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A message from our Pastor:

Dear Friends of St. Vincent's Parish -

I hope that you have been enjoying our winter wonderland as much as I have. Seems like more snow than we have had in several years. We were happy to see it and even happier to see it disappearing. I trust you are all staying safe and warm.

We recently celebrated a sad occasion here at St. Vincent's. My predecessor and your former pastor, Fr. Otto Schneebeck, CM, passed away unexpectedly in January. We had a wonderful celebration of his life and his faith here at an evening Eucharist. Fr. Otto loved St. Vincent's and, in fact, left us many treasures for our Spring Auction. Let us all remember Father for his kindness and generosity to so many.

Speaking of our spring auction—Saturday, May 7th, it will be virtual again this year. However, if things continue to improve on the Covid front we may have a casual get together here at St. Vincent's while we do our bidding online. Stay tuned as we get closer to the Event.



Volunteer Spotlight

Mary Hermann - Mary has been one of our Volunteers who has been helping from the beginning to run our "Suds of Love" laundry program at the Soulard Laundromat every month. Mary makes sure to talk to all of our guests, assists them with their laundry, and is so committed to making sure this program keeps going for the people we serve.

Mary has also helped for years on the Auction Committee—she is one of the creative minds behind all of the cute gift baskets that are put together in such a way that all Auction packages are fun and enticing for our bidders. This requires so much work behind the scenes and Mary has been there to help every year.

Mary is one of our many Volunteers who hears of a need and simply says, "How can I help?" and then she gets to work. She is always filling in at the Christmas Program and anywhere else she is needed.

Mary—we appreciate all that you are and all that you do for St. Vincent's and are so grateful to have you as a Volunteer! **Thank you!**



Volunteering here has changed my perception of simple things I take for granted. Helping out struggling families do their laundry is one small thing I can do to lighten their load. Our group of Volunteers has laughed, cried, and problem solved together. **-Mary Hermann**



The travels of Fr. Otto Schneebeck, C.M.

As many of you know, Father Otto Schneebeck, C.M. was a Pastor here at St. Vincent's for several years. One of his great loves was traveling and seeing the world. He was fortunate enough to travel to places most of us only read about, but on his adventures he purchased some very eclectic pieces that either told a story of the country and its culture, were a priceless work of art, or were something incredibly meaningful to him. For example, Otto collected beautiful hand-carved wood nativity sets from all over the world. Each one is more beautiful than the next. In addition, he also bought crosses made from all different materials—ceramic, brass, copper, wood, etc. When Father Otto passed away suddenly, he left Father Dan Thiess in charge of his estate. Father Dan knew immediately that he would have wanted his collectibles to be given to help the Vincentians. In his final act of service, he is still helping raise money for the poor. Thank you Father Otto and Father Dan for making our "Around The World" Auction theme one that is truly fitting this year—we will be sure to honor him and continue to thank him.



Re-starting our Social Ministries:

As we have all noticed, the number of Covid cases are in rapid decline in our region. Our Parish Staff have been closely monitoring the numbers and public guidelines. We anticipate that we will soon be able to restart many of our social ministries that have been on hold. In addition, we are also hopeful that we will be able to once again enjoy our Sunday morning routine of coffee, donuts & fellowship following Sunday morning Masses.

Further details will be available in the bulletin in the coming weeks, so please stay tuned for further information. As always, we thank you for your patience as we keep your healthy and safety our number one priority. We will also be posting update online on our website: www.stvstl.org

Highlighted Staff

KAITY MURPHY, RECEPTIONIST

As most of you know by now, Kaity Murphy is our front desk Receptionist. She has been with us for two years and has taken on the daunting task of running the front office. As anyone who has ever volunteered for that role knows, it is a very difficult position as you are getting all kinds of requests from the phone, people coming in, volunteers, and staff demands. It is a lot to juggle and Kaity manages to do it all with a calm demeanor and smile on her face. In addition, Kaity has helped us tremendously during the Christmas program and on days when Bobby needs an extra set of hands on Meals nights. Thank you for all that you do for us, Kaity. We are lucky to have you!



"Working here has reinforced my empathy and compassion that I have for others. It gives me the opportunity to get closer to those in our community to know them better and be there for them when they are in need and I can help."

-Kaity Murphy

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