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.

AMAZING GRACE
By Elisabeth Boone

Everybody loves a party, and the bigger and more lavish the celebration, the better. Food and drink … friends and family … life, laughter, and love.

In today’s first reading, from the book of Isaiah, the prophet lyrically describes just such a feast, which will be held on the holy mountain of Zion to mark the coming of the kingdom of God on earth.

The people will partake of “juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines”—but Isaiah tells us that the big event will far surpass the mere consumption of fine food and drink.

“On this mountain he [the Lord] will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever.”

Now that’s something to celebrate! The people’s eyes will be opened, and they will see and know the Lord as their God. Not only that … they will enjoy eternal life with their Father, who “will wipe away the tears from every face.”

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In the reading from Isaiah, Paul expresses joy at God’s generosity to the people: “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accordance with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

In today’s gospel from the book of Matthew we learn about a celebration that takes a somber turn as Jesus relates a parable in which he compares the kingdom of heaven to a king who gives a wedding feast for his son. The invited guests refuse to attend; at the king’s second urging, some guests kill the servants who extended the welcome.

Enraged, the king sends his soldiers to kill the murderers and burn their city. He then tells his servants that the invited guests were unworthy and that they should go into the streets and invite all whom they can find to the feast. The message is clear: If the Jews reject the call to join the church, the Gentiles will be invited in their place.
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
Reconciliation
3:45 - 4:15 pm Saturday or by appointment
Other Sacraments
by appointment

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
To register in the parish, contact the Parish Office at
314-231-9328

FOR THE FOLLOWING, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE
AT 314-231-9328, mail@stvstl.org

BAPTISMS: For preparation and scheduling of infant baptisms, contact the office two months prior to desired baptismal date.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:
To enroll, contact Christy Toben.

ST. FRANCES CABRINI ACADEMY:
Our parish elementary school is St. Frances Cabrini Academy, located at 3022 Oregon Ave., St. Louis, MO 63118. For more information contact the school at (314)776-0883 or visit the website at www.cabriniacademy.org.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION:
contact Christy Toben.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA):
If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or joining the Catholic church, contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:
Archdiocesan guidelines require engaged couples to contact a priest at least six months before the wedding takes place. Contact the office to schedule a meeting with Father Ed Murphy.

MEMBERSHIP:
To become a member of St. Vincent’s Parish contact the office.

MEALS AND LUNCH WINDOW:
Meals are served in the Parish Hall from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. from the 22nd of every month through the first day of the following month. Volunteers arrive at 4:30 p.m. to set up. Lunches are served Monday through Saturday from 11am–1pm. Volunteers arrive at 10:30am. To help, contact Jim Votino.

FOOD PANTRY:
The food pantry operates Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9a–2p and the third Saturday of each month 9:30a-noon. To volunteer, contact the office.

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:
We welcome participation on parish committees and organizations, in the music ministry, in liturgy ministries, and with fundraisers. To volunteer, contact the office 231-9328 or mail@stvstl.org

Readings-week of October 15th

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 14th
4:30p  Deacon Joe & Harriett Cox

Sunday, October 15th
9:00a  Frank Vanek
11:00a  People of Our Parish
Monday, October 16th
12:05p Geoffrey Parker
Tuesday, October 17th
12:05p Janet LaPlume
Wednesday, October 18th
12:05p Kathy Coco
Thursday, October 19th
12:05p Nikandra Morales
Friday, October 20th
12:05p Geoffrey Parker
Saturday, October 21st
4:30p L. Edward Spree
Sunday, October 22nd
9:00a Janet LaPlume
11:00a Dodie Blow

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The Lord hears the cry of the Poor.
Together We Pray for:

those who are sick & their CAREGIVERS:
Julianne Zurfluh Alford
John Barton
Greg Bear
Nancy Bocklage
Dwain Bollinger
Peter Bonebakker
Elisabeth Boone
Pat Casey
Wayne Casey
Marcella Cobb
Matt Coco
Ann Cramer
JoAnn Deane
Laura Elder
Terry Etting
Margee Grinstead
Emily Hamil
Suzanne Hecht
Gary Jackson
Chris Kerlick
Robert Kunkel
Mike Lamb
Art Lampe
Tom Lane
Ann Laney
Karen Manson
Tom Meissner
Joyce Ralston
George Reed
Morris Rideout
Special Person
Lorraine Sansoucie
Jan Swederska
Clarence Tunnicliffe
Angie York
Chris Zimmer

those who are in need of special prayer, especially those serving in the armed forces:
Brian Faulkner
James Hutcheson
Jordan Lewis
Will F. Morton
Ryan Wittenauer

all those who allow us to serve them at the clothing window, Let’s Start, meals, and the sandwich window.

those celebrating birthdays this week:
17 Lottie Boland
18 Hugo Selinger
18 Brian Snyders
19 Nikandra Morales
21 Pablo Aguayo
22 Linwood Bielefeldt
22 Alejandro Bolanos
22 Maria Lizenby
22 Bill Pues

those who are in residential care:
Josephine Conorino
Walter Jungle
Mary Leimkuehler
Dorothy McFerren
Delores Morfia
Pila Soaib
Larry Volk

Please notify the parish office if you become hospitalized. Due to HIPAA regulations, the hospitals no longer provide this service. Also, please notify us if the person you put on the prayer list for healing has improved so that we can remove their name from the list. Names are removed after one month if we don’t hear from you.

WHAT DID POPE FRANCIS SAY?

“The search for peace is an open-ended task, a responsibility that never ends and that demands the commitment of everyone.”

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: 314-231-9328

PRAYER: The world’s greatest wireless connection..
COFFEE & DONUT TEAM
Barb Thomas and Ora Wooldridge

COLLECTION COUNTERS
Team 3

Thank you to all who helped sort the rummage throughout the month, donated rummage, brought the rummage up from the basement, set up the sale, worked the sale and cleaned up after the sale. And a special thank you to Al Marshall who brings his trailer over for the move. $955 was made at September’s sale. Half of this amount is donated to the parish.

Looking what’s happening at St. Vincent’s

Ministry Schedule
Saturday, October 21st
4:30 pm

Lector
Kathy Camillo
Natalie Cox

Eucharistic Minister
Greg Benken
Joe Cerni

Ambassador
Barb Zawier

Sunday, October 22nd
9:00 am

Lector
Sister Mary Kay McKenzie
Sharon Bertram

Eucharistic Minister
Deacon Terry Collins
Sister Sandy Schwartz
Barbra Murphy
Teresita Cometa
Jim Fuehne

Ambassador
Barb Eckhard
Angie Thompson

Our Neighbors’ Events
St. Patrick Church-Tipton
Annual Wurstmarket, Country Store and Meat Shoot
Sunday, October 22nd
Family Style Dinner 11:00am-4:00pm
Mass at 10:00am
Meat shoot begins at noon
(bring your own gun)

(St. Patrick’s community cooks and serves meals several times a year at St. Vincent’s)

The Friend’s Shelter
at 1004 S. Park Ave. will be hosting a meeting regarding their shelter for this winter. They will meet at 7pm on Wednesday, October 17th to plan. They are in need of volunteers for set up, greeting guests, overseeing showers, breakfast, clean up, and someone to stay overnight. They would also love to have help with dinner on Mondays again. If you are interested in volunteering you may contact Debra at pennafd@yahoo.com
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our next family faith formation session is October 29th from 10:30am-12:30 pm. Thanks to all the families and children who are working hard at home: praying together and learning more about our faith together.

Interested in reading more about parenting and spirituality? One book to check out: "Sleeping with Bread: Holding What Gives You Life" by Dennis Linn, Shelia Linn and Matthew Linn. The authors talk about using the Ignatian Examen as a form of family prayer.

No time to read? Check out the On Being podcast entitled: "Spirituality of Parenting" (June 17, 2010 w/ Krista Tippett and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso). Available on the On Being website or wherever you get your podcasts.

REMINDER

Set your clocks back on Saturday night, November 4th.

We have begun registering our families and seniors for the Vincentian Christmas Program. As of October 10th we have registered 45 seniors and 123 families. There are 204 children in these families.

Watch the mail for your letter asking you to sponsor a senior, family or child for this year’s Vincentian Christmas Program. This mailing will also have the dates available for volunteering to help make our program a success!
Our 33rd Annual Golf Tournament was a huge success! After expenses, we raised approximately $26,000. Thank you to all of our volunteers, sponsors, donors and golfers who helped make this day possible. Because of you, the money raised will help further our mission and continue to provide food and services to those in need this coming year.

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WELCOME TO ST. VINCENT DEPAUL PARISH
If you are not currently registered and wish to join the parish, please complete this form and place it in the collection basket or send it to the Parish office, 1408 S. 10th St. Louis, MO 63104. A registration form will be mailed to you. You may request a form by calling 314-231-9328 or email: karen@stvstl.org

NAME_____________________________PHONE_____________________________
ADDRESS_________________________CITY/ZIP_________________________
Larry Volk, a long-time friend and parishioner of St. Vincent’s, was recently named by the South Country Chamber of Commerce as its Citizen of the Year for 2016.

This prestigious award recognizes Larry for consistent excellence in professional and community leadership; significant contributions to the welfare of the community through participation and involvement; and freely giving time and energy for positive economic growth and stability, according to a news release.

Mr. Volk lived in South St. Louis and then south county until moving to Delmar Gardens of Chesterfield in November of 2015.

“Uncle Larry” as he is fondly called by his friends and family, is one of three children who lived in a formerly poor area of south St. Louis, now known as LaSalle Park. His father worked at Emerson Electric, while his mother was a homemaker.

St. Vincent’s parish cared for the poor and needy families in the area. Larry was a child of a poor family and St. Vincent DePaul Church aided the Volk family and their friends several times.

At the age of 10, Larry was initiated by the St. Vincent DePaul Church as a server. Mr. Volk’s experience as a server also gave him a life lesson in compassion and charity as demonstrated by the priests and the parishioners in their mission to help the poor. This had a profound effect on Larry as a seventh-grader. While working at a parish fundraiser, he realized he wanted to follow in the footsteps of the charity work done by the people of St. Vincent DePaul. He has never stopped.

“My lifelong dream and passion to care for the poor and needy was only possible and successful because of my family and friends that supported me and the many causes that needed help,” he stated in the news release.