



Brothers and Sisters,

I have written in the past several weeks about faith as apostolic, that is faith that is passed down from one generation to the next. One of the most beautiful and powerful ways we pass on the faith is through the living out of our vocation.

“God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1)

“Those who with God’s help have welcomed Christ’s call and responded to it are urged on by love of Christ to proclaim the Good News everywhere in the world. This treasure, received from the apostles, has been faithfully guarded by their successors. All Christ’s faithful are called to hand it on from generation to generation, by professing the faith, living it in fraternal sharing, and by celebrating it in liturgy and prayer.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church #3)

These two quotes from the beginning of the catechism help us to understand our purpose and the power of witness that we give to the faith by living our vocation with fidelity, virtue, and holiness. The Catholic Church recognizes four vocations in which God the Father through the call of Jesus Christ invites us to a life with him: marriage, priesthood, religious life, and committed single life. These four vocations make up a body of witnesses who give, by their act of living and loving, a voice to the Good News that Jesus preached, “the Kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the gospel.” Whether you are called to marriage, priesthood, religious life or single life your life is an act of witness. This witness shows forth into the world the presence of the Kingdom of God. That presence of the Kingdom is seen clearly through our acts of mercy and forgiveness, love of the good and of our neighbor, and worship of God that brings healing, hope and strength to God’s people and the world.

In the gospel Jesus speaks about marriage. This vocation, this Sacrament of Matrimony is a foundation to the life of the Church. It fosters mutual love and gives witness to the faith and a life of honor and love. In today’s society marriage is defined in various ways. The Catholic Church holds fast to the origin of marriage as between a man and a woman, a good for the spouses, and blessed by God in a sacrament giving forth the power of divine love to the husband and wife’s relationship. This power of love is in cooperation with God’s creative power and brings forth new human life. What a powerful witness of the love of God, the patience of God, the sacrifice of God and the joy of God working with and through his beloved people. We pray for all married couples; may the Lord strengthen their bond of love and bless them with his strength and joy.

Let us live our vocations to the full. Filling the world with the presence of Jesus Christ!

God bless you, Fr. Tom

Immaculate Conception, Saturday, Oct. 2nd 4:30PM - +Margaret Demmer

St. Peter, Sunday, Oct. 3rd 8:00AM - For the Parishioners

St. Joseph, Sunday, Oct. 3rd 10:00AM - +Don Furan

St. Peter, Tuesday, Oct. 5th 8:25AM - +Francis Von Arx

St. Joseph, Wednesday, Oct. 6th 8:30AM - +Brian & +Michael Reinhardt

St. Peter, Thursday, Oct. 7th 8:25AM - +Kelly Mauss

St. Joseph, Friday, Oct. 8th 8:30AM - +Lucille Dvorak

Immaculate Conception, Saturday, Oct. 9th 4:30PM - +Leo Kryzer

St. Peter, Sunday, Oct. 10th 8:00AM - +Robert & +Doris Von Arx

St. Joseph, Sunday, Oct. 10th 10:00AM - For the Parishioners

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Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph
3:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception

Sundays 7:30 a.m. St. Peter

First Friday Devotions: Please join us 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph, Rushford



Every First Friday join us for 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph followed by praying of the Litany of the Sacred Heart, Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction.



Please email or call if you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick if you or know someone who is ill or having surgery. I will come to their home or arrange a visit at the hospital if allowed. Fr. Tom email — tmelvin@dowr.org, phone #507-259-1747 (cell)

St. Joseph Church News:

- **St. Joseph's Swiss Steak Dinner** is scheduled for Sunday, **October 17th**. Please come and join us.



St. Joseph – Liturgical Schedule

October 10th @ 10:00AM

Lector — JoEllen
Ushers — David & Jacob
Rosary — Barb

St. Peter – Liturgical Schedule

- **Sunday, October 10th @ 8:00AM**

Lector— Mary Kay Sheehan
Ushers— Tony Miller & Dave Feuerhelm
Servers— Alex Henke, Cole & Kennedy Hazelton
Greeter — Landon Von Arx & Arie Albert
Rosary— Barb Miller

Church Support

Immaculate Conception — Sept. 25th— \$484
St. Joseph — Sept. 19th — \$785
St. Peter — Sept. 26th - \$1,936



American Red Cross La Crescent Community

Blood Drive will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 21 North Hill St. on October 14, 2021. The drive runs from 12 noon until 6 pm.



St. Peter's Roast Beef Dinner Saturday, October 9, 2021

The Roast Beef Dinner is almost upon us, and we are looking for volunteers to help. There are lots of times and dates available. Please go on the link below to sign up. Many hands make light work. Thank you for volunteering! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45a5a923abf8c34-stpeters>



We are looking for extras paper grocery bags for our carryout lines for the Roast Beef dinner. If you have some, you can drop them off at the school office. Thank You for your help.



St. Peter School News

KC Marathon....keep getting those pledges! Final turn in is Monday, October 4th!

Parent Teacher Conferences.....is scheduled for Thursday, 10/14, 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm. Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4baaa723a0f58-parent1> to set up your conference time.

Roast Beef Dinner.....Annual Roast Beef Dinner is October 9th. Volunteer sign-up can be located at St. Peter's Church: St. Peter's Roast Beef Dinner 2021 ([signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com)). We hope to see you there!

Important Dates...

(Volleyball home games are at Crucifixion gym.)

10/5 8:25 am, mass
5:30 pm, Volleyball vs. West Salem (home)

10/7 8:25am Mass
5:45 pm, Volleyball vs. GET (home)

10/9 Roast Beef Dinner

10/10 Recuperate from Roast Beef Dinner

10/12 8:25 am, mass
3:45 pm, Volleyball vs. St. Pats Onalaska (home)

10/14 8:25 am, mass
Parent Teacher Conferences

10/19 8:25 am, Mass
4:00 pm, Volleyball vs. St. Pats Sparta (away)

10/21 8:25 am, mass
5:00 pm, Volleyball vs. Onalaska (home)

10/21 MEA, no school

10/22 MEA, no school

10/26 8:25 am, mass

10/28 8:25 am, mass

10/29 End of 1st quarter