# *Church of St. Peter* 1405 Highway 13 PO Box 50679 Mendota MN 55150-0679 January 9, 2022 651-452-4550



# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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# After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

# YOUTH

### ADULT LEADERS NEEDED

We need adult leaders for Liturgy of the Word for Children. This is a simple and rewarding ministry in which to participate. Please contact Kathy Raible at <u>kraible@stpetersmendota.org</u> or call her at 651-905-4311 for more information.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

There will be no Liturgy of the Word for Children on Sunday, January 16.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Please note that we have our Parent & Child session on Wednesday, January 19, at 6 p.m. Parents and children will meet with Fr. Steven at that session. It is expected that at least one parent be present at this session. Please contact Kathy Raible at <u>kraible@stpetersmendota.org</u>, if you will not be able to be there.



### ARCHDIOCESE VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINE

The Archdiocese Victim Assistance Hotline is confidential, compassionate assistance from an independent and professional local provider. It is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Call Canvas Health at 651-291-4497.

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### ALPHA RETURNS TO ST. PETERS IN FEBRUARY



Alpha is returning to St. Peter's **February 14, 2022**. It will run Monday evenings, from February 14 through May 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Heritage Center.

Alpha is a place to develop or deepen a relationship with Jesus

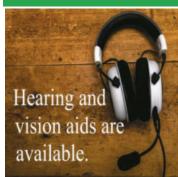
and explore the basics of the Christian faith. The gatherings consist of a meal, a talk, and small group discussion. It is an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. And it is a place for fellowship with others.

One recent participant commented: "Alpha increased my confidence to share my faith!" Another said: "As a new parishioner, Alpha was helpful for me in meeting and developing relationships with others at St. Peter's."

Signups begin January 21 online on St. Peter's website. There will also be registration tables in the Gathering Space, after all Masses on the weekends of January 22-23 and January 29-30.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us! Invite your friends and neighbors! Space is limited. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Reding at 612-419-1709 or at <u>lreding1@aol.com</u>.

### **HEARING AND VISION AIDS**



If you find it difficult to hear at Mass or your ability to participate is inhibited by difficulty reading the hymnal or worship aids, we can help with that. Please see one of our friendly ushers and let them know of your need. We have hearing devices and magnifiers available for you to use while you're here.

### **STAY SAFE**

With cold and flu season upon us 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 for helping us keep everyone safe!



# **STEWARDSHIP \* COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

We are grateful to the 350 families that have pledged and are contributing to the campaign. Pledges are \$2.635 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 <u>DirectorofOperations@stpetersmendota.org</u> or by phone at 651-905-4307.

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS										
December 2021 COLLEC- TIONS	Dec 2021	Dec 2020	Year over Year		F	Fiscal Year to Prior Year thru Date Dec		Year over Year		
Sunday Envelope & Electronic Gifts	\$ 135,530.56	\$ 171,657.82	\$	(36,127.26)	\$	522,777.88	\$	551,322.17	\$	(28,544.29)
Sunday Plate	\$ 926.06	\$ 527.62	\$	398.44	\$	2,631.93	\$	1,663.87	\$	968.06
Total	\$ 136,456.62	\$ 172,185.44	\$	(35,728.82)	\$	525,409.81	\$	552,986.04	\$	(27,576.23)

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.



### SANDWICH LUNCH MINISTRY

Our next collection of lunch items to be distributed to Sharing & Caring Hands in Minneapolis will be **Tuesday**, **January 18**, **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 <u>nanr1@yahoo.com</u>.

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, apples, or individual fruit cups (PLEASE, NO BANANAS)

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

### SPONSOR A PROJECT FUNDRAISER FOR UGANDA MISSION TRIP



A team of 13 people will be traveling to Uganda in June, for our bi-annual mission trip. During that time, we will be working on many projects including laying cable for electricity at our two schools, 3 medical missions to remote sub parishes that have very limited access to health care, installing rain water collection systems at student's homes, and doing some improvement projects on the parish farm. This is an ambitious list of projects which require funding. If we were able to do them all, we would need to raise \$31,000.

After all Masses, during the last 4 weekends in January, a member of the team traveling to Uganda will be in the Gathering Space to give you more information on these projects and will

be accepting donations to fund them. Please stop by and learn more. If you are able to support us with a financial donation, we would be most grateful!

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **DIVINE MERCY CENACLE**

Divine Mercy Cenacle is again meeting on **Wednesdays**, at 9:45 a.m. in the St. Kateri Conference Room. All are welcome, whether or not you've taken part in another Cenacle in the past. We will begin by discussing where to start our studies, with consideration given to Book One. For further information, please contact Bob Pintozzi at 952-261-2363.

### ADDITIONAL FLOWERS IN MEMORIUM



These contributions to our Christmas flowers came in after the flyer was published. We want to acknowledge the following:

In Memory of Jerry Gutzmann and Tim Gutzmann

From Mary Ellen Gutzmann

In Memory of Marilyn & LeRoy Hays and Agnes & John Mihelcic

From Jennifer A. Hays In Memory of Marie Horn and Gerard Horn

From Anna Horn

Thank you for adding to the beauty of the church.

### HAITI COLLECTION

We continue to collect sheets for the people in Haiti. There is a great need for these items. White (or nearly white) sheets and pillow cases are needed for the burial of babies, children, and adults. How easy for us to be part of this corporal work of mercy!

People also have a need for empty pill bottles. Please remove the labels from the bottles. It is easy to remove them; simply fill the containers with HOT water. The heat will loosen the label, and it will peal off easily.

We also continue to collect canvas bags and totes. Please make sure they are washable, as they will be used to carry food.

You may drop your contributions on the table outside the office, by the Adoration Chapel. Thank you for your contributions.

# Come as a guest. Leave as a fríend.



# **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 <u>lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org</u>.

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

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### **RELEVANT RADIO**

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Relevant Radio podcasts and audio prayers to listen to wherever you are? Users especially like the app for road trips. The app is available in the iPhone App Store and Google Play.

# **PASTORAL MINISTRY**

### **FOLLOWING JESUS**



Hear the Father's voice calling to you as he did to Jesus, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."

### **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, January 20**.

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.

### FR. JOSEPH WILLIAMS APPOINTED AUXILIARY BISHOP OF ST. PAUL/MPLS

A priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Bishop-elect Williams, 47, has served as pastor of St. Stephen in Minneapolis since 2008. In 2020, he also became parochial administrator of Holy Rosary in Minneapolis. He is the archdiocese's vicar for Latino Ministry.

Bishop-elect Williams is expected to be ordained a bishop and installed in his role in the archdiocese Jan. 25, 2022, at the Cathedral of St. Paul. He steps into a role recently vacated by Bishop Andrew Cozzens, who served as an auxiliary bishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis from 2013 until his Dec. 6 installation as bishop of Crookston, Minnesota.

### **OPERATION ANDREW DINNER**

Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite men, ages 16 and older, who are discerning the priesthood, to come for dinner and conversation that will include vocations testimonies on Priesthood and Religious life, on January 17, 6 to 8 p.m. in the St. Joseph Hall, Archdiocesan Catholic Center, 777 Forest Street in St. Paul.

RSVP is required before January 14. To register, go to www.10000vocations.org/operation-andrew-dinner.html.

*Typically, guests invite their pastors, religious, or youth minister to meet them at the Archdiocesan Catholic Center for the Operation Andrew Dinner.* 

### **CATECHISM CORNER** BY DAVID DUNST



As God reveals truth to us, so the reality of sin becomes more apparent. Indeed, that reality is only intelligible in light of Christ's death and Resurrection. The Catechism assures us that we only understand Adam as the source of sin, insofar as we understand Christ as the source of grace. Therefore the Holy Spirit convicts us and sheds light on our sin by unveiling the Redeemer (CCC 388).

Catechism Corner The Catechism refers to the doctrine of original sin as the "reverse side" of the Gospel that Jesus is the Savior of all. Indeed, why would we know

of our need of saving if not for the presence of Christ. The goodness of God casts in contrast the darkness of our sin, and so we cannot meddle with the teaching of original sin lest we risk the mystery of Christ (CCC 389).

It is very noteworthy that the Catechism minces no words in declaring that the account in Genesis 3 that describes the fall of man into sin uses figurative language. At the same time, it does affirm an event, a deed that took place at the beginning of the history of man. By that token, we have certain faith that all of human history is marked by an original fault, through which we all participate in a broken form of human nature, thanks to that "original fault freely committed by our first parents (CCC 390)."

We can also know that some of the angels fell as well. We attribute both the fall of angels and the dawn of sin in man to a voice that seduces creatures to sin or disobedience. The Church teaches that that voice is from "Satan," a fallen angel. The devil and the other demons were once created naturally good, but "became evil by their own doing"--not so unlike us (CCC 391).

On the other hand, unlike us, the angels chose irrevocably to reject God, having full knowledge of God. This is very much the case for man after death, as well. Given the whole balance of revelation to each, God has given to each all he might need to choose God to the extent he may. Therefore, there is no defect in God's infinite mercy (CCC 393).

In both men and angels, the fall into sin subsists in the choice of rebellion, heeding the tempter's words to our first parents: "You will be like God (CCC 392)."



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Sunuay.	[11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
	or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-
	25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Mandam	Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/
<b>T</b> 1	Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
	Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,
	8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/
	Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/
·	Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5,
v	6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1
	Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
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MASS INTENTIONS					
The following are the intentions offered by the priest at Mass.					
Mon., Jan. 10			No Mass		
Tues., Jan. 11	9 am		Larry & Jeri Bartek		
	5:45 pm	†	Earl Abrahamson		
Wed., Jan. 12	9 am	†	Dave Peterson		
Thur., Jan. 13	9 am	†	Bill Olson		
Fri., Jan. 14	9 am		Katie Hamel		
Sat., Jan. 15	5 pm		Mass For The People		
Sun., Jan. 16	8 am	†	Bonnie Daly		
	10 am		Alice Mayers		

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR: JANUARY 10, 2022

#### Monday, January 10

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4 pm	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atrium
6 pm	The Chosen Movie and Discussion, Heritage
	Center
6 pm	AA Meeting, Classroom 1 & 2
Tuesday, Jan	uary 11
8:30 am	Rosary, Historic Church
9 am	Mass, Historic Church
10 am	Women's Bible Study, Ravoux Room
5 pm	Reconciliation, Main Church
5:45 pm	Daily Mass, Historic Church
Wednesday,	
8:30 am	Rosary, Historic Church
9 am	Daily Mass, Historic Church
9:45 am	Divine Mercy Cenacle, St. Kateri Room
10 am	The Chosen Movie and Discussion, Heritage
	Center
5 pm	Chill, Youth Room
5:30 pm	
6 pm	Faith Formation Grades 1-8, Classrooms
7 pm	Perissos, Youth Room
Thursday, Jai	
9 am	Daily Mass, Historic Church
6 pm	AA Meeting, Classroom 5
6:30 pm	Bible Study, Ravoux Room
Friday, Janua	
8 am	Reconciliation, Main Church
9 am	Mass, Historic Church
Saturday, Jan	
9 am & 10	
	AA Meeting, Classrooms
9 am	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atrium
3:30 pm	Reconciliation, Main Church
5 pm	Mass with Baptism, Main Church
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Sunday, Janu	
8 am	Mass, Main Church Basery for St. Dater's with Adaration Change of
9:30 am	Rosary for St. Peter's with Adoration, Chapel of
10 am	the Nativity
10 am	Mass, Main Church, Livestreamed on
11 am	YouTube, or on Facebook.
1 <b>1 am</b>	Uganda Mission Meeting, St. Kateri Conference Room
	NOUTH



## THE CHOSEN VIEWING AND SMALL GROUPS

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Join us for an 8-week parish viewing of the first ever multi-season series about the life of Christ that everyone is talking about. Each week, come for an episode and stay for small group, guided discussion. Two sessions in Heritage Center:

Mondays, 6-8 p.m., November 29-January 31 or Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-Noon, December 1– February 2 \*includes 2 week break for Christmas & New Year

Registration requested and available at <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/thechosen</u>. Please register by November 24. For more information, contact Lisa Fontecha; <u>lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org</u> or 651-905-4304.

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### ST. PETER'S 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

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#### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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The pastoral council can be reached at <u>parishpastoralcouncil@stpetersmendota.org</u> or by phoning Jennifer at 651-905-4305.

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday—Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone: 651-452-4550

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Kathy Raible 651-905-4311

**NEW PARISHIONERS** 

Rita Holien

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### **PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS**

Email Lisa at <u>lfontecha@stpetersmendota.org</u> or call her at 651-905-4304 or call the parish office at 651-452-4550.



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