

**SUNDAY MASSES**  
**In Main Church**  
 Saturday at 5 p.m.  
 Sunday at 8, 10 & 12 noon  
 Register at [SignUpGenius](#)  
 10 am Mass is Livestreamed  
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[St. Peter's website](#)

**DAILY MASSES**  
**In Main Church**  
 Tuesday: 9 am & 5:45 pm  
 Wednesday: 9 am  
 Thursday: 7 am & 9 am  
 Friday: 9 am  
**PERPETUAL ADORATION**  
 Chapel of the Nativity

**RECONCILIATION**  
**In Main Church**  
 Tuesday 5-5:40 pm  
 Friday 8-8:50 a.m.  
 Saturday 3:30-4:45 p.m.  
 Other times by  
 appointment.

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time* *January 17, 2021*

The news events of these last two weeks have been challenging, for many of us. We saw protesters storm our nation's capitol in a violent protest in which several people were killed. Among the dead was a law enforcement officer who was there to protect those inside the complex. Protests have continued in our own state capitol and at the governor's residence. Our news these days is filled with stories of violence, tragedy, and loss.

The word that came to my mind this week to describe all of this is chaos. Chaos is defined as "complete disorder and confusion."

To say that our world is in disorder would be difficult to argue. Our elected officials are attempting to remove our current president, before the end of his term. We wait anxiously to see if the vaccine that is slowly making its way into our population will be effective against this virus that has claimed so many lives. The news each day is filled with stories of sadness and despair as people act out their aggression in horrifying ways. Our lives have been turned upside down in so many ways.

I vividly remember a sermon I heard more than 25 years ago. The wise priest talked about forgetting who we are. He explained that we need to remember who we are as children of God. We have been called to live a life of holiness in a world that is badly broken. We are called to live as children of a loving God who never abandons us no matter how chaotic or confusing our world becomes. We can see people in our world who have forgotten who they are as Christians. They have forgotten the dignity with which God made them and the dignity of their brothers and sisters. It is easy to get confused and lose our way, when those who hold power in our world act in ways that are difficult to understand.

In our gospel this weekend, we hear the followers of Jesus ask a simple question, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" They ask this question because there is something about Jesus, whom John calls "The Lamb of God," that makes them want to know more about Jesus. After spending time with him, they realize that they have found the Messiah. They follow Jesus and they never looked back.

The world is in chaos and Jesus is our peace.

It is so easy to get caught up in all that is happening around us. We hear more sad and depressing stories than those that uplift and encourage us. We may get discouraged and feel that our prayers are not being heard, because nothing seems

to change from one day to the next. We may even forget who we are and find ourselves wandering in the dark, looking for answers in the world.

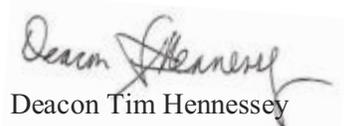
I have started a practice of keeping a bible on my home office desk. I have a stack of prayer cards and a rosary close at hand. I take a few moments in the work day to pray a short prayer, asking God for the strength I need to keep my eyes on him, especially when my work or the news of the day throws me off.

Whatever questions we hold in our hearts about the future, the answer is the same: Jesus! Jesus is our hope and our peace. Jesus is the way that always leads us to the only answer that we need: God is in control.

I have struggled these past couple of weeks with feeling hopeless in the face of all that is happening in our world. I have struggled with feeling anxious and worried, as I think about my children and grandchildren and how the world is spinning today. But then I open my bible and read another story of Jesus' amazing love. I take a moment and offer my little prayer each time my phone buzzes telling me that one of my brother priests is anointing someone with COVID. I take a deep breath and remember that regardless of what happens in this day, God is with me, loving me and healing me.

My brothers and sisters, our world is in chaos, and Jesus is our peace. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Let's hold onto him, as our surest hope and our lasting peace.

In Christ,

  
 Deacon Tim Hennessey

# YOUTH NEWS AND FAITH FORMATION

## ST PETER'S RE/FF TEAM

To learn more about Faith Formation at St. Peter's, click this link: [www.stpetersmendota.org/faith-formation](http://www.stpetersmendota.org/faith-formation)

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### BAPTISMS - NEW PARISHIONERS - WEDDINGS

Call the parish office for more information.

### PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Email Lisa Fontecha at [lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org) or call her at 651-905-4304 or call the parish office.



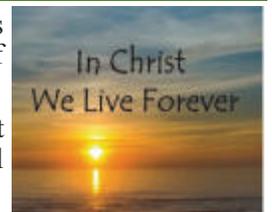
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## IN SINCERE SYMPATHY

St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Dave Peterson.

We invite all to join us in praying that God may make him a sharer in eternal salvation.



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## ROSARY MAKERS



It's been a long time since we have been able to get together, and we won't be able to until COVID-19 is more under control. In the meantime, we would ask that you continue making

rosaries.

Over the last several months, your efforts mean that 1,500 rosaries have been set aside for Fr. Lawrence in Uganda; we have sent 600 to Iowa churches and a high school after storms damaged churches and homes. Please email Mary Ellen at [gmgutzmann@comcast.net](mailto:gmgutzmann@comcast.net), if you need supplies to make rosaries. We can bring supplies to the office for you to pick up. Please include "Rosary Makers" in the subject line. If you know of any churches or chapels in need of rosaries, please let us know and we will try to help. Bless



### SACRAMENTS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you or a loved one wish to be able to join us for Mass but are unable to do so, please contact us to learn of the many ways we can help. Often, many go without simply because we are not made aware of their needs. We are also in need of several new visiting ministers.

To add yourself or someone you love to our outreach ministry or for information on volunteering, call Lisa Fontecha at 651-905-4304 or you can email her at [lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org).

### SANDWICH LUNCH MINISTRY

Our next collection of lunch items to be distributed to Sharing & Caring Hands in Minneapolis will be **Tuesday, January 19, from 12 to 1pm**. Please pull up to the north Main Church doors, and we will come out to your car. We will continue to collect one Tuesday each month. If you are interested in donating items for lunches, please contact Nancy Stanton at 651-686-9009 or [nanrr1@yahoo.com](mailto:nanrr1@yahoo.com).

It is extremely helpful to know how much food to expect, so please be sure to sign up in advance. Each donor is asked to bring 20 to 40 of one or more of the following (you may bring everything, or just one or two items from this list):

- Sandwiches: Choose turkey, bologna and cheese, or ham. No condiments please. Place each sandwich in an individual bag. Sandwiches are easiest to store and transport if you stack bagged sandwiches inside your empty bread bags!
- Individual serving bags of chips
- Individually wrapped cookies
- Bananas, oranges or cuties, or individual fruit cups

**Please do NOT put items into paper lunch bags.**

Thank you!

### SUBSCRIBE TO THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT

During this unprecedented time, stay in the loop with a Catholic perspective on local, national, and world news. Email Rita Holien at [rhlien@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:rhlien@stpetersmendota.org) to receive a free subscription to the Catholic Spirit.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



2020 has been incredibly difficult on all of us and marriages have suffered! Commit to 2021 being the year you find enrichment, joy, and hope in your relationship. Register for the February 13-14 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) for additional information or call Mary Jackson at 651-454-3238.

### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

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### PARISH OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED

The office at St. Peter's remains closed to walk-ins during this time of COVID-19. Some staff is always present, during our office hours of Monday through Friday, 8 to 4 p.m. We will be answering phone calls, voicemails, and emails. Please feel free to contact us at 651-452-4550, with questions or concerns.

### FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Check out St. Peter's website at [www.stpetersmendota.org](http://www.stpetersmendota.org), our Facebook page at [facebook.com/stpetersmendota](https://facebook.com/stpetersmendota) and Twitter @StPetersMendota and on YouTube.



# ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS \* STEWARDSHIP \* COMMUNITY NEWS

## HOLY HOUR OF INTERCESSION WITH OUR LADY

There is even more need for prayer in these troubled times. Please join us for a special Holy Hour of Adoration on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Main Church.

In the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, these “hours of adoration will be special hours of reparation for sins and intercession for the needs of the whole world.” Gathering around Mary, the Mother of God, we will bring “the sin-sick and suffering of humanity before the healing, transforming rays of Jesus, radiating from the Eucharist.”

If you can't be here in person, please join us on our livestream at [stpetersmendota.org](http://stpetersmendota.org).

## PRAY FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY COVID

### Pray for COVID-19 Anointing Corps, Patients, Families, and Medical Support Teams

Parishioners across the Archdiocese are invited to prayerfully support those who are suffering most intensely, usually in sterile isolation, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Text archspm-anointing to 55321 or visit [eva.us/archspm-anointing](http://eva.us/archspm-anointing) to receive a text each time a COVID-19 Anointing Corps Priest is dispatched to give the Last Rites. Upon receipt of the text, those in this ministry commit to take a moment to pray:

- One Our Father for the patient who is in danger of death, as they prepare to meet our Heavenly Father face -to-face;
- One Hail Mary for the patient's family and friends, asking the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Sorrows, to intercede to comfort them; and
- One Glory Be in thanksgiving for the priest and for his protection, as well as the medical team attending to the patient.

For more ways to pray for those affected by COVID-19, visit [archspm.org/covid19prayers](http://archspm.org/covid19prayers).

## PLEASE REGISTER FOR WEEKEND MASSES

Please remember to register for weekend Masses. We are no longer taking registration for weekday Masses. Use this link to register: [www.signupgenius.com/go/saintpeters](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/saintpeters).

All weekend Masses that are currently available will be included on this online form. Please follow the guidelines on the signup page. If you are not able to sign up online or if you have questions, call the parish office at 651-452-4550. Someone will help you get registered.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Sunday Envelope & Electronic Gifts	\$ 167,294.82	\$ 173,449.97	\$ (6,155.15)	\$ 546,959.17	\$ 525,222.51	\$ 21,736.66
Sunday Plate	\$ 512.62	\$ 4,242.44	\$ (3,729.82)	\$ 1,648.87	\$ 12,280.87	\$ (10,632.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 167,807.44</b>	<b>\$ 177,692.41</b>	<b>\$ (9,884.97)</b>	<b>\$ 548,608.04</b>	<b>\$ 537,503.38</b>	<b>\$ 11,104.66</b>

*Sunday giving keeps the lights on, pays for repairs, and funds all ministries and operations. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community.*

## 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.

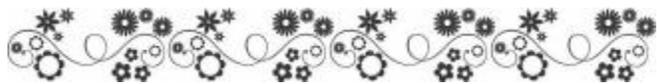
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42
<b>Monday:</b>	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
<b>Thursday:</b>	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
<b>Friday:</b>	Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
<b>Saturday:</b>	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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

<b>Monday, Jan 18</b>	<b>9 am</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday, Jan 19</b>	<b>9 am</b>	Carole Conama
	<b>5:45 pm</b>	† Margarite Weisgerber
<b>Wednesday, Jan 20</b>	<b>9 am</b>	† Dave Peterson
<b>Thurs, Jan 21</b>	<b>9 am</b>	† Russell O'Toole
<b>Friday, Jan 22</b>	<b>9 am</b>	† Jackie Huot
<b>Saturday, Jan 23</b>	<b>5 pm</b>	David & Jonna Dunst
<b>Sunday, Jan 24</b>	<b>8 am</b>	Mass For The People
	<b>10 am</b>	† Dennis Bernier

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: JANUARY 18, 2020

**Monday, January 18—Office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**Tuesday, January 19**

- 8:30 am** Rosary, Main Church
- 9 am** **Daily Mass, Main Church**
- 12 Noon** Sandwich Lunch Ministry Curbside Drop Off, Main Doors of St. Peter's
- 5 pm** **Reconciliation, Main Church**
- 5:45 pm** **Daily Mass, Main Church**

**Wednesday, January 20**

- 8:30 am** Rosary, Main Church
- 9 am** **Daily Mass, Main Church**
- 6 pm** Perissos, Virtual

**Thursday, January 21**

- 7 am** **Daily Mass, Main Church**
- 9 am** **Daily Mass, Main Church**
- 7 pm** AA Meeting, Classroom 5

**Friday, January 22**

- 8 am** **Reconciliation, Main Church**
- 9 am** **Daily Mass, Main Church**

**Saturday, January 23**

- 9 am & 10:30 am** AA Meeting, Classrooms
- 3:30 pm** **Reconciliation, Main Church**
- 5 pm** **Mass, Main Church.** Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)

**Sunday, January 24**

- 7:30 am** Rosary for St. Peter's, Main Church
- 8 am** **Mass, Main Church.** Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)
- 10 am** **Mass, Main Church, livestreamed on St. Peter's Website, YouTube, or on Facebook.** Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)
- 12 noon** **Mass, Main Church.** Register on [Sign Up Genius](#)



## PASTORAL MINISTRY

### HOLY COMMUNION



If you are unable to attend one of the Masses and desire to come in to church to receive Holy Communion, please contact Jennifer at 651-905-4305 to set up an appointment. If you wish to receive Holy Communion at your home, please call Lisa Fontecha at 651-905-4304.

### PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE

Please join us at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 239 Selby Avenue, St. Paul, for the Annual Prayer Service for Life on Friday, January 22, at 10:30 a.m. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath.

Limited seating will be available, and COVID-19 protocols will be followed. The prayer service will also be livestreamed on the Cathedral's [Facebook page](#).

### VIRTUAL ASCEND CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

This free conference for young adults will take you on a deep dive into what it means to be "created for worship." On January 21-23, join special guests Fr. Mike Schmitz, Dr. Mary Healy, and Dr. Dan Keating. To register, go to [www.ascendspo.org](http://www.ascendspo.org).

### PRACTICING CATHOLIC (PREVIOUSLY REDISCOVER: HOUR)

Our guests for the first ever Practicing Catholic show include our archdiocesan Director of Communications, Tom Halden, with a preview of what to look forward to from the archdiocese in 2021. Also, Maria Wiering sits down with the Koop family to discuss the home chapel they built prior to the pandemic. Lastly, we hear from Dale Ahlquist about how he was recently appointed by President Trump to serve on the National Board of Education Sciences.

Practicing Catholic airs Friday at 9 pm, Saturday at 1 pm, and Sunday at 2 pm on Relevant Radio 1330AM.

### CHAPEL OF THE NATIVITY PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

*"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all of my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world."*

~ St. John Paul II

We are in need of adorers in the Chapel of the Nativity. Please prayerfully consider committing to one of the hours listed here that is still empty. White spaces indicate where we have the most urgent need.



*"Could you not watch one hour with me?"*  
~ Matthew 26:40

To sign up for a regular Hour of Adoration, please call Lisa Fontecha at 651-905-4304 or email her at [lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org).

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### VIRTUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

For this year's MCCL March for Life, a "Virtual March" is planned for Friday, January 22. MCCL does not encourage people to come to the Capitol building, which is shut down. View our Virtual March for Life at noon on Jan. 22. You can watch it on [Facebook](#), the [MCCL website](#), and elsewhere as we commemorate the lives lost to abortion.

The purpose of the March is to commemorate the 60 million+ lives lost to abortion (and the women and men who have been hurt as a result) and to call for renewed respect and protection for unborn children and their mothers.

## PASTORAL MINISTRY

### FOLLOWING JESUS



Samuel is taught to listen for the voice of the Lord speaking to him. He answers, “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.” Let us be ready to respond to God’s voice calling us to discipleship.

### NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE 2021 PRO LIFE ESSAY CONTEST

National Right to Life is holding a Pro Life Essay Contest. Essays entered should address this question:

#### Why are you pro-life?

The Junior Contest includes grades 7-9. Submit your 300 to 500 word essay between December 20, 2020 and January 21, 2021. Details and submission information can be found at [nrlc.org/students/essaycontest](http://nrlc.org/students/essaycontest).

The Senior Contest includes grades 10-12 for the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Pro-Life Oratory Contest. Minnesota’s winner may compete in the national contest at the National Right to Life Competition. High school juniors and seniors will submit a 5 to 7 minute video on abortion, infanticide, or euthanasia anytime from September through May. Contact MCCL at 612-825-6831 or email [mccl@mccl.org](mailto:mccl@mccl.org) for rules and application, or visit [mccl.org/youthcontests](http://mccl.org/youthcontests).

### ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD: FAITH AND CULTURE SERIES

**Date(s):** Four sessions, January 20 – February 9

**Time:** 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual Event; Link Sent to Registrants

**More Information:** [Register Online](#)

Inspired by the thousands of participants at the Prayer and Listening Events, this series connects their stories to the story of the Church. Each virtual event includes a talk, testimonials, and a live panel discussion including Archbishop Hebda. **Registration is required to participate live.**

Topics and **updated dates** are listed below; all events begin at 7 p.m.

- **Wednesday, January 20:** Sources of Catholic Teaching (Scripture, Tradition and Magisterium), presented by Dr. Bill Stevenson
- **Wednesday, January 27:** The Church’s Teaching on Sexual Morality and the Family, presented by Dave & Cathy Deavel
- **Thursday, February 4:** The Church’s Understanding on the Dignity of Women, presented by Helen Alvare
- **Tuesday, February 9:** The Priesthood (Both Baptized and Ordained), presented by Sister Mary Esther Nickel.

**Register online** to participate and submit your questions! Zoom links will be sent to registrants prior to each event.

### CATECHISM CORNER BY DAVID DUNST



Catechism  
Corner

The last section of the Catechism’s coverage of the eighth commandment, “you shall not bear false witness,” deals with expressions of the truth, especially in beauty and works of sacred art.

Firstly, we are reminded that truth itself is beautiful in itself. Truth, the real, whether uncreated (God only), or created (everything else), is beautiful, and necessary to the human intellect. However, truth can take on many human expressions which add to our comprehension of it. In fact, we quite need these complementary expressions of truth so as to understand the depths of meaning these expressions evoke in referring to truth. (CCC 2500)

For an example, the Catechism posits all of creation as the self-revelation of God, who is the author of truth and beauty. Quoting the book of Wisdom, the Catechism says: “from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator,” and that both a child and a scientist begin to perceive something of God in those things, because they are made by the Creator. (CCC 2500)

Man himself “also expressed the truth of his relationship with God the Creator by the beauty of his artistic works,” because he is created in the very “image of God.” The art of man displays in a distinctive way the riches within the human person, and is unique among creatures. Rather than the mere search for the necessities of life, which all creatures hold in common, art gives a kind of form to the practical wisdom of God, and the act of creating it bears a resemblance to God, insofar as such art is inspired by truth and love. (CCC 2501)

Now, sacred art has a certain responsibility to the realities it depicts, because of the content of what it expresses. In showing forth the mysteries of God, art is only beautiful to the extent to which it presents the truth and beauty of the mysteries it presents. Truly sacred art will draw man to adoration of God, worship, prayer, and love of neighbor. (CCC 2502)

Works that do not communicate the truth of Sacred mysteries in such a way are inadmissible as sacred art”. These works ought to be removed from liturgy and all places of worship.” (CCC 3503)

Next week; the ninth commandment.





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