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Cathedral of Saint Paul Parish Festival is back

(Saint Paul, MN) The Cathedral of Saint Paul Parish Festival had been a perennial favorite for fifty years and now after an 11-year hiatus, it's back with all the bells and whistles. **The Cathedral of Saint Paul Parish Festival will be Sunday, September 27th from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm** at the corner of Summit and Selby Avenues, Saint Paul. The event includes traditional carnival games, petting zoo, games of chance, cake walk, bottle blast, cotton candy plus a ham dinner and dessert table loaded with home-baked pies. Everyone in the community is invited, Catholics and noncatholics, neighbors and visitors.

“We’re hoping the parish festival helps us build community in our family of faith as well as help us do some necessary fundraising,” said the Very Reverend Joseph R. Johnson, Rector of the Cathedral of Saint Paul. “We have a commitment to this community to care for those in need now more than ever.” Every year the Cathedral supports care for the homebound and those in nursing homes, serves as an emergency shelter for the homeless in January, buys back-to-school supplies for underprivileged students, provides affordable housing for the poor, offers faith formation programs and hospitality for 200,000 visitors a year.

Tickets for the dinner and raffle are available following weekend Masses in Saint Peter’s Square or by contacting Annette Walker at 651-357-1346 or by email: awalker@cathedralsaintpaul.org. Dinner tickets for adults are \$6 in advance or \$8 at the door and \$4 for children. Raffle tickets are \$2 a piece for a chance to win an all-expenses-paid trip to the Holy Land on the Cathedral’s 2010 pilgrimage in addition to an assortment of cash prizes.

Extra parking will be available one block from the Cathedral on Marshall Ave. at the Saint Paul College parking lot in addition to regular free street parking and the Cathedral parking lot.

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Beginning with the festive laying of its cornerstone in 1907, the present Cathedral of Saint Paul serves as an important part of the civic community. It is a popular destination for local students and artists as well as for tourists from around the world. In 2009, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops designated the Cathedral as a National Shrine of the Apostle Paul. It is included on the National Register of Historic Buildings and draws tens of thousands of visitors each year. The architectural engineering and heroic labors it took to build the Cathedral make it an important piece of our region's history. It is a worthy successor to the simple log chapel of 1841 that gave the city its name.

For more information, visit www.cathedralsaintpaul.org or call the Welcome Center at 651-228-1766. To view photos of the Cathedral of Saint Paul's interior and exterior go to <http://www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/about/photos.asp>.

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