St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Easter & Divine Mercy Sunday April 19, 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

All public celebrations of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass are suspended until further notice.

Confessions by appointment only

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To celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

call the Parish Office at 573-335-7667

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29

Breath of Life

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you once breathed life into the first human being, so now the Risen Christ breathes your living Spirit into us. May this Spirit animate every part of our lives. May we listen and look for the Spirit, and follow where the Spirit leads. If our faith is shaken, if our joy wavers, if we long for signs and wonders, breathe your Spirit into us anew so that we will persevere in discipleship and inspire others to follow where the Spirit leads. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Moving Forward

Today's Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31. Today's readings are permeated with joy. The disciples rejoice when Jesus appears, the early Church exults in her new life in the Spirit, and St. Peter writes of the "indescribable and glorious joy" that comes from knowing how deeply God loves us.

The readings also contain contradictions. The disciples believe in the Risen Lord because he appears to them, and in Acts we hear that the Apostles worked miracles, yet people are blessed for believing without seeing. The passage from Acts also portrays the Church as living in harmony, but other passages reveal that the Church faced internal conflicts and divisions.

St. Peter tells us that we rejoice in our salvation but will sometimes suffer because of our faith. Enduring persecution for the sake of Christ is difficult, but what about other forms of suffering? It's often difficult to integrate our experiences of pain and sorrow into our life of discipleship.

The readings celebrate the joy that arises from faith, but they remind us that faith must be strengthened. We need time in prayer for our encounter with the Risen Lord. We need time with the Scriptures, with the testimony of others who knew Jesus but who also struggled. We need a community to form and support us. Our faith will sometimes waver, but these people and practices will help us enter into the eternal joy of God's Kingdom.

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Prayer Requests •

Please continue to pray for the sick, the hospitalized, the homebound, and those who care for them. Pray also for those suffering from Covid-19, for all healthcare workers and for those seeking a vaccine to the Coronavirus. **J**esus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

Participate in Mass

Mass for the Second Sunday of Easter (April 19) will be livestreamed at 9:00 a.m. on the St. Vincent de Paul Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/svcape/). You can still view the feed without a Facebook account. The Mass will then be available to view on the parish website (www.svcape.com) after it is recorded.

Divine Mercy Sunday Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Rice and will be available on the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau Facebook Page. At 3:00 p.m. the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited by Bishop Rice. *If you do not have a Facebook account* ... Go to the Immaculate Conception Parish (Springfield) website at <u>https://www.ic-parish.org</u>. Scroll down and click on the blue Facebook icon. The feed will come up with a red "live" tag, click the play arrow to begin. If you miss the scheduled time for the live event, it will be recorded and posted on the Immaculate Conception Parish website. Scroll down and click on the blue Facebook icon. Go to the left side of page to "Videos."

Masses at St. Mary Cathedral Parish are available live streamed. There will also be a live streamed celebration of Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. You can see their schedule at <u>https://stmarycathedral.net</u>. Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m. can also be heard on the radio at KZIM960 AM/KSIM1400 AM.

Additional options for livestreamed Masses can be found on the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau website (dioscg.org).

Act of Spiritual Communion

The "**Act of Spiritual Communion**" is a prayer for anyone who desires to receive the Eucharist but is unable.

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

SEMO Food Bank

Due to the current situation with Covid-19, St. Vincent de Paul CCW's participation at the SEMO Food Bank in Miner, Missouri, has been temporarily canceled.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next weekend, April 25 - 26, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions (including the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau) because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. You can contribute by using Faith Direct or by mailing your envelope to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!

May They Rest in Peace

Sympathy is extended to the families of: Sister Joann Luttrell, sister of Jane Klobe; and Paul F. Pautler, father of Jennifer Coad.

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



St. Vincent School and PSR News

After consultation with health care providers, state and local officials, and advisors, Bishop Rice has decided to suspend in-person classes at grades Pre-K - 12, including Parish School of Religion (PSR), through the end of the school year. St. Vincent Elementary and Parish School of Religion will continue to provide lessons, through remote strategies, until the remainder of their academic session. All extracurricular activities and school events are also suspended.

RCIA Candidates

Please continue to pray for those joining the Church this year here at St. Vincent. The hope was for them to join during the Easter Vigil but Bishop Rice has directed that Baptisms and Reception into the Church be postponed until later in the Easter season or Pentecost.

Hugh Gilmore • Stephanie Gilmore • Megan Hecht Cassie Jetton • Susan Leming • Shanna Surratt • Bobby Walker

First Communion Celebration

First Communion Masses scheduled for the weekend of April 25-26 have been postponed. When it is safe to do so, First Communion will be rescheduled and the information will be shared with the parish. First Communion photos scheduled for Thursday, April 16, have also been postponed. Please continue to pray for those making their First Communion and their families!

Prayers Wanted

Please pray for all St. Vincent Confirmation candidates as they continue to open the secret of the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Catholic life! The candidates have participated in a majority of their Confirmation sessions. However, due to the Coronavirus, a suspension of their classes has caused everyone to be creative. The Confirmation candidates in high school and the eighth grade students St. Vincent Grade School and Parish School of Religion are open to the task of continuing their formation. Please pray for these Confirmation candidates, their parents, and their Confirmation sponsors! They need your prayers especially now! Your prayers will be a tremendous help as the candidates prepare for the Confirmation Mass on Sunday, September 27, at 3:00 p.m.

Living Faith Booklets

Living Faith, **Living Faith Kids**, and **La Fe Viva**, daily Catholic devotional booklets for the months of April - June, are available in the gathering area which is normally open from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

If you have an email address and would like to receive future parish updates during this time, please email <u>stvincentcapegirardeau@</u> <u>gmail.com</u>. Your information will strictly be kept for parish notifications.

Parish Tithing

Please be mindful that St. Vincent Parish's main source of income, the Sunday collection, is no longer taking place. If you have signed up for Faith Direct, thank you! Faith Direct is the innovative solution that allows you to support St. Vincent de Paul Parish using electronic funds transfer from a bank account or credit/debit card just as you may do now with your mortgage payment, etc. It is simple, safe and convenient. You can begin supporting St. Vincent electronically today bv visiting faith.direct/MO885. If you do not want to use this option, feel free to mail in your Sunday donation. As always, thank you for your contributions!

Christian Service Ministry

During this time of uncertainty, please remember St. Vincent's Christian Service Ministry. Not only does this ministry assist local agencies and parish members, it also helps people from the community and elsewhere who need assistance with food, gas, rent, lodging, medicine, travel, etc. When possible, individuals are referred to agencies that help in specific areas. Other times these individuals are helped by the parish Christian Service ministry. If you would like to help support this ministry, please write a check to "St. Vincent Parish" and note "Christian Service Ministry" in the memo line.

Readings - April 26, 2020

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33 1 Peter 1:17-21 • Luke 24:13-35

Collection - April 12, 2020	
Collection	\$ 22,690.00
E-Tithing	\$ 26,135.67
Total	\$ 48,825.67
Weekly Budget	\$ 31,450.00
Year-to-date Difference	- \$ 3,889.03

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

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**, and an **Early Elementary Teaching** position. For an application go to <u>dioscg.org</u> or call the school office at 573-334-9594. To be considered for these positions, an application must be completed.

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 <u>contactus@svparish.com</u>.

Immaculate Conception School, Jackson, has an opening for a Grade 6-8 Language Arts Teacher. Interested candidates may contact Michele Campbell at <u>mcampbell@icsjackson.eduk12.net</u>.

St. Mary Cathedral School is now hiring a **5th Grade Teacher** and a **Pre-K Classroom Aide**. Applications and more information can be found at: <u>https://</u> <u>stmarycathedralschool.weebly.com/employ</u> <u>ment.html</u>. For more info, contact Christine Ostendorf at <u>christineostendorf@</u> <u>stmarycape.org</u>. Applications are due April 24, 2020.

Discipleship Corner

What is your Easter Glory?

In his Easter homily, Father Brian coined the term "Easter Glory" resolutions to live out Christ's glory and the Easter message. Of his many suggestions (including feasting – giving God the Glory), he mentioned daily prayer. Perhaps this Easter Season you may want to try something new in your daily prayer time. One option is to sign up for a daily email from Catholic Company called the "Morning Offering." The CC's Morning Offering is much more than a prayer! It is an email filled with inspirational quotes; daily meditation, daily bible verse, Prayer during Coronavirus Pandemic, Act of Spiritual Communion, links to the daily readings and prayers of the church; a

Saint of the Day feature, Devotion of the Month, Prayer for the Holy Father, and, of course, The Morning Offering prayer. To start receiving this daily inspiration sign up at <u>https://morningoffering.com</u>.



Easter Daily Reflection Booklet

Liturgical Press has a great booklet for daily reflection during the Easter season. These books are in the gathering space of Church. If you are not able to pick one up due to the Coronavirus directives, go to the St. Vincent website at <u>https://www.svcape.com/</u>. Look for the link to **Rejoice and Be Glad**. You will be able to download a pdf of this book. Or, if you would like to email Father Rick, he will email you a copy of **Rejoice and Be Glad**. Liturgical Press has many other free resources are available on their website at <u>www.litpress.org</u>.

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Go to the Web browser on your computer or phone and type: <u>https://</u><u>svcape.formed.org</u>. Click on Register. Next you will need to type in your information and create a password. Check the box that you have read and understand the terms of service. At the bottom, click on "create account." You will now have access to all of the resources in **Formed**. You can also access Formed by searching for "Formed" through your app store.

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 <u>http://www.svcape.com/Parish/</u>.

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 P	arish and would like to register as a member.

- Please 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.

 $\hfill \square$ I would like to register my child/children for Parish School of Religion.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 20 Reborn in the Spirit

Nicodemus doesn't understand that Jesus is bringing about the Kingdom of God. In response, Jesus speaks about the Spirit. Those who are "born from above," who receive the Spirit, become part of God's Kingdom. When the Apostles were reborn in the Spirit, they went forth to bring others into God's Kingdom. At Baptism and Confirmation, we celebrate God's gift of the Spirit, but how much do we let the Spirit work within us? Pray for the courage to live as someone who is reborn in the Spirit. *Today's Readings: Acts 4:23–31; Psalm 2:1–3, 4–7a, 7b–9; John 3:1–8.*

Tuesday, April 21 What We Possess

Nicodemus is a leader among his people, but Jesus has far greater authority because he has come from heaven. Jesus has shared his authority with the Apostles. In Acts, we hear how converts entrust their wealth to the Apostles for distribution among the community. By giving up their wealth, people show that they have submitted themselves to Christ and his Church. They are no longer attached to material things. How attached are you to the things you own? How much would you put at the feet of the Apostles? *Today's Readings: Acts* 4:32–37; *Psalm* 93:1ab, 1cd–2, 5; John 3:7b–15.

Wednesday, April 22 Faith to Share

The Acts of the Apostles reminds us that our Christian faith is not something to be kept private. We are instead to be like the Apostles and share the good news that God loves the world so much he became human. When the Apostles are imprisoned for sharing this good news, God sends an angel to free them. God goes to remarkable lengths to help us share his love with others. How can you help someone encounter God's love today? *Today's Readings: Acts 5:17–26; Psalm* 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 3:16–21.

Thursday, April 23 Brave Witness

Jesus, the one "from above" who has received everything from his Father, speaks on God's behalf and freely shares the Spirit with those who believe. Having received the Spirit, Jesus' followers continue to teach and heal in his name, despite being imprisoned, interrogated, and ordered to stop. Without their brave witness, we would never have heard the Gospel. Pray for those who risk their lives for Christ. *Today's Readings: Acts 5:27–33; Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17–18, 19–20; John 3:31–36.*

Friday, April 24 Thy Will Be Done

Despite not having nearly enough food for the crowd, Jesus feeds everyone, and has baskets left over. It is God's will that people be fed, that they be nourished. In Acts, a Jewish leader intervenes on behalf of the Apostles, pointing out that if they are doing God's will, their work will succeed. What work are we trying to do? Does God support us, or are we acting for ourselves alone? *Today's Readings: Acts 5:34–42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14; John 6:1–15.*

Saturday, April 25 St. Mark the Evangelist

St. Mark responded to the Lord's command to "proclaim the gospel" by writing down the story of Jesus. In Mark's Gospel account, the danger of the cross looms early in Jesus' ministry. Mark seems to have composed his work for Christians who were persecuted because of their faith in Christ. Like St. Peter in his letter, Mark encourages those who suffer to remain "steadfast in faith." Although we are in a season of rejoicing, we remember that being an Easter people means we must also be people of the cross. Read some or all of Mark's account of the Gospel today. *Today's Readings: 1 Peter 5:5b–14; Psalm 89:2–3, 6–7, 16–17; Mark 16:15–20.*



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