

Third Sunday of Easter April 26, 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.

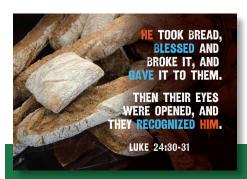
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To celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

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Stay with Us

Lord of Glory, Risen One,
You have begun to recreate our world.
Stay with us when we feel sorrow and need your consolation.
Stay with us when we need your wisdom and guidance,
and when we study and reflect on your Word.
Stay with us when we gather at table to meet you
and one another in fellowship and love.
And stay with us, Lord, as we go forth to tell others
that you are with us always,
and that you want us always to be with you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Persuading

Today's Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a); 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35. When the Risen Christ appears to the disciples who are leaving Jerusalem, he gets them talking -- about his ministry, crucifixion, and even the reports that he was alive. He then helps them to interpret these events with reference to their shared Scriptures, which we call the Old Testament. With their hope renewed, Christ then breaks bread with them, and they finally recognize him and understand that Christ is in communion with them.

In his speech in Acts, Peter uses different techniques to persuade his hearers of the truth of what he says. He appeals to what they themselves witnessed during the ministry of Jesus. He quotes the Scriptures and what they know about King David. He speaks of his encounter with the Risen Lord. Finally, he refers back to the unmistakable presence of God's Spirit, which is enabling Jews of every language to understand his words.

The Second Reading tells us what we already know and believe about Jesus, but in language that is rich and eloquent, thereby reinvigorating our faith. We might not be as eloquent as St. Peter, but there are other ways to persuade people of the life-giving power of the cross. By conducting ourselves "with reverence" and following the guidance of God's Spirit, we will open people's eyes to the presence of the Risen Christ.

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Prayer Requests

Please pray for **John Bruenderman**, the sick, the hospitalized, the homebound, and those who care for them. Pray also for those suffering from Covid-19, for all health-care workers and for those seeking a vaccine to the Coronavirus.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness still reveal the presence of God in our midst.

Participate in Mass

Mass for the Third Sunday of Easter (April 26) 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.

Sunday Mass will also be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. by Bishop Rice and will be available on the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau Facebook Page. *If you do not have a Facebook account ...* Go to the Immaculate Conception Parish (Springfield) website at https://www.ic-parish.org. 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. You can see their schedule at https://stmarycathedral.net. 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."

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

This 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!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Congratulations to P.A. and Laly George as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 30 and to Bernard and Beverly Dirnberger as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary on May 2!

May They Rest in Peace

Sympathy is extended to the families of:

JoAnn Schott, sister of James Hennemann;

Bob Powers, brother of Tedd Powers; and

Jeff Bohnert, a member of the St. Vincent Parish family.



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 on May 15. 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 have also been postponed. Please continue to pray for those making their First Communion and their families!

News from the Council of Catholic Women

Due to COVID-19 and the extended "Stay at Home" order, the CCW will not meet on May 4. Please stay safe and healthy!

Scouting Awards Ceremony Postponed

The Scouting Awards Ceremony scheduled for May 7 has been postponed to a date later in August. Information will be shared as soon as the date has been determined.

Prayers Wanted

Please pray for all St. Vincent Confirmation candidates as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation! 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.

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 Vincent electronically today 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 - May 3, 2020

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 2:20b-25 • John 10:1-10

Collection - April 19, 2020

Collection	\$ 17,916.00
E-Tithing	\$ 1,637.00
Total	\$ 19,553.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 31,450.00
Year-to-date Difference	- \$15,786.03

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

Save the Date!

PURIFIED

Jason Evert

Do not miss this wonderful talk by Jason Evert, Catholic author and chastity speaker. Jason founded Totus Tuus Press and Chastity Project, an organization that promotes chastity primarily to high school and college students. Jason will be in the Cape Girardeau area on November 30 and will be speaking at the Jackson Knights of Columbus Hall from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. **Purified** brings parents and teens (13+) together to discover God's plan for love and opens up an opportunity for them to continue the discussion about this important topic at home, in a healthy and easy way with resources that work. The event includes a new version of Jason's renowned talk Love or Lust, where he with down-to-earth mixes humor practicality that removes any awkwardness, making the difficult conversations about love much easier. Your family will leave with an understanding of the good news of chastity, a healthy sense of self-worth, and the ability, if needed, to start again. The night includes Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship, and an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. This format transforms a simple talk into a mini-retreat for the family, allowing them to encounter the source of purity, healing, and renewal, Jesus Christ. Order your tickets now at: https://chastity.com/ purified/#tickets

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

Booklets Available

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.

Also available is a booklet from Liturgical Press, **Rejoice and Be Glad.** You may also download this book in pdf format by looking for the Rejoice and Be Glad link on the parish website.

Employment Opportunities

St. Vincent de Paul School, Cape Girardeau, is looking to fill the position of **Technology Director/Technician with part-time teaching** for the 2020-2021 school year. For an application go to dioscg.org or call the school 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 contactus@suparish.com.

Catholic Center Position Available - The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeks qualified applicants for the exempt full-time position of **Director of Development and Properties**. Applicant must be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing with the Church. Qualified individuals need a demonstrated understanding of the theology of stewardship and experience in the administration of major capital campaigns as this position includes responsibility for the annual diocesan fund raising appeal. Additionally, the applicant should have experience in a field related to property management or construction as well as experience with the legal duties related to property acquisition. Administrative and management experience is required. A college degree is preferred and the ability to work collaboratively is critical.

Applicants must have excellent written and oral communication skills, computer literacy, and be willing to travel throughout the diocese. Overnight stays away are often necessary. Compensation includes competitive salary, excellent health benefits, and retirement plan based on diocesan guidelines.

Interested persons may contact Jan Smith by telephone at 417-866-0841, ext. 1107, or by sending an email request to abuckley@ dioscg.org to obtain further information and application materials. **Application deadline is May 11, 2020**.

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



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 27

Signs

When the people ask Jesus how to do God's will, Jesus tells them to believe that God sent him. In Acts, we hear how Stephen so utterly believed in Jesus that he shared Christ's power to work "great wonders and signs." Such signs were meant to help people believe that God sent Jesus for the salvation of the world, but many people struggled to accept the meaning of the signs as well as Jesus' identity. Read John 6:1–15 and reflect on all that this sign means. *Today's Readings: Acts 6:8–15; Psalm 119:23–24, 26–27, 29–30; John 6:22–29.*

Tuesday, April 28

Always

After eating the bread that Jesus gave them, the crowd asks to have "this bread always." Jesus clarifies that he himself is their bread—and those who believe in him will have this bread always. Even during death, a death that resembled Jesus', the apostle Stephen experiences the enduring presence of Christ. In what ways have you seen that Christ is always with you? Today's Readings: Acts 7:51—8:1a; Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; John 6:30–35.

Wednesday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

Jesus declares that he will welcome everyone who seeks him, for God wills that people find life through his Son. The Samaritans find life in the Son because of Philip, who preaches, expels demons, and heals people in their midst. St. Catherine, who also wanted Christ to have all that his Father entrusted to him, passionately and persistently advocated for reforms within the Church. Her work was quite different from Philip's, but both labored in fidelity to Christ and his Father. Learn a little more about St. Catherine of Siena today. Today's Readings: Acts 8:1b-8; Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; John 6:35-40.

Thursday, April 30

Drawn by God

Before Jesus, God revealed himself in events, through the prophets, and in his laws. Now God draws people through the fullest revelation of himself possible: his Son. The man in the passage from Acts first encounters God through the prophet Isaiah. When Philip, led by the Holy Spirit, explains the meaning of the text and tells him about Jesus, the man believes and is baptized. We cannot know God all by ourselves. Thank someone today who helped draw you to God. Today's Readings: Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 66:8–9, 16–17, 20; John 6:44–51.

Friday, May 1

Seeing and Believing

When Jesus continued talking about how he is the bread of life, people became more resistant to his claims. Saul rejected Jesus' claims so completely that he attacked Jesus' followers. Then Saul had an encounter with Jesus that left him as physically blind as he was spiritually blind. Saul, now St. Paul, only recovered his sight when he accepted that Jesus truly did come from heaven, sent by his Father. How have you failed to see Christ? What helped you to see him? *Today's Readings: Acts 9:1–20; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 6:52–59.*

Saturday, May 2

St. Athanasius

When others turn away from Jesus, Peter remains, saying that Jesus has "the words of eternal life." Filled with faith in Christ, Peter later heals people and even raises a woman from the dead. During the fourth century, people vigorously debated whether Jesus was truly one with his Father. St. Athanasius insisted that he was, because only then would God have fully revealed himself and his saving love for the life of the world. Reflect on and pray with the words of the Nicene Creed. *Today's Readings: Acts 9:31–42; Psalm 116:12–13, 14–15, 16–17; John 6:60–69.*









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