

From Our Pastor



I have been reflecting on bees and angels. Bees are more active and aggressive in the fall. People noticed this at our Harvest Festival last month. There were so many bees and hornets. I almost ate one that was on my pork sandwich. Bees are more active this time of the year because, as their population increases in the late summer, their food sources decrease. It's harder for bees to find flowers – so the bees are hungry. Yet, although we swat at them as pests, bees are trying to help us. Our global food chain depends on bees to pollinate flowers and plants. We need bees to eat so we can eat. I observed one bee that was hovering over a flower on our back deck. Bees have to move their wings very fast just to stay still. That seems like parish life often. We have to work hard just to sustain this place – not to mention trying to reach out and grow. October gives us the Feast of the Guardian Angels. Angels, too, buzz around us, trying to help. How often we shoo away the help that God sends us. Be attentive to the workings of angels and grace in your life. Fall is a busy time in parish life and the church gets hungry. It's a time when we ask for an increase of your stewardship. It's easy to shoo away requests for help, but we depend on you to help those who depend on us – and that helps you too. Autumn gratitude to you all – for helping to keep the hive buzzing.

2nd Collection This Weekend

Our second collection for October is for Women's Care Center, which is a pregnancy resource center that is dedicated to restoring hope for women facing unplanned pregnancies. Please use your designated 2nd Collection Envelope included in your envelope packets or mark your donation as 2nd Collection.

Adoration for Vocations Holy Hour

Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Chapel

Join us to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and spiritual support for existing vocations.

CCW Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7 PM in the Community Rm

Not to miss: Father Mike Selenski will speak on his journey to the Priesthood, plus a short business meeting and fun activity. All women are welcome!

Book Club this Thursday

**Thursday, Oct. 12 from 9:30-10:30 AM
in the Community Room**

We will discuss The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict.

"The Other Einstein offers us a window into a brilliant, fascinating woman whose light was lost in Einstein's enormous shadow. It is the story of Einstein's wife, a brilliant physicist in her own right, whose contribution to the special theory of relativity is hotly debated and may have been inspired by her own profound and very personal insight."

Please join us! New members are always welcome! We usually meet the second Thursday of each month. On November 9 we will discuss The Master Butcher's Singing Club by Louise Erdich.



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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.

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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

Sharing & Caring Hands This Week



We appreciate you generous bakers who kindly provide us with cookies for dessert at the shelter. Please deliver them to the parish office by 10 AM on Wednesday.

Grief Support Group

Mondays, beginning Oct. 16, from 7-8:30 PM in the West Meeting Rm

The support group will meet each Monday for 6 weeks. Registration is required for planning purposes. Please contact Margaret Schauer at margaretschauer@saintvdp.org or at 763-762-7410.



Volunteer Doll/Ornament Cutters



Volunteers are needed to cut out the "ornaments" for the Giving Tree program. All supplies can be checked out in the church office and are due back by Oct. 27. If you have any questions contact Melissa Marshik at svgivingtree@hotmail.com (e-mail is preferred) or 763-218-3708. Thank you for your support of this program!

Knight of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, October 22 from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM in the Education Center Cafeteria & Gym

French Toast, scrambled eggs, and sausage links, with orange juice or milk and coffee. Free will offering to benefit Women's Care Pregnancy Center.



Recommend a Family in Need



It is time to start thinking about the Giving Tree program. If you know of any families that need help for Christmas, please contact Melissa Marshik at svgivingtree@hotmail.com (e-mail is preferred) or 763-218-3708.

This program is for St. Vincent de Paul parishioners and families nominated by parishioners (the families you nominate do not need to be parishioners). All names are kept confidential. The deadline for nominating families in need is Friday, Oct. 27. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa.

Crafts for the CCW Christmas Bazaar

Join us to make crafts and have fun in the process! Remaining dates are Oct. 11, 17, 25, & 31; and Nov. 8, 14, 22, & 28.

Questions? Contact Shirley Fleishacker at 763-420-7759 or Joyce Deane at 763-420-5745.

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.

Help is urgently needed for: **Wednesday at 1 AM**

Respect Life Month Activities

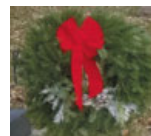
Join us in Regan Hall this Wednesday, October 11 at 6:30 PM as we learn more about Women's Care Center in Anoka, a non-profit agency that provides free, confidential counseling, support and education for pregnant women.

Join fellow parishioners and Catholics across America to support the America Needs Fatima campaign. This Public Square Rosary Crusade is taking place on **Saturday, Oct. 14 at Noon**. Our church will be one of the 22,000 rallies taking place around the world to spread the Fatima Message and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary to pray for the tragedies and sufferings of all life. We will be gathering on the sidewalk to the west of our church (across the street from Fair's Nursery). For more information, contact Pat Prasky at 763-245-7795.

Christmas... A Time to Remember

Orders due by Sunday, Oct. 29

As Christmas draws near, you may wish to remember your loved ones in a special way. The Cemetery Committee is selling wreaths to place on the gravesite of your loved one. The wreaths are 25" Natural Balsam Fir with a red bow, pine cones, and silver accent spray. The cost is \$40, which includes the stand and wreath, placing the wreath on the gravesite, and discarding the wreath after Christmas. Order forms online or at the Welcome Desk. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 763-425-2210 or e-mail churchinfo@saintvdp.org.



Readings for this Week

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Mass Intentions for October 9-15

Monday	8:00 AM	† The Krattenmaker Family (Living & Deceased)
Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Linda Rasmussen
Wednesday	8:00 AM	† James Shrake
Thursday	8:00 AM	† Doreen Schaefer
Friday	8:00 AM	Demery Lessard
Saturday	5:00 PM	† Thomas Trautt Family
Sunday	7:30 AM	† Pat Schaeppi
	9:00 AM	† Papa Armando Zaldivar
	11:00 AM	Parishioners

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

The deadline for the bulletin is Monday at Noon.

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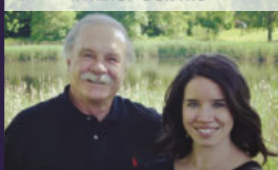


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