



# OUR LADY OF PEACE

## Bulletin

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 28, 2009

### Challenges require changes in Parish Office

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This past week, a letter was mailed informing parishioners of some changes we are making as a result of the projected budget shortfall. Some of the content of that letter is repeated here so that everyone understands where we are at as a parish. While there are many positive and exciting things that have happened this past year, there are also a number of challenges we continue to face, particularly in the area of finances. Most recently, because of a projected budget deficit for the upcoming year, we have no options but to announce a **reduction and change in job positions.**

#### Reduction and change in job positions – we are about as lean as we can get

While we have reduced our overall operating expenses in the last couple of years by over \$50,000, at this point, we are still expecting a budget shortfall of over \$150,000 for 2009-2010. While our staffing levels have decreased over the last couple of years, unfortunately, we are forced to take further action. This year, we had to keep salaries flat and also we need to proceed with a reduction in force.

Effective July 1, 2009, the positions of Receptionist, Director of Finances, and Director of Communications have been eliminated. In addition, we have created two new positions – Executive Assistant / Office Manager which will be held by Renée Svard, and a Parish Business Administrator which will include the responsibilities of the Director of Finance position and have additional responsibilities as well. This job has been posted. These changes mean that we have to say goodbye to Rosalind Ferguson and Barb Kiecker, whose service and dedication to Our Lady of Peace as well as their professionalism during this transition has been very much appreciated.

#### Effective July 1, changes to office hours and a call to service

In addition to a reduction in force we also are going to reduce the parish office hours to achieve additional cost savings. Currently the office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., but **beginning July 1, the parish office will be open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.** As we approach the fall, we will evaluate the Friday office hours. There are no changes to the regular office hours at the school.



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## THE MISSION OF OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

- arising from our communion  
in the Sunday Eucharist -  
is to proclaim the word of God,  
to celebrate the presence  
of the Risen Lord in our midst,  
and to recognize the gifts  
of the Holy Spirit among us  
and use them to transform  
our lives and the world  
according to the pattern  
of life Jesus has shown us.

### *Pastoral Staff*

#### PASTOR

Rev. Paul Treacy 505

#### DEACON

Rev. Mr. Paul Tatone 513

#### PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR WORSHIP

Wendy Barton Silhavy 507

#### PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR FAITH FORMATION

Joy Biedrzycki 511

#### PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR EDUCATION/ PRINCIPAL

Dr. Lori Glynn 304

### *Administrative Staff*

#### FINANCES

Barbara Kiecker 509

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Renée Svard 503

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Lisa McCullough 305

#### RECEPTIONIST

Roz Ferguson 502

#### MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Josh Lacktorin 308

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**Calling on office volunteers.** This is an occasion where we, like many other parishes, are calling on those interested in helping out in the office. We will provide the training and resources and the friendly atmosphere and are looking for some help in the mornings and afternoons with answering phones and doing light office work. You will be seeing more information about this, but beginning immediately if you are interested in volunteering for a few hours a week, please contact Renée Svard in the parish office.

### More on parish finances

While we were making some good headway earlier this spring on moving toward a balanced operating budget, some of the following factors have resulted in some setbacks.

- Some required changes in lenders and terms on our debt added around \$67,000 in interest to our annual expenses.
- While still below budget, our numbers for regular stewardship and plate contributions are up over last year. However, like many other parishes the larger gifts, including gifts to our Support-a-Student are down primarily because of the reduction of values in the equity markets.
- Securing Foundations Capital Campaign has stalled at a level below where we need it to be. We will be looking for ways to jump start this as this is the most important thing we can do to shore up our finances.
- As happens with any structure, buildings and grounds, we are anticipating some repairs which have to occur and may run over the typical maintenance and repair budget.

### Some Positive Trends and Happenings

Certainly these are challenges but we can be grateful for some very positive trends and happenings as well. In the last year and a half we have signed up 76 new parishioner households (199 new members), and this is a very good number. Also, we are starting an alumni project to reconnect with St. Kevin, Resurrection, and Our Lady of Peace alumni and hopefully motivate some interest and support. We have made improvements in almost every aspect of our parish and so despite our challenges, the future of Our Lady of Peace continues to look bright.

### How everyone can help

Here are some practical ways in which you can help our parish community:

1. *Appreciate all the blessings* we have as a community and remember that this is everyone's parish to help build up.
2. *Volunteer in our office to help respond to others' calls and visits.* Contact Renée Svard for more information or to express interest.
3. *Volunteer to help keep up our lawn, buildings and grounds.* Currently our maintenance staff is stretched and we have had to move away from paid lawn service. And so whether it is adopting a room to keep clean and stocked, a garden to weed, a hedge to clip or even helping to cut the grass, contact our Maintenance Supervisor Josh Lacktorin if you are interested in helping around our buildings or grounds. Training and resources will be provided.
4. *Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and Automated Contributions.* Once you have determined your stewardship contribution, EFT is the easiest way to help you meet your commitment and help us meet ours. See [www.olpmn.org](http://www.olpmn.org) for a stewardship form which includes an option for EFT.
5. *Prayerfully consider your stewardship.* We are doing all we can to maintain and reduce expenses and so this is as much a revenue issue as an expense issue (if not more). We very much appreciate any amount you give, but we will be challenging everyone to prayerfully consider an even greater contribution of time, talent and treasure in the future.

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## Worship Schedule

### Weekend

Saturday	Eucharist	5:00 pm
Sunday	Eucharist	10:00 am

### Weekday

Tuesday - Friday	Eucharist	8:15 am
Sacrament of Penance		
Saturday		4:00 pm

## Baptism Schedule

- July 19 • After Mass at 11:30 am
- August 16 • During 10:00 am Mass
- September 19 & 20 • During 5 pm, 9:00 am & 11:00 am Mass
- October 18 • After Mass at 12:30 pm

## FAITH FORMATION

### FAITH FORMATION HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE

- Mission Trip Car Wash
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study Continues
- OLP Book Discussion Group Continues
- Parish Library on Wheels Sunday
- In-service Training for Mission Trip Participants

### FAMILY, CHILDREN AND YOUTH

#### Vacation Bible Camp

Discovery Canyon: Discovering the Wonders of God's World

**Thank you for all who made this time so special for our parish children and families.**

- The Adult Core: Michelle Carroll, Kristin Volden, Lisa Tyberg, Megan Rowe
- The Youth Team Coordinators: Mike Jones, Claire Olson, Rachel McCabe, Lynnea Quick, Michael Baumgartner, Paul Olson, Rachel Novacek, Michelle Loye, Jonathan Frenz, Patrick Means, Makenna Habegger.
- The adult volunteers and the Middle School and High School Volunteers
- We had over 55 adult and youth volunteers helping to make this happen.

**The Families and children of the parish thank you.**

### YOUTH

#### Dead Theologians Society

**Save This Date • June 28 • 6:00 pm**

Bring your friends! Gather in the Parking Lot and walk to the Lagoon. We need you as:

- We are changing the name!! Come and give your ideas for a new identity and events for next year!!
- We are planning a Summer Bash to send our Seniors off in style and to welcome our new high school freshmen !!!! Come and give ideas on where and how and when.

### OLP MISSION TRIP CAR WASH • RAIN CHECK

**Saturday, June 27 • 4:30 - 6:30 pm**

**Sunday, June 28 9:30 am -12:00 pm**

WHAT A DEAL!! Get your car washing during Mass and help send Our Lady of Peace youth on a Mission Trip to Red Lake, MN.

### PARISH LIBRARY ON WHEELS

**Sunday July 28 • Pates Hall**

Come and stop by and check out a book –your name will be put into a drawing and you may win a prize.

Featured Books of the Month

CREATION STORIES a children's pop-up book, published by Creative Publishing

CHURCH COOKBOOKS

- SHARING OUR BEST: ST. KEVIN'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
- A TASTE OF TRADITION : HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
- ST. AUSTIN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH COOKBOOK

## Prayers

To receive and pass on prayer requests, please call Dorothy at 729-9588.

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6. A special commitment to the capital campaign. Think of how much more we will be able to achieve when we are freed of debt. Please consider an extra commitment to our campaign. There are contributions cards at the exits of the church and you can contact the office to have one sent, or visit [www.olpmn.org](http://www.olpmn.org).

In the upcoming weeks and months we will communicate more as we continue to put together our budget and plans, but I wanted to inform everyone of not only the unfortunate reality of job reductions but also some of the financial challenges we face because only together can we solve them. During times like these, there is an opportunity to remember the blessings God gives us as individuals, families and as a parish community, and also the responsibilities which come with them. It is a privilege to share both the blessings and responsibilities with you as we continue to build a bright future for Our Lady of Peace.

– Fr. Paul

### JUSTICE & CHARITY

#### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – SIGN UP ONLINE.

**This year OLP will help build a house in St. Paul, MN from July 27 through August 7.**

We need your help, not only in construction but also in food preparation on July 28th and August 3rd. If you have not signed up for Habitat for Humanity but still wish to participate, you can do so by going to our website [www.olpmn.org](http://www.olpmn.org) and clicking on the Habitat sign-up icon.

### PASTORAL CARE

#### SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS COALITION FOR GRIEF SUPPORT – CANCELED THURSDAY JULY 2ND.

Due to the July 4th holiday, there will be No meeting of the South Minneapolis Coalition for Grief Support next Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sessions will continue on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

### OUR BULLETIN EMAILED TO YOU!

#### MISSING THE NEWS!

You can now find our bulletin online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Yes, it is on our website, [www.olpmn.org](http://www.olpmn.org), but to make it even more convenient, you can sign-up to have the bulletin emailed directly to you.

Go to [www.SeekAndFind.com](http://www.SeekAndFind.com) and enter the our zip code-55417. Our Lady of Peace Church is first on the list. Click the link to see Publications. If you would like the bulletin emailed to you, click the Sign Up Now that is listed on the same page as the Publications.



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# Stewardship

Today's reading from St. Paul explains the "divine economy" of stewardship – "The relief of others ought not to impoverish you; there should be a certain equality. Your plenty at the present time should supply their need so that their surplus may in turn one day supply your need."

## Week ending 6/22/2009

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Stewardship	\$4,920.50	\$7,962.10	(\$3,041.60)
Plate	246.64	519.23	(272.59)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,167.14</b>	<b>\$8,481.33</b>	<b>(\$3,314.19)</b>

## Year to Date

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Stewardship/Holy Days	\$599,819.32	\$632,037.90	(\$31,218.58)
Plate	35,353.86	29,480.76	5,873.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$635,173.18</b>	<b>\$661,518.66</b>	<b>(\$26,345.48)</b>

## Year to Date

Memorials	7,135.00
Support A Student	7,780.03

## Special Collections to

Food Shelf	3,313.26
Good Friday/Holy Land	773.51
Religious Retirement	2,032.00
Missionary Cooperation	8,081.95

## 2009 Pledge Updates

Thank you to all who have returned the commitment form.

### "Power of the Hour" Stewardship

Returned	330
Pledged	\$414,839

### "Securing Foundations"

Pledged	\$321,040
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If you need a new form, please visit our website at [www.olpnmn.org](http://www.olpnmn.org).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 1: 13-15; 2:23-24 / 2 Cor8: 7, 9, 13-15 / Mk 5: 21-43

### SATURDAY, JUNE 27

- 4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (C)
- 4:30 pm Mission Trip Car Wash
- 5:00 pm Mass - **OLP Parishioners**

### SUNDAY, JUNE 28

- 9:30 am Mission Trip Car Wash
- 10:00 am Mass - **Catholic Family Life Insurance**
- 11:00 am Hospitality – VBC Adult and Youth Core Team Parish Traveling Library
- 6:00 pm Dead Theologians Society (gather in Church Parking Lot)

### MONDAY, JUNE 29 • PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 / Mt 16:13-19

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Word and Communion Service – **OLP Parishioners**

### TUESDAY, JUNE 30

Gn 19:15-29 / Mt 8:23-27

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass – **Elizabeth Burns †**
- 9:00 am Vacation Bible Camp (CB)

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Gn 21:5, 8-20a / Mt 8:28-34

- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass – **Leona Dingman †**

### THURSDAY, JULY 2

Gn 22:1b-19 / Mt 9:1-8

- 6:00 am Men's Faith Sharing (P)
- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass – **Larry Brockhoff †**

### FRIDAY, JULY 3

Eph 2:19-22 / Jn 20:24-29

- Offices Closed
- 7:55 am Rosary (C)
- 8:15 am Mass – **Steve Rasmussen (birthday)**
- 8:45 am Fatima Prayer (C)

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez 2:2-5 / 2 Cor 12:7-10 / Mk 6:1-6a

### SATURDAY, JULY 4

- 4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (C)
- 5:00 pm Mass - **Greg Smisek (anniversary)**

### SUNDAY, JULY 5

- Welcoming Sunday and New Parishioner Registration
- 10:00 am Mass - **OLP Parishioners**

C =	Church
CB =	Classroom Building
CBC =	Classroom Building Cafeteria
D =	Discovery Room - Classroom Building
ED =	Extended Day Room
G =	Gymnasium
L =	Leo Room
M =	Media Center
N =	Nursery
OC =	Off Campus
P =	Pates Hall
SPT =	St. Peter/St. Paul Room
T =	Trinity Meeting Room
W =	Whalen Room

**DEADLINE FOR JULY 4-5  
SUNDAY BULLETIN ARTICLES  
Thursday, June 25**