

**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.

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER**MAY 7, 2017**

Last Saturday began as an ordinary day for me. I arose early, said my morning prayers and then spent a few minutes praying with the scripture of the day. It was the story from John's gospel where Jesus walks across the sea to meet his disciples in the boat. They are frightened, and Jesus says, "It is I. Do not be afraid." Little did I know that those words would become my prayer for the next several days.

I had been feeling poorly for part of the week. Most evident was a shortness of breath after climbing even a short flight of stairs. I also had a persistent cough. I headed to a medical facility to get checked out, thinking I probably had an upper respiratory problem. Some preliminary blood tests showed that I might have developed a blood clot. I was scheduled to preach last weekend, and since I had no way to reach Father Steven, I left the medical facility to assist at the 5 p.m. Mass, with a promise to return right after my service. I was deeply touched by Father Steven's offer to anoint me after Mass. His prayers were powerful, and the peace from those prayers covered me, as I returned to the facility. Further tests determined that I had blood clots in my right lung. I was told that this was serious, and I was sent by ambulance to the hospital for treatment.

Throughout this journey, the words from my morning prayer kept running through my head. "It is I. Do not be afraid." My hospital stay was short. They sent me home the following Monday with blood thinning medication, along with another medication that I would have to inject into my body twice daily, for several days. I was a bit tired, but grateful for all of the wonderful care I received from medical staff at the clinic and the hospital. The one question that the hospital was unable to answer is why this happened. For that, I would have to seek out my own physician.

Anne consulted a close friend who is a doctor. He suggested we look to the Mayo Clinic or some other prominent medical facility for an answer. I made some inquiries and prayed a bit for direction. I decided to reach out to a physician friend for some counsel. I was expecting a quick telephone discussion, but instead I was invited to his office for evaluation that afternoon. (God works fast!) I knew that God's hand was indeed upon me, as I drove to the office for the meeting. I received thoughtful, compassionate treatment

and felt confident that I was in the hands of a doctor who would answer the "why" question. God is so good!

I wanted to share this story with you, because we are family. St. Peter's is not just a place I go to on weekends. It is my spiritual home, and you are family to Anne and me. Father Steven is not just a priest with whom I serve, but a dear friend and brother in Christ. The St. Peter's staff is also family to me, as we love and support each other on our spiritual journey. I have felt and appreciated every one of your prayers and wishes for my recovery. My family and I thank you for all of that. I feel blessed to have received your support and the medical care that is bringing me back to health again. I am truly on the mend! I will take a lighter schedule for the month of May, so I can rest and recover.

Our loving Father offers us a beautiful lesson in humility, when we are sick and must rely on others to help us. We are forced to put aside our pride and open ourselves to the loving support and care of others, during a time when we can't do for ourselves. Humility is a beautiful virtue, and we learn it best when we are in need. I have been privileged to minister at hospitals and correctional facilities. I have reflected on what a beautiful gift it was to be a patient, because it reminded me again about what it feels like to be sick and have someone visit. God is a great teacher. There are lessons for us in every situation, if we open our eyes to see them.

I have been overwhelmed by your love and support of me and my family during this time. I am so grateful to be your deacon, and so honored to serve at St. Peter's. I pray that I may continue to grow in humility, as God teaches me through situations like this one.

In Christ who heals,

Deacon Tim

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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 is May 15. Registrations taken after that will have a late fee charged.**

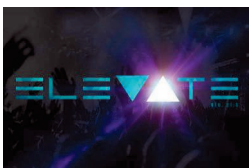
FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION 2017-2018

Please be aware that all children in second grade must prepare for their sacraments at their parish. Even if your child is in a Catholic school, he or she must register for the Wednesday night program. If your child is in second grade next year and you wish to have him or her in the First Reconciliation and First Communion program, please register prior to May 15. Register him/her for the Grade 2 classes. Children must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation prior to First Communion.

STEUBENVILLE ST. PAUL YOUTH CONFERENCE

New to St. Peter's!

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 McCanna at 651-905-4312, or email her at emccanna@stpetersmendota.org.



SUMMER STRETCH

All middle school and high school youth are welcome to join us Thursdays, during July for Summer Stretch! Spend the mornings serving others and the afternoons out on an adventure! The fun starts on Thursday, July 6, and runs each Thursday through August 3. For more information, and to sign up, check the information counter or contact Elizabeth McCanna.



OFFICE INFORMATION

- ♦ Father Steven Hoffman: 651-452-4550
- ♦ Deacon Tim Hennessey: 651-905-4301

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 651-452-4550

Email: church@stpetersmendota.org

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.

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PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

ENJOY AN EVENING OUT

Would you like a nice dinner out, some relaxing time at home or some time to work on a few house projects? Bring your kids (ages 6 months to 11 years) to St. Peter's Parents' Night Out, which just happens to be two days before Mother's day!



On Friday, May 12, from 5 to 8 p.m., you are welcome to drop off your children in our Ravoux Room (by the parish offices) and have a few hours to yourself. This event is FREE, although we will accept free-will offerings. The profit will go directly to St. Peter's. The children's supper will include pizza, carrots, apple slices and milk or water. You are welcome to bring a different dinner for your child, if they won't or can't eat ours.

We hope you can take advantage of this event! RSVP's are **strongly encouraged**. For more info or to RSVP, please contact Anne O'Keefe at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4308.

HELP SUPPORT YOUNG FAMILIES

We are looking for people to help us care for kids during our Parents' Night Out event on Friday, May 12. **We could really use your help!** All volunteers will need to have VIRTUS training, as well as a background check. Please contact Anne O'Keefe at the info above if you are interested, and thank you!

ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS • STEWARDSHIP • COMMUNITY NEWS

CCW PLANT CARD SALE

It's time to start thinking of spring plants and summer gardens. St. Peter's Council of Catholic Women will be selling Gertens plant cards this weekend, May 6 and 7. Stop by the table in the gathering space to purchase your plant cards.

CCW STYLE SHOW

The Council of Catholic Women will be taking reservations for their annual Spring Style Show and Luncheon next weekend and May 13/14, after all Masses. The Style Show and Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 20, in Heritage Center. Sign in starts at 11:30 a.m., the luncheon will begin at noon and the style show starts at 1 p.m. The cost for the luncheon and style show is \$20. Please call Marge Sullivan at 651-451-6690 for more information or to make a reservation.



A COMMUNITY CARING FOR LIFE

ACCL will once again be raising funds for pro-life causes with sales of flowers after all Masses next Sunday, May 14 and 15, Mother's Day weekend. We will have African violets, mini rosebushes and begonia plants. Also, please remember to bring your baby item donations and place them in the portable crib in the Gathering Space by May 14. Thank you.



Happy Mother's Day!

"IT TAKES A VILLAGE" TO BUILD A CHAPEL

St. Peter's has received a generous donation of Dept. 56 Christmas Villages, so we have decided to hold another Dept. 56 Village sale. All proceeds will go toward the Adoration Chapel Project.

If, as you are doing your spring cleaning, you find you have too many Dept. 56 Christmas Villages, please consider donating them to St. Peter's. On June 4, we will hold the fundraiser in the Gathering Space after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. Bring your Christmas Villages to the parish office by May 21. Please contact Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308 or aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org with questions.

WEDDING BANNS

First Proclamation

Zach Becker and Melissa Mollenhoff



MEETING FOR HISTORIC CHURCH TOUR VOLUNTEERS

The Historic Church will be open Sundays this summer, from 12 to 2 p.m., Memorial Day through Labor Day. We are always looking for more people to become tour guides for our Historic Church. There is no experience necessary; we will provide the history! If you are interested, please attend our informational meeting on **Monday, May 8**, in Conference Room 1. Please bring your calendar, if you know you would like to volunteer for leadings tours this summer. If you have any questions, please call Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308 or email her at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org.

K OF C PIZZA NIGHT

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pizza Night at Solos Pizza at Eagan Promenade, 1270 Promenade Place. Simply print the flyer from the K of C website at www.eaganknights.com, and come into Solos on Wednesday, May 10, 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.



PHOTO SESSION VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for people who would be willing to take a shift with the photo directory check-in. We need to have someone at the church on May 22 and 23, and on June 1 through 10. The weekday time slots to choose from are from 2 to 9 p.m. and the weekends are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Even if you can only help for 1 hour, it would be greatly appreciated. We only need one person for each shift. Please call Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308 or email at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. John Neumann and St. Thomas Beckett invite you to join them June 19-23 at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School from 9 a.m. to noon for Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose!

Children in grades K-5 for the 2017-18 school year are welcome. You can register online at <https://vbsspro.events/p/events/sjnvbs2017>. The cost is \$40 for one child, \$75 for two children, and \$100 for 3+ children.



The registration deadline is May 24. For more information call Maria at 507-358-7850 or Tonya at 763-227-2679.

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:

ParishPastoralCouncil@stpetersmendota.org

Trustees:

Jim Oricchio.....651-452-3587
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 7

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

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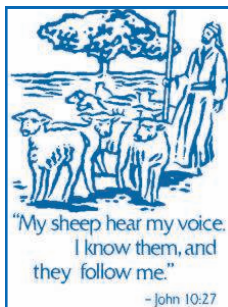
MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 8 † Paige Duncan
Tuesday, May 9 † Arnold & Margaret
 Mehsikomer
Wednesday, May 10 † Mel Deblauw
Thursday, May 11 † Alexander & Eunice
 Fontecha
Friday, May 12 Dorothy Thalhuber
Saturday, May 13 Mass For The People
Sunday, May 14, 9 a.m. † Elsie Formanek
 11 a.m. † Marian Reding



I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: MAY 8

Monday, May 8

9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)
6 pm St. Paul Civic Symphony Rehearsal,
 Heritage Center
7 pm Boy Scout Meeting, Ravoux Room
7 pm ENDOW, Youth Room

Tuesday, May 9

9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)
9:30 am Adoration Before the Blessed Sacrament
 until 6 pm, Historic Church
9:30 am Women's Bible Study, Classroom 10
10:30 am Meals on Wheels, Off Campus

Wednesday, May 10

9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Conference Rm 1
5:30 pm Workcamp Meeting, Youth Room
6:30 pm Perissos, Heritage Center
7 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday, May 11

9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5
7 pm Finance Committee Meeting, Conference
 Room 3

Friday, May 12

8 am **Confession, Main Church**
9 am **Mass, Historic Church** (8:30 Rosary)
5 pm Parents' Night Out, Heritage Center

Saturday, May 13

9 am AA Meeting, Classrooms
9 am Vision Committee, Classroom 10
10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Conference
 Room 1
10:30 am AA Meeting, Classrooms
3:30 pm Confession, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm **Mass, Main Church**
6 pm ACCL Flower Sale, Gathering Space

Sunday, May 14

8:30 & 10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am **Mass, Main Church**
10 am & 12 pm ACCL Flower Sale, Gathering Space
10:30 am Rosary for St. Peter's, Historic Church
11 am **Mass, Main Church**



*Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend*

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS

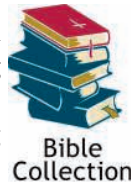


St. Peter urges us this week to imitate Christ whenever we suffer for doing what is good. Jesus did not strike back nor seek revenge, or try to punish—but commended himself to God. Let's pray for the grace this week to overcome our tendencies to anger and resentment and self-pity and bear our hurts with Jesus before the One who judges justly.

ST. PETER'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN COLLECTIONS

Starting May 6, the SPCCW will resume the collection of white sheets, white pillowcases and pill bottles without labels. These items are for the Haiti Collection sponsored by the ACCW.

Also on May 6, the Prison Ministry program sponsored by the SPCCW will be collecting hard and soft cover Bibles in good condition. That will be the only item we will be collecting this year.



GROWING THROUGH LOSS

AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL COALITION OF SOUTH SUBURBAN CHURCHES PRESENTS THE FOURTH IN A FIVE-WEEK SERIES: GROWING THROUGH LOSS

On Tuesday, May 9, we will have a panel discussion on "Stories From The Journey of Grief," facilitated by Joyce Besser. Panelists include Monique Hammond, Loss of Hearing; Nancy Amundson, Loss from Divorce; Pat Williams, Multiple Losses; and Chris Beckman, Loss from Death.

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.; the speaker starts at 7 p.m.; support groups (facilitated by trained leaders), will begin at 8.

A freewill offering will be gratefully accepted.

This program is offered to any adult experiencing a loss or major crisis and to Pastoral Ministers, i.e., Befrienders and Stephen Ministers. For additional information, call 651-452-8261 or e-mail at growingthroughloss@gmail.com.

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SINCERE SYMPATHY

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



PERPETUAL ADORATION

"... they recognized Him in the breaking of the Bread." Do we? Last week in the Gospel readings, the Lord was talking to two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus. They didn't recognize Him yet, because it was shortly after Jesus' Resurrection and the disciples hadn't yet understood fully what had just gone on. Jesus stayed on with them to share a supper meal, and "they recognized Him in the breaking of the Bread."

On our own road to Emmaus, do we recognize Jesus in the Eucharist, in other people, in our daily lives, in nature, etc.? Do we recognize that behind-the-scenes Jesus is "parting waters" for us to walk through, removing mountains and lifting us up? Do we recognize that Jesus is creating ways for us to grow closer to him and love our neighbor better and better? When we spend time at Perpetual Adoration, Jesus becomes more and more a part of our lives, and we recognize areas in which He is working, that we might not have recognized before. Please reflect on how you may want to participate in the upcoming Perpetual Adoration program at St. Peter's. You will be so glad you did! All are welcome and encouraged to participate! Please call Mark Mischke at 651-481-6900 or Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 for more information. You may also attend our **next information meeting on Saturday, May 20, following the 5pm Mass.**

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.griefftoGrace.org or contact Diane at diane@griefftoGrace.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."*



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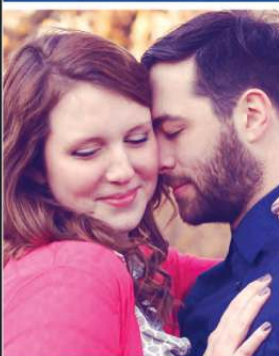
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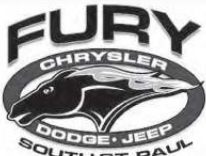


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Seeking Dept. 56 Christmas Villages



As you are cleaning out your storage areas this spring and you find you have too many Dept. 56 Christmas Villages, we invite you to donate them to St. Peter's, and we will sell them in a fundraiser for the Adoration Chapel!



Bring your Christmas Villages to the parish office by May 19.

Please contact Anne O'Keefe at 651-905-4308

or aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org, with questions.



*Congratulations to our
First Communicants!*

Jason Amos

Joshua Bachmeier

Daniel Brost

Amelia Commerford

Elenna Dunst

Elias Grosenick

Elsa Heinsch

Claire Jensen

Sarah Kahn

Evenlyn Kay

Charlotte Knippel

Eli Kraus

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