St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Lent March 8, 2020

Parish Mission

We are one Church: loving Jesus, serving Jesus, and sharing Jesus.

Parish Vision

We are a vibrant Catholic church serving a diverse community in a safe and welcoming environment where we care for all people along their faith journey.

Core Values

Discipleship • Hospitality Serving • Worship

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m., 3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 6:30 a.m. Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. or by appointment



St. Vincent Parish Lenten Mission

Katie Prejean McGrady (Catholic speaker, author, podcaster, wife, and mom) will be giving the Lenten Parish Mission this week. Katie will be here Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, March 8 - 10. **A Mission Talk will take place in Church each evening at 6:30 p.m.** *This Parish Mission is open to all age groups.*

Mission topics include

- Sunday: Come and See (An Invitation to Meet Jesus)
- Monday: The Better Part (Prayer)
- Tuesday: Go Home and Tell Your Friends (Sharing the faith)
- Wednesday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, and Benediction

Before the Mission Talk on Sunday evening, there will be a Teen Hangout Time beginning at 5:00 p.m. This will be for high school youth of St. Vincent Parish and the surrounding area. Pizza will be served!

On Monday evening before the Mission Talk, there will be a Moms' Hangout Time. This event will begin at 5:00 p.m. for Catholic moms of St. Vincent Parish. (If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Alicia Schumer at 573-225-8776 or email **arsachse@yahoo.com**.) Babysitting will be provided for this event!

While Katie will not be here on Wednesday night, the Mission continues with quiet prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at

6:00 p.m. (following the 5:15 p.m. Mass). During Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered for those wanting to make a Lenten confession. Reconciliation and Adoration will continue until 8:00 p.m. when the Parish Mission will formally close with Benediction.

To find out more about Katie Prejean McGrady, go to her website: **www.katie prejean.com**. Make your Lent extra special and make plans to attend part or all of this Mission!



Katie with her husband, Tommy, and daughter, Rose Elizabeth

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 9 St. Frances of Rome 6:30 am George Wichert 🕆

Tuesday, March 10 6:30 am Marcella Klein (living)

Wednesday, March 116:30 am6:30 am5:15 pmSpencer Thomas Phillips

Thursday, March 126:30 amWalter Westrich 8:00 amGlen Grojean

Friday, March 13 First Friday 6:30 am Emerich and Caroline Kreher ⊕

Saturday, March 14

6:30 am Helen Beussink ⊕ 5:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Sunday, March 15Third Sunday of Lent7:30 amJanet Summers ⊕9:00 amLiving and Deceased Members of the
Leon Jansen and Paul Ford Families10:45 amClarence and Rita Staebel ⊕3:00 pm
(Bilinqual)Hannah Todt ⊕

• Prayer Requests •

Please remember **Courtney Scott**, the sick, the hospitalized, the homebound, and those who care for them.

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"Bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

Secular Franciscan Order

Second Sunday of Each Month • 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Saint Francis Medical Center • St. Agatha Room

The Secular Franciscan Order is laity following the Rule St. Francis wrote, approved by the Pope, to support one another in living a simplified life - from Gospel to Life from Life to Gospel. Come and see! Contact Anita Tygett at 573-335-1538.

Additional Pre-K Class

Due to an increased demand, St. Vincent de Paul School will open a second Pre-K class (4-5 year olds) for the 2020-2021 school year. **Beginning Monday, March 9, open enrollment will be held in the school office between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** Please bring child's birth certificate, Baptismal certificate, immunization record, \$50 registration fee, and \$50 snack fee. If you have questions, please call the St. Vincent School office at 573-334-9594.

Groundbreaking for New Rectory

Join Bishop Edward Rice, Father Rick, Father Brian, and Father Alexander as the parish breaks ground for the new St. Vincent rectory. This exciting event will take place on Monday, March 9, at 9:30 a.m. on the field behind the church. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Attention Tradesmen and Laborers - If you have a specific trade that can be used for the building of the new rectory, please feel free to submit your name. The names of those interested in doing construction work on the rectory are still being collected. If you are interested, please turn your name and contact information into the parish office this week (573-335-7667 / <u>contactus@svparish.com</u>) or contact Tom Reinagel (573-979-2361). Those in the construction field who want to learn more about the rectory project are invited to attend a meeting this Tuesday, March 10, at 12:00 noon in the upper meeting room of church.

St. John Henry Newman Center Mass Time Changes

In preparation for new construction of the St. John Henry Newman Center on the SEMO campus, ministry offices will be relocating to 902 College Hill (corner of North Pacific Street and College Hill) effective March 9, 2020. The last Masses in the current St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel will be celebrated on Sunday, March 8, at 11:30 a.m., 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Beginning Monday, March 9, daily Masses will be offered on the second floor at 902 College Hill. The daily Mass schedule is Monday - Thursday, 5:15 p.m. and Friday at 12:00 noon. Beginning Sunday, March 15 and for the duration of construction, the 6:00 p.m. Sunday Mass will be offered at St. Mary Cathedral Church. The 8:00 p.m. Sunday Mass will be temporarily discontinued during the construction process. Beginning Sunday, March 29, and continuing for the remainder of the spring semester, the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass will be offered on campus in Rose Theatre located in the Grauel English Building.

May They Rest in Peace

Sympathy is extended to the families of: Dr. Timothy Walker, brother of Kim Kolda; Mary Jane Mattes, mother of Wayne Mattes; Gloria Wadlington, mother of Sheryl Bollinger; and Rosemary Nesslein, sister-in-law of Wavne Nesslein.



May they and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Discipleship Corner

St. Joseph Novena

Saint Joseph, protector of families, pray for us! (Feast Day - March 19)

Do you have concerns about your family? Your work? Do you want to be a better parent or spouse? Do you have doubts about your faith? Are you having difficulty with a relationship? Ask for St. Joseph's intercession! Pray the Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary Novena starting March 10. Saint Joseph is patron to many, including families, fathers, workers, travelers, people in doubt, and the dying. Have the nine short prayers for this novena delivered daily to your e-mail inbox. Sign up at <u>https://praymorenovenas.com/st-joseph-novena</u>. Do you want to know more about novenas? Go to FAQ at https:// praymorenovenas.com.

Confessions During Lent

During these days leading up to Easter, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at various times here at St. Vincent.

- Every Wednesday from 6:30 8:00 p.m.
- (This also includes St. Mary Cathedral Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish. Jackson.)
- Every Friday from 12:00 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 7:30 p.m.
- Every Saturday from 3:30 4:30 p.m.

You may also make an appointment if these times are not good for you.

Lenten Fish Dinners

The St. Vincent's Men's Association will sponsor a Catfish Dinner each Friday during Lent from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The family friendly meal includes fresh American pond raised catfish, "Todt secret recipe cole slaw," "Koehler famous hush puppies," side dishes, dessert and drink. Pizza will also be available for kids. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and ages 5 and under eat free. Carryouts are available.

Each week during Lent, the Circle Leaders of the Women's Council will contact parishioners to donate a dessert for the Friday Fish Fry. If you have never been called and would like to bring a dessert on Friday, March 13, please contact of the following: Carol Glueck (573-334-8446), Jeaneen Craig one (573-335-6998), Carol Jones (573-651-9046), Mary Alice Burt (573-334-3455), or Joan Walter (573-979-3964).

Council of Catholic Women members have purchased shirts with a logo to identify them as parish and organization members. Some women missed out on the opportunity and are interested in purchasing a shirt. If you are interested, please call Virginia Sander at 334-7944. Two different short sleeve styles are available.

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 9

7:15 am St. Vincent de Paul Society 9:30 am Rectory Ground Breaking 5:00 pm Moms' Hangout (Katie Prejean) 6:30 pm Parish Mission (Katie Prejean)

Tuesday, March 10

6:30 pm Parish Mission (Katie Prejean)

Wednesday, March 11

8:00 am	Ugly Quilt Ministry
	(8:00 - 11:00 am)
9:00 am	Mass at Veteran's Home
9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
	Divine Mercy Holy Hour
4:00 pm	Centering Prayer
5:45 pm	PSR
6:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Bible Study
6:30 pm	RCIA
	Parish Mission
	(Adoration, Reconciliation, Benediction)
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9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables (9:00 - 11:00 am) 1:00 pm Thursday Afternoon Bible Study Friday, March 13 9:00 am Friday Morning Bible Study

- 12:00 pm Reconciliation 5:00 pm Lenten Fish Fry Dinner
- 6:15 pm Stations of the Cross
- 6:30 pm Reconciliation
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

Saturday, March 14

7:00 am	Men's Cursillo Group
9:00 am	Maxine's Shareable Wearables
	(9:00 am - 12:00 noon)
3:30 pm	Reconciliation
6:00 pm	Cookies and Punch
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Readings - March 15, 2020

Exodus 17:3-7 • Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42

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Please be a good steward of God's gifts by using Faith Direct or by using your contribution envelope.

• Ministries •

Saturday, March 14 • 5:00 p.m.

Servers	Eli Clubbs, Lily Clubbs, Mark Schuchardt
Lectors	Brooke Clubbs, Neal Tanner
Eucharistic	Pat McDonald, Barb McKeon,
Ministers	Elizabeth Rolwing, Jim Welk
Sacristans	Barbara Hagler, Virginia Sander
Hospitality	Marilyn Bell, Jill Bruenderman, Judy Cantoni, Phil Cantoni, Lisa Church, Maria Gates, Volunteers
Musicians	Lenny Kuper, Alan Bruns, Tyler Bruns

Sunday, March 15 • 7:30 a.m.

Servers	Nolan Green, Jacob Mahnke, Volunteer
Lectors	Joan Walter, Kevin McMeel
Eucharistic	Thomas Drummond, Sr., Del Elfrink,
Ministers	Luke Miget, Wayne Nesslein
Sacristans	Jan Kelley, Vince Kelley
Hospitality	Mary Boos, Katie Bunselmeyer, Millie Hinkle, Robert Janota, Volunteers
Musician	Dale Haskell

Sunday, March 15 • 9:00 a.m.

Servers	Jackson Gaeta, Paige Gardner, Jack Gardner
Lectors	Karen Roggow, Bobby Dean
Eucharistic	Rick Cuba, Rhonda Cuba,
Ministers	Jean Hillman, Bonita VanGennip
Sacristans	Pat Hagan, Karen Hagan
Hospitality	Toni Arnold, David Halter, Pat Hillman, Jean Hillman, Natalie Jones, Chuck Prost, Michelle Prost
Musician	Tom Wencewicz

Sunday, March 15 • 10:45 a.m.

Servers	Peter Dittmer, Madeline Hendrickson, Sha're Phelps
Lectors	Cindy Heischmidt, Bobbi Palmer
Eucharistic	Linda Gosche, Vicki Kirn,
Ministers	David Palmer, Amy Young
Sacristans	Joyce Gibbar, Ken Gibbar
Hospitality	Kari Beussink, Amanda Mitsdarfer, Patrick Mitsdarfer, Lori Powderly, Jessie Renick, Allen Toole, Anita Toole
Musicians	Chris Janet, Casie Mills

If you would like to take up the offertory gifts at one of the weekend Masses in the upcoming months, please contact Debbie Wells at the parish office or email her at <u>stvincentcares@gmail.com</u>.



Find us on Facebook at <u>https://www.facebook.com/svcape/</u>

Find us on Instagram at stvincentcapegirardeau

Guidelines for Fasting/Abstinence during Lent

Abstinence is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of fasting for ages 18 - 59 (inclusive). The Church defines fasting as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal, as well as no eating between meals.

Note: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial suitable to their condition.

Stations of the Cross - A Beautiful Tradition

The Stations of the Cross are images of stories about the passion and death of Jesus Christ. Most of the stories which make up the Stations were drawn from Scripture, and others, such as Saint Veronica wiping the face of Jesus, were taken from tradition. The route traditionally held to have been taken



by Jesus to his death at Calvary (Golgotha) in Jerusalem is called the Via Dolorosa or the Sorrowful Way. The Stations were erected in local churches as a way of bringing this prayerful experience to those who could not travel to Jerusalem.

Stations of the Cross are celebrated every Friday during Lent at 6:15 p.m. in English and at 7:00 p.m. in Spanish. You are also invited on Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. as the school prays the Stations on March 18, 25, and April 1. Please join in this devotional prayer and make it a part of your Lenten journey.

Marriage Seminar for Couples in Civil Marriages

Couples who are civilly married and have never had their marriage "blessed" or "validated" in the Church are invited to attend a day-long seminar on Saturday, March 14, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Saint Francis Medical Center (St. John of God Room). Once you have attended this seminar and your paperwork is complete, you may celebrate your marriage in the Church. Allow the blessing of the Sacrament to work for you in your marriage! To sign-up for the March 14 seminar, please contact Father Rick or Father Brian as soon as possible.

Happy Anniversary Father Rick.!!!

After all Masses next weekend, enjoy cookies and punch with Father Rick as he celebrates the 30th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination. The Women's Council will host this event. Father Rick was ordained at St. Mary Cathedral on March 24, 1990. Remember to wish Father Rick a Happy Anniversary and thank him for his service to St. Vincent Parish!



Baptismal Prep

Parents and godparents are required to attend a baptismal ______ preparation class before a child is baptized in the Catholic ______ faith. The next class is scheduled for Sunday, March 15, at 4:30 p.m. and will be held in the upper meeting room. Please contact the parish office to register for the class and to fill out a baptismal registration form.

St. Gerard Circle

All mothers of the parish are invited to attend these upcoming events through St. Gerard Circle. Please look at the Facebook page for more information or contact Bridget Wengert at 816-805-3707.

- **Group Meeting, Thursday, March 19, 6:45 p.m.** The speaker will be Fr. Brian and he will speak on "Understanding the Authority of the Catholic Church."
- Lenten Retreat, Saturday, March 21, 8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. The group will travel to The Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri, to hear Deacon Rob speak about prayer. The day will include a tour of the campus, a visit to the gift shop, and time for individual prayer. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- More information will be coming soon about the Lenten book club. The group will read the book *Twelve Little Ways to Transform Your Heart* by Susan Muto. Contact Theresa Walck for more information.

CCW Region VII Meeting

The next Region VII CCW Retreat/Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21, at St. Anthony Parish, Glennon. **Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m.** Registration, breakfast and retreat will follow in the school gym. Lunch will be provided and will be followed by the meeting. For carpool information, call Virginia Sander at 334-7944 or Carol Glueck at 334-8446.

NDRHS Senior Citizen Dance

Notre Dame's FCCLA invites all seniors to the Senior Citizen Dance on Friday, March 27, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Notre Dame Regional High School. The dance will feature music by the Jerry Ford Combo. Snacks and prizes will be provided by FCCLA students. Come for a fun and free afternoon of dancing! For more information contact Tanya Davis at <u>tanyadavis@notredamecape.org</u> or phone 573-335-6772, ext. 501.





Celebrating the Sacraments Celebrando los Sacramentos

Marriage: Please contact the parish office at least **six months** in advance. (If you have been married before, an annulment may need to be done first.)

Matrimonio: Por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial por lo menos con **seis meses** de antelación. (Si usted ha estado casado antes, una anulación del matrimonio puede necesitar ser hecha primero.)

Baptism: Your family needs to be registered in the parish for three months prior to the baptism. It is necessary to schedule baptismal preparation classes six weeks prior to your child's baptism. Taking the baptism class prior to birth is encouraged! Contact Deacon Mark Kiblinger at the parish office (573-335-7667).

Bautismo: Es un requisito ser inscritos en la parroquia por lo menos 3 meses antes de bautizar. También los padres tienen que celebrar la santa misa cada fin de semana. La clase de preparación para el bautismo para padres y padrinos es cada último lunes del mes. Favor de comunicarse con Padre Rick una semana antes al 573-335-7667.

Holy Orders and Consecrated Religious Life: Would you like to talk about how to be a Priest, Permanent Deacon, Religious Brother or Religious Sister? Come to a gathering on the last Thursday of each month for snacks and discussion about this way of life. For more information, call Father Rick at the parish office (573-335-7667) or email him at stvcapepadre@gmail.com.

Orden Sagrado y vida religiosa consagrada: ¿te gustaría hablar de cómo ser sacerdote, diácono permanente, hermano religioso o hermana religiosa? Ven a una reunión el último Jueves de cada mes para algunos bocadillos y discusión sobre esta forma de vida. Para más información, llame al Padre Rick en la oficina parroquial (573-335-7667) o <u>stvcapepadre@gmail.com</u>.

Anointing of the Sick: If you are going to the hospital for a planned surgery, please call the parish office so this Sacrament can be celebrated with you.

Unción de los enfermos: Si usted va al hospital para una cirugía planificada, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para que este Sacramento pueda ser celebrado con usted.

NDRHS Musical

Notre Dame Regional High School will present the musical, The Music Man, on April 2, 3, 4, and 5 at 7:00 p.m. each evening. Tickets can be ordered online at www.notredamehighschool.org.

Bishops' Walk and Easter Egg Hunt

The Bishop's Walk, benefiting Catholic Charities, will take place on Saturday, April 4, at the Notre Dame Regional High School track. Check-in is at 9:30 a.m. and the Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$25 for individuals and \$60 for families. Register online at https://ccsomo.org/ newsevents/eventregistration.

Youth Ministry News

The St. Vincent Youth Ministry team is planning some big things in the near future! Are you keeping up to date with events for high school and junior high youth? The Facebook page, St. Vincent Young Apostles, has recently been updated – make sure you're following it! A new Instagram account has been created at StVCapeYouth, so follow there as well! Make sure you're in the loop for all upcoming opportunities! Email stvcape youth@gmail.com or contact Father Brian at fatherbrian@svparish.com with any questions.

2020 U.S. Census **Quick Facts**

Census Day 2020 is approaching! By April 1, every home in the U.S. will receive information from the U.S. Census Bureau on how to respond to the U.S. Census. It is important that all Missourians are counted in the census so that our state may have accurate representation in Congress and adequate funding for local hospitals, first responders, and critical social programs. Your responses will be kept anonymous. The MCC has put together a one-page fact sheet on the 2020 U.S. Census that you can find at mocatholic.org. For even more info on what to expect and how to respond, visit www.2020census.gov.

A Lenten Opportunity Beatitude Boxes and Bags

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. MATTHEW 5:6

During the season of Lent, the Serving Core Value Committee invites the parishioners of St. Vincent to collect food and paper items for distribution to the needy. **Beatitude Boxes** will be filled with specific food items and Beatitude Bags will be filled with specific paper products.

Tags are posted on the bulletin board in the gathering area. Some tags will list all items in the box (approximate cost \$30-\$35) and all items in the bag

(approximate cost \$12-\$15). Other tags list some of the items in the box or bag. You are invited to take one or more tags and purchase the requested items. Return the items to the designated area in the gathering area no later than April 5. Boxes and bags will then be filled and given to the needy in the local community.



Awards Ceremony

The Catholic Youth Adventure Programs Awards Ceremony for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Little Flowers Girls Club, and American Heritage Girls Club will be held on Tuesday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m. at Old St. Vincent Church. Please be at Old St. Vincent by 6:45 p.m. to line up. Deadline for applications is March 18. For all scouting applications and inquiry, please contact Mary Ann Hennecke at 573-335-3899 or email maryann@ccmin.org.

Welcome to St. Vincent de Paul

If you would like to register for the parish, change your address, or simply have questions, please fill out the form and place it in the collection basket. You may also mail it to the parish office at 1913 Ritter Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. Please free to contact parish office staff anytime during regular office hours, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. You may email the parish office at contactus@svparish or call 335-7667. A parish registration form is available at http://www.svcape.com/Parish/.

Name

Street Address

City/State/Zip _____

Email

Phone _____

I am new to Cape Girardeau.	I am new to St. Vincent de Paul Parish.
□ I have been attending St. Vincent	Parish and would like to register as a member.
Delase change my address to the	one shown above.

☐ I would like to sign up for Faith Direct.

☐ I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.

I would like to register my child/children for Parish School of Religion.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish



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Office of the Bishop

March 4, 2020 Feast of St. Casimir

Dear Priests, Deacons and Parishioners,

As the coronavirus becomes more prevalent in the nation's headlines, we are expecting questions to arise regarding the preparedness of our parishes in dealing with the outbreak. While there is no cause for panic, it is good to be proactive and take precautionary measures.

On a practical level, I ask that the following precautions be implemented in order to protect parishioners from the spread of illness when they gather for Holy Mass:

- Sanitize all sacred vessels before and after all Masses (with soap and hot water), because germs may survive on surfaces up to 24 or more hours.
- Suspend the exchange of the sign of peace.
- Suspend holding hands at the Our Father (for those who do so).
- Suspend the distribution of Holy Communion via the chalice.
- Sanitize holy water fonts weekly or discontinue the use of holy water for the meantime.
- Encourage good hygiene including alcohol-based hand sanitizer lotion in restrooms and public areas, and proper cough and sneeze etiquette. It is especially important for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to implement these measures.
- Visit the website of your local or state health department for updates.

On a pastoral level, I ask the following practices:

- Encourage the sick to stay at home.
- Bring Holy Communion to the sick at their place of residence.
- Identify those who are vulnerable, i.e., the elderly or disabled and check on them.

You will also find attached a protocol for our Catholic schools and Parish Schools of Religion programs. With the assurance of my prayers for your health and well-being and united with Our Lady at the foot of the Cross, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Edward M. Rice Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau Public Health Concerns with regard to the Coronavirus

Catholic School and Parish School of Religion Directives

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau has issued the following directives for Catholic schools and Parish School of Religion (PSR) programs, as precautionary measures, in dealing with the potential for an outbreak of the coronavirus:

- Our Catholic Schools and PSR programs will follow the decision of their local city or area public schools in their decision to close or suspend their school or PSR operations.
- We would ask teachers to prepare lesson plans for at least two weeks in advance, so teachers would be able to give direction to their students, in the event school would be suspended for this period of time.
- Our schools/principals need to develop communication plans, so that schools will be able to continually communicate with parents during a potential long-term closing of a school. This will facilitate the continuance of students' educational programs off-site.
- In the event of a suspected case of coronavirus, the health department of the city or county should be contacted immediately for further instructions.
- Visit the website of your local or state health department for updates.

Lenten Mission of Mercy

• Week Two • Fast from leisure activities and pray for those who lack resources.

By participating in Bishop Rice's Lenten Mission of Mercy project, the youth (and adults) of the diocese have the wonderful opportunity to embrace the Catholic practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



Registration Open!

Currently, Camp Re-NEW-All, the summer camp program for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, is taking applications for this summer. The dates for this summer's camps are June 8-12 (Session 1F), June 22-26 (Session 2F), and July 6-10 (Session **3F).** Camp is open to campers going into 5th-9th grade in the fall, high school staff going into 10th-12th grade, and adult staff. Parents and grandparents are invited to volunteer also! Campers are placed on a first-come, first-served basis and weeks fill quickly, so apply early. Brochures are available on the bulletin board in the gathering area. Apply at https://dioscg.formstack. com/forms/camp_re_new_all_2020, or call Katie at the Catholic Center at 417-866-0841 with questions. Please note that the Diocese will only accept online registrations. Paper registration forms are not available.

Food for the Fathers A Ministry Opportunity

Each Tuesday Food for the Fathers, a parish ministry, will supply a warm meal for three priests. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please sign up at http://signup.com/login/entry/ 67699625678106404. You will need to enter your email address but will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com. If you don't like the choices listed, change vour selection to include an entrée and two side dishes (no desserts, please!). Choose the date you would like to provide the meal. SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Then, on the date chosen, deliver the meal between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. to the rectory.

If you prefer not to sign up online or have

questions, please contact Beverly in the parish office at 335-7667 and she can sign you up.



Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a summer Catholic youth program, for grades 1 - 12, dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. A team of energetic young adults will lead the children of the parish in games, skits, lessons, prayer, discussions, and more! This program is similar to Vacation Bible School. Totus Tuus is concerned not only with teaching faith, but also igniting the hearts of young people!

This year's Totus Tuus program will be held June 14 - 19, 2020. Students in grades 1 - 6 will meet Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Students in grades 7 - 12 will meet 7:00 - 9:15 p.m. Sunday - Thursday. Information cards are available in the gathering area on the bulletin board. You can also register and pay online by scanning the **QR Code** on this page. Sign up early - space is limited!



Employment Opportunities

St. Vincent de Paul School, Cape Girardeau, is looking to fill the following positions for the 2020-2021 school year: Technology Director/Technician with part-time teaching, Grades 7/8 English Teacher (middle school English degree or specialization in that area), Early Elementary Teaching positions. For an application go to dioscg.org or call the school office at 573-334-9594.

St. Vincent Parish is looking for a Substitute Custodian for the Parish Grade School. Current pay would be \$9.45 per hour and applicant must complete Virtus training and a background check. If interested, contact the parish office at 335-7667 or stop by to complete an application.

St. Augustine School is seeking a full-time **fifth grade teacher** for the 2020-2021 school year. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic, possess an appropriate certification and hold a Bachelor's degree. Previous experience preferred. Complete an application found on dioscg.org under Schools/Education and the employment tab. Applications can be submitted in person, through mail, or email to Sarah Cato at St. Augustine School, 231 S. Messmer St., PO Box 97, Kelso, MO 63758, scato@stakelso, eduk12.net.

St. Denis School, Benton, is seeking a Principal for the 2020-2021 school year. Requirements include an active Catholic, Missouri teaching certification, Master's degree in School Administration (or working towards it), administrative experience preferred, 3-5 years of Catholic school experience. Send a resume along with the name of your current Parish and Pastor by March 16, 2020 to: St. Denis Catholic Church, PO Box 127, Benton, MO 63736, Attention: Fr. Bala.

St. Denis School, Benton, is accepting applications for a full time seventh/eighth grade teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants must have a Missouri Teaching Certificate. If interested or have questions, please call Karen Powers at 573-545-3017. You may obtain an application by visiting www.stdenisbenton.eduk12.net and downloading the Teacher Application. You may also visit the Diocesan website (www.dioscg.org) or stop by St. Denis School to pick up an application.

St. Ambrose School, Chaffee, is looking to fill two full time teaching positions: seventh/eighth grade and Pre-K classroom for the 2020-2021 school year. For questions and inquiries, please call Laura Enderle, Principal, at 573-887-6711 or 573-318-8753.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, March 9 God's Standard

The prayer in the First Reading confesses the failure of God's people to stay faithful to him. When they behaved no better than other nations, God let his people be scattered among those nations. God demands that his people live by a higher standard, as we hear in the Gospel passage. God, whose mercy overflows, expects us to treat others with that same remarkable compassion. In what specific way can you share God's compassion today? *Today's Readings: Daniel 9:4b–10; Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Luke 6:36–38.*

Tuesday, March 10 Reversals

Isaiah's warning is vivid: God will allow his people to be struck down if they do not repent of their wrongdoing, leaving them as blood-red as their sins. Jesus also speaks about reversals: true disciples serve others rather than seek honor and privileges for themselves. Make a list of people who radically changed their lives for Christ. What do their stories teach you? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 1:10, 16–20; Psalm 50:8–9, 16bc–17, 21 and 23; Matthew 23:1–12.*

Wednesday, March 11 Misunderstood

Jesus and Jeremiah both spoke for God and suffered greatly for it. Jeremiah laments that his enemies are waiting for him to speak one wrong word so that they can declare him a false prophet and get rid of him. Jesus tells how he, too, will be rejected by his people. Jesus' words seem lost on his disciples, who want the very honor and glory that he warns them against seeking. Perhaps they simply did not like what Jesus was telling them. What is Jesus saying to you that you find hard to accept? *Today's Readings: Jeremiah 18:18–20; Psalm 31:5–6, 14, 15–16; Matthew 20:17–28.*

Thursday, March 12 What Is in Our Hearts?

God knows what is in our hearts far better than we do. God knows who is growing in holiness and who is dying "in a lava waste." The rich man never bothered to probe his heart, much less open it in love to Lazarus. Even in death, the rich man puts himself before the beggar, for he asks Abraham to send Lazarus for water, as if Lazarus were a servant. Open your heart to God. Ask God to show you the people you fail to love and what you can do to serve them. *Today's Readings: Jeremiah 17:5–10; Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6; Luke 16:19–31.*

Friday, March 13 The End of Rejection

Despite the terrible action his brothers take, Joseph eventually forgives them and even saves them during a famine. The religious leaders who try to arrest Jesus might also have envied him because the crowds were surrounding Jesus instead of them. Finally, these leaders get rid of Jesus, only to hear that he rose from the dead. It was not too late for them to be forgiven and to share in the new life God offered in his Son. Pray for or talk with someone who needs to hear that God loves and forgives them. *Today's Readings: Genesis* 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46.

Saturday, March 14 Prodigal Love

Our God who delights in clemency is like the father who watches for his younger son's return. The father's love is extravagant. First, he pours love out on the son who took from him and left, and then he pours his love upon the son who speaks of him with resentment and contempt. We are far stingier with our love, preferring to love only those who seem to deserve it. Take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and rejoice that God shows his love abundantly. *Today's Readings: Micah* 7:14–15, 18–20; Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12; Luke 15:1–3, 11–32.



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