



Saint Vincent DePaul Parish

1408 South 10th Street
Saint Louis, MO 63104



Since 1844

We, the people of Saint Vincent DePaul Parish in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, Missouri, are committed to following Jesus Christ, Evangelizer of the poor. We do this through:

- ◆ Eucharistic centered worship and continued spiritual formation.
- ◆ Service to the poor and oppressed.
- ◆ Preaching the Gospel by word and action in an ecumenical spirit.

Parish Office

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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 5 and 6, 2009

Bless the Work of Our Hands

(By Regina Siegfried, ASC)

On this Labor Day weekend we can interpret the readings from the viewpoint of the work of God's hands and heart. In the lyrical passage from Isaiah, the coming of God's presence among us cures the blind, the deaf, and the lame. Life-giving water "bursts forth in the desert." The selection from James, a continuation of last week's reading, could have been written in the hall during meals where many parishioners and volunteers serve our guests, treating all with respect and dignity. We know by faith that they, along with all of us, are "rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom."

We can understand the Gospel from the viewpoint of the work of Jesus' hands as he touched the deaf man to cure him. Jesus' up-close, personal, and hands-on approach unlocked the world of sound, music, bird song, and voices for a person who had lived in years of stillness. Who could silence a miracle that cures a soundless life! The crowds get busy spreading the good news of the healer who "has done all things well," even though Jesus had explicitly told them "not to tell anyone." Like the people around Jesus, we can proclaim God's good news to those with whom we work.

Those of us fortunate enough to have jobs that make a difference and work that is challenging and fulfilling can pause on this weekend to contemplate the work of Jesus that changed lives. As Catholics we work to help create a just and fair society so that those whose work is less than enriching or who need a job can find labor to help sustain their lives. God blesses the work of our hands when those hands reach out to others.

Ponder:

- How has the work of my hands been blessed?
- How has the work of the hands of this parish been blessed?
- What can we do to insure a just living wage for all laborers?

Do:

- Enjoy this holiday.
- Return to work on Tuesday with a renewed sense of purpose.

PRAYER PETITION/ THANKS OFFERING

Father Paul Otto Schneebeck, CM

◆ Pastor ◆

George Dennis

◆ Maintenance ◆

Ralph Glaser

◆ Bookkeeping ◆

Karen Hanks

◆ Bulletin Editor ◆

Ali Homer

◆ Receptionist ◆

Clifford Johnson

◆ Maintenance ◆

Linda Mertz

◆ PSR Coordinator ◆

Pat Poehling

◆ Outreach Ministry ◆

Sister Jackie Toben, SSND

◆ Women, Family & Children's Advocate ◆

Jim Votino

◆ Kitchen Manager ◆

Dennis Wells

◆ Associate /Director of Music ◆

Toni Wood

◆ Saturday Receptionist ◆

Organizations/ Activities

Advocate for Disabled

◆ Kathy Vanek

Faith Formation

◆ Sharon Hodge

Finance Commission

◆ Jim Lammers

Fundraising Committee

◆ Ali Homer

Hospitality

◆ Ray Martin & Bob Zurfluh

Justice Committee

◆ Open

Liturgy Committee

◆ Open

Parish Council

◆ Dennis Turek

Tutoring Club

◆ Molly Skiljan

Youth Ensemble

◆ Teri Wells

Let's Start ◆ 314-241-2324

Sacraments Masses

4:30 pm Saturday

9:00 am Sunday

11:00 am Sunday

12:05 pm Monday-Friday

6:30 pm Holy Days



Miraculous Medal
Devotion After
Monday Mass

Reconciliations

3:45 - 4:15 pm Saturday or by
appointment

Other Sacraments
by appointment

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Our bulletin is printed by Pastoral Solutions. In order to have everything ready for printing, the deadline to submit bulletin items is

TUESDAY AT NOON

You can submit it via email to Karen Hanks at bulletin@stvstl.org or drop it off in the office

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday

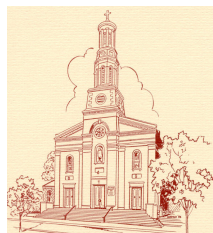
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Saturday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed Sunday, Holy Days &
Holidays

To register in the parish,
contact the Parish Office at
(314) 231-9328



*The Lord hears
the cry
of the Poor*

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK

Saturday, September 5th

Rummage Sale 9-11am

Sunday, September 6th

LOC meeting 10:30am Annex

Monday, September 7th

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 8th

Food Pantry Open

Senior Dinner Dance 4-7pm

Let's Start 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 9th

Parish Council 6:30pm

Thursday, September 10th

Food Pantry Open

Cabrini Mass 8am

Bingo 10am

Sunday, September 13th

Catechist Commissioning

"I Believe" Series 10-11 am Annex

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 5th

4:30 pm Paul & Berdie
Schneebeck

Sunday, September 6th

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00 am Ladies of Charity

11:00 am Martha Hubler

Monday, September 7th

NO MASS

Tuesday, September 8th

12:05 pm Michael Ross

Wednesday, September 9th

12:05 pm Robert Barry

Thursday, September 10th

12:05 pm Joe & Leona Vasa

Friday, September 11th

COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday, September 12th

4:30 pm Lou Risk Family

Sunday, September 13th

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:00 am Paul Otto
Schneebeck

Please pray for the sick...

May Andrews
Rosemary Agustin
Vida Bayer
Josh Beckerle
Marie Berning
Marie Billet
Shannon Broyles
Mary Ann Brutton
Dolores Caponi
Dave Dattilo
Mary Deeker
Kathleen Dieckhaus
Ken Doyle
Lukas Dudek
Ron Figura
Lauren Gamache
Fran Gebhardt
Helen Gray
Sandy Hagerling
Nicki Harris
Ervin Hartmann
George Heath
Nile Hodges
Paul Hogan
Thomas Jaeger
Joseph Kelly
Sally Killian
Jill LaFrance

Michael Lawrence
Minda Lindsay
Richard Loos
Tom McCrackin
Megan McDowell
Zak McQuay
Delia Minor
Anita Moore
Tyler Nash
Belinda Patterson
Annette Quante
Joyce Ralston
Hugh Rogers
Jay Roth
George Russell
Sue Schaeffer
Cathy Staten
Eve Steffen
James Stephens
Barb Thomas
Marie Toben
Evelyn Tucker
Frank Vanek
Mary Vatterott
Mary Venezia
Annie Wadley
John Paul Woods
Linda Zurfluh

...and pray for anyone in
need of special prayer,
especially those serving in
the armed forces....

Win Anderson	Nikki Mellick
Jean Caraman	Scott Mellick
Cody Fahrman	Thomas Milleson
Travis Hipps	Mark Mitchell
Sam Kramer	Jason Roth
Timothy Maguire	Paul Schaffer
Chad Mellick	Megan Stephens

...and pray for all those who
allow us to serve them at meals, the
sandwich window, Let's Start,
Senior Bingo, and the After School
Program.

If you have a person you would like
added to our prayer list, please call Ali
at 231-9328 or
email: bulletin@stvstl.org

The 2010 Mass book is available for
scheduling. Please call or mail your request
for Masses to Ali Homer at 231.9328.

FROM THE PASTOR

In our readings this weekend, the Prophet Isaiah tells us that Yahweh-God will “come to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be closed.” Our God will clear the blindness in our seeing and the deafness in our hearing. The lord will cause what is contrary to nature to happen—“the lame will leap like stags, the mute will sing and the desert will bloom.”

God does all this is to calm our fears and “to save” us. There is a progression. First, our God opens our ears and eyes. Only then, can these wonderful things happen. We begin with the realization that each of us comes to everything in our lives with, at least, a modicum of baggage.

In the Gospel, Jesus opens the ears of the deaf man—**Ephphatha!** Opening our eyes and ears is part of what our spiritual journey as we travel along on our way to salvation. When I am honest, I know that in listening I hear with overtones—I am not terribly proud of some of these. When I see, I can put a spin on my vision. We see and hear things in ways which we have learned. Some of these *learned ways* are not faithful to the gospel. Often our *learned ways* are defenses to keep from exceeding the *status quo*. We make progress on our journey toward salvation each time we bring ourselves to adjust our hearing, our seeing and our thinking. Acceptance of Jesus as He is found in each person who crosses our path is not easy. That, however, is our goal. The people around us are the primary ways in which we see and hear Jesus today.

When we come to Eucharist, we can “come together” because the Lord Jesus accepts each of us *as we are at that moment*. Such acceptance does not overlook the need for further growth. Rather, it is a helping hand toward that growth. You and I and our guests are all children of the Lord. We can only see that unity and hear that unity if we allow our God to open our eyes and ears. Our God opens our eyes and ears when we drop our preconceptions. The Lord opens our eyes and ears when we release others from our standards. Jesus says **Ephphatha!** to us when we allow others to be themselves *as they are at that moment*.

Praise the Lord for His gifts to all of us! Following the advice of the Apostle James, we must strive to “make no distinction among ourselves.” Neither our minds nor our hearts need be frightened. When we see as Jesus would have us see and hear as Jesus would have us hear, we all answer the Lord’s call to be one.



Father OTO

HAVE YOU MADE THAT PHONE CALL TO VOLUNTEER?



TURKEYFEST
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 15

314.231.9328

PLEASE DONATE!

The Ladies of Charity “rummage angels” are looking for donations to stock their shelves with items they distribute at the “clothing window”. They are in need of:

- Used 2x Tshirts
- Used long pants
- Tennis shoes

A black barrel is located in the vestibule of the church for your donations.



Thank you!

HELP NEEDED! We have been assigned our time to take part in the special Seminary Campaign. To meet that goal we need your help. Please consider volunteering for one of the following:

- Campaign General Chairperson
- Major Gift Chairperson
- Campaign Committee Members

Call Ali at 231.9328 for more information



From Fr. Otto's Twisted Mind

A newly graduated social worker from a big City recently transferred to the Mountains of Missouri. She was on the first tour of her new territory when she came upon the tiniest cabin she had ever seen in her life.



Intrigued, she went up and knocked on the door. . . "Anybody home?" she asked.

"Yep," came a kid's voice through the door.

"Is your father there?" asked the social worker.

"Pa? Nope, he left afore Ma came in," said the kid.

"Well, is your mother there?" persisted the social worker.

"Ma? Nope, she left just before I got here," said the kid.



"But," protested the social worker, "are you never together as a family?"

"Sure, but not here," said the kid through the door. "This is the outhouse!"



Any adult who wants to volunteer in parish activities or ministries that include children must be in full compliance with the Safe Environment Program of the programs; PSR, Liturgy of the Word, Youth Choir, After School Tutoring Program-- ALL VOLUNTEERS HAVE TO BE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM.

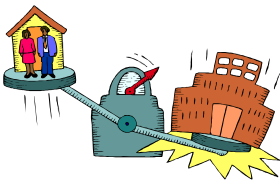
Compliance requires attendance at a Protecting God's Children workshop, a signed Code of Ethical Conduct and submitting to a background check which will be updated in even numbered years. For more information contact Linda Mertz, our parish safe environment coordinator.

We will hold a workshop here at the parish on Saturday, September 19th, from 10am-noon for anyone who wants to volunteer in the many parish ministries and has not attended before.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Liz Glazer	September 7th
Georgina McGuirk	September 7th
Linda Mertz	September 7th
Josephine Conorlino	September 8th
Mary King	September 8th
John Wells	September 8th
Helen Williams	September 8th
Rachel Lee	September 9th
Elizabeth Meyer	September 9th
Joseph Scanlon	September 9th
David Drake	September 10th
Gabriel Lee	September 10th
Kerry Lyman	September 10th
Tony Martin	September 10th
Jeremy Boyd	September 11th
Bernard Winters	September 12th
Pete Barsos	September 13th
Peirson Flynn	September 13th
Kira Jean-Gilles	September 13th



Labor Day
Monday
September 7th

Office Closed .. No Mass

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

The Guardian Angel Food Pantry at St. Vincent's needs more stock on the shelves. Please bring the following donations:

- Can spaghetti, ravioli
- Kidney beans, pork and beans
- Box dinners, rice, mac n cheese



ATTENTION ALL KNITTERS & CROCHETERS - The Chris Baker Memorial Prayer Shawl Project is in need of knitters and/or crocheters. The requests have been overwhelming and we ask anyone who would like to help in this very powerful mission to contact Jean Caton at catonjr@sbcglobal.net. No meetings required, no dues, just your prayers and talents. Yarn will be provided.



Readings for the Week
September 6th – September 13th

This Sunday: Isaiah 35:4-7a
 Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
 James 2:1-5
 Mark 7:31-37

Monday: Colossians 1:24-2:3
 Psalms 62:6-7, 9
 Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday: Romans 8:28-30
 Psalms 13:6ab, 6c
 Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday: Colossians 3:1-11
 Psalms 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab
 Luke 6:20-26

Thursday: Colossians 3:12-17
 Psalms 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6
 Luke 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14
 Psalms 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11
 Luke 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Timothy 1:15-17
 Psalms 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7
 Luke 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Isaiah 50:5-9a
 Psalms 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
 James 2:14-18
 Mark 8:27-35

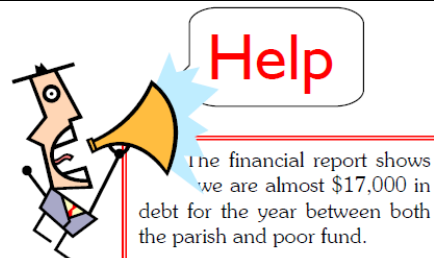
Lectors & Ministers

September 12th & 13th

Saturday, September 12th 4:30pm L-Chris Kerlick
 M-Bob Sieckhaus
 M-Judy Sieckhaus

Sunday, September 13th 9:00am L-Dorothy McFerren
 L-Mary Kay McKenzie
 M-Vida Bayer (B)
 M-Teresita Cometa
 M-Steve Frei
 M-Meg Kymes
 M-Mary Leimkuehler

11:00am L-Ben Abell
 L-Tom Elder
 M-Ben Abell
 M-Marcella Elder



The people coming to evening meals are approaching 300 . . . 341 actual men, women and children last Thursday! Some of you have been away. Both the parish and poor fund need your usual generous support.

Financial Stewardship			
Saint Vincent DePaul Parish			
This Week: 8/31/09		Fiscal Year-to-Date: 7/1/09 to Present	
Weekly Total Revenue	\$4,736	YTD Total Revenue	\$45,977
Weekly Budget Expense	\$6,958	YTD Actual Expense	\$55,573
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$2,222)	Surplus For Future (Deficit)	(\$9,597)
Social Ministries (a.k.a. Poor Fund)			
This Week: 8/31/09		Fiscal Year-to-Date: 7/1/09 to Present	
Weekly Total Revenue	\$1,035	YTD Total Revenue	\$23,869
Weekly Budget Expense	\$4,403	YTD Actual Expense	\$31,113
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,369)	Surplus For Future (Deficit)	(\$7,244)
Combined Operations			
This Week: 8/31/09		Fiscal Year-to-Date: 7/1/09 to Present	
Weekly Total Revenue	\$5,771	YTD Total Revenue	\$69,846
Weekly Budget Expense	\$11,361	YTD Actual Expense	\$86,686
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$5,590)	Surplus For Future (Deficit)	(\$16,840)



Cabrini starts year with record enrollment

Cabrini has started the new school year with 201! The school, nor its predecessors, has had enrollment numbers this high in more than a decade! Thank you to everyone who referred Cabrini to their friends and family. We're proud to welcome new students and welcome back all our returning students.

'We Believe' in Cabrini Students

This year's theme at Cabrini will be "We Believe." Throughout the year, faculty and students will explore the many beliefs that we have and the ways we can express our beliefs through creeds. We hope you can join us as we explore this theme at morning prayer, weekly Mass, and in our religious studies. Guests are always welcome to join us for Mass on Thursdays at 8 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus Parish!

Volunteers Sought to Help in Classrooms

Cabrini welcomes classroom volunteers who can assist students with reading, math, and other subjects. We are particularly interested in volunteers who could assist on a regular schedule, coming each week at certain times. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office to learn more about how you can be of assistance.

Sponsors Club Paints the Floor

The Cabrini Sponsors Club, which coordinates the school's sports program, recently painted basketball and volleyball lines on the school gym floor. Thanks especially to David Tajkowski for leading the effort!

Limited Openings Remain

Cabrini has only limited space available in a few grades, so if you or someone you know is still looking for a school, please contact Cabrini immediately!

If you would like more information about St. Frances Cabrini Academy or would like to schedule a tour, please contact the school at (314) 776-0883 or email eric@cabriniacademy.org

The St. Vincent's Church Young Adult Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is made up of 19 members between the ages of 20 and 40. We have provided the following assistance from January through July of 2009 (mostly through home visits):

\$4,395 utility assistance for 30 households

\$3,064 rental assistance for 13 households

\$183 in assistance to the food pantry

Assisted 20 households with paper goods and hygiene items in late July

Thank you to those who have supported us financially by donations or by attending our trivia night. Our next trivia night fundraiser will be on Saturday, January 16, 2010.



" C a l l f o r C a t e c h i s t s - - -

If you feel the calling and would like to serve your parish community, we need a few more catechists to work with our children. If you do not feel the call every week, we could use some who can serve as substitute catechists in case of absence of a catechist. You are on call to serve occasionally.

Please consider this important ministry--our children. Contact Linda Mertz, PSR coordinator at the parish office if interested."



"PSR NEWS It is that time of year again. Our Parish School of Religion will resume beginning with Mass and a Commissioning of our devoted Catechists on Sunday, Sept. 13th at 9:00 am. Please see Linda Mertz in the parish hall, if you have not registered yet (letters went home during the summer). She can sign you up. The cost for books and materials is \$35.00 for the year and \$50.00 for a family. Classes will start on Sunday, Sept. 20th after the 9:00 Mass. Talk to Linda if you have any questions. Thanks"

Collection

Counters



Sept 13th Team 1

Saint Vincent's Outreach Program What We Can Do For You...

- Bring communion to the sick
- Bring meals during a crisis
- Bring communion to the families of the sick or dying
- Will make home visits for those who are homebound when requested
- Will make hospital visits

Call Kathy Stowers at 636. 448-1064 or the parish office at (314) 231-9328.

FUTURE ST. VINCENT EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nathanael's Creed

In concert @ St. Vincent's — Sunday Sept. 20th
 Cost: Free-will donation of cash or canned goods
 All proceeds to benefit St. Vincent's Social Ministries

Save The Date

Date: 09/20/09

Time: 4:00pm

For more information:

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Phone: 314-231-9328

E-mail: mail@stvstl.org

www.stvstl.org



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

All are welcome to attend the series **BELIEVE...** It will be held in the parish annex on Sundays, September 13, October 11 and November 8, following the 9:00 Mass from approximately 10:15 until 11:00am. These sessions will be discussion and questions with Ken Parker delving into our Catholic-Creed. Come and learn or rediscover what you may have forgotten, never understood or want to know more about...



Treat yourself to an "autumn" experience.
 Plan to attend:



ST. VINCENT'S TRIVIA NIGHT
OCTOBER 17



LOOK AHEAD

- Sept. 13th Catechist Copmissioning "I Believe" Series
- Sept. 16th Finance Committee
- Sept. 17th Cabrinni Mass
- Sept. 19th PGC Workshop Faith Formation
- Sept. 20th PSR classes begin Nathanael's Creed Concert
- Sept. 22nd After School Tutoring Program starts
- Sept. 27th Feast of St. Vincent DePaul
- Oct. 17th Trivia Night
- Nov. 15th TurkeyFest

SENIORS



Put on your dancing shoes and join us for dinner on Tuesday, September. 8 4-7pm.



It's that time of year again when friends gather in the parish hall on Thursday mornings to share a delicious meal together and play some bingo. Doors open at 10am. Bring your friends and neighbors and join in the fun.