

St. Vincent DePaul Parish

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April 28, 2024



John 15: 1 - 8

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him.”

Today, the scriptures invite us to reflect on the theme of community, abiding in love, and bearing fruit in our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we witness the transformation of Saul, who persecuted the followers of Christ, into Paul, a beloved member of the Christian community. His conversion highlights the power of forgiveness and reconciliation within the body of Christ. Just as the early disciples embraced Paul despite his past, we are called to welcome one another with open hearts, recognizing that God's grace is available to all who seek it.

The Psalmist reminds us of the faithfulness of God, who hears the cries of the oppressed and sustains those who put their trust in Him. Even in the midst of trials and tribulations, we are encouraged to praise the Lord and proclaim His goodness to all nations. Our faithfulness to God's promises strengthens our bonds of unity as we worship Him together.

In his letter, John challenges us to move beyond mere words and to demonstrate our love for one another through our actions. Love is not simply a sentiment; it is a choice to serve and care for one another in tangible ways. When we abide in love, we abide in God, and His Spirit dwells within us, empowering us to live as true Disciples of Christ.

Finally, Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and the branches to illustrate the importance of remaining connected to Him in order to bear fruit. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit unless it abides in the vine, we cannot bear the fruits of the Spirit unless we abide in Christ. Through prayer, scripture, sacraments, and fellowship with other believers, we nourish our relationship with Christ and are empowered to bear fruit that glorifies God.

My dear friends, let us heed the call of these readings. Let us seek reconciliation with those we have wronged and extend forgiveness to those who have hurt us. Let us remain faithful to God, trusting in His promises even in the face of adversity. Let us love one another, not only in words but in deeds, serving as instruments of God's grace and mercy. And let us abide in Christ, drawing near to Him through prayer, scripture, and sacrament, that we may bear fruit that will last.

May the Holy Spirit empower us to live out these truths in our lives, so that we may be light to the world and a witness to transforming power of God's love.

Sunday Readings:

Reading 1 - Acts 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30-32

Reading 2 - 1 Jn 3:18-24

Alleluia - Jn 15:4a, 5b

Gospel - Jn 15:1-8



PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

MASS SCHEDULE:

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

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sat, April 27th	4:30 pm	Jane Kraus & Judy Cernich
Sun, April 28th	9:00 am	Anne Henehan & Sandy Schwartz
	11:00 am	Sharon Hodge & Steve Kymes
Sat, May 4th	4:30 pm	Suzann Barry
Sun, May 5th	9:00 am	Martha Lane & Sr. Sandy Schwartz
	11:00 am	Marcella & Tom Elder

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sat, April 27th	4:30 pm	Greg Benken & Mary Koenig
Sun, April 28th	9:00 am	Deacon Terry, Pat & Dick Poehling
	11:00 am	Deacon Terry & Kevin Lurten
Sat, May 4th	4:30 pm	Joe & Judy Cernich
Sun, May 5th	9:00 am	Deacon Terry, Alex Alderson, & Pat Poehling
	11:00 am	Deacon Terry & Mary Ann Gerbin

DONUT SCHEDULE

PICK UP

SERVING

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Sunday April 28th	Lucy Banks	9a Wanda Sidwell Group
		11a Judy & Steve Bates
Sunday May 5th	Volunteer Needed!	9a Carolyn Hubler Group
		11a Faye & Bob Stanek
Sunday May 12	Mary Officer	9a Sr. Sandy Schwartz Group
		11a Marcie & Tom Elder
Sunday May 19	Volunteer Needed!	9a Angie Thompson Group
		11a Sharon & Bruce Hodge
Sunday May 26th	Volunteer Needed!	9a Wanda Sidwell Group
		11a Judy & Steve Bates

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LADIES OF CHARITY

www.ladiesofcharitystl.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 27th
4:30 pm - *Dorothy Berkopec*

Sunday, April 28th
9:00 am - *Intentions of Priest*
11:00 am - *Intentions of Priest*

Monday, April 29th
12:05 pm - *Dorothy Berkopec*

Tuesday, April 30th
12:05 pm - *Intentions of Priest*

Wednesday, May 1st
12:05 pm - *Dorothy Berkopec*

Thursday, May 2nd
12:05 pm - *Intentions of Priest*

Friday, May 3rd
12:05 pm - *Intentions of Priest*

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

Sunday, May 5th
9:00 am - *Ladies of Charity*
11:00 am - *John Price*

Happy Birthday!

May 1st Bob Cahill	May 19th Philip Hanley, III
May 1st Keely Ewing	May 19th Molly Labitska
May 1st Camila Lassiter	May 19th Dominique Wells
May 1st Matthew Miller	May 21st Melissa Whitson
May 2nd Mary Deeker	May 22nd Joan Stoverink, ASC
May 3rd Judy Cernich	May 24th Connie Bauer
May 3rd Mary Skiljan	May 24th Marty Johnson
May 3rd Daniel Thuet	May 24th Ava Martin
May 6th Robin James	May 24th Teri Wells
May 7th Tom Mueller	May 25th Oscar Chavez
May 7th Karen Philpot	May 25th Joan Schmidt
May 8th Megan Redshaw	May 25th Tom Zurheide
May 12th Mary Officer	May 26th Zoann Owen
May 12th Nora Turner	May 26th Lou Risk
May 12th Leshay Wysinger	May 27th Jackie Toben
May 13th Jane Kaniecki	May 29th Andrea Noedel
May 13th Renee Pawlikowski	May 29th Katherine Stewart
May 14th Maureen Bertke	May 29th Mary Walsh
May 15th Melanie Martin	May 29th Matthew Zurheide
May 15th Tom McCrackin	May 30th Daniel Eller
May 16th BJ Kimple	May 30th Cheryl Kedro
May 18th Maxwell Allgeyer	May 30th Kyle Krahl
May 18th Grace Miller	May 31st Regina Vanek

Pray for the Sick

Elisabeth Boone	Tara Latimore
Mary Ann Campbell	Joan Martin
Josie Carter	Shirley Martin
Deidre Cason	Berta Myer
Harry Chomin	The Masek Family
Sue Coleman & Family	Rich Pinter
Manuel Cometa	Joe Richardson
Kyle D.	Cat Risch
Julia Day	Genevieve Robinette
Kevin Fagan	Avry Rollberg
Donna Farishon	Bob Rosenberg
Robert Flick	Carol Sell
Michelle Haines	Bernadette Smith
John Hermann	Reggie Vanek
Christine Holt	Eddie Vetter
Mary Horridge	Sr. Suzanne Wesley
Don & Beth Karp	Eloise Williams
Ken Kohler	Dianna Wozniak
Paul Kraus	

Happy Anniversary!

May 3rd	Georgia & Ray Irwin (56 yrs)
May 6th	Joan & Norman Stanard (63 yrs)
May 6th	Dolores & Tom Zurheide (24 yrs)
May 8th	Charlene & Ray Martin (59 yrs)
May 10th	Jennifer & Don Daut (21 yrs)
May 12th	Linda & Baxter Leisure (52 yrs)
May 24th	Mona & Jerry Cafazza (35 yrs)
May 25th	Maria & Charles Lizenby (39 yrs)
May 26th	Kathy & Pat McGrath (51 yrs)

Pray for the Deceased

"Those who touch our lives, stay in our hearts forever."

Patrick Kennedy

"May this life-giving Bread always feed your soul and nourish your spirit."



Cher Rodriguez Lewis



Pray for the Candidates receiving their Confirmation May 2nd

*Uloma Onanwerhl
Henry Schreiner*

Scouts BSA "Camp Card" Fundraiser

The Scouts of Troop 110 are raising money for their 12-day backpacking expedition to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico this summer!

"Camp Cards" are coupon cards with great deals on local shopping and family adventures. Each \$5.00 Camp Card offers discounts valued at more than \$70! Deals include:

- Dick's Sporting Goods (\$10)
- Sky Zone Trampoline Park (\$5)
- RYZE Adventure Park (25%)
- Upper Limits Climbing Gym (\$5)
- Raging Rivers Water Park (\$5)

Camp Cards will be available for purchase after 10:00 Mass at Pius V from Andrew, Jeff or Julie Mudd through Sunday, April 28.

Or by contacting Jeff Mudd: jeffreymudd@gmail.com Cash, check or Venmo Accepted



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CALLING ALL MEN OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL & ST. PIUS THE V PARISHES!!

Join us on our annual men's retreat at the beautiful White House in South St. Louis County.

This will be a silent, guided retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Our retreat begins the evening with dinner, Thurs, June 6th and concludes Sun, June 9th after lunch.

There is no set fee to attend a retreat at White House! White House operates on a free will offering basis, asking those in attendance to simply give what they can at the conclusion of the retreat.

To register call 800-643-1003 or visit <https://whitehouseretreat.org> for more information or contact Ron Auer at auerhouse@sbcglobal.net



JUSTFAITH
ministries

"FAITH & RACIAL HEALING" SERIES

The Anti-racism & Equity Working Group are sponsoring the Just Faith Series entitled "Faith and Racial Healing" rescheduled for Aug 28 – Oct 23. Please join us for this 8 week series on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 pm. Cost to participate will be approximately \$40 for the books. Just Faith will be held at both St. Pius V and St. Vincent DePaul, alternating weekly between sites. For more info or to register for this series, please reach out to Chris Lloyd 314-223-0011 or kandomom@gmail.com or Vince Estrada at vince.estrada@mrhschools.net

Finance Council

- Weekly Offering


Thank you for your support of the parish with your weekly offering.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL PARISH	DATE (S)	AMOUNT
Sunday Collection - Parish	4/20/2024 - /21/2024	\$ 5,039.00
Electronic Giving - Parish	4/15/2024 - /21/2024	\$ 1,130.00
Electronic Giving - Outreach	4/15/2024 - /21/2024	\$ 505.00
Electronic Giving - Fund - A - Need	4/15/2024 - /21/2024	\$ 500.00
Outreach Ministries	4/18/2024	\$ 986.00



Online Giving

PARISH CALENDAR	
Sunday, April 28th	Mass 9:00 am & 11:00 am - 1st Communion @ 9:00 am - Meals 5:00 - 6:00 pm - ACA
Monday, April 29th	Meals 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Tuesday, April 30th	Food Pantry 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Clothing Window 12:00 pm - Meals 5 - 6 pm - St. Pius V Feast Day
Thursday, May 2nd	Food Pantry 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Senior Bingo 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Friday, May 3rd	Rummage Set Up 9:00 am - Confirmation at St. Wenceslaus 7:00pm
Saturday, May 4th	Rummage Sale 9:00 am - 11:00 am - Mass 4:30 pm - ACA
Sunday, May 5th	Mass 9:00 am & 11:00 am - ACA
Tuesday, May 7th	Food Pantry 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Clothing Window 12:00 pm - Joint Liturgy 6:00 pm (@ SVDP)
Wednesday, May 8th	Justice & Service Commission 5:30 pm (@ SVDP)
Thursday, May 9th	Food Pantry 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Senior Bingo 10:00am - 1:00pm - Parish Council 6:00 pm (@ SPV)
Saturday, May 11th	Mass 4:30 pm - ACA




Christ's boundless love compels us to act. The Annual Catholic Appeal provides us an opportunity to be Christ's hands and feet throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis and support the mission of the Church For the Life of the World, sharing His love and mercy with those who need it most.

This week, we are launching the Appeal in our parish.

Please consider supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal this year.

You can pick up your pledge card after Mass, make a gift online at aca.archstl.org or use Text - to - Give by texting "ACA" to 243725.




Seeking a Part-Time Administrative Assistant to join the Vocation Team. The ideal candidate will need to have excellent organizational, communication, and interpersonal skills, as well as the ability to multi-task and prioritize effectively. Reporting to the Vocation Director, responsibilities will include internal communications, managing calendars, updating records, follow-up reminders, small event coordination and providing general administrative support. In this remote part-time position with varied hours including some evenings and weekends. Previous experience with Catholic Youth groups preferred. Bilingual skills a plus.

If you're interested, please send your resume to:
 Michelle Ferguson
 Director of Human Resources
mferguson@vincentian.org

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: Spaghetti & Dry Pasta
- 3rd Sunday: Jelly
- 4th Sunday: Canned Meat & Tuna
- 5th Sunday: Baking Goods



BREAKFAST IN THE PARK
 MAY 6, 2024
 10 AM - NOON
 AT CLIFF CAVE PARK

Ladies of Charity Announcements:

- Rummage Set Up**
Friday, May 3, 2024
- Rummage Sale**
Saturday, May 4, 2024
- L.O.C Meeting**
10:15 am
May 5, 2024



FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

- Kevin Kuehl (Immigrant & Refugee Ministry) joined the meeting to share the faith formation needs of folks who recently moved to the US and who are finding a faith home at St. Pius. Family Faith Formation can support new families in sacramental prep. Intercultural relationships will be greatly enriching, as songs, special feast days and faith are shared together among families.
- Children's Liturgy will pause for the summer.
- Check "Save the Dates" for upcoming Faith Formation events.
- Next meeting: May 16th @ St. Vincent's

LITURGY & WORSHIP COMMISSION (ST. PIUS V)

We reviewed the services from Lent and Easter, and identified elements to keep or change for next year's season. Confirmation and First Communion are still pending and will be celebrated in May, along with a baptism. Plan to incorporate different into the liturgy, with lectors and Fr Rich. Unity Mass to be held at St Pius on June 2.

LITURGY & WORSHIP COMMISSION (ST. VINCENT DE PAUL)

- Discussed Sacramental Life - We will have a two Confirmandi making their Confirmation on May 2nd at 7:00PM at St. Wenceslaus Church, a young person making their First Communion at St Vincent's on April 28th at 9:00 am Mass and a Baptism on April 21st at St Vincent's.
- We will have Anointing of the Sick at St. Vincent De Paul the weekend of April 13 & 14 at all the Masses.
- We discussed what still needed to be done for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. There are still openings for people to volunteer to help with these Holy Week Liturgies. **There will be an Unity Mass on June 2 at St Pius V.**
- We also discussed having a Liturgical Ministries Formation on a Saturday - no date has been set yet. For Liturgical Ministries, we talked about having contact with other lectors to help in their preparation and brought up how to get the young people of our parish active in our parish by having them involved in altar service and other activities to make them feel a part of our worship which would include a children's training and then to have Liturgy of the Word for preschoolers at the same time that we have it for the older children or possibly a different week.

JOIN OUR MINISTRY OF WELCOME

We invite you to become a Greeter at St. Pius V and be the face of welcome to new and returning parishioners, neighbors, and guests.

Greeters are vital to our parish's hospitality, as they are people's first experience of community and belonging when they arrive.

We need folks who can:

- Volunteer once a month in teams of 2
- Arrive 20-30 minutes before Mass
- Hand out songbooks and bulletins and welcome arrivals and answer questions
- Select individuals or families to bring up the offertory gifts
- Check pews after Mass for books and other items to return

Duties are minimal compared to the gifts of friendship, connection, and strengthening our parish community!

Greeters are needed for all weekend Masses (Saturdays at 4:30 pm, Sundays at 8:00 am, and Sundays at 10:00 am).

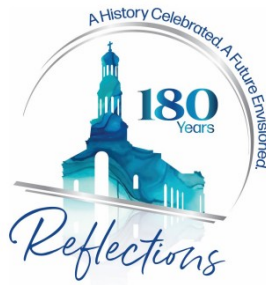
We also need volunteers greeters for funerals.

Please contact Judy Kreitner if you are interested or have questions. jkreitner@hotmail.com or 314-954-7530

FROM THE ANTI-RACISM AND RACIAL EQUITY WORKING GROUP

Recently I encountered a gentleman in my office building as he was making his way to an evaluation for disability. That encounter has stayed with me. He was a Black middle-age to older person, and indicated needing the elevator because of knee pain from having been physically beaten at some previous time. This happened during Holy Week and I found myself reflecting that he bore the pains of Christ. Though it's not just him and his Black body. So many Black and Brown women and men bear the pain and suffering of Christ. These are difficult truths for us, I think. Difficult for us to witness and sit with, as they take us out of our comfort zone. Dr. Peter Watts, a pastor with The ROCK Church in Los Angeles, invites his community, and us, to breath prayers as an avenue for healing spiritual and physical traumas. He notes Jesus' words to Thomas in the Gospel of John: "Put your finger here. See my hands. Reach out and put your hand in my side. Stop doubting and believe." We are invited to see, touch, experience and believe. To recognize the need for healing trauma by using the body and specifically, the breath. Connecting with our body by turning inward, perhaps using a simple prayer of calling upon Jesus while inhaling, holding the breath and slowly exhaling. And allowing ourselves to ponder the suffering of Christ carried by those around us each and every day.

Submitted by Cathy Luebbering, member of Anti-Racism and Racial Equity Working Group



A few words from the Dinner Auction Chair:

What a wonderful, celebration of love and generosity we had last Saturday night! Thank you to all those people who helped make the return of our Dinner Auction such a success. Every person who attended and brought guests, who donated items, who bought raffle tickets, every business that responded to our donation requests. Every volunteer who helped set up the hall, and who gave of their time Saturday night.

To all of you – Thank You!

An event like this happens only with the support of every one of you. There are no words to express the gratitude to the people on our planning committee, who said “yes” before they actually knew the amount of hard work they would be asked to perform! I was humbled and honored to work with this talented group: Joe and Mimi Berry, Jackie Hittner, Stephanie Lecci, Tony Lonerio, Pat Poehling, Joanie Thomas, Barb Tippet, Maggie Wells-Pappas, and Barb Zawier. And the silent auction team of Judy Bates, Mona Cafazza, Robin James, Mary Hermann, and Mary Tabacchi who brought to life the hundreds of items donated, and to Nick Pappas, who spent hours photographing every item for our auction website. And to Dennis Wells, who acted as our technical writer and editor, as well as our sound and lighting engineer (and number one supporter of the auction chair). I also want to acknowledge our emcee and auctioneer, Charlie Brennan, who effortlessly kept the evening moving along; our honorees, Father Ed Murphy and representatives of St. Pius V Parish who were in attendance. Thank you to Rich Laplume for sharing the importance and impact of supporting our new chapter of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. We don't yet know the final financial report from the auction, but all indications show that it could be our most successful auction to date. What I personally experienced is that the greatest success was in bringing our community together, displaying generosity of gifts, of shared love of the Mission of St. Vincent DePaul Parish.

*I was honored to work alongside all of you – Teri Wells
St. Vincent DePaul Parish Dinner Auction Chair*

