

**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.

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**OCTOBER 8, 2017**

I can't remember the last time I watched a television newscast. I rarely play the radio in my car in favor of praying the rosary on my way to work and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on my way home. I seem to get enough of what is happening in the world by surfing the internet on a couple of local media outlets, where I pick up the news of the day. I find that too much media makes me anxious, bitter and cynical.

In these days of uncertainty in our world, many of us are searching for peace. I notice it at work, where people seem anxious about deadlines, projects and promotions. I see it on the roadways; people speed ahead to get one car length ahead of the crowd, then get angry when they can't move ahead faster. The news of the day comes to us through every electronic gadget we own. Sometimes I long for peace...

This weekend's reading from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians offers us the gift of God's peace and a sure way to find it:

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

I must admit, this is a favorite scripture passage of mine. I have spent a lot of time meditating on the peace that St. Paul talks about in this passage. He reminds us that we must make our request known to God and underscores the importance of doing this with thanks. The peace that St. Paul speaks of in this letter is exactly what God wants for us. Worry, fear and anxiety are not of God. When we find ourselves overly preoccupied with worry over a future event, it is time for us to get down on our knees and pray to the Lord for the peace that only comes from God.

After giving us the means to find God's peace, St. Paul describes it as surpassing all understanding. When we find this peace, it will guard our hearts and minds, thus allowing us to live in this peace, despite all that is going on around us. This peace is a gift from God. He wants each of us to find it and carry it in our hearts.

I have a dear Catholic friend who has struggled with various illnesses, the death of a spouse and 2 children and

numerous other difficulties. I am always amazed at how she seems to walk through very difficult circumstances, with a calm assurance of God's presence in the midst of it. She told me that she is very fond of our Blessed Mother and regularly asks Mother Mary to intercede for her. She prays the rosary several times a day and meditates on the mysteries. She told me that the rosary is her favorite prayer. She said, "I feel so much peace when I am walking with Mother Mary through the joys and sorrows, as she did with Jesus."

Peace. It is difficult to describe, yet when we find it, we recognize it immediately. I recall a situation in my own life, just a few months ago, where I was worried and anxious about some medical tests. I was under the watch of a wonderful doctor, who was looking for a cause for my blood clots. In his quest, he harvested 18 tubes of blood from me! I was immediately anxious, as we discussed frankly all of the possible, but rather unlikely, causes for the clots. I remember going online to view my test results. The results appeared in my chart, over the course of several days. As I clicked on each test, I attempted to interpret the results and found myself worrying about some of them. All at once, it was as if I heard the voice of God telling me to stop! I logged off the site, placed my trust in God and soon found out that every test was returned with a normal result.

God is in control; we are not. If you and I can accept this obvious truth, we can breathe a sigh of relief and know that the world is not in our hands, but in His. If we choose, we can live this life in peace, knowing that we can bring everything confidently to our loving God, who never fails us and always walks with us, even through the tough stuff! May God's perfect peace surround and enfold you.

In Jesus, who is our peace,

Deacon Tim

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YOUTH NEWS

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

GRADE 2 RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

October 11: Parent & Child Reconciliation Session

Parents and children will come to class at the regular session time. Parents will meet in the Main Church, while children are in class. Please contact your child's parish of baptism and ask them to send to me verification of the child's baptism. If your child was baptized here at St. Peter's, simply give me the year in which your child was baptized. Please call Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311, or email her at kraible@stpetersmendota.org if you have any questions or concerns.

October 18: No Classes due to MEA break

CHRISTOS – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GRADES 1, 3, 4, & 5

This week families should be working on Chapter 2 of the children's books. Please contact Kathy if you would like additional help with planning the lesson.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

We need adult leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word. This is a simple and rewarding ministry in which to participate. Please contact Kathy Raible for more information.

PERISSOS-CONFIRMATION



Perissos/Confirmation

Do you have a high school teen looking to be involved in our high school youth group, Perissos? Paper registration forms are available on the information counter or can be downloaded from our website. All high school youth are welcome to participate and **active participation is required for those preparing for Confirmation in June of 2018.**

For more information, or if you have questions, please call Elizabeth McCanna at 651-905-4312 or you may email her at emccanna@stpetersmendota.org.

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- ♦ Deacon Tim Hennessey: 651-905-4301

Parish Office Hours: Mon - Thurs, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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 Lisa at 651-905-4304 or call the parish office.

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FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or ill, or in prison, and not minister to your needs?'
Matthew 25:44



Where: Feed My Starving Children: 990 Lone Oak Road (just east of Lexington), Suite 136, in Eagan.

When: Monday, October 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

In our three previous events this year, we have helped pack more than 150,000 meals; that is enough to feed 155 children for a full year.

To sign up or to learn more, please contact Paul or Peggy Hirsch at 651-431-1832, or email them at phirsch651@aol.com.

WEDDING BANNS



First Proclamation
Jon Edge and Erin Perry



*Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FALL FESTIVAL WINNERS!

We want to congratulate all of our Fall Festival winners! We would also like to thank everyone for coming out to the festival and supporting St. Peter's Parish.



Fall Festival

Country Store Raffle

1. Autumn Lap Quilt - John Plut
2. Wooden Shelf - Jennifer Vogel
3. Pink and White Quilt - Mary Jane Eishen

Wine Raffle

- 4 Bottles of wine - Mary Jubenville
- 4 Bottles of wine - Mary Gary
- 5 Bottles of wine - Carolyn Rynders

The winner of the Bingo Cover-All is Margaret Boland.

The Vikings Quilt winner is Colleen Pocchmann.

Cash Raffle

- \$1000 - Kathy Dumond
- \$2000 - Bill Bowman
- \$5000 - Dave Cavallaro

MEN'S PILGRIMAGE

All men are encouraged to join Bishop Cozzens for a day trip to the Guadalupe Shrine in La Crosse, Wisconsin on Saturday, October 14. Buses depart at 8 a.m. from the Chancery at 777 Forest Street in St. Paul, and return at 8 p.m. The cost is \$20, which includes transportation and lunch. Please register at www.thecatholicwatchmen.com.

CATHOLIC WATCHMEN



All men are invited to the Catholic Watchmen and Men's Club monthly meeting on Thursday, October 19, at 6:30 p.m., in Heritage Center. Fr. Andrie will speak on Discipline #2- "Encountering Jesus in Scripture."

Join us for social time, dinner and discussion. Contact Jim Lodoen at 952-707-0539 or jlodoen@lindquist.com. You may also call John Vogel at 651-587-3073 or email him at john.p.vogel@skf.com. To learn more about this Archdiocesan program, please visit www.thecatholicwatchmen.com.

K OF C SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will host a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on October 14, from 6 to 7 p.m., in Heritage Center. It will benefit seminarian education. Proceeds from this dinner will be shared with Evan Huebl to further enhance his preparation for the priesthood. A free-will offering will be accepted for the dinner. Raffle tickets will also be available for a drawing to be held at the end of the month.



WOMEN'S WINE AND FIRE NIGHT



Women's Wine and Fire Night

The Mom's Group invites the ladies of the parish to a Wine and Fire Night on Saturday, October 21. We'll have the fire going by 8:30. Join us at 1316 Raspberry Lane, in Eagan. If you have questions, contact Maria at 507-358-7850.

BLEST ART COMING TO ST. PETER'S

Blest Art will be visiting St. Peter's Parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land.

On October 21 and 22, after each Mass, Blest Art will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art on display.

We kindly invite you to visit our display and to consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land. In doing so, you will help support the many families who depend on this form of art for their living. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Christian families.

We gladly accept cash, checks and all major credit cards. Please note that we do not ask for, nor do we accept, any donations.

Thank you in advance for your purchase when we come to visit!



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 8

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3-5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, October 9	† Jerry Hirsch
Tuesday, October 10	† Alice Struwas
Wednesday, October 11	† Marcie Wohlers
Thursday, October 12	† Leo Reding
Friday, October 13	† Marian Reding
Saturday, October 14	† Doreen Russell
Sunday, October 15, 9 am	Mass For The People
11 am	Robert Smith

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: OCTOBER 9

Monday, October 9

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
6:30 pm ALPHA, Heritage Center
7 pm Cub Scouts, Conference Room

Tuesday, October 10

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 Bible Study, Ravoux Room
6:30 pm Archdiocese Bible Study, Heritage Center
6:30 pm RCIA, Conference Room

Wednesday, October 11

9 am Mass, Historic Church (8:30 Rosary)
9:30 am Caring and Sharing Hands, Off Campus
9:45 am Divine Mercy Cenacle, Ravoux Room
4:30 pm RE Grades 1-5
6:30 pm RE Grades 1-8
6:30 pm Perissos, Heritage Center

Thursday, October 12

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

Friday, October 13

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

Saturday, October 14 -

FSCS Weekend

9 am & 10:30 am

AA Meeting, Classrooms
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 K of C Seminarian Fundraiser Dinner, Heritage Center

Sunday, October 15 - Hospitality Sunday

Hosted by the Men's Club

FSCS Weekend

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
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
10:30 am Rosary for St. Peter's Parish, Historic Church
11 am Mass, Main Church
11 am Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ravoux Room



PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Each day, the Lord invites us to work in his vineyard to sow peace, love, forgiveness, hope and joy in our relationships and in the hearts of others. Is our life bearing this fruit? Let's pray this week to Jesus, the Landowner of the Vineyard, for the grace to live fruitful lives.



AN EVENING OF COMFORT FOR THE LOSS OF A BABY

Have you experienced the loss of a baby, before or after birth? Would you like to commemorate and honor your child's life in a beautiful, healing Mass?

Whether your loss is recent or was years ago, you are warmly invited to attend the Mass of God's Children on Tuesday, October 10, at 7 p.m., at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 1900 Stanford Avenue, in St. Paul. Grandparents, siblings, other family members and friends are all welcome. For more information, please call 651-642-9458.

RCIA

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 and help you to learn more about the process. We will answer any questions you may have. We look forward to helping those baptized in other Christian traditions, the unbaptized and anyone who may already have made their First Communion as a child, but has not received the sacrament of Confirmation. Classes started Tuesday, October 3, but it's not too late to join us. 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 her at lamos@stpetersmendota.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 your help with this matter immensely.

ST. PETER'S PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

We invite you to share in the joy and peace of participating in the St Peter's Perpetual Adoration Program. We still have some very good spots available for you to attend at a regularly scheduled time. We believe that being an adorer may be one of the best hours of your week.



When we attend Mass, we are beautifully fed. Now we have another opportunity with adoration. With adoration, we have the time for a private audience with Jesus. Now, that is really something to shout from the mountaintops! All are welcome. God bless you.

We need your help to ensure that the adoration chapel can stay open perpetually. Our greatest needs are highlighted in a flyer in this bulletin. Please consider committing to one hour on Saturday or Sunday, once a month if every week isn't possible. Or better yet, find a team of three or four to cover a specific hour on the weekend and rotate it among you. We will help put together a team for your hour!

To schedule your hour at adoration, please contact Lisa Amos at 651-905-4304, or Mark Mischke at 651-481-6900. You may also complete a registration card, which can be found in the Gathering Space.

CELEBRATE RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October is Respect Life Month at Wakota Life Care Center, and we need your help. We have added close to 800 new clients in the past year and a half! The need in our community is very real.

- Attend one of our Open Houses on October 8 or 10, to gain first-hand experience of our programs, services, staff and facility.
- Participate in Wakota's Respect Life Challenge 2017 and collect your extra change and donate the monthly proceeds to Wakota to help us fund our program.
- Virtually attend our Wakota Baby Shower for our moms and babies! Go to our registry at www.amazon.com/baby-reg/wakota-lifecarecenter---november-2017-weststpaul/1K8T60S2BRCG3 and select items for our families! Send them directly or drop them off at Wakota.
- Clean out your babies' and toddlers' closets and toys this month, and DONATE gently used clothing, NB to 3T, shoes, toys and equipment.
- Prayerfully consider a financial gift to help support our programming. Last year, 5,629 abortions were performed in Minnesota (about 15 a day). In August of 2017 at Wakota, we served an average of 16 women a day with life affirming and supporting services. Imagine how many more we could be serving and saving with your financial help!

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~ St. John Paul II



We are still seeking adorers for many hours. Please prayerfully consider committing to one of the hours listed here that is still empty. Blank spaces indicate where we have the most urgent need.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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*Could you not watch one hour with me?
Matthew 26:40*