



**SUNDAY MASSES  
In Main Church**  
 Saturday at 5 p.m.  
 Sunday at 8 & 10 a.m.  
 10 am Mass is Livestreamed on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [St. Peter's website](#)

**DAILY MASSES  
Historic Church**  
 Tuesday: 9 am & 5:45 pm  
 Wednesday: 9 am  
 Thursday: 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.

*Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time* *November 7, 2021*

As I read the readings for today, the Lord put two questions on my heart. “What’s your poverty?” And “What’s your cake?”

We encounter two widows today in our readings—both experiencing poverty and practicing generosity. I think sometimes it’s easy to take these stories at face value and to not look beyond the fiscal poverty. As we gear up to start our 2022 workcamp fundraising this weekend, my first thought when I read these stories, was of the people we serve on these trips—the residents who buy us pizza or bring us ice cream. Those who shower us with love and kindness and share from their limited resources—it’s a powerful encounter of Christ’s love, when you receive so much from those you are there to serve.

But really—this story is not simply about those who find themselves in fiscal poverty. It’s about all of us, who all experience poverty, even if it’s not financial. It’s about being willing to invite God into our places of lack and allow Him to provide, to nourish, and to take care of us.

As I reflected on these questions the Lord gave me this morning, I realized I’m impoverished in time and energy. Coming out of our simplified pandemic life with a school aged child and toddler, I feel like I’m constantly running behind and running out of energy. Add a full ministry load back into the mix, and I’m often a chicken running around with my head cut off. I’m actually writing this article sitting in car-line with livestream adoration pulled up on my phone, because I went to write this morning in the chapel only to discover my laptop battery was dead, and once it was charged I didn’t have the time before I had to leave for carline.

Life is fuller than it was a year and a half ago when the world shut down, and with a much simpler life for the better part of a year, things can feel overwhelming right now. My poverty is time and in recognizing that I’m able to be more intentional with the time I have. There is a lesson to be learned in the poverty—it makes you realize that all you have is a gift.

So if my poverty is time, what’s my cake? The widow at Zerephath quite literally had to trust the Lord to provide the necessary ingredients for her, for her son, and for Elijah. When he asked for a cake, she gave from a complete lack—and the Lord provided for her needs. My cake right now is “wasting time with my children,” as Pope Francis calls it. It’s taking the extra 10 minutes this morning to read Clare

her library book, before it had to be returned to school today. It’s putting aside dinner prep to play peek-a-boo with Leo around the kitchen island. It might not seem or feel big. I’m not curing cancer or solving climate change. But I’m listening to God and showing my children His unconditional love. I’m saying “Jesus, I trust in you. I trust that you will provide the time and energy I don’t feel like I have. And I’m trusting that your call for me is greater than my plans.”

So what’s your poverty? And what’s your cake?

Praying for you!

Blessings,

*Elizabeth*  
 Elizabeth



## YOUTH

### ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Attention Grade 3 Parents: Please note that the Grade 3 Personal Safety Lesson, as required by the Archdiocese, will take place on Wednesday, November 10 at 6 p.m. Attendance is very important. If your child is not able to attend this class, please contact Kathy Raible at 651-905-4311 or at [kraible@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:kraible@stpetersmendota.org), so we can schedule a make up lesson for your child. Thank you.

### FAITHFUL SHEPHERD KINDERGARTEN INFO NIGHT

Join us at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School on Tuesday, November 16, from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. for Kindergarten Information Night. Come learn more about our curriculum, student life, and our community. Meet our amazing kindergarten teachers.

Childcare is available free on-site at our preschool. For further information, contact Hannah Smith at [hsmith@fscsmn.org](mailto:hsmith@fscsmn.org) or at 651-262-2898.



### VISITATION OPEN HOUSE



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Register for the November 16 open house at [visitation.net/openhouse21](http://visitation.net/openhouse21).

### RESOURCE CENTER

You might be looking for good resources to encourage and help you grow in faith. Consider checking out the Resource Center located in the Gathering Space. You will find books, CD's and pamphlets about a variety of subjects. In addition, you will be able to choose spiritual reading that you can trust, recommended by Fr. Steven, Lisa Fontecha, and Elizabeth McCanna (yes—there are books for teens and young people!).

This center is self-funded. We would ask that those who are able to do so, please donate \$5/CD, \$1/pamphlet and the list price of the books you choose (usually listed on the back cover). Because we want everyone to be able to enjoy these resources, whether they can contribute or not, we welcome any additional donations, above these suggestions. There is a slot in the center to place your donation. If you are unable to donate, please take a resource anyway!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS SALE



Our annual “All Things Christmas” sale is right around the corner. People have generously donated their new and gently used Christmas items all year long. Our storage room is bursting with fun items looking for a new home. The sale this year will **take place on November 13 and 14**, in person in Heritage Center .

#### Volunteers

Sort and price the items before the sale  
Set up in Heritage Center the week before  
Help on the day of the sale  
Clean up after the sale is done

You can sign up to volunteer on our parish website, [www.stpetersmendota.org](http://www.stpetersmendota.org) via Sign-Up Genius, call Anne O’Keefe at 651-905-4308 or email her at [aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:aokeefe@stpetersmendota.org) .

#### Donations

We accept “all things Christmas,” so please tell family, friends, and neighbors to donate their Christmas items to St. Peter’s. We will accept donations, until Sunday, November 7. Items can be dropped off at the parish office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on the weekend, after Masses in the coatroom. All proceeds from the sale will go for a new St Peter’s sign outside.

### ALPHA “COME AND SEE” DINNER

Alpha will be returning to St. Peter’s in February of 2022. In preparation for this, we will be offering an opportunity for you to “Come and See” what Alpha is all about. On Tuesday December 14, at 6:30 p.m., we will be hosting a dinner, with an opportunity for you to ask questions about Alpha from core team members and past Alpha participants. We will also show a short video to give you an idea of what to expect when you sign up for the Alpha program.



Come one, come all!! Invite your friends! In order to make sure we have enough food, we ask that you sign up for the dinner by contacting Laurie Reding at [lreding1@aol.com](mailto:lreding1@aol.com) or at 612-419-1709. You can also call the parish office at 651-452-4550. There is no cost for the dinner. Free will offerings will be accepted. Hope to see you all there!

### SUBSCRIBE TO THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT



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.

## STEWARDSHIP \* COMMUNITY NEWS

### JESUS OUR HOPE, YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We are grateful to the 315 families that have pledged and are contributing to the campaign. Pledges are \$2.5 million. The balance due on the debt as of October 31, 2021 is \$2,240,244. Thank you for your generous support of the campaign. If you are not able to make a financial pledge at this time, we ask that you pray for the success of the campaign. We would like to hear from everyone. Please return your pledge card. If you no longer have a pledge card, please contact Peter Guzulaitis at the parish office to have a new card sent. He can be reached via e-mail at [DirectorofOperations@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:DirectorofOperations@stpetersmendota.org) or by phone at 651-905-4307.

### GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Sept 2021 COLLECTIONS	Sept 2021	Sept 2020	Year over Year	Fiscal Year to Date	Prior Year thru Sept	Year over Year
Sunday Envelope & Electronic Gifts	\$ 73,630.61	\$ 77,083.50	\$ (3,452.89)	\$ 227,834.28	\$ 226,701.65	\$ 1,132.63
Sunday Plate	\$ 406.55	\$ 53.00	\$ 353.55	\$ 699.00	\$ 927.25	\$ (228.25)
Total	\$ 74,037.16	\$ 77,136.50	\$ (3,099.34)	\$ 228,533.28	\$ 227,628.90	\$ 904.38

*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.*



### “KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” CONTEST



The Eagan Knight of Columbus council is once again sponsoring our annual “Keep Christ in Christmas” coloring/creativity contest for the Tri-Parishes of St. Thomas Becket, St. John Neumann, and St. Peter, as well as all Faithful Shepard Catholic school students.

Winners will receive Target gift cards from \$10-\$25!

You may pick up the coloring page from the information counter in the Gathering Space.

### SANDWICH LUNCH MINISTRY

Our next collection of lunch items to be distributed to Sharing & Caring Hands in Minneapolis will be **Tuesday, November 16, from 12 to 1pm**. Pull into the lower parking lot, and we will come out to your car. Watch the bulletin and website for upcoming dates. 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 for us 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, two, or all of the following:

- Sandwiches: Choose turkey, ham, or bologna and cheese No condiments on sandwiches, 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
- Oranges, Cuties, or individual fruit cups (**PLEASE, NO BANANAS**)

**Please do NOT put items into paper lunch bags.** Thank you for your generosity!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### GIVING TREE



The Giving Tree is up! You are now able to choose dolls for purchasing gifts. You may also choose gifts online, by using our Sign Up Genius link on our website. New, unwrapped gifts may be returned to the tree with the doll tag attached, or you may take advantage of our curbside drop off, on Saturday, December 4, from 9 to 11am. All gifts need to be in on or before Sunday, December 5, by 12 noon. Please make every effort to have them here by the deadline. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Other helpers are also needed. The more the merrier! There are small tasks with limited time commitments for adults and young adults, and the rewards are huge! Please consider spreading some Christmas cheer by helping with this very important project! Contact Lisa Fontecha at 651-905-4304 or at [lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org](mailto:lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org), if you have questions or would like to sign up to help. Thank you!

### ACCW MORNING OF REFLECTION

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women invites you to a "Morning of Reflection," on Saturday, November 20, 8:15 a.m. at Holy Spirit Church, 515 S. Albert St., St. Paul. The speaker will be Liz Kelly.



Registration is \$20, before November 11—\$25 after. To register via credit card, go to [www.archspm.org/saintsaccw](http://www.archspm.org/saintsaccw). To register with a check, mail to ACCW, 777 Forest St., St. Paul MN 55106.

Call 651-291-4545 with questions.

### STAY SAFE

With the coming cold and flu season and with a desire to keep everyone safe from illness, please stay home from Mass if any of the following apply to you:

1. You have any cold symptoms, including a cough, fever, headache, or achiness.
2. You have been in close contact with someone who has a communicable disease, including Covid-19.
3. You have reason to believe your health would be significantly compromised, if you were to contract a communicable illness.

As the Minnesota bishops remind us, "we are excused from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays or Holy Days," under these circumstances. If you are unable to attend for any reason, we welcome you to watch the livestream of the Mass each Sunday at 10 a.m. Thank you helping us keep everyone safe!

## PASTORAL MINISTRY

### 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 an hour.

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).

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

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### LECTIO DIVINA SERIES

The Church of St. Joseph, 1154 Seminole Avenue in West Saint Paul is offering a Lectio Divina series, and you are invited!

LECTIO DIVINA—Reading, Praying, Studying, Sharing the Word of God.

Tuesdays, November 2-23 and December 7. Morning and Evening sessions are available: 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Join us as you are able, to encounter Jesus in Holy Scripture as Douglas Bushman leads participants through this series. No preregistration is required. Contact St Joseph for more information at 651-457-2781.

## PASTORAL MINISTRY

### FOLLOWING JESUS



Jesus calls us today to give generously, as did the poor widow who deposited the coin. Our loving God is calling us to be generous with the gifts we have been given. Let us pray for a generous heart.

### HOLY HOURS OF ADORATION

We invite you to join us for special Holy Hours of Adoration on the third Thursday of each month, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Main Church. The next Holy Hour will be **Thursday, November 18**.

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.”

Can't be here in person? Join us on our livestream at [www.stpetersmendota.org](http://www.stpetersmendota.org).

### ADVENT SERIES AT ST. THOMAS BECKET

You are invited to join the Catholic Community of St Thomas Becket (4455 South Robert Trail in Egan) for a Sunday morning Advent Series, beginning Sunday, November 21. We invite you to share the enthusiastic insight and scholarly study of Dr Charles Bobertz, as he helps us explore [Celebrating Liturgy in the Gospels](#). Charles is a husband, father, and an ordained deacon, who serves in Eden Prairie at Pax Christi Catholic Community.

Sign up to register at this link [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ADAA2DA6F5C43-celebrating](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45ADAA2DA6F5C43-celebrating).

### VETERANS DINNER

You are invited to a free Dinner honoring veterans, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, on Friday, November 12, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. It will take place in the Social Hall. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6 p.m. Dinner includes salad, rolls, lasagna, and dessert.

To sign up, please go to the following link: [ivpm.regfox.com/2021-veterans-dinner](http://ivpm.regfox.com/2021-veterans-dinner).

PEACE PEACE PEACE

### CATECHISM CORNER BY DAVID DUNST



#### Catechism Corner

Having given prayer the better part of the last four or five months in this space, we'll move on to other questions and topics. This week, however, I wish to make a clarification on something we've discussed in previous bulletins.

In the past, this column has addressed the Church's teaching on divinization, which also goes by several other names: theosis, theopoesis, deification, or apotheosis. There are some fine distinctions made between one term and another, as well as some argument over what exactly is meant

by this doctrine, especially in the metaphysical sense.

The Church holds that, in short, “God became man that man might become God,” as St. Athanasius formulated it. That is to say that God draws us into his own divine life, into the intimate communion of the Most Blessed Trinity. Now, this is not to say that humans become gods, but that they/we may in the fullest sense become God's—taken up into his own perfect love. It means that by the action of divine and sanctifying grace we are truly adopted into the divine sonship of Christ.

This doctrine does not state that we will wield divine power or authority, nor that we become one and the same with any of the divine persons of the Holy Trinity, in any strict sense. Rather, our humanity will be subsumed by divinity by the process and action of divine grace.

We should be careful, though, not to confuse this with divination, the practice of consulting various mysterious avenues and practices in an attempt to ascertain future events. This practice is roundly proscribed and categorically discouraged, as spiritually dangerous and contrary to God. While God can reveal the future to prophets or saints, conjuring the dead, consulting horoscopes, palm reading, recourse to mediums and similar activities are contradictory to the love, respect, honor, and holy fear we owe to God only.

So, divinization—profoundly good. Divination—catastrophically bad.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, 2021

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

**Monday:** Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8

**Next Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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

<b>Mon, Nov 8</b>		No Mass
<b>Tues, Nov 9</b>	9 am	† Betty Hoey
	5:45 pm	Chris, Trish, & Cathy Larson
<b>Wed, Nov 10</b>	9 am	† Patricia Gill
<b>Thur, Nov 11</b>	9 am	† Joyce Pearson
<b>Fri, Nov 12</b>	9 am	† Chisue (Ann) Joung
<b>Sat, Nov 13</b>	5 pm	† Anita Selg Fredrick
<b>Sun, Nov 14</b>	8 am	Mass For The People
	10 am	† David Schloegel

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: NOV 8, 2021

### Monday, November 8

**4 pm** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atrium  
**6 pm** AA Meeting, Classroom 1 & 2

### Tuesday, November 9

**8:30 am** Rosary, Historic Church  
**9 am** **Daily Mass, Historic Church**  
**10 am** Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room  
**5 pm** **Reconciliation, Main Church**  
**5:45 pm** **Daily Mass, Historic Church**

### Wednesday, November 10

**8:30 am** Rosary, Historic Church  
**9 am** **Daily Mass, Historic Church**  
**5:30 pm** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atrium  
**6 pm** Faith Formation Grades 1-8, Classrooms  
**7 pm** Perissos, Youth Room

### Thursday, November 11

**9 am** **Daily Mass, Historic Church**  
**6 pm** AA Meeting, Classroom 5  
**6:30 pm** Thursday Bible Study, Ravoux Room

### Friday, November 12

**8 am** **Reconciliation, Main Church**  
**9 am** **Mass, Historic Church**

### Saturday, November 13

**9 am & 10:30 am**  
AA Meeting, Classrooms  
**9 am** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atrium  
**3:30 pm** **Reconciliation, Main Church**  
**5 pm** **Mass, Main Church**  
**6 pm** The Chosen Registration Table, Gathering Space

### Sunday, November 14

**8 am** **Mass, Main Church**  
**9 am** The Chosen Registration Table, Gathering Space  
**9:30 am** Rosary for St. Peter's, Main Church  
**10 am** **Mass, Main Church**—Livestreamed on [YouTube](#), or on [Facebook](#).  
**10 am** Liturgy of the Word for Children, Classroom 2 & 10  
**11 am** The Chosen Registration Table, Gathering Space

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\*includes 2 week break for Christmas & New Year's

Registration requested and available at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/thechosen>. Please register by November 19, 2021. For more information, contact Lisa Fontecha; lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org or 651-905-4304.

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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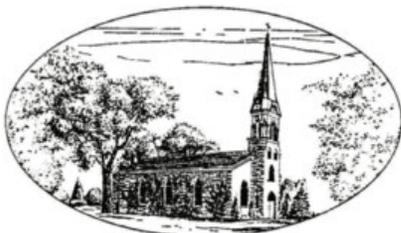
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