

**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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***OCTOBER 29, 2017***

As I prepared my bulletin article for this week, I had the opportunity to write in the presence of our Savior Jesus in our new adoration chapel. What a powerful and beautiful place to spend time with Him and to be inspired by His true presence here with us.

This chapel marks a new beginning for St. Peter's - a new place for prayer and a new place to grow in our relationship with God. Seeing Christ on our historic altar is breathtaking. It reminds us, that as that altar served as a beginning for the Catholic Church in Minnesota, our faith also has a beginning, a spark, a connection made with our creator that creates love of Him and love of neighbor. As we are reminded in this Sunday's Gospel: our greatest command is to love our Lord and to love our neighbor as one's self.

As I look at Jesus on that altar, I think of all the countless beginnings brought to God's beloved at that altar; rebirth in Baptism, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, lifelong covenants made in marriage, mercy and strength poured out in the Eucharistic feast. How many have and will continue to experience God's love in a new and powerful way, as Christ rests humbly with us in the monstrance on that altar?

I am reminded of my own beginning, as I sit in our new chapel. The space our new adoration chapel occupies was, at one time, the crying room - in our former worship space, a place my mom and I spent many Sundays in my early years. It's in that space that I began to learn that faith was important, that God loved me more than I could ever know, and that He would forever be with me on this journey of life.

With the feasts of All Saints and All Souls this week, I think of those who have gone before and who modeled great faith for me in my beginnings. I think of my "little-s" saints, my grandparents, who I am confident are praying for me in heaven, even though they are not officially recognized Saints. Our new chapel has two of my favorite Saints' images displayed - John Paul II and Mother Teresa. These two are examples of what it means to love God with all your heart, soul and mind and to love your neighbor as yourself. I am grateful for their example and their prayers.

As the busy-ness of life and day-to-day stress finds its way into our journey, it is easy to become weary. I encourage you to take some time this week to look back to your beginning - to remember that initial connection made with our Creator, and allow him to renew your strength for your journey ahead.

Elizabeth McCanna
Youth Coordinator

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YOUTH NEWS

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

November 1

Grade 2 Reconciliation Program

No Class – All families are encouraged to attend the All Saints Day Mass at 6:30 pm

Christos – Religious Education Program for Grades 1, 3, 4, & 5

No Class – All families are encouraged to attend the All Saints Day Mass at 6:30 pm

November 8

Grade 1, 3 and 5

Christos - meet in your homes.

Grade 2

Meet in your classrooms at your regular times.

Grade 4

Please bring all Grade 4 children to Classroom 3 at their regularly scheduled time, 4:30 or 6:30 p.m. This is the Archdiocesan mandated lesson on Personal Safety. If your child is not going to be there, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311, so we can schedule a make-up lesson for your child.

Grade 6-8

Meet in your classroom at your regular times.

FAITHFUL SHEPHERD INFO NIGHT



We invite you to join us on Thursday, November 9, at 6:30 p.m. to meet our kindergarten teachers, talk to current parents and learn more about our Kindergarten through 8th grade program. For more information or to RSVP, please call Jen Claude at 651-262-2898. Child care is available.

ST. PETER'S WORKCAMP

Calling all high school youth! Join us for a life-changing week at Workcamp! This summer, we will travel to Vandalia, Illinois July 7-14, for a week of service, prayer, fun and daily trips to Dairy Queen! Applications are available on the information counter and are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Have questions? Call Elizabeth McCanna, Youth Coordinator, at 651-905-4312 or email her at emccanna@stpetersmendota.org.

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.



OFFICE INFORMATION

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- ♦ Deacon Tim Hennessey: 651-905-4301

Parish Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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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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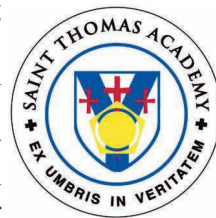
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OPEN HOUSE AT ST. THOMAS ACADEMY

We invite families interested in learning more about St. Thomas Academy to attend an upcoming admissions open house on Sunday, November 5, at 1 p.m. St. Thomas Academy is Minnesota's only Catholic, college preparatory, and military/leadership school for boys. For the schedule and to register for the open house, please visit www.cadets.com/openhouse or call 651-683-1516.



OPEN HOUSE AT BETHANY HOUSE

On Sunday, November 5, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., Bethany House will hold an open house.

Bethany House is a place of discernment for women seriously considering consecrated life. It is located at the Holy Cross Convent, 1615 University Avenue North East, in Minneapolis.

Bethany House is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations and the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus.



SILENT AUCTION ITEMS PICK-UP



We will have a table in the Gathering Space after Mass this weekend, October 28 and 29, for individuals to pick up their silent auction items. If the items are not picked up by October 29, we will move down the list of the bids to get a new winner. Items can also **Fall Festival** be picked up in the parish office Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thank you for supporting the festival!

FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE

Thank you to all who volunteered, sponsored, prayed and participated in our annual Fall Festival. Because of all of you, the parish has netted a grand total of \$42, 209! Thank you all!

We are already planning for next year, so if anyone is interested in joining this wonderful team, please contact Gail Barta at 651-454-9552 or email Anne O'Keefe at aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org.

APPALACHIA CHRISTMAS DRIVE

As mentioned in previous bulletins, we are collecting **NEW** gifts for the poor of Appalachia. A box will be on display in the Gathering Space in which to place these gifts. Again we ask you to buy two of whatever you purchase, since we will be sending the gifts to two parishes. Sunday, November 5 is the cut-off for bringing in the gifts, with Monday November 6 set aside for packing.



As in the past, we will be collecting **WRAPPED** candy for the children. This would be a good time to get rid of leftover Halloween candy. We will also be doing the Shoe Box Program called Papal Footprints, started by Pope Francis. Some boxes will be provided – but just an empty cardboard shoe box or a plastic one from the Dollar Store will work.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

MARRIAGE RETREAT WEEKENDS



This Fantasy Football season, how about “less huddle and more cuddle?” Enjoy a World Wide Marriage Encounter November 17 - 19, at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake. Visit www.twincitieswwme.org or call 612-756-8720 for more information.

GIVING TREE

It may seem very early to think about Christmas and the Giving Tree, but there are so many things that need to be done. Those who work with the program know that it is necessary to begin now, so we have things ready for the families before Christmas. If you, or someone you know, is in need of Christmas gifts, please complete a flyer, available in the Gathering Space, to recommend them for the Giving Tree by November 12. Your help in identifying recipients is very important. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or at lamos@stpetersmendota.org.



SECURITY CHANGES

Now that our Adoration Chapel is open, we have had to make some changes to our security system and the availability of doors being open during the day. It was also a good time to look at the best procedures for the security of our staff and visitors. If you find that doors that used to be open and are now locked, please don't feel we are trying to keep you out. We are simply trying to be more aware of who is in the building for the safety of all.

All visitors and parishioners will be asked to stop at the office window and let us know that you are here. The Main Church and Gathering Space will remain open in the mornings following Mass and for events and meetings that will occur in Heritage Center.

The Adoration Chapel will be open for prayer and adoration each day from 5 a.m. until 10 p.m. It will be closed during daily Mass from 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. and Saturday from 4:45 p.m. to Sunday at 1 p.m. No check in is required for drop-ins during those times. Please be patient as we all adjust to these new procedures.

ST. PETER'S GROUP TRIP

Join us for St. Peter's 20th Group Trip. On Thursday, November 16, we will travel to the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis, where we will enjoy a guided tour, followed by a visit to their “Windows to Heaven: A Visual Hymn of Praise” icon exhibition. Before returning to St. Peter's, we will share a delicious lunch at The Capital Grille. Always fun, always new friends to be made. The bus departs from St. Peter's at 9:45 a.m. and will return at 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person; space is limited. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, November 8. To register, please stop by the office or contact Lisa Amos, Pastoral Associate, at 651-905-4304 or at 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
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, October 30	Robin Holien
Tuesday, October 31	† Clem & Annette Schmitz
Wednesday, Nov. 1, 9 am	Mass For The People
6:30 pm	† Jerry Hirsch
Thursday, Nov. 2, 9 am	No Intentions
6:30 pm	No Intentions
Friday, November 3	Gerald Mayers
Saturday, November 4	Maddie Peterson
Sunday, Nov. 5, 9 am	† Quentin Mayers
11 am	Mass For The People

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: OCTOBER 30

Monday, October 30

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
6:30 pm ALPHA, Heritage Center

Tuesday, October 31

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm RCIA, Conference Room 1

Wednesday, November 1

8:30 am Rosary, Main Church
9 am All Saints Mass, Main Church
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
10 am CCW Board Meeting, Conference Room 1
6:30 pm All Saints Mass, Main Church

Thursday, November 2

8:30 am Rosary, Main Church
9 am All Souls Mass, Main Church
9:45 am Small Faith Group, Conference Room 1
5:30 pm Alpha Core Team Training, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm All Souls Day Mass, Main Church
7:30 pm All Souls Day Reception, Heritage Center
7 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5

Friday, November 3

8 am Confession, Main Church
9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:30 am Anointings, Historic Church
6:30 pm Alpha Retreat, Heritage Center

Saturday, November 4

9 am & 10:30 am AA Meeting, Classrooms
9 am Alpha Retreat, Heritage Center
10 am Saturday Scripture Study, Conference Room
3:30 pm Confession, Main Church
4:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
5 pm Mass, Main Church
6 pm New Parishioner Table, Gathering Space

Sunday, November 5 - *Hospitality Sunday* *Hosted by Council of Catholic Women*

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
9 am Mass, Main Church
9 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Room
9 am Sunday School, Classrooms
10 am New Parishioner Table, Gathering Space
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
10:30 am Rosary for St. Peter's Parish, Chapel of the Nativity (new adoration chapel)
11 am Mass, Main Church
11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Room
12 pm New Parishioner Table, Gathering Space

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



We are called to love God and neighbor. As disciples, we strive to integrate this commandment of love into every aspect of our lives. We begin this journey each Sunday in our celebration of the Eucharist, where God's love is made present to us. Let us draw strength through God's gift to us in the Eucharist.

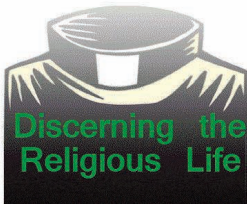
ROSARY FOR ST. PETER'S

Join us for a rosary for St. Peter's at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

"Just as two friends, frequently in each other's company, tend to develop similar habits, so too, by holding familiar converse with Jesus and the Blessed Virgin, by meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary and by living the same life in Holy Communion, we can become, to the extent of our lowliness, similar to them and can learn from these supreme models a life of humility, poverty, hiddenness, patience and perfection," says Blessed Bartolo Longo.



OPERATION ANDREW DINNER



On Thursday, November 9, from 6 to 8 p.m., Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Bishop Andrew Cozzens and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite men, ages 16 to 50, who are discerning the priesthood, to dinner and conversation, with vocations testimonials on the priesthood and religious life. It is typical for a pastor, religious or youth minister to accompany each discerning guest. The dinner takes place at Lumen Christi Church, 2055 Bohland Avenue in St. Paul. Register online before November 6. For more information or to register, please call the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890 or you may email www.stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you are aware of someone from our parish who is unable to attend Mass because of illness or old age, please notify the parish office. Hospitals and nursing homes are no longer able to notify us, and often, those who need our help are unwilling to call for fear of "being a burden." We depend on our parishioners to make sure we know who among the parish is in need of pastoral care. When you call, please share with us as much information as you can, so that we may reach out to them. We appreciate immensely your help with this matter.

ST. PETER'S PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

The Chapel of the Nativity, our new perpetual adoration chapel, officially opened at 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 22, with a beautiful blessing and first exposition, with Father Steven presiding, assisted by Deacon Tim. The chapel holds about 20 adorers, but we squeezed about 80 people into the chapel with overflow in the entryway. The chapel was blessed with holy water and incense, which rose to Our Lord together with our prayers, singing and worship. It was a sight to be seen and experienced. Beautiful sunshine came out around 11:30 that morning to bless us with a beautiful fall day. It was something I hope I never forget.



Very fittingly, Lisa Amos was one of the first scheduled to adore after the ceremony. Many of you may or may not know how hard Lisa has worked on this chapel, along with many others, to get this chapel up and running! A beautiful thing is that since it's a perpetual adoration chapel, we can have a one on one audience with Jesus Christ, who is fully present in the Blessed Sacrament in Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity! If you haven't already, please join the many who have signed up for a special hour. If you haven't seen the chapel yet, feel free to stop in for a visit and spend some quality time with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. All are welcome!

~ Mark Mischke, Perpetual Adoration Team

To sign up for adoration, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304 or lamos@stpetersmendota.org. We still especially need adorers at the following hours:

Early Morning		Daytime		Evening	
Monday	2-3 am	Friday	10-11am	Sunday	5-6 pm
Saturday	3-4 am	Friday	4-5 pm	Friday	7-8pm
Saturday	4-5 am	Saturday	10-11am	Friday	8-9pm
Saturday	5-6 am	Saturday	11am-Noon		
		Saturday	1-2 pm		
		Sunday	2-3 pm		

SINCERE SYMPATHY

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



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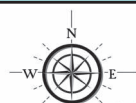


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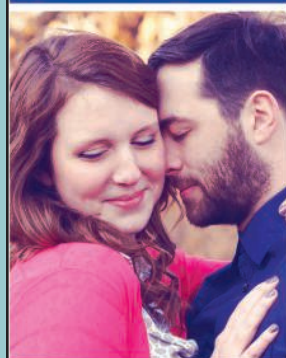
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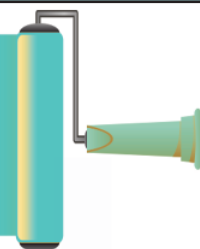
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Month of November 2017



*Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,
and, as our faith in your Son,
Raised from the dead, is deepened,
so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find
new strength.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

*~Collect (formerly called the Opening Prayer),
First Mass, All Souls Day*

For all the faithful who have died we pray, but in particular for

<i>Joseph Kurhajetz</i>	<i>LaVern Richgels</i>
<i>Julian L. Kaeder</i>	<i>Rita Downey</i>
<i>Arthur "Tom" Mulvihill</i>	<i>Scott Erb</i>
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Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Amen.

†A remembrance book to write the names of your deceased loved ones will be placed in the Main Church through the month of November.

NOVEMBER

“The Close of the Liturgical Year”

November brings us to the end of the liturgical year, beginning with the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1 and ending with the final Sunday of the year, The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. As we draw closer to the end of the year, the focus of our Sunday readings turns to the end of time. We are challenged to examine our own lives in terms of their final, last moments.



On All Saints Day we come to realize that, like our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, we are called to holiness of life and perfect union with God one day in heaven. All Souls Day reminds us of our need to pray for the dead who are being purified.

As in the Gospel, the wedding party waiting at the groom's house need to have their lamps prepared and burning to be ever ready. We too are challenged to be prepared, since we know neither the day nor the hour.

We are also challenged to be good stewards of that which God has entrusted to us. We have an obligation to care for these goods, but also to use them wisely, in order to help the Kingdom grow.

And finally, our actions need to be in line with our words. It is not what we say that is significant, but what we do. Have we been willing to take risks because of the Kingdom? The task of building up the Kingdom of God in the present continues. May the presence of Christ in the Eucharist move us to make a gift of our very self so that our world might have life!