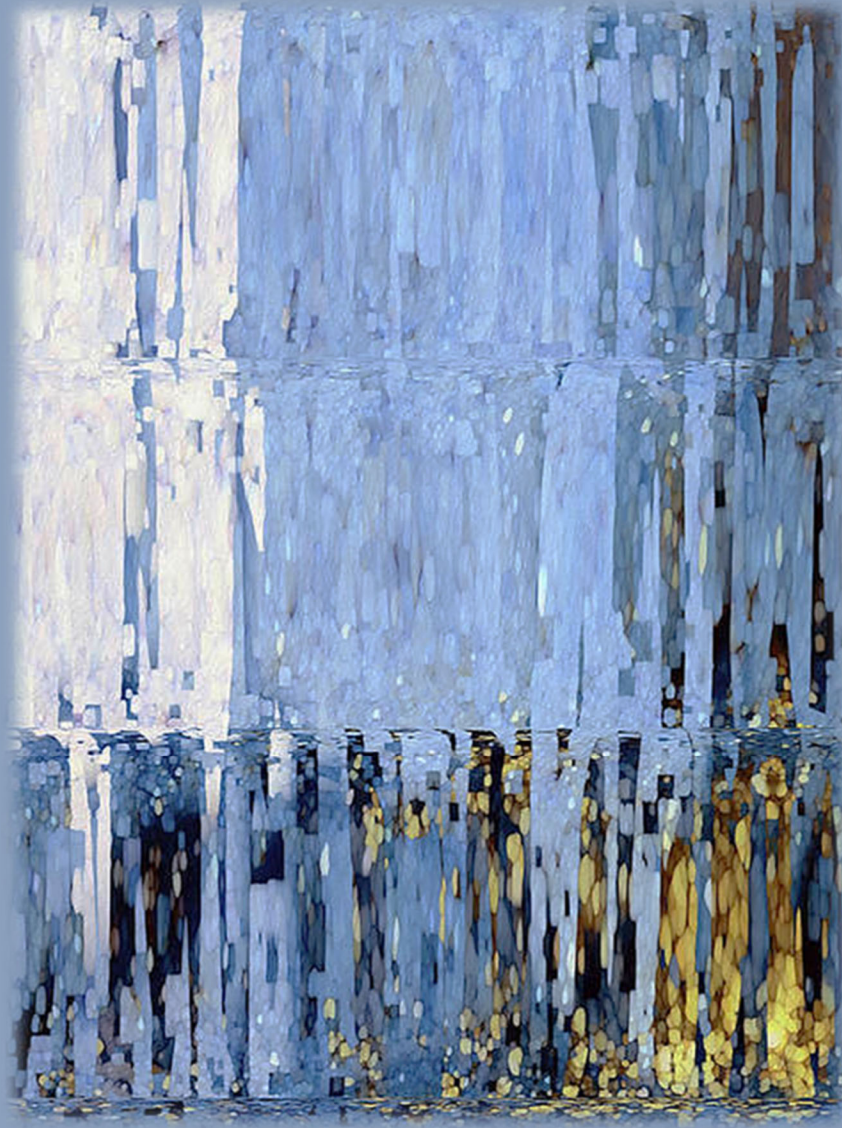


# St. Vincent De Paul Parish

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(Psalm 23:1) My Shepherd - Mark Lawrence



## Thoughts from Father Tony Dosen



As a seminarian in Perryville, many, many years ago, we would take walks in the evening down the sidewalk between the novitiate and student buildings to the mound and then to the grotto. When there was a new moon and the night was dark, I walked ever so slowly, tapping my foot on the ground as I approached the stairs leading me from one level of sidewalk to the next. The truth be told, I could barely see the stairs when there was a full moon!

Several years ago, I turned that magic age where older people get their eyeballs cleaned and they can see again! Without glasses!! Cataract surgery was an amazing experience. Suddenly, my weary eyes that made the entire world look old, dim and dull, became eyes that turned the world into the set of a theatrical performance. Bright colors popped from the scenery and transformed the world into a bright, beautiful, and boldly colorful world. I went from having trifocals, to wearing “cheaters” that I used for my reading, (yes those glasses I wear at Mass when I read the missal, cost under \$10.00). Each time I hear the Gospel about the man born blind, I think of these experiences.

In today’s Gospel, we hear the story of the man born blind. Listen to the questions that the people ask. “Is this the man who was born blind?” “Did his father or mother sin, thus causing him to be born blind?” “Was he really blind, or was he faking it?” These folks wanted answers, immediately! They wanted to know, especially the Pharisees and Sadducees. The blind man, who could now see, comments to their questioning, “Isn’t this interesting? The very people, who always have the answers, don’t know how it is that I can see.” The healed man then commented, “I do not know how it came about, all I know is that I once was blind, but now I see.”

In the everyday experiences of our lives, our own prejudices, weaknesses or just our plain old suffering blinds us. Then, through God’s grace, we come to a moment of insight, conversion. We, who thought that our “regular way of doing things” was correct, have our eyes opened. We have a moment of conversion. Others may not understand what has happened to us, but we certainly have the insight that led John Newton to write the beautiful hymn.

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.*

*‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears reliev’d;  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.*

*Thro’ many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.*

*When we’ve been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  
Than when we first begun.*

*Mass Schedule:*

Mon-Fri: 12:05 pm  
 Saturday: 4:30 pm  
 Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
 Holidays: 9:00 am  
 Holy Days: 12:05 pm & 6:30 pm  
 Confession: Saturday at 4 pm  
*before Mass*

We will continue to have the Live-Stream of 9am Mass available on our website for your convenience.

[www.stvstl.org](http://www.stvstl.org)



*Parish Office Hours:*

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



For more information about our Outreach Services, please visit our non-profit

**Vincent's Community Outreach Website:**

[www.vco-stl.org](http://www.vco-stl.org)

*We, the people of St. Vincent De Paul Parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri, are committed to following Jesus Christ, Evangelizer of the poor.*

*We do this through:*

- Eucharistic centered worship & continued Spiritual Formation.
- Service to the poor & oppressed.
- Preaching the Gospel by word & action in an ecumenical spirit.

Staff

Father Tony Dosen C.M.  
*Parish Administrator*

Father Dan Thiess C.M.  
*Parochial Vicar & Food Pantry Manager*

Sister Germaine Price, DC  
*Sister in Service*

Deacon Terry Collins

Dennis Wells  
*Pastoral Associate/ Director of Liturgy*

Pat Poehling  
*Volunteer/ Outreach Coordinator*

Mary Koenig  
*Administrative Assistant*

Kaity Murphy  
*Director of Communications / Reception*

Bobby Trampier  
*Kitchen Manager*

George Dennis  
*Building Maintenance*

Jackie Cooperwood  
 & Ty Slaughter  
*Janitorial*

Paul Kraus & Carolyn Hubler  
*Family Faith Formation*

Organizations/Activities

~ VCO ~

Vincent's Community Outreach

~ Teresa Corby ~

After School Program

~ Ladies of Charity ~

[www.ladiesofcharitystlstv.org](http://www.ladiesofcharitystlstv.org)





“We must love our neighbor as being made in the image of God and as an object of His love.”

- St Vincent de Paul -



*Please Pray for the Residents in Nursing Homes:*

Mary Leimkuehler  
Patricia Dannenberger  
Dorothy Berkopec  
Stacie Welch



Sunday, March 19th  
9 am - *People of St. Vincent de Paul*  
11 am - *Intentions of Priest*

Monday, March 20th  
12:05 pm - *Intentions of Priest*

Tuesday, March 21st  
12:05 pm - *Intentions of Priest*

Wednesday, March 22nd  
12:05 pm - *Intentions of Priest*

Thursday, March 23rd  
12:05 pm - *Intentions of Priest*

Friday, March 24th  
12:05 pm - *John Stefan Gaal Jr.*

Saturday, March 25th  
4:30 pm - *Intentions of Priest*

*Pray for the Sick*

Elisabeth Boone	Theresa L.
Kelly C.	Patrick Kennedy
Mary Ann Campbell	Tara Latimore
Josie Carter	The Masek Family
Deidre Cason	Lisa Masek
Manuel Cometa	Bob Miller
Suzanne D.	Miguel Quesada
Kyle D.	Bob Rauscher Jr.
Julia Day	Joe Richardson
Katie Ellis	Kathy Richardson
Robert Flick	Avry Rollberg
Kate H.	Fran Russo
Nathaniel Harris	Dave Skrzypiec
John Hermann	Dennis S.
Christine Holt	Barb Thomas
Mary Horridge	Ora Wooldridge
Karen Howard	Dianna Wozniak
Don & Beth Karp	

**We would like to take this opportunity to give a shout out to some of our generous donors to our Food Pantry & Lunch Window.**

Every week we receive great items from Panera Bread, Fields Food & Caritas Connections.

We receive bagels, sweet treats, produce, meat, prepared foods, baked goods, cheese, & deli meats to name just of few of the items they share with us. Their generous donations fill our free table where our guests can come & sublimit their food needs. We are able to provide fresh fruits & vegetables to our guests every week.

*Thank you to our generous supporters!*



# Happy Birthday!

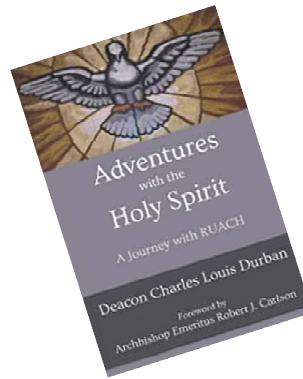


<i>Emanuel Parker</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>Sharon Ryan</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>Richard Spiekermann</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>Thomas Shipp</i>	<i>21st</i>
<i>Dylan Boyd</i>	<i>22nd</i>
<i>Steve Molitor</i>	<i>22nd</i>
<i>Danny Lawder</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Joseph Sharamitaro</i>	<i>24th</i>

# Meet The Author!

Deacon Charlie Durban is having a book signing

**Saturday, March 25th,  
11am – 1pm**  
at Catholic Gifts & Books.



He is also going to be on  
the Covenant Network  
Catholic Radio  
**March 30th,  
10 – 11am**

## What did Pope Francis Say?

“Jesus is never far from us sinners. He wants to pour out on us, without limit, all of his mercy.”



## A message from the Ladies of Charity's Clothing Window

“We are in GREAT need of rain weather clothing & light jackets for the chilly & wet weather.”

“We especially need Men’s Tennis Shoes.”

Please feel free to bring donations to the Parish Office, during Office Hours, or on Sunday mornings at mass.

Thank you so much!

Due to the huge increase in food cost, our Food Pantry asks for your help with donations each week at Mass.

*Our Food Pantry consistently needs the following items. We created a schedule for your convenience.*

*Thank You!*

- 1st Sunday: Canned Fruit
- 2nd Sunday: Baking Goods
- 3rd Sunday: Peanut Butter & Jelly
- 4th Sunday: Boxed Cereal
- 5th Sunday: Boxed Dry Pasta / Pasta Sauce



## Ladies of Charity Announcements:

*\* Rummage Set Up \**  
Friday, April 7, 2023

*\* Rummage Sale \**  
Saturday, April 8, 2023

*\* L.O.C Meeting \**  
Sunday, April 2, 2023



**Ladies of Charity**  
*Spring Luncheon & Card Party*

**Raffle                      \*                      50/50                      \*                      Attendance Prizes**

Andre's Banquets & Catering at Sunset Hills  
13366 West Watson Road St. Louis, MO 63127

**April 26th**  
**11 am - 3 pm**

**Tickets: \$30.00 Donation w/ Cash Bar**  
*(Please make checks payable to Ladies of Charity)*

**Due by April 17, 2023**  
**RSVP Required**

Contact Zoe Owen for more information (314)353-6933

*Please Join Us!*

We're the Parish Discussion Group that was formed two years ago to gather together in Zoom sessions to discuss racism, & what can be done about it. We've turned into a prayer & discussion group that goes where the Spirit takes us. We've discovered that our interests & discussions have drifted easily into almost all other areas of Social Justice & the failures to respect human dignity, such as immigration & policing, but there have been many. We cannot talk those failures away, but there is so much we can learn by listening to each other.

Contact Pat Poehling to be put on the list to receive the link to the Zoom meeting.

*Save your plastic grocery bags!*

**The Food Pantry is in need of PLASTIC grocery bags for the Free Table.**

**Our Clients & the Food Pantry thank you!**



**Attention all donut lovers!**

**Volunteers Needed!**

Please remember to sign up for Sunday Donut Pickup, *WE NEED YOU!* Sign up with "Electronic Sign Up" to volunteer to keep our "Coffee & Donuts" tradition going. Visit [www.stvstl.org/get-involved](http://www.stvstl.org/get-involved). Click the link for Sign Up Genius and pick a Sunday that works for you. In efforts of fairness and the ability for everyone to experience Community, we need to get back to our Regular Rotating Schedule of Families/Organizations serving Donuts on Sundays. *Currently we are relying on a very small group of people and that's not sustainable.*

**Building New Models of Ministry Leadership**

Contact us with ideas & feedback at  
[allthingsnewsvdp@gmail.com](mailto:allthingsnewsvdp@gmail.com)



Communion | Participation | Mission

*We have a profound opportunity to revitalize and re-imagine the way we engage in ministry and mission as a parish – in ways that promote and value lay leadership – and we need everyone involved.*

**PARISH COMMISSIONS**

*As announced at Church last weekend, we have four re-energized Commissions in the parish. Please contact the leader of the Commission, below, if you are interested in serving one of these important ministries in the parish.*

**Liturgy**

Celeste Mueller - [mueller.celeste@gmail.com](mailto:mueller.celeste@gmail.com)

**Faith Formation**

Carolyn Hubler - [stclaircac@gmail.com](mailto:stclaircac@gmail.com)

**Outreach and Social Justice**

Sheila Burton - [sheilasburton@gmail.com](mailto:sheilasburton@gmail.com)

**Parish Community Life & Communications**

Barb Tippett - [btippett94@gmail.com](mailto:btippett94@gmail.com)

*During this interim period of transition—the seasons of Lent, Easter and through a period of discernment and integration with leaders and parishioners of St. Pius, St. Vincent DePaul Parish Commissions exist to engage parishioners in visioning and making recommendations in these essential Ministries of parish life.*

*Commissions are different from committees. Committees are still very much needed to be hands and feet of service in these Ministry Areas. Commissions, on the other hand, focus on vision and direction, and will invite lay leaders to participate in conversations as part of a transition team that will also include lay leaders of St. Pius V. Appointments to commissions are interim, knowing that all organizational structures will be re-envisioned at an appropriate time post Pentecost.*

**NOTE THE DATE**

*St. Vincent de Paul Parish is delighted to welcome the parishioners of St. Pius V to all our Masses on the weekend of APRIL 15-16. Please plan to be with us to offer hospitality and get to know more of our new partners in ministry.*

**COLLABORATION IS THE WORD**

*In the new leadership model for our Pastorate that was presented last week, we are creating a highly collaborative team of a Canonical Pastor and a Lay Parish Life Coordinator. By working together and utilizing the gifts and strengths of each individual we will be able to be more effective in serving both the Pastoral needs of our parishioners and well as the Organizational needs of our Pastorate.*

*This team of two is just the beginning. We will expand the leadership team through collaborations among Staff members and Commission leaders representing both St. Vincent de Paul and St. Pius V parishes.*

*Stay tuned for more details to come soon!*



# IMPORTANT SVDP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- \* Coffee & Donuts: Volunteers needed for both 9 a & 11 a Post-Mass Shifts. Volunteers would need to help: Serving Donuts, Pouring Coffee & Minimal Clean Up. If you're interested please contact Pat Poehling, Email: mspat@stvstl.org
- \* Funeral Volunteer Teams: We need a few teams on-hand to volunteer when there is a funeral Meal/Luncheon that our Parish is hosting. If interested please contact Mary Kay Jung, Email: marykayjung@sbcglobal.net
- \* Senior Bingo: Every Thursday in the Parish Hall; doors open at 10 am.
- \* Rummage Sale: Hosted by Ladies of Charity, held in the Parish Hall on [April 2nd 9:00 am - 11:00 am](#)
- \* Suds of Love: Held at the Soulard Laundromat [March 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 am - 1:00 pm](#)
- \* Eucharistic Adoration: Every Friday once Mass has ended till 6pm. All are welcome, no sign up necessary. We are also looking for Parishioners willing to volunteer to serve 1 hour a month to serve as Attendants for Eucharistic Adoration. To volunteer as an Attendant, please contact Deacon Terry Collins in person, by Email: tcollins113@stlcc.edu or by phone (708)439-6806.
- \* Sewing & Crocheting: We are in need of talented Volunteers to help knit/crochet Baptismal Blankets and Prayer Shawls.
- \* Ladies of Charity:

## *Second Hand Rose Fashion Show & Chic Boutique!*

June 17th

Contact Sandy Grant for more information

### St. Pius V Church Fish Fry!

Fridays of Lent: March 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th



4 - 7 pm  
(or till Sold Out)

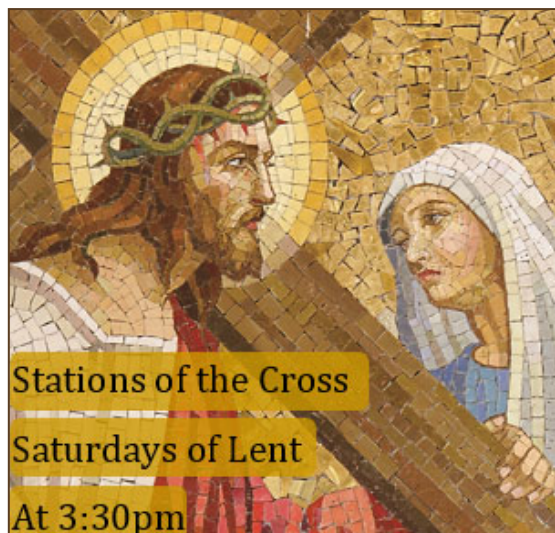


*Full Plate: \$12*  
Fried or Baked Cod or  
Fried Catfish  
3 Sides & Dessert

*Half Plate: \$8*  
Cheese Pizza or Half Fried Cod or Catfish  
2 Sides & Dessert

Sides:  
Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Potato Salad, Coleslaw,  
Apple Sauce

Soda & Beer available to purchase





## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- [St. Frances Cabrini Academy is now enrolling for the 2023-24 school year.](#)

Please contact the office (314) 776-0883 for additional information. During this season of prayer, fasting and alms giving, please know of our continued prayers for each of our parish communities. We wish you a blessed Lent.

- [Lenten Book Discussion on St Augustine's "Confessions"](#)

Join us as we delve into one of the most beloved Christian classics of all times: The Confessions of St Augustine. We will use Peter Kreeft's book, "I Burned for Your Peace" (available at Pauline Books) to guide our study. This work by Dr. Kreeft collects key passages and offers incisive commentary on them, making the "Confessions" accessible to any reader. Fr. John Johnson will lead our discussion meeting for six Tuesdays during Lent, [Feb. 23 - Mar. 30](#), 2-3 pm at Pauline Books & Media, 9804 Watson Rd. in Crestwood. Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/NeK0dagJGm> or call (314)965-3512

- [The Day Jesus Died: The Passion Narratives - National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows - Visitors Center](#)

Presenter: Mark Etling, PhD on Saturdays [March 11, 18, 25 & April 1](#) @ 10 am - Noon

The passion and crucifixion of Jesus are at the heart of the Christian faith. We remember and reflect on them every year during Holy Week. However, what's less widely known are the differences in the Passion narratives in each of the four Gospels. Each Passion narrative has its own depiction of Jesus, and its own theological emphasis. In this four-part series, we will take a close look at each of the Passion narratives as we journey through Lent in anticipation of Easter Sunday.

Cost: \$40 for series or \$10 per session For more information, call (618)394-6281.

Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>

- [A Journey of Faith, Hope, & Healing](#)

Join the Association of the Miraculous Medal on a pilgrimage to Lourdes & Rome, April 14th - 21st 2023, with a post-tour to Medjugorje, [April 21st - 25th](#) 2023. In Lourdes, we will visit the site where Our Blessed Mother appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. While in Rome, we will visit Vatican City, the Holy Stairs, Trevi Fountain, the Vatican Museum & more. In Medjugorje, we will be at the site where six young visionaries began reporting visions of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in 1981.

For more information or to sign up, visit [www.pilgrimages.com/amm/lourdesandrome/](http://www.pilgrimages.com/amm/lourdesandrome/)

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## Archdiocesan Lenten Regulations

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” (John 3:16-17)

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we might have Eternal Life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

**Ash Wednesday**  
(Feb. 22, 2023)

**All Fridays of Lent**  
(Feb. 22-April 6, 2023)

**Good Friday**  
(April 2, 2023)

These are days of abstinence (refraining from meat) for all Catholics from age 14 onwards. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday we fast, as well as exercise abstinence from meat, is also obligatory for those ages 18-59. Abstinence means, one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and no snacking between meals, liquids are permitted. No Catholic will excuse him/herself from this obligation.

### Feast of St. Patrick (March 17, 2023)

This Feast Day falls on a Friday during Lent this year. Feasts of the Church are meant to be a day of rejoicing and celebration, so on this Friday, March 17, 2023, the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis are omitted from abstaining from meat should they choose to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick.

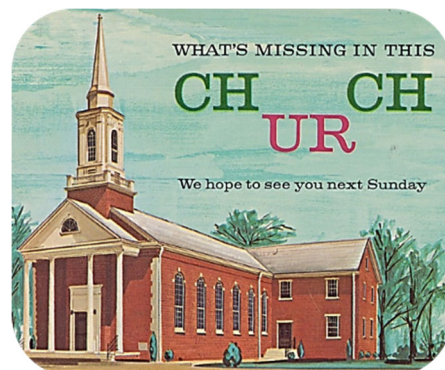
**CRS RICE BOWL**  
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES  
WHAT YOU GIVE - CHANGES LIVES

Pick up a Rice Bowl in the PC Gathering Space and return the filled bowl in collection baskets at Mass Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday. Or return to the Parish Office.

75% OF GIFT SUPPORTS CRS' PROGRAMS AROUND THE WORLD.  
25% OF GIFT HELPS ALLEVIATE HUNGER AND POVERTY IN OUR LOCAL DIOCESE.

**ONLY \$1 A DAY**  
During Lent Means:

- ▲ 1 month of food for a family
- ▲ 2 years of seed for a farmer
- ▲ 1 emergency kit for refugees



*Look around, if someone is missing from your pew, please reach out to Pat Poehling or Mary Koenig .*

# WORK DAY -at the- CHURCH

*Our parish is usually good at welcoming but our statues and seating have gotten a little dusty.*

## Will You Help?

*A cleaning celebration has been planned for the church on*

**Saturday April 1, 2023**

The supplies are being rounded up but several cleaning “captains” could be very helpful for planning. Can you help all of us define what kind of “clean” we are striving for?

This is what is on the agenda



- \* Brass polishing
- \* Marble brightening
- \* Wood waxing
- \* Statue dusting
- \* Linoleum mopping
- \* Windowsill wiping
- \* Removing 175 years of dirt accumulated in 1000 cracks
- \* Hot dogs & Refreshments

Are you an expert user of “Pledge”? Have you always wanted to climb on top of an altar with a feather duster or do you know just about everything there is to know about getting brass to shine? George Dennis is making the calls on our general approach but a captain will be necessary for several of these activities to answer questions and help us along on that day.

We will be signing up workers for this event later this month but I need you to raise your hand and say if you are able to guide me and others in doing these jobs.

Contact Greg Benken at (314)452-4734 Email: gjbenken@gmail.com or call the Office.

# COMMUNAL & FIRST RECONCILIATION

*At St. Vincent de Paul Parish*

March 29, 2023  
7 pm



*Open to all Parishioners and Kids making  
their First Communion later this year!*