



**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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time *November 14, 2021*

I recently took advantage of an opportunity to absorb some art. Now, static visual arts are not generally very affective for me, though I can appreciate a thing of beauty when I see it. When it comes to that sort of thing I prefer, and spiritually profit more, from the beauty of the created world, even if only in still photos. I enjoy a beautiful story well told, an intricate symphony or chorale, a theatrical performance, or a cinematic experience very much, and usually accept the good I find therein and simply discard the bad in each creative expression.

I marveled at the sort of peaceful, rapt, comfortable reverence of others, who were engaging with this experience. It could not be said that they were being disrespectful of the art or artist, as they sat for long minutes nearly motionless, and virtually silent, despite taking up all manner of positions and postures. It was not worship by any stretch, but it was certainly a genuine form of contemplation. As I participated in this sort of stillness, as I viewed the art, and experienced the accompanying music, I felt I began to know better the artist than the individual works of art.

It seems we constrain ourselves to given cultural definitions of order and respect around prayer. Entering into contemplation, though, we should be free to see the Artist behind the art. When we take time to pray, we would be better served to make ourselves free to do so.

It would seem thinking of God makes us instantly uncomfortable and ill-at-ease, even in our very skin. In a moment we can shift from jovial interaction with friends, family, acquaintances, or others and adopt a staid, reserved, guarded, and (God forbid) detached and bored aspect—or worse, we can appear eager for it to be over. When we approach prayer holding our very selves back, we deprive the Lord of that moment to love us freely and impoverish our souls.

It is not the beauty of God or his greatness that unnerves us, though. I would assert it is the knowledge of our own faults that makes us ashamed, and this kind of shame is a manifestation of a disdain for oneself (as opposed to the kind of shame that merely reminds us of our need for God). In response, we either construct a rule or structure believing this to be some protection of our woundedness, or we simply avoid contemplative prayer altogether. This is pride, make no mistake.

Where humility gives God his due because of his own true

stature and worthiness, our pride shifts our interior attention to the self, rather than the other, thus serving as a distraction from entering into the kind of contemplation by which we see beyond the story to the author, or beyond the painting to the artist—in our case, beyond the written Word of God to the Author, beyond the sunrise to the Creator, or beyond bread and wine to Christ personally present.

We tend to be more concerned about how we think God looks at us (very much as if he sees us as we expect our neighbor does) than what our faith teaches us is the way God sees us.

Recently, our parish staff had a day retreat, in which we had the opportunity to talk in smaller groups. Our discussion orbited around the relationship between love of neighbor, vis a vis love of self in the context of Jesus' exhortation to love neighbor as self. In our group, we spoke in agreement that we often find it easier to love others than ourselves, because we know ourselves better, especially in our faults. For many of us, our own disillusionment with ourselves as a result of our sins prevents the holy love of self to which we are called.

God does not have the same difficulty—he does not loathe each of us the way we loathe ourselves, particularly on the basis of our faults. In other words, God is not distracted by the messiness of our souls when we go to prayer—we are, and that's its own problem. This discomfort with ourselves puts us at an invincible disadvantage in approaching contemplation.

Instead, it is our fallen brokenness—our wounds attract God's healing love. When we recognize our need of him, the Holy Spirit is ready to speed God's balm to us.

If we would take God at his word, and accept ourselves as he does, we would find that God's love truly heals those wounds, both caused and perpetuated by sin, we would be more able to sit in a sort of comfortable reverence, unencumbered with self-imposed criteria of proper posture or comportment in contemplation. We could sit, stand, kneel, or even lounge, concentrating on the image of the Lord, placing him before our eyes. When we do, we will grow in knowledge of Beauty as we look on beauty.

David M Dunst
 David Dunst
 Director of Music and Liturgy

YOUTH

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Attention Grade 1 Parents: Our next class, November 17, is the Grade 1 Safe Environment Lesson. Please make sure your child is present. If he/she cannot be here, please contact Kathy Raible to schedule a make-up lesson.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REGISTRATION



Christmas pageant registrations were sent to you in the November email. Please remember to register your children. All children ages 4 and older are invited to participate in the pageant OR be in the pageant choir. Rehearsals are Dec. 4, 11, and 18, at 9:30 a.m. for pageant and/or choir participants. The pageant is on December 19, after the 10 a.m. Mass.

If you did not receive a registration slip, please contact Kathy Raible at kraible@stpetersmendota.org.

The first rehearsal is Saturday, December 4, at 9:30 a.m. in the Main Church. I hope to see you there!

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 or at 651-262-2898.



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Register for the **November 16 open house** at visitation.net/openhouse21.

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 **takes place this weekend, November 13 and 14**, in person in Heritage Center .

FAREWELL TO ANNE O'KEEFE

Anne has notified our pastor that she is resigning her position as Community Life Coordinator in order to devote more time to her family.

Haven't we enjoyed the fruits of her light-hearted labors? Fall Festivals, Christmas Sales, Pizza Bingo, Cana Dinners. Anne puts the “fun” in fundraising and has helped many parish groups with their programs. We'll miss her enthusiasm and smiles.

Let's all give sincere and prayerful thanks for Anne's ministry and wish her well on her new path.

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MAY THE ROAD RISE UP
TO MEET YOU. *May the*
wind always be at your
back. MAY THE SUN
SHINE WARM UPON
YOUR FACE, and rains fall
soft upon your fields. AND
UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN,
May God hold you in the
palm of His hand.



Thank you, Anne!

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 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!



STEWARDSHIP * COMMUNITY NEWS

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

We are grateful to the 327 families that have pledged and are contributing to the campaign. Pledges are \$2.5 million. 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 or by phone at 651-905-4307.

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

October 2021 COLLECTIONS	Oct 2021	Oct 2020	Year over Year	Fiscal Year to Date	Prior Year thru Oct	Year over Year
Sunday Envelope & Electronic Gifts	\$ 76,276.50	\$ 71,060.70	\$ 5,215.80	\$ 304,110.78	\$ 297,762.35	\$ 6,348.43
Sunday Plate	\$ 287.25	\$ 141.00	\$ 146.25	\$ 1,427.86	\$ 1,068.25	\$ 359.61
Total	\$ 76,563.75	\$ 71,201.70	\$ 5,362.05	\$ 305,538.64	\$ 298,830.60	\$ 6,708.04

*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.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STRUDEL SALE

The Knights of Columbus are having their 2nd annual strudel sale to support our local seminarians. You can order these entrée and dessert strudels by clicking the link below. They will be available for pick-up on Saturday, December 18, at St. John Neumann. Or, if you prefer, the KC's will deliver these to you on that same day—December 18—at no additional cost. Just click on either option.

<https://eaganknights7604.com/ruhlands-strudel-haus/> [eaganknights7604.com]



“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” CONTEST



The Eagan Knights 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 to \$25!

You may download the coloring page from the slider on the home page of St. Peter's website at stpetersmendota.org or 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.

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 at www.signupgenius.com/go/stpetersgivingtree 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, 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. To register with a check, mail to ACCW, 777 Forest St., St. Paul MN 55106.

Call 651-291-4545 with questions.

APPALACHIA THANK YOU

All the gifts for Appalachia that were so generously donated by our St. Peter's family are packed and on their way to the four parishes in Appalachia.

We were able to fill 40 boxes, plus thirty shoeboxes. There was enough candy to fill six buckets.

Thank you to Barb and Joe Yourchek, Lisa Baker, and Maria Schwartz, who helped in packing, loading, and transporting to the distribution location. The process was fast and efficient. We look forward to working with all again next year.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU and the work you do for our brothers and sisters in Appalachia, Kentucky.

Kathi Dumond, Chair
Paula Raarup, Co-Chair

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.

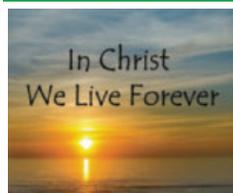
To sign up for a regular Hour of Adoration, please call Lisa Fontecha at 651-905-4304 or email her at lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org.

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

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IN SINCERE SYMPATHY



St. Peter's Parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Jim Mayry.

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

PASTORAL MINISTRY

FOLLOWING JESUS



Jesus calls us to live our lives day by day and moment by moment, because we know not the day or the hour. Many in this world speculate when the last day will come, but only the Father knows. Let us live as children of the light!

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.

ADVENT SERIES AT ST. THOMAS BECKET

You are invited to join the Catholic Community of St Thomas Becket, 4455 South Robert Trail in Eagan, 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.

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.

PEACE PEACE PEACE

CATECHISM CORNER BY DAVID DUNST



Catechism Corner

A number of recent interactions online lead me to the topic for this week's Corner. This time, we'll pick our way through part one, section two, chapter one, paragraph 6 (in this case, the subheading, not a chapter in the sense we generally use it in the Catechism, as a reference location), on man as created by God the Father.

There are four points the Catechism draws out, beginning with man as being in the image of God.

Paragraph 356 (reference number, now) opens with a very interesting but subtle distinction that man is uniquely able to know and love his creator. Among all visible creatures, only humans have this capacity—the unspoken inference here is that, say, angels and other invisible creatures may share this capacity. Angels certainly do.

Furthermore, only human beings, of all creatures on earth, are created for their own sake. That is, we exist solely, because God willed us to be and to share in his own life. This is our end, our dignity, and our unique capacity among all earthly creatures.

Secondly, in paragraph 357, we see that we are made persons—not mere somethings, but someones, if you will. Capable of self-knowledge, self-possession, and of giving of ourselves, entering into communion with other persons. In that way, God calls us to covenant with himself, and we have the ability to offer a response of sincere love and faith in a way no other creature can.

Next week, we'll continue into the mystery of our singular dignity.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, 2021

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

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44

Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Mon, Nov 15		No Mass
Tues, Nov 16	9 am †	Mary Annweiler
	5:45 pm †	Louis William DesLauriers
Wed, Nov 17	9 am †	The Linnell Family
Thur, Nov 18	9 am †	Dan Chapdelaine
Fri, Nov 19	9 am	Bridgid & Rachel Metz
Sat, Nov 20	5 pm †	Hailey Coon
Sun, Nov 21	8 am †	Robert P. LeMay
	10 am	Mass For The People

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: NOV 8, 2021

Monday, November 15

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

Tuesday, November 16

8:30 am Rosary, Historic Church
9 am **Daily Mass, Historic Church**
10 am Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
12 pm Sandwich Ministry Lunch Dropoff, Parking Lot in front of Main Church
5 pm **Reconciliation, Main Church**
5:45 pm **Daily Mass, Historic Church**

Wednesday, November 17

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 18

9 am **Daily Mass, Historic Church**
6 pm AA Meeting, Classroom 5
6:30 pm **Holy Hour of Adoration, Intercession, and Reparation, Main Church**
6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study, Ravoux Room

Friday, November 19

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

Saturday, November 20

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**

Sunday, November 21

8 am **Mass, Main Church**
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 Uganda Mission Meeting, St. Kateri Room
6 pm A Night With C.S. Lewis, Heritage Center



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*includes 2 week break for Christmas & New Year

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

PARISH LEADERSHIP

ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

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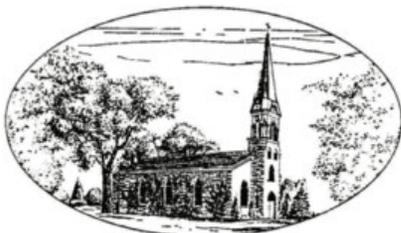
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