

St. Vincent de Paul Parish

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Sunday, September 14, 2025

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



NUMBERS 21: 4b - 9

The noted social justice warrior of the 20th century, Father Daniel Barrigan, S.J., famously said, “Before you get serious about Jesus, first consider how good you are going to look on wood!” Like many a good quip, his words point to a truth. And that truth is what we celebrate today – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Since the founding of our religion, the Christian assertion is just that: Jesus “looks good on wood.”

How absurd this sounds to many (most?) people both in Jesus’ time and now. We are supposed to exalt a man who is being humiliated in public and forced to suffer an excruciatingly painful death?!

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus lays out the reason for exalting the cross. He recalls the passage from today’s first reading: “. . . just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the desert [so those bitten by serpents could still live by looking at the bronze serpent], so must the Son of Man be lifted up.”

The Greek word used here in the original text, *hypsōthenai*, has a double meaning. It means both a physical lifting up as Moses did with the bronze serpent, but it can also mean exaltation. When Jesus says that “no one who has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven,” he makes clear that he is the very revelation of God. When we see him on the cross and believe, we should understand that the revelation of who God is has reached its highest point. Hence the exaltation.

And just what has been revealed about God? That God identifies with the victim, the outcast, and the excluded. It really is a truth to be exalted: God suffers with us. The spiritual writer, Ronald Rohlheiser, put it beautifully when he wrote: “The love that is revealed in Jesus’ suffering and death, a love that is so other-centered that it can fully forgive and embrace its executioners, can pass through locked doors, melt frozen hearts, penetrate the walls of fear, and descend into our private hells and, precisely there, breath out peace.”

The early Christians got this. Indeed, they sang a hymn to exalt Jesus on the Cross. St. Paul recorded that hymn in the Letter to the Philippians that we heard in today’s second reading: “Because of this (i.e. Jesus’ death on the cross), God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.”

And down through the centuries Christians have continued to exalt the cross by the lives they lead. The respective patrons of our two parishes are prime exemplars. St. Pius V encountered fierce opposition in his prodigious efforts to reform a church plagued by many scandals that nearly brought about a complete collapse of the Catholic world. One plot, miraculously foiled, was an attempt to poison him. Before he established the Congregation of the Mission, St. Vincent served as a chaplain to imprisoned slaves and (perhaps) even spent time himself as a slave to Muslims in Tunis. St. Pius V and St. Vincent “looked good on wood.”

So, what say you? How do you look on wood?

DEACON TERRY COLLINS



FIRST SUNDAY: Justice Jubilee bulletin insert

SECOND SUNDAY: Guest Speaker (SVDP) & Announcement of upcoming action

THIRD SUNDAY: Guest Speaker (SPV) Sunday Conversations

FOURTH SUNDAY: Mark Etling's Column on Catholic Social Teaching bulletin insert

During this Justice Jubilee Year, we are offering a brief weekday morning prayer for your reflection. You can sign up and each weekday morning you will receive an email with a short 1 minute morning prayer related to our monthly focus. To subscribe go to: www.stvstl.org/justice-jubilee-2025



SUNDAY READINGS

Reading I

Numbers 21:4b - 9

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 78:1bc - 2, 34 - 38

Reading II

Philippians 2:6 - 11

Alleluia

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Gospel

John 3:13 - 17

Please let the Office know of any items you'd like included in the bulletin, no later than Monday Afternoon. Thank You!

MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri: 12:05pm
 Saturday: 4:30pm
 Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am
 Confession: Saturday at 4:00 pm
before Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon - Fri:
 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
 Saturday:
 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sat, Sept. 13th	4:30 pm	Rina Bequette & Judy Cernich
Sun, Sept. 14th	9:00 am	Alex Alderson & Carolyn Hubler
	11:00 am	Sharon Hodge & Barb Tippet
Sat, Sept. 20th	4:30 pm	Greg Benken & T.B.D
Sun, Sept. 21st	9:00 am	Elisabeth Boone & Steve Kymes
	11:00 am	Michael Schreiner & Chris Hanewinkel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat, Sept. 13th	4:30 pm	Jane Kraus & Greg Benken
Sun, Sept. 14th	9:00 am	Deacon Terry, Greg Stark & Pat Poehling
	11:00 am	Deacon Terry & Steve Kymes
Sat, Sept. 20th	4:30 pm	Rina Bequette & Barb Tippet
Sun, Sept. 21st	9:00 am	Deacon Terry, Carolyn Hubler & Tim Placke
	11:00 am	Deacon Terry & Mary Ann Gerbin

DONUT SCHEDULE	PICK UP	SERVING
September 14th	Zoe & Steve Owen	9:00 am Sr. Sandy Schwartz Group
		11:00 am Marcie & Tom Elder
September 21st	Zoe & Steve Owen	9:00 am Angie Thompson Group
		11:00 am Sharon & Bruce Hodge
September 28th	Zoe & Steve Owen	10:00 am Wanda Sidwell Group & Community Life
October 5th	Zoe & Steve Owen	9:00 am Carolyn Hubler Group
		11:00 am Faye & Bob Stanek

Help make Sunday a little sweeter!
 QR Code to Volunteer to Pick Up Donuts!

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LADIES OF CHARITY
 www.ladiesofcharitystl.org





MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

4:30 pm - Michael Bequette

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

9:00 am - Peace

11:00 am - Healing

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

12:05 pm - Unity

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

12:05 pm - Parenthood

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

12:05 pm - Justice

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

12:05 pm - Service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

12:05 pm - Hope

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1st	Patrick Dorsey	11th	Jeremy Boyd	22nd	John Wozniak Jr.
1st	Alexa Landeros	11th	Rosaleen Corcoran	23rd	Jack Allgeyer
2nd	Anne Miller	13th	Kira Jean-Gilles	23rd	Catherine Determan
3rd	Charles Lizenby	13th	Judy Votino	23rd	Becky Lawder
3rd	Claire Mueller	15th	Jessica Chavez	23rd	Celeste Mueller
3rd	Bryant Riester	15th	Joseph Molitor	23rd	Lucinda Skiljan
4th	Craig Auer	15th	Peggy Murphy	24th	Marian Cush
4th	Sam Schreiner	15th	Jill Overturf	24th	Kaitlyn Fusselman
6th	Judy Williamson	15th	Zayden Williams	25th	Michael Flood
7th	Tobias Allen	16th	Jordan Bouchard	26th	Baxter Leisure
7th	Tyodus Allen	16th	Sarah Heger	27th	Sean Truesdale
7th	Liz Glaser	16th	Mary McAteer	27th	Ayla Wells
8th	Jeanette Kuehnel	17th	Steve Janisch	27th	Anthony Williams
9th	Lindsay Auer	17th	Maggie Wells	28th	Peggy Fitzpatrick
9th	Celina Carpenter	18th	Zachary Burnett	28th	Mary Katherine Todt
9th	Maria Rosa Guerrero	18th	Kaci Wells	29th	Evan Stone
10th	Tony Martin	19th	Allen Bitzer	30th	Kay Cooper
10th	Christy Toben	19th	Betsy Jones	30th	Ralph Glaser
		21st	Joe Camillo	30th	Lori O'Toole

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1st Robert & Sarah Kocher 13 yrs.
 1st Stephen & Heather Olson 13 yrs.
 2nd Rudy & Alice Janisch 64 yrs.
 8th Joe & Mimi Berry 41 yrs.
 12th Mark & Lori Burnett 33 yrs.
 15th Tommy & Brooklynn Devitt 7 yrs.
 17th Kathy & Gary Cooper 65 yrs.
 17th Dan & Nancy Schulte 37 yrs.
 18th Joseph & Stacey Carpenter 16 yrs.
 18th Terrell & Maureen Scheve 54 yrs.
 19th Timothy & Ashley Green 10 yrs.
 20th Michael & Ginny Burke 28 yrs.
 21st Rita & Gerald Mueller 20 yrs.
 27th Jackie Hittner & Charles Croissant 17 yrs.
 28th Jim & Judy Votino 43 yrs.
 29th Bryan & Jeannie Holland 36 yrs.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Judy Ahlers	Heather Leone
Dorothy Berkopec	Tony Leone
Leigh Bush	Janet Loos
Noel Cason	Joan Martin
Kali Cochran	Shirley Martin
Sue Coleman	The Masek
& Family	Family
Pat Collins	Kal Matthews
Patty Collins	Kathy Mayer
Manuel Cometa	Cheryl Mueller
Patrick Dooley	James Politte
Fr. Jim Gray	Joe Richardson
Tom Gray	Avery Rollberg
Michelle Haines	Norm Stanard
John Hermann	Julia Tang
Bobbi H.	Reggie Vanek
Christine Holt	Patti Webers
Phyllis Koebbe	Eloise Williams
Ken Kohler	Dianna Wozniak
Tara Latimore	

NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THE BULLETIN'S
PRAYER LIST FOR THREE WEEKS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME TO BE RE-ADDED
AFTER THAT TIME, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH
OFFICE TO MAKE THE REQUEST.



Online Giving

Thank you for your support of the Parish

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL	DATE (S)	AMOUNT
Sunday Collection - <i>Parish</i>	8/30/2025 - 8/31/2025	\$ 2,158.22
Sunday Collection - <i>Outreach</i>	8/30/2025 - 8/31/2025	\$ 94.00
Electronic Giving - <i>Parish</i>	8/25/2025 - 8/31/2025	\$ 820.00
Electronic Giving - <i>Outreach</i>	8/25/2025 - 8/31/2025	\$ 145.00

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL	DATE (S)	AMOUNT
Sunday Collection - <i>Parish</i>	9/6/2025 - 9/7/2025	\$2,162.00
Sunday Collection - <i>Outreach</i>	9/6/2025 - 9/7/2025	\$400.00
Memorial Donations	9/6/2025 - 9/7/2025	\$500.00
Society of St. Vincent DePaul*	9/6/2025 - 9/7/2025	\$150.00
Electronic Giving - <i>Parish</i>	9/1/2025 - 9/7/2025	\$2,470.00
Electronic Giving - <i>Outreach</i>	9/1/2025 - 9/7/2025	\$695.00

* Check written directly to the Society.



LADIES OF CHARITY AUGUST 2ND RUMMAGE SALE

Net Profit - \$1,108.00
Parish Donation - \$332.40
Immigration Project - \$221.60
LOC - \$554.00



Monies earned from the monthly rummage sale help to fund ongoing charitable projects. Thank you for your support.

Next Rummage Sale: October 4, 2025

Suds of Love August Numbers:

73 Guests
\$1,027.00 Spent
528 Loads of Laundry

Cliff Cave & Coffee

**Monday, September 15th
at 10:00 am**

at Cliff Cave Park (Off of Telegraph).
Bring a dish to share if you can but not a requirement.
We would just like to see you there.
Any questions, email Sharon Hodge
srhodge1053@gmail.com

Hosted by SCL Faith & Justice and Ladies of Charity

HOPE & FAITH amidst ECONOMIC STRESS

What is our Vincentian response
to unexpected hardship?

**Wednesday, Oct. 1
6:30-8:30 p.m.**

St. Catherine Laboure Parish Hall
9750 Sappington Road, 63128
gym and school entrance



Speaker Rich LaPlume
Director, DePaul USA St. Louis

- Poverty simulation
- Speakers from **Prosperities Connections** (non-profit financial service) + **Credit Empowerment Program** (predatory lending)
- Advocacy opportunities

with

REGISTER HERE
walk-ins welcome, too!



- WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES - October 5, 2025

The Catholic faithful will be sent forth from their parishes after Sunday Mass to make a pilgrimage (*walking, biking, or driving*) to the site of our communal prayer vigil, St. Pius V Catholic Church, in solidarity with immigrants and refugees. As pilgrims travel from their home parish to the gathering site near Grand Blvd. and Utah Street on the front steps/sidewalk of St. Pius, they will carry signs and otherwise display visible support and welcome for our immigrant neighbors. Upon arrival at St. Pius, each group of pilgrims will be welcomed. When all pilgrim groups have arrived, a communal prayer and reflection will be shared. Those who wish to remain and continue to bear witness on Grand Blvd are welcome to do so.

When: Sunday October 5, Gathering: 12:00pm,
Prayer & Program: 12:30-12:45pm

Where: Front steps of St. Pius V Catholic Church,
3310 South Grand Blvd. (rain location: inside the church)

Who: Immigration Task Force, Immigrant & Refugee
Ministry Parishes, Saint Louis University, other parishes



Join us for Exploring Foster Care!

Looking for a way to take the next step towards helping children in foster care? Join us as we present helpful info to those considering becoming foster parents.

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 6:00-7:00 pm

Location: Via Zoom, once you RSVP the link will be sent.

"I will tell future foster parents to remember, it's the children that matter! We are their voice; they depend on us. Love them through everything and be prepared for the unknown." - Christy, Foster Parent

RSVP to Laurie McKenney at lmckenney@gsstl.org or call 314-854-5716

YOU ARE INVITED
TO A

Season of Creation
PRAYER SERVICE



REJOICE IN GOD'S INCOMPREHENSIBLE GIFT.
LAMENT ITS DESTRUCTION. MOVE FORWARD IN HOPE
FOR THE HEALING OF ALL GOD'S BOUNTIFUL GIFTS.

OCTOBER 4 | 10AM

NAZARETH LIVING CENTER CHAPEL
2 NAZARETH LN., ST. LOUIS, MO 63129

RSVP BY SEPT. 29
[BIT.LY/SEASONOFCREATION2025](https://bit.ly/seasonofcreation2025)
314-678-0432



PILGRIMS OF HOPE FOR CREATION

The Great Rivers as Waters of Life

SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2025

Join us on a pilgrimage focused on the beauty and fragility of the Great Rivers and the life-sustaining wetlands along the Mississippi and at the Confluence with the Missouri.

Includes:

- ✓ Overnight accommodations
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Meals
- ✓ Pilgrimage facilitation
- ✓ Ecological education



**Space limited!
Register now!**


Only \$100!

Sponsored by Pallottine Retreat and Conference Center


The Ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

wants to extend the presence of the Parish by bringing the Eucharist to parishioners who cannot attend Mass due to illness, age, or disability, keeping everyone connected to the Body of Christ.

If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion, please, contact Diane Huck at, 314-769-3726 or dianeh1229@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATES!




The Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation with the Blessing of the Animals will be in Tower Grove Park on Sunday, October 5th from 2:00 - 3:30 pm in the Gus Fogt Picnic Area.

TORNADO RELIEF

Here is a list of organizations that are always looking for volunteers and donations.

Action St. Louis:
<https://actionstl.org/tornado>
 Urban League of St. Louis:
<https://www.ulstl.com/donatenow.html#/>
 The Ville Emergency Hub:
<https://www.4thville.org/st-louis-tornado-response/>
 Northside Youth and Senior Service Center:
<https://nsysscc.org>



LITURGY SURVEY & COMMENT FORM

We'd love to hear from you! Please let us know how we're doing by using our **LITURGY SURVEY & COMMENT FORM**. Just go to our parish website: www.stvstl.org or use the QR code.



Thank you for being an active part of our community!

POWER OF ATTORNEY - SEPTEMBER

Volunteer lawyer services that assist clients in preparing Power of Attorney in the case of an immigration emergency contact: MigrantMinistrySTL@gmail.com

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you curious about the Catholic faith, or do you feel God calling you to take the next step on your journey? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a welcoming path for anyone who wants to learn more about the Church, ask questions, and discover what it means to follow Christ as a Catholic, classes will start the week of Sept. 7th. Whether you've never been baptized, were baptized in another Christian tradition, or are simply seeking to grow in faith, you are warmly invited to join us. For more information, please contact Cheryl Archibald (cherylarchibald@archstl.org)

JOIN THE MEN'S CLUB!

All men of the parish are invited to join us for faith, fellowship, & service.
 September 14, 2025
 Between Masses at 10:15 am



*Get connected, grow spiritually,
& make a difference!*

SALT & LIGHT - CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

This is just one way to be aware of what is happening in the *STL Young Adult Community*. The monthly email drops on the first day of each month & is filled with the monthly recap as well as the latest events and opportunities to engage in the community.



WEBSITE: www.stlyoungadults.com

ALL ARE WELCOME!

No registration required

Parking available
on campus lot

Chairs provided



Scan the QR code or visit csjstl.org/events to learn more.

Let peace begin with me, let this be my moment now.



Prayer for Peace

WORLD PEACE DAY PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025 | 2 p.m. CT
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Motherhouse
 6400 Minnesota Ave., St. Louis, MO 63111

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun, September 14th	Mass 9:00 & 11:00 am - Community Life 10:15 am - Family Faith Formation @SPV 11:30 am
Tues, September 16th	Food Pantry 9:15 am - 12:00 pm - Clothing Window 12:00-1:30pm - Finance Council 5:00 pm
Thurs, September 18th	Food Pantry 9:15 am - 12:00 pm - Senior Bingo 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Faith Formation @SPV 6:00 pm
Sat, September 20th	Mass 4:30 pm
Sun, September 21st	Mass 9:00 & 11:00 am - Sunday Conversation 10:15am
Mon, September 22nd	Meals 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Tues, September 23rd	Food Pantry 9:15 am - 12:00 pm - Clothing Window 12:00-1:30pm - Meals 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Wed, September 24th	Meals 5:00 - 6:00 pm - Liturgy Meeting 6:00 pm
Thurs, September 25th	Food Pantry 9:15 am - 12:00 pm - Senior Bingo 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Suds of Love 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Meals 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Fri, September 26th	Meals 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Sat, September 27th	Mass 4:30 pm - Meals 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Children's Engagement - September 2025

1st Sunday	Children's Liturgy of the Word
2nd Sunday	Family Faith Formation (St. Pius)
3rd Sunday	Children's Liturgy of the Word
4th Sunday	No Youth Sunday - Feast Day Mass



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

St. Pius V and St. Vincent de Paul Parishes invite you and your family to consider participating in our **Family Faith Formation Program**. The program is designed to allow children and caretakers to grow in their faith together and can be an alternative to PSR as well as an additional support to children who attend Catholic school. Families will gather after mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month for approximately 1.5 hours. The location will alternate between parishes.

Sacramental preparation will be provided as needed.

The dates and themes will be shared soon.

Please contact Mary Loux mloux3@gmail.com) or Carolyn Hubler (stclaircac@gmail.com) with any questions or if you are interested in volunteering to be an assistant guide.

Children's Liturgy of the Word and Youth Sunday will start up again in September.

You can register HERE.



YOUTH SUNDAY INTEREST FORM - We are looking for youth to serve as ministers on the 4th Sundays during the 11:00 am Mass. Would your child like to do one or more of the following:

Choir, Greeter/Usher, Lector, Serve Donuts and Coffee after mass?

Please register your child at:

<https://www.osvhub.com/stpiusv/forms/youth-Sunday>

or scan QR Code



St. Frances Cabrini Academy

ANNUAL AUCTION AND DINNER

SAVE THE DATE



OCT.
18
2025



Mass at 4pm

Doors open at 5pm

Growing in Hope