

New Pastoral Staff As of 1/2/2019

Fr. Stanley Mader will be the new parochial administrator for Ascension and St. Bernard for the next 6 months. This means that Fr. Mader will be responsible for the governance of our parishes along with his duties at St. Joseph in Waconia. Fr. Stan's email address is: frstan@stjosephwaconia.org. Phone: 952-442-3700.

Fr. Joseph Fink will be assisting Fr. Stan as part time parochial vicar of our parishes along with his current parishes of the Church of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin and the Church of the Holy Childhood, both in St. Paul. Fr. Fink will be here (staying at the Ascension rectory) from approximately 6:30am Friday morning (to accommodate for morning Mass at Ascension) thru Monday morning at 9am (to accommodate for morning Mass at St. Bernard). He will be in St. Paul from Monday 9am-ish until Thursday evening (unless he is needed to cover for a funeral). Fr. Fink will be covering most of our Masses. Fr. Joe's email address is: jpfink@me.com. Phone: please call the parish office 952-466-2031 for St. Bernard and 952-467-3351 for Ascension.

Fr. Bill Paron will be covering the Tuesday evening Outreach Mass as a substitute priest.

Please extend a warm welcome to each of these priests for agreeing to support our parishes until the Archdiocese can make a permanent assignment on July 1st.

Office Hours:

Office hours will be changing so staff can be aligned with priest locations.

St Bernard Office Hours

Official office hours will be:

9am to 2pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and
9am to 12am on Friday.

Sherry will be in the office on Monday and Wednesday.

Sarah will be in the office on Tuesday and Friday.

Ascension Office Hours

Official office hours will be:

10am to 2pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Sherry will be in the office on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sarah will be in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Archdiocesan Bulletin Announcements – January 2019

Holy Hour for Vocations

Tuesday, January 8, 7–8 p.m., at Church of St. Patrick, Oak Grove.

All people of the Archdiocese are invited to participate in the Holy Hours for Vocations, a new program sponsored by the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. This year's seminarian posters show the calendar of the Holy Hours for Vocations that will be taking place at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Each month, the Holy Hour for Vocations will take place at another parish in the Archdiocese. Come spend an hour with Jesus each month to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life and diaconate. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations at 651-962-6890 or visit 10000vocations.org.

Charismata will meet January 11: 7:30-9:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, 835 2nd Ave. NW, New Brighton.

Charismata in Greek is the plural of Charism, which means gift or grace from God. Charismata is a time of prayer where the abundance of God's gifts and graces are poured out onto His people. There will be time to encounter the Lord more deeply in prayer through Praise and Worship, Adoration, and prayer team ministry. <http://www.stjohnnb.com/>.

Twin Cities Survivors Peace Circle – address correction!

Saturday, January 19, 12:30 – 2 p.m., Pierre Bottineau Library Meeting Room (First floor, east side of building), 55 Broadway St. NE, Minneapolis.

The Twin Cities Survivors Peace Circle is open to all who have experienced the trauma of clergy sexual abuse. The purpose of this group is to gather victims/survivors/thrivers in a safe, supportive environment to share their experiences, listen to others, and explore healing. All are welcome and privacy is respected. Contact Jim with questions, concerns or comments: 773-412-0909.

Home for the Summer

"Home for the Summer" is a Catholic summer household experience for women who are interested in discerning their vocation while living in community for 8 weeks. This summer program is for women who are college age up to 27. Applications are NOW being taken. Please see www.10000vocations.org for more information.

Annual Prayer Service for Life

Please join us at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, Tuesday, January 22, 10:30 a.m. for the Annual Prayer Service for Life, followed by MCCL's March for Life at the State Capitol. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. All are invited and welcome. Please consider carpooling or utilizing buses as parking and street access are limited. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage, Family & Life at 651-291-4488.

Called and Gifted™ Workshop

Saturday, January 26, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at All Saints, Lakeville

Explore the ancient teaching of the Church on how the gifts (or charisms) of the Holy Spirit work in our life and in the life of your parish. During this one-day workshop, you will learn the signs and characteristics of the most common charisms of the Holy Spirit. Cost: \$80 per person. Includes: materials, refreshments, and follow-up personal discernment guidance. Register at archspm.org/called-gifted. Questions? Contact Patrick Conley at 651-357-1340, pconley@cathedralsaintpaul.org or Mary Kay Bungert at 952-469-6465 or mbungert@allsaintschurch.com.

Totus Tuus Team Members – Is God calling YOU to help?

The Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis is in need of college age men and women committed to their Catholic faith who feel called to share it with the youth from local parishes around the Archdiocese.

- The position is a temporary 2 month commitment (May 28 – July 27) which includes one week of training and one week break for the 4th of July
- Each team member will receive \$2,520 for their work

For additional information, contact Nancy Schulte Palacheck 651-291-4489. Application deadline: Friday, February 8, 2019. To apply visit the Laity Page at www.archspm.org or type Totus Tuus into the search engine.

NET Lifeline Mass with Archbishop Hebda & Father David Blume **Vocations Focus – “The Call of a Lifetime”**

Saturday, February 2, 6-9 p.m. at NET Ministries 110 Crusader Ave. W., West St. Paul

For 8- 12th graders in Minnesota! NET Ministries celebrates Net Lifeline with a focus on Vocations. Archbishop Hebda will celebrate the Lifeline Mass. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. Father David Blume, Director of Vocations will team up with great priests, dynamic sisters and brothers and seminarians who are specially called to be witnesses of hope to a world in desperate need of the Good News! It's a Call of a Lifetime! Save the date. Bring a friend. Expect great things. The event will conclude at 9:30 p.m.

Catholics at the Capitol 2019 – Coming Together for Life & Dignity

Join Minnesota's bishops and thousands of Catholics from across Minnesota on Tuesday, February 19th for a day of prayer, inspiration, education, and advocacy at the St. Paul RiverCentre and State Capitol. You'll hear from incredible witnesses to the faith including actor Jim Caviezel, Archbishop Charles Chaput, music missionary Danielle Rose, and emcee Gloria Purvis of EWTN and Black Catholics United for Life. **Space is limited so get your tickets today at www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org!**

Vianney Visit – February 14 - 16

Vianney Visit provides high school sophomores through college age men (ages 16 – 24) the opportunity to take a closer look and experience college seminary. Attend Mass, prayer and spiritual conferences with SJV priests and hear testimonies from SJV seminarians. There is no charge for the event. All meals are provided. Please contact Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, at 651.962.6890 or stpaulvocations@10000vocations.org to let him know of your interest in the Vianney Visit. To register, please call 651.962.6825 or online at <https://semssp.org/registration-sjv/>

WINE: Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday, March 2, 2019, St. Vincent de Paul, Brooklyn Park

WINE: Women In the New Evangelization invites you to the 5th annual WINE: Catholic Women's Conference with an optional evening gathering on Friday. The Saturday conference runs from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The day includes inspirational talks by Catholic singer and storyteller ValLimar Jansen; Catholic evangelist, author, and retreat leader, Kathleen Beckman; and St. Paul's own Bible teacher, author and singer, Elizabeth Kelly. You are invited to come at 8 a.m. for Mass celebrated by Bishop Andrew Cozzens. Register today at the early bird price of \$55 or register for the Friday Social Gathering & Saturday Conference for \$100. For more information and to register, visit WINEconference.org.

Quote for the week:

“It is a dangerous thing to be satisfied with ourselves.” --Saint Teresa of Ávila