St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 10, 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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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

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father.

A Prayer for Mothers

God our Creator, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibilities; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;

for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family; for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;

for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;

for those who raise children on their own;

for those who have lost a child;

for those who care for the children of others;

for those whose children have left home;

and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,

and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.



Today's Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22); 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12. Although God was understood to dwell in the Jerusalem Temple, that stone structure was a sign that God dwelled among his people, his "royal priesthood" and "holy nation." As Jesus explained to his disciples, he fully reveals God's presence and is the means by which people enter that presence. As God's Son, Jesus is God's place of dwelling and the one through whom we will dwell with God forever.

Jesus also tells us that there is endless space in his Father's house. Jesus, the foundation of a living and eternal temple, has room for everyone to build their lives upon him. This living, growing dwelling place is so vast that it is ultimately unavoidable: those who want to go around it can't. There is no avoiding God's presence, no hiding from his wonderful light.

As people build themselves on Christ, there's the danger that parts of this structure will weaken. In the reading from Acts, we hear that some members of the community were not receiving the material assistance they needed. Once the problem was pointed out, however, the Apostles acted quickly. They not only ensured that help was given, they shared their Christ-given authority with others to prevent such problems from happening again. We must do the same. By showing others that Christ dwells among us, we will help them — and us — to dwell with Christ forever. (@ 2017 Liturg Training Publications. 1-800-933-1800. Writen by Anne C. McGuire.

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Prayer Requests •

Please pray for **Ken Stotler**, 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.

"Those who have faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these," Jesus tells His disciples. That's quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

A Message from Bishop Rice

The following is an excerpt from Bishop Rice's letter, dated April 30, to the faithful of the Springfield-Cape Girardeau Diocese.

With Governor Mike Parson lifting some restrictions for public gatherings, including religious assemblies, it was hoped that our parishes could resume some form of regular parish life, especially participation in Holy Mass. However, after consulting with the Bishops of the State of Missouri and after input and thorough discussion with my Diocesan Consultors, I have decided that **the suspension of public Masses will continue and churches of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau will remain closed.** This decision will be reviewed as we draw close to the weekend of May 16 - 17. **The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation remains in effect for our diocese.**

Participate in Mass

Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 10) will be livestreamed at 9:00 a.m. on the St. Vincent de Paul Facebook page (https:/ www.facebook.com/svcape/). You can 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 <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. 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."

May He Rest in Peace

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Arthur "Bim" Walker III**, brother of Kim Kolda. *May he and all the souls of the faithful departed,*

through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Catholic Man Night will be held in an altered fashion. Adoration will be in a drive-in format with everyone remaining in their vehicles. Confessions will also be available. Please do not form lines for confession and only leave your vehicle when there is an opening for the Sacrament. To maintain distancing, there will be no meal or discussion.

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

Beatitude Boxes and Bags

During this Lenten season, members of St. Vincent de Paul Parish collected food and paper products for distribution to the needy. Parishioners were asked to bring specific food items to fill boxes and paper items to fill bags. Each box included rice, beans, macaroni and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned chicken and tuna. Enough food was collected to fill 112 boxes. Toilet paper, paper towels, and facial tissue filled 77 bags. Some of these items have filled CarePortal requests. Others have been distributed to Cape Public School families and local individuals in need. As these are very challenging times for all, thank you and God bless you for your generosity!

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.

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 - May 17, 2020

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 • John 14::15-21

Collection - May 3, 2020	
Collection	\$ 19,421.00
E-Tithing	\$ 472.00
Total	\$ 19,893.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 31,450.00
Year-to-date Difference	- \$31,116.71
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Please be a good steward of God's gifts by using Faith Direct or by using your contribution envelope.

Discipleship Corner

Ladies ...

Give yourself a gift this week! Check out the Blessed is She website, Facebook page



or Instagram feed for **inspiration by women** who walk the same walk as you. *Blessed is She* is a Catholic ministry for women, by women; there is no age parameter. Receive a daily reflection in your email inbox; check out their blogs, devotionals, and other resources on their website. From *Blessed is She*: "We invite you into this community, no matter where you are on your walk with Christ. You belong here." Check it out!! Go to <u>https://</u> <u>blessedisshe.net</u> or search *Blessed is She* on Facebook and Instagram.

COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP

St. Vincent de Paul Parish has a Community Prayer group on Facebook. This group serves as a communication tool for the parish to communicate prayer requests easily and effectively to other parishioners. You can call the parish office if you would like to submit a prayer request or you can also private message the group for prayer. However, prior to requesting prayer for others, you are asked to receive permission from those involved. Search Community Prayers on Facebook or search the direct link to the page: <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>groups/communityprayers</u>.

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. If interested, please leave a message at the St. Vincent School office (573-334-9594).



Congratulations to Gene and Judy Heuring as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 16.

Employment Opportunities

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

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 one may obtain further information and application materials via an email request to <u>abuckley@</u> <u>dioscg.org</u>. **Application deadline is May 11, 2020**.

Extend mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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 F	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, May 11 The Best of Intentions

The people who worship Paul and Barnabas recognize that something wonderful has happened, but their faith is misdirected. They need instruction on how to interpret and respond to the healing they witnessed. They need the Advocate, who will teach and guide them. This Advocate, the Holy Spirit, continues to guide the Church to this day. Ask God for the Spirit's help in discerning where and how God is acting and how you can best respond. *Today's Readings: Acts 14:5–18; Psalm 115:1–2, 3–4, 15–16; John 14:21–26.*

Tuesday, May 12 Eternal Peace

Jesus offers a peace that no suffering or hardship can take away from us. His peace rises from God's salvation: we who believe in our Lord's triumph over sin and death no longer have anything to fear. St. Paul demonstrated confidence in this gift of peace when he resumes his mission right after nearly being killed for preaching the Gospel. Pray that whatever happens in your life, your faith in God's gift of peace may remain unassailable. *Today's Readings: Acts 14:19–28; Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13ab, 21; John 14:27–31a.*

Wednesday, May 13 Bearing Fruit

The first serious challenge to the unity of the Church was the question of whether Gentile converts had to obey the Jewish law. Since Jesus was Jewish, some people thought that those who believed in him must also become Jewish. Although the Church concluded that Christians did not also have to become Jews, we follow laws, such as the Ten Commandments that were given to the Jews. By obeying such laws we bear fruit, which Jesus, our true vine, commands us to do. What can you do to show you are bearing fruit? *Today's Readings:* Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5; John 15:1–8.

Thursday, May 14 St. Matthias, Apostle

Jesus reminds his disciples that he chose them; they did not choose him. This remains true when the disciples choose an Apostle to replace Judas. After narrowing the list of candidates, the disciples cast lots as a way of inviting God to choose between the two men. Do we readily invite God into our decision-making? Do we pray with the Scriptures and consult people who are faithful and wise? Do we open our hearts to God for a clear look at our motivations? *Today's Readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20–26; Psalm 113:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8; John 15:9–17.*

Friday, May 15 Love One Another

Jesus tells us to "love one another," but how exactly do we do that? One example is the way the Church dealt with the question of whether Gentile converts to Christianity had to become Jews. The Apostles wanted to ensure that both groups could come together for ritual meals in which they worshipped Christ. By resolving the dispute in a way that acknowledged the concerns of both parties, the Apostles brought more people into the peace and friendship of Christ. In what specific way can you fulfill Christ's commandment to love? *Today's Readings: Acts 15:22–31; Psalm 57:8–9, 10 and 12; John 15:12–17.*

Saturday, May 16 Respect

It seems hypocritical for Paul to have Timothy circumcised when he previously said that Gentiles did not need to be. What Paul understands, however, is that Timothy, whose mother is Jewish, must honor his Jewish heritage. By upholding Jewish practices, Paul and Timothy also show their fellow Jews the continuity between Judaism and faith in Christ. Try to learn something more about Judaism today. *Today's Readings:* Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 5; John 15:18–21.



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