

From Our Pastor

The most common question you will hear at the Minnesota State Fair is, "What is that?!"

What is that thing dripping with grease and stuffed into a Twinkie on a stick? What is that snub-nosed mammal with the purple rump that looks like a reject from the Muppet Show? What is that smell – I can't tell if my mouth is going to gag or salivate? What is that on that guy's face? Is that a tattoo or an actual bug?

That's why many of us like to go to the Fair. We love taking in all the sights, marvels, oddities, novelties, and curiosities. God created a world of dazzling beauty and diversity. Then, He gave us "dominion over" it all (Gen. 1:26).

God gives each of us an intellect and a free will – so that we can make judgments and moral decisions about what we will eat, gaze upon, amuse ourselves with, and interact with.

He lets us choose how we will respond to all that is. Sometimes we make bad judgments and wrong moral decisions. Then, God invites us to pray, to seek forgiveness, and to continue to form our consciences – so that we can strive even more resolutely to follow the most excellent way.

It all plays out at the Great Minnesota Get-Together. Sometimes it's hilarious or silly or stupid. Sometimes it's wholesome and edifying. Other times it's just plain wrong. Maybe I'll see you there.

First, I'll see you here – at the Great Kingdom Get-Together at Mass. God gives us here all we need to exercise loving dominion out there.

1st Annual Men's Club Golf Scramble

Monday, Sept. 11 at Daytona Golf Club

Registration is officially **open** for our **First Annual Men's Club Golf Tournament!** The format is a scramble and the cost is **\$65/man**, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, plenty of prizes and a hearty dinner following the tournament!

Non-parishioners are welcome to join. Feel free to sign up as an individual or as a team. We hope you will consider joining us for a good time and some healthy competition.

For our first year, we've decided to keep it men only, as we are hoping to foster more connection amongst the men in our parish and school communities--but we'd love to keep building on this foundation for years to come and open it up more in the future! Register online at saintvdp.org/mens-club-scramble.

Faith Formation Volunteers Needed

Faith Formation Catechists:

Two evenings per month: one training session and one teaching session. Lessons & materials are provided (1st-5th Graders)

ECFL Helpers:

9-10:30 AM, one Saturday morning per month (0-5-year-olds)

For more information, contact

Grant O'Neil at 763-762-7406 or grantoneil@saintvdp.org.

Faith Formation Registration

Faith Formation Registration for Grades 1 to 10 ends on Monday, August 28 at Noon. Everyone (grades 1-10) must sign up each year for Faith Formation. Registration can be found online on the homepage of the website.



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

KNOW and celebrate our Catholic Faith,

LOVE God and our neighbor,

SERVE as disciples of Jesus Christ.

CONTACT

Online: saintvdp.org

E-Mail: General: churchinfo@saintvdp.org

Prayer Line: prayerrequests@saintvdp.org

Parish Office: (763) 425-2210

School Office: (763) 425-3970

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

Feed My Starving Children

Tuesday, August 22 from 11:30 AM—1:15 PM

We pack at the Coon Rapids site located at 401 93rd Ave NW. After packing at FMSC you are invited to join us for lunch in downtown Osseo. If interested contact Duane Crosland at dcros1@aol.com to preregister.

Love Children and Food?

This is the job for you!

We have an opening for a School Lunch Assistant who will work 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM on scheduled school days and is responsible for working with our food service team to maintain a clean, safe and sanitary kitchen and cafeteria. This is a full-time position and is eligible for benefits. If you are interested but prefer less hours, please inquire as we can be flexible. Responsibilities include dish-washing, cold lunch preparation, cleaning tables, emptying garbage and sweeping floors. Submit letters of interest and resumes to churchinfo@saintvdp.org.

A Service to the Moms of our Parish

**Childcare help needed on select Thursdays
from 9:30—11 AM**

Moms Morning Out ministry is looking for 2-3 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 on Thursday mornings starting in September. Please visit saintvdp.org/moms-morning-out to sign up for one or more of the meetings! Volunteers must be Virtus trained. If any questions, contact Anna Kreklow at annackreklow@gmail.com.

Group Spiritual Direction Program

**Tuesdays, Sept. 12 through Nov. 7
from 12-1:30 PM**



"Abide In Me", a 9-week Group Spiritual Direction program, is coming soon! Do you desire to grow closer to Our Lord and grow deeper in your prayer life? Our Lord is ready to become your intimate friend. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus will guide each participant and draw each into a deeper relationship with Him. Attendees will be trained to pray with scripture and journal the experience with the Lord. Participants will be asked to:

- 1) Attend all 9 sessions
- 2) Pray for 30 minutes daily
- 3) Journal

Group size is limited. You must be registered to attend. For questions or to register, please call the Parish Office at 763-425-2210.

Readings for this Week

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Mass Intentions for August 21-27

Monday	8:00 AM	† Jack Holder
Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Janet Gray
Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Charles Steffen Jr.
Thursday	8:00 AM	† Dacia Ward & † Dan Ward
Friday	8:00 AM	† Colten Bloom
Saturday	5:00 PM	† Roman & Marie Meyer
Sunday	7:30 AM	† Dorothy Yanta
	9:00 AM	† Mary Black Devine
	11:00 AM	Parishioners

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Sunday, September 17

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM with the drawing at 6:15 PM



**We're having a
Fowling Tournament!**

A little bit of bowling and little bit of football – adult and kids can “fowl” the last frame and maybe win the prize for high score. It's not as easy as it looks!



Don't forget to sell your Raffle Tickets!

Please pray for the soul of

† Margaret Bistodeau

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Parish Office Hours

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

The deadline for the bulletin is Monday at Noon.

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