

**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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent***March 18, 2018***

In the gospel from St. John this week, we have another beautiful story of the power of Christ to overcome even death! Jesus arrives at Bethany to find his dear friends, Martha and Mary mourning the death of their brother. Jesus intends to use this crisis to build the faith of those who stand weeping. Jesus, himself, is overcome with compassion at the outpouring of tears from those gathered, and he also weeps.

After meeting with Mary and Martha and those gathered, Jesus moves into action. As we look at the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives, some of us may feel like Lazarus in the tomb. We may be asking ourselves if the Holy Spirit is truly present in our hearts and our lives. We may not be in touch with the subtle movements of the Spirit in our hearts. I would like to use Jesus' words and actions in this beautiful gospel passage to encourage each of us to open ourselves more fully to the Spirit's presence in our hearts.

1. "Take away the stone!" Jesus directs those present to take away the stone from the tomb where Lazarus is buried. Some of us may feel that the Spirit is lying dormant in our hearts, much like Lazarus in the tomb. What blocks our receptivity to the Spirit in our lives?

ACT: Pray that God would remove any obstacles that may be blocking our receptivity to the Holy Spirit in our hearts. Trust that God always hears and answers our prayers.

2. "Thank you, Father." Jesus thanks the Father for always hearing his prayers and for the miracle that is about to unfold. It is so important that we have grateful hearts. God is at work in each of us minute by minute. The more we are grateful for even the smallest inspirations of the Holy Spirit, the more God will continue to bless us with those inspirations. The Spirit is always moving, but we may not always be aware of the Spirit's movements.

ACT: Offer a prayer of thanks at the end of each day for all that God has done in your heart that day. We must remember to be grateful for everything that God sends, since he will use every situation to bring about good if we are open to it.

3. "Lazarus, come out!" Jesus calls Lazarus to come out of the tomb after he has raised him from the dead. We might think of this "calling forth" of Lazarus like the Holy Spirit lying dormant in our hearts. The Spirit is at work in us at every moment of the day, yet sometimes we are unaware of the action of the Spirit in our lives. We can call forth the Spirit to bring wisdom and guidance to every life circumstance.

ACT: The next time you have a decision to make, ask God to send the Holy Spirit into your heart to guide you. Listen for the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit and follow as the Spirit leads. It is also good to ask the Spirit to come to us when we are filled with worry, fear or anxiety about anything in this life.

4. "Untie him and let him go!" God wants to have free reign to guide us through the Spirit working in our lives. Many of us make the mistake of thinking that we can control anything in our lives apart from God. This act of "letting go" is the first piece of the famous saying "Let go and let God." Jesus reminds us that, apart from him, we can do nothing.

ACT: Take a few moments each day to pray as Father Steven has taught us. We place our hands over our heart and call upon the Holy Spirit to come. It is in this act of beautiful humility that the Spirit will come into our hearts and gently work in us.

The story of the raising of Lazarus offers a beautiful image of how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. As we continue on our journey of discipleship, God is calling us to deeper union with him through the working of the Holy Spirit. May these final weeks of Lent prepare our hearts for the gift of New Life through the resurrection of Jesus!

In the peace of Christ,

Deacon Tim Hennessey

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YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION

Christos Large Group Event

Grades 1, 3, 4 and 5 will have a Large Group Family Event on March 21, at 4:30 and 6:30 pm. The topic for this event is Holy Week. Each child in grades 1, 3, 4, and 5 should attend and have a parent with them. Grade 2 will have their regularly scheduled class on this date.

Sunday School & Liturgy of the Word for Children

On March 25, Palm Sunday, there are no Sunday School Classes. On April 1, Easter Sunday, there is no Sunday School or Liturgy of the Word for Children. If you have any questions, 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 throughout the Lenten season.

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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is coming!
Save the dates: June 18 through 22.
More information will be shared as we receive it.

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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SINCERE SYMPATHY

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



ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville will host an Iconography Workshop. The workshop will take place April 9 - 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Master Iconographer, Nicholas Markell, teaches Byzantine iconography using the ancient method of egg-tempera painting and 24 karat gold leafing. This approach explores the technique, as well as the spiritual symbolism, of the icon writing process. Each participant will create the icon of Our Lady of Tenderness.

For registration information or questions, contact Judy Symalla at 651-351-0650, or visit www.stcroixiconography.org.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS EASTER EGG HUNT



Bring your Easter baskets or bags and join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, at 11 a.m. We will meet in the Gathering Space of the Main Church. We hope you will join us!

CCW FIRST ANNUAL PARISH WOMEN'S RETREAT

The St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring their first annual parish women's retreat. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dr. Anita Pampusch, professor of philosophy and former president of St Catherine's University, will lead us in a discussion, "How do we provide time for reflection and meditation in today's world?" based on the book, *Prophets of Eucharistic Love*, St Mary Magdalene. For more information, please see the flyer in today's bulletin.

GRANDPARENTS' ADVENTURE

The Grandparents' Adventure gathering has been changed to Friday morning, March 23, after the 9 a.m. Mass. We will meet in Heritage Center. Father Steven will join us in discussing Anchor #8 - "Easter People," from *Ten Anchors* by Father John Forliti.



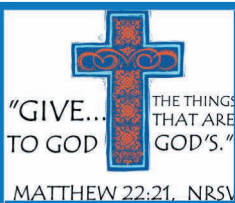
The Catholic Grandparents' Ministry invites grandparents to grow deeper in prayer for their grandchildren and to be witnesses of Jesus. All parishioners are welcome to join the discussion of "Easter People" and to share some of your Easter traditions with us.

Refreshments will be served.

EASTER FLOWERS



We are now accepting donations for Easter flowers in memory or honor of a loved one. If you would like to make a donation, please pick up an envelope on the information counter in the Gathering Space. Fill out the information and drop it off at the parish office or return it through the Sunday collections by Monday, March 26. All names will be listed in a flyer in our Easter bulletin.



Financial Recap July 1 to March 11, 2018

YTD Actual Collections:	\$689,422
YTD Budgeted Collections:	\$663,618
Difference:	\$25,804

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

BOY SCOUT FISH DINNER

Boy Scout Fish Dinner

Friday, March 23, 4:30 - 7 p.m.

The meal includes fish, potatoes, coleslaw, vegetable, macaroni and cheese, dessert and beverages.

Adults - \$10 Children 2-11 - \$7

Children under 2 (with paid adult) are free.

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

HOLY SATURDAY PRAYER

Are you seeking ways to enter more deeply into the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ? Do you feel that God is asking you to do just a little bit more to make room for Him in your heart? Join us on Saturday, March 31, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Historic Church. Lisa Amos will lead us in an observance of the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer, followed by time for silent meditation. Together, we will prepare ourselves more fully for the Resurrection, by first making room in our hearts and our lives for Christ's death and resurrection.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



St. Peter's Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 4th Thursday of every month, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., in the Family Room. Our next meeting is March 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.

EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus, dwells among us and showers us with spiritual gifts. This study uses key biblical texts to help readers discover how to rekindle the fire of the Holy Spirit and allow God's Spirit to manifest these divine graces and spiritual gifts more richly within them.



The Thursday evening Bible study continues with "The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts". It's not too late to join in this study and open your heart to the movement of the Holy Spirit in your life. The group meets on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., in the Ravoux Room. All women are welcome.

For further information, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

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
Helen Wilkie.....651-365-1334

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 18

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, March 19	† Jerry Hirsch
Tuesday, March 20	Imogen Holien
Wednesday, March 21	† Mike Hughes
Thursday, March 22	Mary Flanagan
Friday, March 23	† Joyce Lucking
Saturday, March 24	† Mary Sandkamp
Sunday, March 25, 9 am	† Jeffrey Weiss
11 am	Mass For The People

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: MARCH 19

Monday, March 19

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
6:30 pm Alpha, Heritage Center
7 pm Boy Scout Troop Meeting, Classroom 10

Tuesday, March 20

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

Wednesday, March 21

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

Thursday, March 22

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

Friday, March 23

8 am Reconciliation (Main Church)
9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
10 am Grandparents' Adventure, Heritage Center
4:30 pm Boy Scout Lenten Fish Dinner, Heritage Center
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross with Benediction, Main Church

Saturday, March 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
6 pm Easter Flower Pick-Up, Gathering Space

Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass, Main Church
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 Easter Flower Pick-Up, Gathering Space
1 pm Baptism Class, REFF Office

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Jesus has compassion for Martha and Mary and weeps over the death of their brother, Lazarus. Jesus is with us through every trial and every joyful moment of our lives. By Jesus' tears at the tomb of Lazarus, we can be assured

that no detail of our lives escapes his notice. Let us trust in the Savior who looks on each of us, with compassion and love.

MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN

The mission statement of Neighbors, Inc. is to "help lift people out of poverty, by promoting self-sufficiency and building a sense of community for those in need."



With the help of community volunteers, some adults with mild disabilities are able to live almost independently in our community. The day Nate, a shy man in his late twenties, came to Neighbors, Inc. with his advocate, Bill, is especially memorable. Bill is retired and a volunteer. He visits Nate three mornings a week to help with various tasks. As Nate moved through the aisles selecting his food, Bill stood behind him, making gentle suggestions when Nate seemed uncertain about making food choices. Someone, probably Bill, had taught Nate to say, "I don't know how to do this, but I am willing to try."

The two men were an impressive team. When they reached the potato/rice section, Bill helped Nate understand that he could make a 5-pound bag of fresh potatoes stretch further than a box of instant au gratin potatoes. Thanks to people like you, those fresh potatoes were available. We are all community builders when we connect with others through our gift of our time, words of encouragement or even just a smile.

"The bread you store up belongs to the hungry.

The cloak that lies in your chest belongs to the naked.

The gold you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor."

~ St. Basil the Great

After each Mass this weekend, special grocery bags will be available for you to take home. Please consider filling these bags with your food donations and returning them to St. Peter's by April 8. Monetary donations are also encouraged. Each dollar donated is the equivalent to one pound of food. You may place your monetary donation in the collection basket at Mass. Address the envelope to Neighbors, Inc. and write "Church of St. Peter" on the check's memo line.



ADORATION CHAPEL

"What wonderful majesty! What stupendous condescension! O sublime humility! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble Himself like this under the form of a little bread, for our salvation. . . In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood."

~ St. Francis of Assisi



We can love from afar. Truly, many of us love deeply dear friends and family who live a great distance away. It's also true, though, that there's great joy and comfort in being present with and to someone special. Christ wants this with you and, even more, He wants you to want that with Him. Find Him in our adoration chapel. Join Him.



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:

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
Wednesday	11 to 12 pm	Monday	2 to 3 pm		
Thursday	10 to 11 am	Friday	4 to 5 pm		
Saturday	3 to 4 am				
Saturday	4 to 5 am				
Saturday	5 to 6 am				
Saturday	7 to 8 am				

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This year, our collaborative Divine Mercy Sunday devotions will be hosted by St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 4030 Pilot Knob Road, in Eagan, on Sunday, April 8. Devotions will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and will include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Reconciliation. All are welcome.



BOOK GROUPS

Small faith groups are a wonderful way to form relationships of support and encouragement with others who share your love of Jesus. Book study groups are a terrific way to start. If you have thought about gathering friends in your home or local venues, but don't know where to begin, we can help! Fr. Steven has put together a spiritual reading book study guide, and we can recommend books. The titles by Fr. Jacques Philippe in our resource center are just right for this type of study. For further book suggestions or a copy of the reading guide, contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org.

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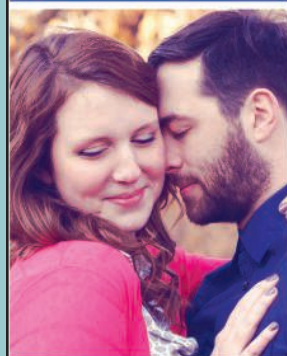
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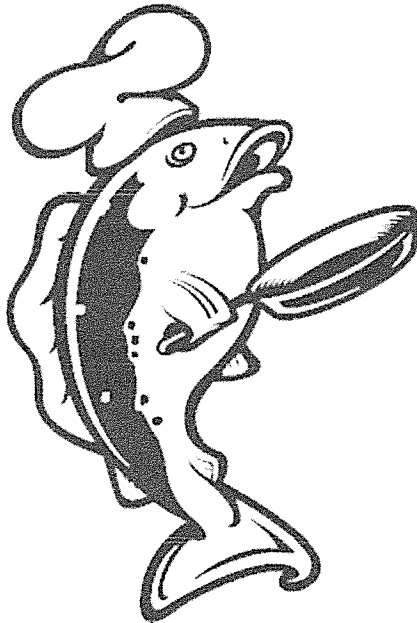


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