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Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him and
make our dwelling with him.

John 14:23

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2022

SIXTH SUNDAY

OF

Easter

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.

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PEACE

The sixth Sunday of Easter moves us toward the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early Church. Today's Gospel describes Jesus at the Last Supper, foretelling the coming of the Spirit to the community of Jesus. Jesus combines the promise of the Spirit with his gift of peace to his disciples. He foresees that the community must be grounded in his love, which provides peace, to face the tumult of the Crucifixion, and later, the trials of the early Church. Grounded in Jesus, the community can then be open to the Spirit who will continually guide, remind, and renew them in their life together. The gift of peace from Jesus is not a worldly peace through which the powerful crush opposition. It is not a complacent or private peace. The peace of Jesus instead seeks and works toward peace throughout the world, guided by the Spirit.

RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP

Today's passage from Acts captures the beginning and the conclusion of what became known as the Jerusalem Council. It is well worth studying all of Acts 15, meant to provide an example of responsible leadership for the wider Church. There was substantial conflict within the community over what is necessary for unity in the diverse community of Jews and Gentiles. We can notice some key characteristics of the actions of the leadership.

The leaders acknowledged the reality of a significant conflict without minimizing it. They received and fully honored the diverse experiences of persons of different backgrounds. They worked with an accepted authority structure and a process to move toward resolution. They were committed to discern the action and will of the Spirit, with a deep respect for testimony about how the Spirit was working. They avoided placing unneeded burdens on anyone. And afterward, they continued to observe the ongoing action of the Spirit as the decision was implemented.

WHAT IS ESSENTIAL?

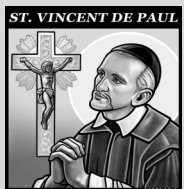
The issues weighed by the Jerusalem Council in our passage from Acts were related to circumcision as a requirement, and to table fellowship. A strong theological tradition held that traditional practices were essential, and the community genuinely sought to maintain continuity with the roots of their faith. Peter's observation about how the Spirit was actively working in their midst pointed the leaders in a new direction. Then James reminded them that the scriptural tradition also pointed to fully welcoming the Gentiles into God's community.

It is a profound challenge for leaders in our own parishes when encountering issues that can fracture a community. What is essential and what is not? What are we called to embrace, or called to lay down? Acknowledging conflict and working toward resolution is an essential function for our parishes, because Christ calls us to live in unity. We are called to open our hearts, mine our tradition, and observe the activity of the Spirit.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

“The more you give to our Lord, the more blessings you will receive.”



— *St. Vincent De Paul*



For more information on our Outreach Services, please visit our non-profit, Vincent's Community Outreach (VCO):

VCO-STL.ORG

Mass Schedule:

Mon-Fri: 12:05pm
Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am
Holidays: 9:00am

We will continue live-streaming of the 9:00a Mass available on our website for your convenience, should you choose to stay home:



WWW.STVSTL.ORG

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

8:30AM - 4:30PM
Monday - Friday, Sat (9a-4p)

RETURNING TO ORDINARY LIFE

Six weeks into our Easter rejoicing, the Church gives us readings today that start preparing us for a return to ordinary life. The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel both dwell on proper daily behavior for followers of Jesus, while the reading from Revelation reminds us why we bother with laws at all. In Acts, leaders of the church meet to discuss which essential elements of the Mosaic Law converts must obey if they wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ. John's Gospel reflects back to the Last Supper discourse when Jesus himself emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commandments. Observing God's law, says Jesus, shows a desire to be intimate with the Lord. We follow rules not for their own sake, but to love God and neighbor better. This more excellent love brings us closer to Revelation's vision of paradise, gleaming with "the splendor of God."

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion
these days of joy,
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I participate more fully at Mass?

WISDOM'S ROOT

Wisdom has its roots in goodness, and not goodness its roots in wisdom.

**May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!**

Psalm 67:6



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**PRAY FOR
THE SICK**



**We pray for all
who are sick and
their caregivers:**

Tom Murphy
Robert Flick
Sharon Ryan
Marian Junge
Dianna Wozniak
Bob Rauscher, Jr.
Charles Sims
Belinda Milton
Barb Thomas
Deidre Cason
Karen Howard
Avry Rollberg
Kyle D.
Debbie Webers
Mary Horridge
Miguel Quesada

Josie Carter
Nathaniel Harris
Parker Jackson & Family
John Edler
John Pearcy
Chris Kerlick
Tom McCleery
Ronnie Williams
Don & Beth Karp
Melissa LeNoir
John Herman
Mary Ann Campbell
Mike Tettamk
Dave Skrzypiec
Michael Wirthlin

****NEW GUIDELINES RE. PRAYER LIST:****

Pursuant to new guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese in accordance with HIPPA, we may only honor requests by parishioners or immediate family for the Bulletin Prayer List. Names will only appear for a 30 day period. Thank you.



**Please pray for the following
residents
In nursing homes:**

Mary Leimkuehler, Patricia Dannenberger,
Dorothy Berkopec & Stacie Welch

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 21 Melissa Whitson
May 22 Joan Stoverink, ASC
May 24 Connie Bauer
May 24 Marty Johnson
May 24 Ava Martin
May 24 Teri Wells
May 25 Oscar Chavez
May 25 Joan Schmidt
May 25 Tom Zurheide
May 26 Lou Risk
May 27 Jackie Toben

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 24 Jerry & Mona Cafazza 33 yrs
May 25 Charles & Maria Lizenby 37 yrs
May 26 Pat & Kathy McGrath 49 yrs



And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, May 21

4:30p Single Mothers

Sunday, May 22

9:00a Peace In Our World

11:00a People In Our Parish

Monday, May 23

12:05p Peace in the Ukraine

Tuesday, May 24

12:05p End to gun violence

Wednesday, May 25

12:05p All Sick Children

Thursday, May 26

12:05p Our beloved Pets

Friday, May 27

12:05p All Covid Patients

**Vincent's Community Outreach (VCO)
Monthly Giving Report**

	Month of April, 2022	January 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022
Actual Offertory Giving	\$ 6,334	\$ 48,627
Budgeted Offertory Giving	\$ 12,000	\$ 48,000
Actual Over (Under) Budget	\$ (5,666)	\$ 627

The above amounts include Offerings designated for the VCO, which are received at Mass, through electronic giving, or received via mail.

The above does not include income generated from fund raising events or from other sources.



What did Pope Francis Say? Vatican City

Brothers and sisters, may this message be the core of our own faith and all the ways in which we express it: "...not that we loved God but that he loved us". Let us never forget this. Our abilities and our merits are not the central thing, but rather the unconditional, free and unmerited love of God. Our Christian lives begin not with doctrine and good works, but with the amazement born of realizing that we are loved, prior to any response on our part. While the world frequently tries to convince us that we are valued only for what we can produce, the Gospel reminds us of the real truth of life: we are loved. He loved us first; he waits for us; he keeps loving us. This is our identity: we are God's loved ones. This is our strength: we are loved by God.

Acknowledging this truth requires a conversion in the way we often think of holiness. At times, by over-emphasizing our efforts to do good works, we have created an ideal of holiness excessively based on ourselves, our personal heroics, our capacity for renunciation, our readiness for self-sacrifice to achieve a reward. We have turned holiness into an unattainable goal. We have separated it from everyday life, instead of looking for it and embracing it in our daily routines, in the dust of the streets, in the trials of real life and, in the words of Teresa of Avila to her Sisters, "among the pots and pans". Being disciples of Jesus and advancing on the path of holiness means first and foremost letting ourselves be transfigured by the power of God's love. Let us never forget the primacy of God over self, of the Spirit over the flesh, of grace over works. For we at times give more importance to self, flesh and works. No, the primacy is that of God over self, of the Spirit over the flesh, of grace over works.

The love that we receive from the Lord is the force that transforms our lives. It opens our hearts and enables us to love. For this reason, Jesus says – here is the second element – "as I have loved you, so must you love one another". That word "as" is not simply an invitation to imitate Jesus' love; it tells us that we are able to love only because he has loved us, because he pours into our hearts his own Spirit, the Spirit of holiness, love that heals and transforms. As a result, we can make decisions and perform works of love in every situation and for every brother and sister whom we meet, because we ourselves are loved and we have the power to love. As I myself am loved, so I can love others. The love I give is united to Jesus' love for me. "As" he loved me, so I can love others. The Christian life is just that simple. Let's not make it more complicated with so many things. It is just that simple.



For all of you who took the time to participate in our Auction this year, we want to say a big THANK YOU! We are so appreciative of all you continue to do for this Parish and because of you, we are able to keep the Mission of St. Vincent alive and thriving in our community.

Unfortunately, our *Fund-a-Need* program didn't do nearly as well this year as it normally does. Our annual *Fund-a-Need* is what keeps our outreach programs alive and thriving for the duration of the year. All of that money comes from *Fund-a-Need* and without it, we aren't able to do the work with the community that we have been doing. The good news?? It's not too late to donate to *Fund-a-Need* if you haven't already.

Please log onto our website at WWW.STVSTL.ORG and on our homepage, then click on the *Fund-a-Need* link to donate.

We thank you in advance for supporting our Mission of *Enriching Lives and Serving People*.

Parish Needs:

We are in need of your used, plastic shopping bags
(from grocery stores, Target, Wal-Mart, etc.)

Please bring in any extra plastic bags you have and
they will be used for our free bread table.

We thank you in advance for your help!



Our Food Pantry consistently needs the following
items, so we have created a schedule:

- 1st Sunday of Month - CANNED FRUIT**
- 2nd Sunday of Month - BAKING GOODS**
- 3rd Sunday of Month - PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY**
- 4th Sunday of Month - BOXED CEREAL**
- 5th Sunday of Month - BOXED PASTA / SAUCE**



More Sewing Ladies Needed:

Can you sew on a button? Then you qualify to
volunteer to be a sewing lady during meals.

The sewing ladies sit at a table in the Parish
Hall and mend clothes for the guests. Sewing
on buttons and mending hems, rips and
patches are the usual work. We do both hand

work & machine sewing. If you want to
volunteer, please contact Sister Regina

Siegfried at (314) 771-5410 or email:

reginasiegfried2@gmail.com .

We work in pairs during meals and try to be
there as often as we can.

Church Picnic



**Saturday,
June 18,
2022**

5:00 - 9:00pm

St. Vincent's Parish Picnic

Lafayette Square Park - Concert Series
Featuring Rocky Mantia & Killer Combo
Fried Chicken provided by St. Vincent's
own Bobby Trampier!

Bring your own chairs, drinks and a side
dish to share.

*(Reservation form & food category
assignments to follow.)*

Celebration of Life

for ***Jack Fitzsimmons***

Saturday, May 28th

at 9:00am Mass

Following Mass we will gather in
the Parish Hall to rejoice and
share memories.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2022 UPDATES:

Volunteer Update: If you would like to volunteer for any of our outreach programs, please contact Pat Poehling, (*Volunteer Coordinator*) with questions or to sign up.
Email: m spat@stvstl.org **Phone:** (314) 231-9328.

(NOTE: Meals are now back to being served from 5:00-6:00pm, Indoors.)

- ⇒ **Coffee & Donuts:** We are looking for volunteers for both the 9:00am post-Mass shift & the 11:00am post-Mass shift. Unfortunately, without several volunteers set up each month, we cannot continue to provide this service. Volunteers would just need to help with serving donuts, pouring coffee, and minimal cleanup. If you are interested, please contact Pat Poehling, Email: m spat@stvstl.org
- ⇒ **Senior Bingo:** We have resumed our Senior Bingo program , run by the Ladies of Charity, EVERY THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. Doors open at 10:00a and we ask for a \$2 donation. Lunch and dessert will be served at 11:00a. Bingo ends at 1:00p.
- ⇒ **Rummage Sale:** The Ladies of Charity is held at St Vincent's Hall on the 1st Saturday of every month from 9:00a - 11:00a. Our next sale will be **Saturday, June 4.**
- ⇒ **Suds of Love:** Our "Suds of Love" laundry program will be held at the Soulard Landromat. It is always on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month. Our next date is: Thurs, May 26 from 10:00a - 1:00p.
- ⇒ **Eucharistic Adoration:** All are welcome to join us every Friday from the conclusion of Noon Mass up until 6:00pm. Your gift of a weekly (or even just monthly) visit to be present for Eucharistic Adoration will slowly change you. You may contact Deacon Terry Collins in person, or by email: tcollins113@stlcc.edu or by phone: (708) 439-6806.
- ⇒ **SAVE THE DATE!:** Saturday, June 18: Parish Picnic in Lafayette Park with Concert
(see bulletin, page 6 for details)
- ⇒ **Criminal Justice Ministries (CJM):** CJM will resume meeting on the last Saturday of every month in the large meeting room at St. Vincent's.

Information Sheet

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