

From Our Pastor

I read a transcript of an interview with the actress Sandra Bullock shortly after she filmed her 2013 movie, "Gravity." In the movie, Bullock plays an astronaut who is alone, adrift, and stranded in the vast black void of outer space after her shuttle is damaged by a space-debris storm.

In the interview Bullock noted that often she would bring her one-and-a-half-year-old son to the set with her for the filming of the movie. To create some of the special effects of zero-gravity and space, Bullock would have to act out many of the scenes from inside a "cube" – a specially designed 9-by-9 LED box. She mentioned that her son didn't much like seeing his mommy seemingly trapped in this cage.

Bullock said, "He was so concerned. I saw the look on his face.

He was trying to process – why are you locked in there, why are you not happy, why are you not outside with me right now?" I suppose it's a natural instinct learned by a child even in the womb – when Mom is in distress, I am in distress.

When Mom is threatened, I am threatened.

That's a good instinct to remember this coming weekend. As we celebrate Mother's Day, I encourage you all to take good care of Mom. The more that mothers and femininity can be kept healthy and well, the more that our families and our broader societies can be kept healthy and well.

We will always be in the spiritual womb of our mothers. So, God, keep our mothers pure and holy, strong in spirit, and close to you – and blessings will come to us all as well.

Mothers, like God, share all good gifts with the children.

That's a happy Mother's Day indeed.



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

KNOW and celebrate our Catholic Faith,

LOVE God and our neighbor,

SERVE as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Coffee & Company This Sunday



We will be hosting Coffee & Company gatherings of parishioners after all Sunday Masses on May 14. Please join us in Regan Hall after Mass for good company and light refreshments.

2nd Collection This Weekend

Our second collection this month will be for our Youth Ministry Scholarship fund. These funds will help to provide financial assistance to our teens who attend youth activities and events throughout the year. Please use your designated 2nd Collection Envelope or mark your donation as 2nd Collection.

A Fond Farewell



Congratulations to Jean Winn and Sue Sutko who will be retiring this year. Jean has dedicated the last 36 years of her life to teaching and caring for kindergarten and pre-school aged children at St. Vincent de Paul School.

Sue has served as our Reading Interventionist for the past 21 years and for several years shared the role of Librarian. Jean and Sue you have impacted so many young lives. Thanks for your dedication to so many children. We are forever grateful for all that you have done and you will be missed.

On Sunday, June 4 after the 9:00 & 11:00 AM Masses in Regan Hall we will be honoring Jean and Sue. Everyone is invited to join us in wishing Jean and Sue the very best!



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SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Weekdays: 7:30 AM & Saturdays: 3:30-4:15 PM
or call to schedule an appointment.

Baptisms: Please call the office at 763-425-2210.

Matrimony: Please call the office at 763-425-2210.

WORSHIP

Location

9100 93rd Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN, 55445

Masses

Monday-Friday at 8 AM

Saturday at 5 PM

Sunday at 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM

Moms Morning Out This Thursday

Thursday, May 18 from 9:30—11 AM in Regan Hall

Free childcare provided in the West Meeting Room. New people are always welcome—come join us! This group is offered to help connect parents in the parish. Questions?

Contact Anna Kreklow at annackreklow@gmail.com.

Honor Motherhood by Helping Moms

Our Moms Morning Out ministry is looking for 2 adults that would be willing to share their time in child care so our mothers can fully participate while their little ones are cared for.

Help is needed from 9:30-11 AM on May 18.

If you have the ability to help in any way, please contact Anna Kreklow at annackreklow@gmail.com.

Church Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesdays from 6-8 PM on 6/21,
6/28, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, & 8/23
(First half hour is social time.)**

Come dive into the Father's love with The Church Ladies. Take time away from your responsibilities of wife, mother, and/or career to grow closer to our Father and His love for you. This is a 6-week Bible study called "Living In the Father's Love" from the "Walking With Purpose" Bible study program. Cost is \$20.

We'd love to see all you vibrant ladies join us.

Register by June 1st at saintvdp.org/bible-study.



Tree Planting with the Knights

May 20 from 8:15 AM - 12:00 PM at Pacem in Terris

Do you want to serve God and your community, meet other faithful Catholic men, enjoy the great outdoors and participate in meaningful, healthy work for a noble purpose?

The Anoka Knights of Columbus, Council 2018 and Pacem in Terris Hermitage Retreat Center are partnering to fulfill a need for 20 volunteers to plant 24 inch tall (1/4 inch diameter), bare-root trees to replace trees that have had to be removed due to oak wilt. In addition to the physical labor of planting trees, we will also provide opportunities to experience a uniquely Pacem encounter of personal prayer, reflection, and fellowship.

Sign up at signupgenius.com/go/9040C44A8AC2FA4FF2-pacem or contact Sir Knight James Baron at 763-218-2242 or jamesbaron2242@hotmail.com.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Aid Our Celebration of the Mass

We are looking for volunteers to run the church screens during weekend Masses. Anyone in middle school and older can do this ministry, even adults! If you are looking to volunteer for a church ministry that is important, but behind the scenes, this is for you!

For more information, please contact Tony Freeman (tonyfreeman@saintvdp.org) or call the parish office.

The deadline for bulletin articles is Monday at Noon.

Totus Tuus Elementary Day Program

Monday, July 10 - Friday, July 14 from 9 AM-2:30 PM

A Catholic youth program for kids going into 1st-6th grade. The cost is \$55 (includes snacks, lunches, and a t-shirt), and registration is open at: saintvdp.org/totus-tuus-registration.

Help Create our Sacred Environment

Do you like to decorate and design? We are currently looking for volunteers who would help design and implement the Art & Environment for our Sanctuary. For more information, please contact Tony Freeman (tonyfreeman@saintvdp.org) or call the Parish office.

Feed My Starving Children

Tuesday, May 23 from 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM

Join our Tuesday team to pack food at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). We pack on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the Coon Rapids site located at 401 93rd Avenue NW. After packing at FMSC you are invited to join us for lunch at Dick's Grill and Bar in downtown Osseo.

Contact Duane Crosland at dcros1@aol.com to pre-register.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

To sign up or to be a sub, login to saintvdp.org/perpetual-adoration, or call JoAnne Newman at 763-420-4089.

Please help us to fill these urgent hours:

Saturday at 2 AM: Thursday at 1 AM & 2 AM

Readings for this Week

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Mass Intentions for May 15-21

Monday	8:00 AM	† Darlyne Phenow
Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Carol Guthrie
Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Ray Deeney
Thursday	8:00 AM	† Harold & Lorraine Berger
Friday	8:00 AM	† Joe Schaeppi
Saturday	5:00 PM	† Phyllis Weber
Sunday	7:30 AM	Parishioners
	9:00 AM	† Bernice Peterson
	11:00 AM	† Dorothy Waletzko

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8 AM — 3 PM & Friday: 8 AM — Noon