It’s Back-To-School time again! Children and teens have that mixed bag of feelings once again. They want summer to keep going, but they also miss many of the things a busy school year can bring. This, along with the many friendships, both for kids and adults, is a great reason to look forward to this new academic and athletic year. So welcome back, especially to the teachers, staff and administrators who give so selflessly to make it all happen.

It’s also time to be coming back for Religious Education and Discipleship Groups. JoLynn Weber and I met for several hours this past month to pull together a great new year in our parishes, too. There will be some new on-line helps for parents and a great curriculum of instruction, all approved by the Diocese of Sioux Falls. I am personally so very grateful to the many volunteers who offer your time to be catechists, staff Martha’s Kitchen, help in the office and just keep things rolling. May this year be especially blessed.

As I mentioned the past two weekends, our parishes are in need of several volunteers for weekend Masses. The people we have been relying on for years are beginning to send strong signals that they want to pass the torch on to new people. We will be having a training for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers on Sunday, September 18, at 7pm in St. Leo Church for both parishes. I’ll be talking more about this.

Finally, there are a number of members asking about adult faith formation. I am currently working with Dr. Chris Burgwald of the Diocesan Office of Adult Faith Formation to bring some great, innovative, web-based programs to our parishes. This will include the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who wish to explore becoming Catholic. The adult sessions will be on Sundays at 7pm in the Fr. Cronin Center beginning October 2nd. I’ll be talking more about this, too, in the weeks ahead.

May God grant us the gift of faith and increase our desire to know Him more deeply.

Fr. Joe Forcelle, pastor
MASSES THIS WEEK
August 15-21

Mon. No Mass (Fr. day off)
Tues. 8:30am SL-Tyndall Special Intentions
       4:00pm GSH-Tyndall +Kevin Koenig
Wed. 8:30am SL-Tyndall + Alfred Novotny
       4:00pm SL-Tyndall +Alice VanWinkle
Thur. 8:30am SL-Tyndall +Tom Troxel
Fri. 8:30am SL-Tyndall Special Intentions
Sat. 5:30pm SL-Tyndall +Lloyd & William Horacek
       and Adeline Fridrich
Sun. 8:30am SL-Tyndall Members of SL & SV
       10:30am SV-Springfield +Claire Gleason

We are in need of Daily Mass Intentions.

COOK NEEDED
Broom Tree Retreat Center near Irene, SD is looking for an outstanding cook to join our staff. If you are an individual with great interpersonal skills who loves to cook and to serve, Broom Tree is the place for you. We offer flexible scheduling including late morning, afternoon, and early evening hours including some weekends. Benefits are available including health & dental insurance, long-term disability, life insurance, paid holidays, and earned sick and vacation time in addition to a competitive wage.

If you would like to join our dedicated staff, please contact Tracy Hauger, our Kitchen Manager, at 605-263-1040 or by email at thauger@sfcatholic.org for more information. Learn more about us at www.broom-tree.org.

HOUSE OF MARY SHRINE
Mass is celebrated Saturdays and Mondays at 9:00am. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary are prayed before Mass at 8:30am. The Patriotic Rosary is prayed each Sunday at 4:00pm. The Chapel is open daily for quiet prayer. The gift shop is open weekends 1:00pm-4:00pm starting May 14th and daily starting June 1st. For more information - www.thehouseofmaryshrine.org or call: 668-0121.

YOUR PRAYERS REQUESTED
We ask you to keep in your prayers Rachel Pravacek and Logan Tyce who will be married here at St. Leo on Saturday, September 3rd. We pray that the Lord bless them as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony and devote their lives together as husband and wife.

DAILY MASS TIMES
August 15-21

Mon. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
       Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab;
Tues. Ezekiel 28: 1-10; Matthew 19: 23-30
Wed. Ezekiel 34: 1-11; Matthew 20: 1-16
Thurs. Ezekiel 36: 23-28; Matthew 22: 1-14
Fri. Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Matthew 22: 34-40
Sat. Ezekiel 43: 1-7a; Matthew 23: 1-12

COLLEGE GRADUATE
St. Leo Parish recognizes and congratulates Kayleen H. Wagner, who graduated from Salus University Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Philadelphia, PA with a Doctor of Optometry Degree.

ST LEO/VINCENT PARISH T-SHIRTS
Parish t-shirts will be available for youth, teachers, parents, and parish members. This year's t-shirt was designed by our own youth! Team t-shirts build unity and shows pride to the organization it represents. It is a way of evangelizing to others and sends a message to what is important in their life.

Students can wear their shirt on Wednesdays during school, at youth conferences, student masses, or any trip or event planned throughout the year. T-shirts are $10.00 this year. They will be grey with teal green lettering. On the front of the shirt it will have our youth, teachers, parents, and parish members.

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BLOOPERS FROM OTHER BULLETINS
Miss Charlene Mason sang “I will not pass this way again,” giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - August 20-21

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BISHOP’S CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

The 22nd Annual “Bishop’s Charity Golf Classic” is scheduled for Monday, August 29. There will be two simultaneous golf tournaments: “The Bishop’s Scramble,” and “The Bishop’s Cup” – which will be held at the Country Club of Sioux Falls and Minnehaha Country Clubs with a shotgun start at noon.

New this year will be a wine and beer tasting event, held on Saturday, August 27th at the Ramkota Exhibit Hall from 4:00-7:00pm. This event – Legacy: A Beer and Wine Experience is mirrored after the very successful beer tasting held last year at the LEGACY event. Come and let Joseph Scholten serve you. In addition to the opportunity to taste over 100 selections from over 40 breweries and wineries, you will also be able to enjoy the silent auction. Tickets are sure to sell out, so order yours early! Must be 21 to attend.

The beneficiary of this event is Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center. Your participation will ensure Broom Tree is available to people of all ages and income levels for years to come! This is a great time for Catholics from around the Diocese to gather for fun, fellowship, and to show their support and learn more about the retreat ministry at Broom Tree.

Register on-line for the Legacy: A Beer & Wine Experience and/or Golf at www.cf.sd.org or contact the Catholic Community Foundation at 605-988-3765, toll free at 1-888-246-3386.

FAITH & BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Catholic Men’s Business Fraternity of Sioux Falls are hosting an annual Faith & Business conference on Thursday, August 18, 11:00am to 5:30pm at the Ramkota Convention Center on 3200 West Maple Street, Sioux Falls that will provide a place of formation for men and women of faith to consider the relationship between faith and business for Catholics or others interested. We want to invite you to join us as we consider this very important topic for many of the faithful in our communities. The conference is $50 registration fee. To register go on line at thecnbfsf.org to reserve your seat.

MAGNITUDE AND SCOPE OF ABORTION

The US has lost about 1.2 million soldiers in all of its wars since the Declaration of Independence in 1776. In a much shorter time since 1973, we have killed about 50 times as many pre-born babies. Also, abortion has cost the US about 120 times as much as all American wars have.

Who could have predicted this wide scale slaughter of innocent life that goes on, day in day out? Who would have guessed that abortion would be de-criminalized, protected by governments and proudly promoted and funded by governments and corporations?

Who would have guessed that some schools and colleges would promote this, imagined that churches would remain silent and that school officials can and do send minors for abortions without parental consent? Who would have guessed that the media moguls would despise and oppose all who valiantly come to the defense of innocent life?

How did we get to this position? How did we become so callous and how can "civilized" people consider their God given children as disposable? There is nothing in human history to equal this massive slaughter.

Why do we not do more to prevent abortion? Lord, have mercy on us.

COMING EVENTS

Sun. Aug 14 …………. Joseph Scholten last day at our parishes
Tue. Aug 16 ...SL Parish Council Meeting in FCMC, 7:00pm
Sun. Aug 28 ………….. SL Altar Society after 8:30am Mass
Wed Aug 24, 9-12 small group leader meeting at FCMC, 7pm
Wed. Aug 31, K-8 grade teacher meeting at FCMC at 7:00pm

COFFEE & ROLLS

St. Leo Parish is hosting a coffee and rolls for the seminarian, Joseph Scholten on August 14th after the 8:30am Mass. Please join us in saying goodbye to Joseph.

DANTE HARVEST FESTIVAL

All are invited to the Dante Harvest Festival, Sunday, August 14, with serving beginning at 4:00pm at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish CCD Center, Dante, SD. Serving broasted chicken meal with all the fixings. Downtown: Raffle, Bingo, and other games for all ages in the air-conditioned dance hall.

PRAY FOR LIFE WITH BISHOP PAUL J. SWAIN

As part of the diocesan Life Chain Link, please join Bishop Paul J. Swain in prayer in front of Planned Parenthood on West 41st Street in Sioux Falls on August 16, 2016 at 12:00 noon. If you are unable to attend, please consider joining in prayer in your own parish, or sign up for another prayer time on the online calendar. To learn more or to sign up to pray, visit the “Life Chain Link” page of the OMFRL website at www.sfcatholic.org/respectlife.

GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Weekend Non-Denominational Retreat for adults who have lost a loved one and are trying to understand and reconcile their grief. Friday, Sept. 9, 7:00pm through noon Sunday, Sept. 11 at Broom Tree Retreat Center, Irene, SD. Directed by Dr. Marcie Moran – 605-988-3775, 800-700-7867 or email cfs@sfcatholic.org for more information or to register. Registrations limited.

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH GOD’S MERCY

The New Wine Retreat at The Abbey of the Hills - like a fine wine blending three grape varieties - will focus on Personal Prayer, God’s Mercy, and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit; it will yield deeper purpose & faith in our lives, inspiring us to bear into the world the hope of God, which is Jesus Christ crucified. Spiritual Director will be Fr. Roger Geditz. Guest Presenter will be Bill Wegner, Lay Evangelist, Good News International, Ministries; Howell, NJ.

Our daily schedule will include talks, time for personal prayer and silence, Daily Mass and Adoration, as well as free time and fellowship with others on the journey.

CATHOLIC CRUISE TO THE MEXICAN RIVIERA

Come and sail away on a 7-Night Catholic Mexican Riviera Cruise with Father David Cooper November 5th to November 12th on Holland America’s Westerdam out of San Diego, California. Ports of Call: Cabo San Lucas, Mexico • Mazatlan, Mexico • Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Prices begin at $1684 for two passengers including all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only $350 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Robert or Eileen at 860-399-1785 / CST # 2117990-70 or Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, NOVEMBER 7-17, 2016.

Includes Rome and audience with Pope Francis, Vatican Art Museum and Sistine Chapel, Catacombs. Pompeii, Assisi, Monte Cassino, Florence, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast, daily Mass and much more. $3279. Omaha. $3229. Chicago. Price includes air, hotels, most meals, tours, transfers and all government and airline taxes. First Come First Served.

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SHEPHERD’S VOICE

A Joyful ‘toon by Mike Waters

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

- John 10:27 NKJ

CHILDREN’S COLLECTION:

August 7, 2016: St. Leo - $4.00
St. Vincent - $6.00

Stewardship Report

A weekly financial report to the people of St. Leo Parish
Needed per month………………………….. $9,500.00
August weeks income…………………….$2,313.00
Weekly income for 08/07/2016……………….$2,313.00
Monthly income to date…………………….$2,313.00

Stewardship Report

A weekly financial report to the people of St. Vincent Parish
Needed per month………………………….. $2,800.00
August weeks income…………………….$686.00
Weekly income for 08/07/2016……………….$686.00
Monthly income to date…………………….$686.00