8-8:45 a.m.

Saturday 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Any time by appointment.

The Most Holy Trinity***JUNE 11, 2017***

So many of the things we believe are either difficult or impossible to explain. A good number can't even be satisfactorily understood for one's self. Perhaps chief among the things we call "mysteries" -- or at least on the short list of greatest mysteries of the faith -- is the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, the triune Godhead.

While truly understanding the nature of the one God in three Persons is impossible for us, striving to come to grips with the nature of God and his, if not identity, personality is highly edifying, even useful along the journey of faith. There is no shortage of writing to eclipse my own in both reason and beauty on the topic of the Blessed Trinity, its mystery, and efforts in communicating its truth.

Over the course of my study and discipleship, I have settled on some more concise, if less precise, working understandings of a number of these mysteries based on some of the more definitive works by Saints greater than I am capable of becoming. With the understanding that describing God is entirely dependent on allegory, I offer my more folksy allegory of the allegories most employed in unpacking the mystery of the Trinity.

Please understand it took me a long time to come to this, very much imperfect, though it may be. Feel free to reread, bits, pieces, all, or refer to St. Thomas Aquinas (if you dare).

First, the Father -- and the Father is always first.

God is usually defined by his own terms, namely those given to Moses in Exodus. Most often rendered, "I AM", or "I AM who am", or "I AM who I am". In philosophy this is puzzled out as, "The sheer act of 'to be' itself," according to Bishop Robert Barron in a number of places. Far from some magical being existing as surpassing all other beings, God is defined by existence, period. The person of God the Father is principally, by his nature, BEING itself. Therefore all we recognize as true, existent, or occurrent is predicated on God, on BE-ing.

Divinity is also intelligent -- that is, basically, capable of thought, of reason, and of understanding. In fact, no thought, reason or understanding could BE apart from God. In other words, all knowledge is known to God because, in a metaphysical sense, knowledge exists.

Here we must discount some terminology, because other mysteries will intersect and get us off course: Any reference

to sequence or order of operations is based on time, which is wholly a human institution. So, as I proceed, pardon those terms, as they are not completely accurate, but without trying to describe eternity, we could say no more.

The first thought, the first "WORD" (now I've given away where I'm going) of existence would necessarily be perfect and total. That perfect and total thought is God the Son, Jesus. The Son, the WORD, Jesus is the perfect (including divinity) self-knowledge of He Who IS, who in time takes on flesh through the Blessed Virgin Mary, therefore is both perfect God and perfect man.

Moving quickly on, He Who IS recognizes in that First Thought (WORD) the complete, comprehensive, total and perfect goodness of his own BE-ing, as in a mirror, perhaps. Now, where the human reaction would likely be jealousy or rivalry, the divine response to perfect being is love (maybe "appreciation" or "recognition" at their most profound). And that love itself is so comprehensive, so full and so "intense" (as we might better understand it), that it is itself the expression of divinity, of Godliness or of BEING. This LOVE is the Holy Spirit, the third person, the triune Godhead. In this way, when we say, "God is love," we acknowledge the divinity of the Holy Spirit.

BEING, WORD and LOVE are sufficient amongst themselves, a complete, divine love triangle, if you will. The lover IS, has its BELOVED, and their LOVE satisfies any sense of need. "Love is all you need," if you will, but in divine terms.

Now, I don't claim that this sequence fully explains or settles the mystery of the one God who is three persons, yet one God ($1 = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3 = 1$). But it is the understanding that got me to a place where I can converse with God, in his triunity, referring to Father, Son or Holy Spirit personally, and knowing to "whom" I am praying. This step alone brought my own discipleship to a much more "real" and "alive" place in my life.

Hopefully, some of this is helpful for you, and can bring some level of understanding to your relationship with God.

David Dunst
Music Director

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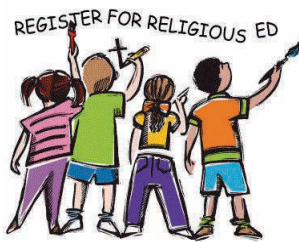
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YOUTH NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018

Please remember to register for the 2017 - 2018 year, if you have not yet done so. Please register online by going to St. Peter's website at www.stpetersmendota.org, and clicking on the Faith Formation tab. In the drop down box, click on RE/FF Registration for 2017 - 2018 and follow the directions located there. **The registration deadline was May 15. Registrations will now be charged a late fee.**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Thank you for your generous support of our teens this past weekend for their trip to Tennessee at our Workcamp Carwash. We are still gratefully accepting any donations you may wish to make. Simply put "Workcamp" in the memo line on your check and either drop it off at the office or put it in the collection basket on Sunday.



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- ♦ Deacon Tim Hennessey: 651-905-4301

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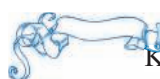
BAPTISMS, NEW PARISHIONERS, WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Submit via website, to Mary LeClair
(maryleclair62@gmail.com) or call the parish office.

WEDDING BANNERS



Second Proclamation

Kevin Stevenson and Kelsey Sorensen



STEUBENVILLE ST. PAUL YOUTH CONFERENCE

New to St. Peter's Parish!

Calling all high school youth! Join us this summer at the Steubenville St. Paul conference! This life-changing weekend includes praise and worship, adoration, internationally known speakers, Mass and more! Encounter Jesus in a new and personal way - your life will never be the same. The conference is July 28-30. Registration material is available on the information counter. For more information and to sign-up, call Elizabeth at 651-905-4312, or you can email her at emccanna@stpetersmendota.org.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUMMER STAFF HOURS



During the summer months, the RE/FF staff hours will be drastically reduced. Beth Halbert is on break from May 16 through August 15. Kathy Raible will be on break from June 16 through August 15. Elizabeth McCanna will be here, but her days on site will vary.

GRAND ADVENTURE OF GRANDPARENTING



Grandparenting is both a blessing and an anchor in a family. A child who has loving grandparents is blessed, empowered, enriched and nourished. They often have time for special one-on-one interaction. The next Grand Adventure of Grandparenting meeting will be Thursday, June 29, at 10:30 a.m., in Heritage Center. This will be the last meeting until fall.

“IT TAKES A VILLAGE” TO BUILD A CHAPEL

We received a donation of Dept. 56 Christmas Villages and have decided to host another sale of these beautiful items. All proceeds will go toward the Adoration Chapel project. If you are doing your spring cleaning and find you have too many Dept. 56 Christmas Villages, please feel free to donate them to St. Peter's. Bring your Christmas Villages to the parish office by June 22, and we will sell them on June 25, during the Feast of St. Peter celebration. Please call Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308 or email her at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org with questions.

PIZZA NIGHT AT SOLOS PIZZA

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 at www.eaganknights.com and come in to Solos on Wednesday, June 14, 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.



HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS



Have you ever wanted to learn more about the history of our parish? Our Historic Church will be open for FREE tours every Sunday through Labor Day, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Feel free to stop in and learn about your community's very own historic site!

SAVE THE DATE FEAST OF ST. PETER

Come enjoy a Sunday morning with us as we celebrate our patron saint on the Feast of St. Peter. We will have **ONE Mass on Sunday, June 25, at 10 a.m.**, followed by a potluck lunch. St. Peter's will supply hot dogs, beans, chips, condiments and drinks. If parishioners wish to bring an item to share, please do! Those with the last names starting with A-J please bring salads, K-R please bring desserts, S-Z please bring fruits or vegetables. If you are unable to bring an item to share, please come anyway. We will have plenty of food!

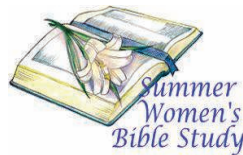


If the weather is nice, we will take the picnic outdoors and play some yard games. Bring your lawn chairs, footballs, Frisbees, bean bag toss or whatever you like! If you plan to bring a crockpot or something that needs to be plugged in, you will be able to drop it off before the 10 a.m. Mass.

We will also be selling our Dept. 56 Christmas Village items that day. All proceeds will go to the Adoration Chapel Project.

If you have a questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Anne O'Keefe at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4308.

SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Our summer session of Women's Bible Study is back by popular demand. This year, we will continue with The Footprints of God series with *The Apostolic Fathers: Handing On The Faith*. In this video series, Steve Ray will take you on an exciting journey to the Roman Empire and the world of the first Christians. You'll sit at the feet of the apostles, celebrate the Eucharist in hiding and tremble at the suffering they endured for Jesus Christ.

The Bible Study meets on the second Tuesday of June, July and August, from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. in Classroom 10. All women are welcome. To register, please contact Sandy Rabuse at 651-681-9258 or sandyrabuse@comcast.net.

REPLICA OF HISTORIC CHURCH

Karlie Regep, a student at St. Agnes School in St. Paul, made a replica of our Historic Church. She has loaned it to us for the month of June. It is in the display case on the wall of Heritage Center. She will be entering the replica into the State Fair in August. I encourage you to look at it sometime this month. It is wonderful!

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.

Parish Pastoral Council Email:

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Jim Oricchio.....651-452-3587
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 11

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-9/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129-133, 135/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab, 10-14/Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-18/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, June 12	† Elizabeth Orme
Tuesday, June 13	† Dan Chapdelaine
Wednesday, June 14	† Gail Sullivan
Thursday, June 15	† Jade Elizabeth Fish
Friday, June 16	† Mel Deblauw
Saturday, June 17	Mass For The People
Sunday, June 18, 9 a.m.	† Bob Wilhelmy
11 a.m.	† Leo Reding



saved through him.”

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: JUNE 12

Monday, June 12 - Uganda Mission Group Home

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room

Tuesday, June 13

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:30 am Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament until 6 pm, Historic Church
9:45 am Women's Summer Bible Study, Classroom 10

Wednesday, June 14

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:30 am Sharing and Caring Hands, Off Campus

Thursday, June 15

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, June 16

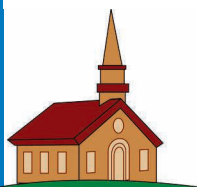
8 am Confession, Main Church
9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)

Saturday, June 17

9 am & 10:30 am AA Meeting, Classrooms
10 am Saturday Scripture Study,
3 pm Boy Scout Overnight, Ravoux Room/Outside
3:30 pm Confession, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm Mass, Main Church
6 pm Baptism, Main Church

Sunday, June 18

8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 & 11 am Mass, Main Church
10 am Eagle Fundraising Project, Gathering Space
10:30 Rosary, Historic Church
12 pm Historic Church Tours, Historic Church
12 pm Baptism, Main Church
12 pm Eagle Fundraising Project, Gathering Space



*Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend*

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life (John 3:16)." Reflect this week on what it means to you that God loves you with a love so deep that He sacrificed his only Son for your sake.

FROM GRIEF TO GRACE

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE

Grief to Grace is a five-day retreat fully centered upon the healing love of Jesus Christ. It is for anyone who has suffered physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. This effective model of care provides a powerful therapy for the soul. Our next local G2G Retreat is scheduled for August 20 - 25. For more information or to answer your questions, please visit www.griegtograce.org or contact Diane at diane@griegtograce.org or 612-440-7247.

A past attendee commented, *"I was fascinated by the retreat and speechless at the depth of the growth and healing it facilitated."*
"He walks with me and my wounds are sacred to Him. He weeps with me and for me."



7TH ANNUAL WIDOWS' DAY OF REFLECTION

Please join us for our 7th Annual Widows' Day of Reflection at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 5071 Eden Avenue, in Edina. It takes place on Saturday, June 17, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bishop Andrew Cozzens and Michele Denise Michaels will be the guest speakers. Bishop Cozzens is the auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Michele Michaels is a professional singer and inspirational speaker.

Pre-registration is required. To register, visit www.olgparish.org/our-lady-of-grace-blog/2017/5/5/7th-annual-widows-day-of-reflection-a-widows-walk and click "Register" to download an event brochure.

Please call Jason Godin at 952-929-3317, extension 110, if you have any questions.



SINCERE SYMPATHY

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Joyce Lucking and Leo Goodrich. We invite all to join us in praying that God may make them sharers in eternal salvation.



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Why Perpetual Adoration?

The bottom line is that it's because Jesus wants it for us! In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus said, "Could you not watch one hour with me (Matthew 26:40)." St. Mother Teresa and St. Pope John Paul II were faithful and devoted daily adorers. No matter how busy or what the tasks ahead of them were for that day, they would spend two to three hours every day in front of the Blessed Sacrament, because they knew it to be the source for all they would do each day. We, too, can connect ourselves to this Source to help us be all that we are, every day.



There are many ways to make sure we are open to the Holy Spirit's movement inside of us: prayer, the sacraments, attending Mass regularly and often, experiencing Perpetual Adoration at least once a week, reading the Scriptures and sometimes, just being still are all very necessary in our spiritual development and relationship with Jesus. Just as we are encouraged to take care of our physical bodies by eating properly, getting daily exercise and adequate sleep, we are encouraged to take care of our spiritual lives by doing the necessary things for us to have a healthy relationship with Jesus. Spending one or two hours per week at the St. Peter Perpetual Adoration Chapel will change your life for the better.

St. Pope John Paul II said, "Our essential commitment in life is to grow spiritually in the climate of the Holy Eucharist." All are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please contact Lisa Amos to schedule your hour at adoration by calling 651-905-4304 or call Mark Mischke at 651-481-6900.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry will have a gathering on Thursday, June 22, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Those who knit and 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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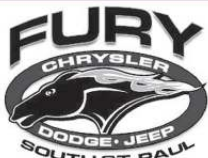


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Feast of St. Peter



Sunday, June 25, 2017

10:00 a.m. Mass

Potluck immediately following
in Heritage Center



St. Peter's will supply the hotdogs, buns, beans, condiments, chips
and beverages.



Parishioners are invited to bring an item to share if they wish.

Last names beginning with

A-J bring salads

K-R bring desserts

S-Z bring fruits or veggies



Weather permitting, we can take our picnic outside and play some
old-fashioned yard games!



Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, footballs, gloves and balls if you
wish, and just enjoy the afternoon with fellow parishioners,
family, and friends!

Please contact Anne O'Keefe at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org or
651-905-4308, if you are interested in volunteering that day!



There will only be one Mass at 10a.m.

