# St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

### Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 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

### Confessions

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

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#### To celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

call the Parish Office at 573-335-7667

And whoever loves me will be loved by my father and I will love him and reveal myself to him.

Blessing of Graduates

Before you were even formed, God knew you. While in your Mother's womb, God named you. At your birth, God's breath filled you with life. Today we celebrate what you have become at this moment in time.

And so we pray, God of our beginnings, we thank you for the gifts of these graduates; their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity, their open speech and encouraging words. Their contributions have blessed and challenged us, and we have become a richer and more diverse community because of them.

As they step forward into the world that awaits, comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your divine presence. Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as modern-day disciples in a world that needs their spirit.

Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness while they help to lead future generations into the warmth and promise of your light.

We ask this blessing upon each of them, In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Amen* 

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### Prayer Requests •

Please pray for **Sister Rosel Feder, SSND**, 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 obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

## "Soft Opening" ➤ Monday, May 18 ◄

Yes, after two months St. Vincent de Paul is going to open the Church doors for Mass this Monday morning, May 18, for the regular scheduled 6:30 a.m. Mass. Please know that the Church is being prepared for this next phase of living with the Coronavirus. The Church building is marked for "social distancing." A great deal of education still needs to take place with everyone in this plan to re-open the Church doors, especially for the weekend of May 23-24. More information will be mailed to all parishioners this next week. Remember, if you are feeling ill, or, if you do not feel comfortable with coming to Church at this time, you are invited to join in the many Masses offered online. Dispensation from attending Sunday Mass is still granted until the end of June. If you are 60 years of age or older, please know you can participate in Mass on the internet. Go to the St. Vincent de Paul Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/svcape/). The Mass will then be available to view on the parish website (www.svcape.com).

#### As far as Social Distancing starting on Monday:

If you come as a family, please sit together as a family group. You should be seated at least six feet from other families. Remember, there are to be NO hugs or hand-shakes!

The Church space is limited to 30% of the normal seating capacity. This means that our Church space will seat approximately 150-200 people. Father Brian and Father Rick are planning to add additional service times on the weekend. (More information will be mailed to all parishioners this next week.)

As far as this next week, Mass will be celebrated everyday at 6:30 a.m. On Wednesday the regular scheduled 5:15 p.m. Mass will be celebrated. Additional weekday Masses on Tuesday and Thursday will be at 12:10 p.m.

Meetings may be held if social distancing is maintained but these need to be scheduled through the Parish Office and approved by Father Rick. Proper sanitation needs to take place *after* each meeting by the group members of that meeting.

There are to be no special dinners or events that would bring a large crowd together through the end of June.

We will not have Children's Church ministries through the end of June. The "Family Room/Cry Room" will only have a few chairs in it.

#### **Cleanliness and Godliness**

The Church will be supplied with plenty of hand sanitizer in various locations.

Remember that the Church space is sanitized each day after each Mass. When Mass is not being celebrated, the Church will be open for visitation. Starting this Monday, the Church will generally be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Hymnals have been removed. Please bring your own missal.

Please bring your own face mask!

Please be open and flexible to the "soft opening" guidelines.

# **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.

# Camp Re-NEW-All

Because of the Coronavirus, the first two sessions of **Camp Re-NEW-All** in **Fredericktown** have been canceled and two new weeks have been added. Camp Re-NEW-All dates in Fredericktown are:

- 4F: June 29 July 3
- 5F: July 6 10
- 6F: July 20 24

Campers and staff previously assigned to any of the sessions in Fredericktown should have received an email requesting their new availability. Please respond as soon as possible. Priority will be given to those who apply by Monday, May 18. New campers and staff are still welcome to apply and will be placed if space is available: <u>https://dioscg.formstack.com/forms/camp\_re\_new\_all\_2020</u>.

For more information or questions, please email Katie Newton in the Camp Re-NEW-All office at <u>knewton@dioscg.org</u>.

Please pray that Camp Re-NEW-All can continue this year!

## **Diocesan Development Fund**

This year the Diocesan Development Fund Campaign will be conducted on June 6 - 7. Some of you may be suffering financially and may not be able to contribute this year. However, if you are able to contribute, you are asked to consider a pledge. If those parishioners who are able to contribute would give a little more, it could make up for those fellow parishioners who are not able to donate this year.

By now all St. Vincent registered households should have received a DDF mailing. If you did not receive the mailing, please call Tammy Stander at 417-866-0841 and she will send you a copy.

To learn more about the Diocesan Development Fund Campaign, please watch the DDF video on the diocesan website at <u>www.dioscg.org</u> or the parish website at <u>www.svcape.org</u>.

Participation in the DDF campaign is being stressed along with the need for everyone to work together during this trying time. Each donation helps. Please prayerfully consider assisting the diocese in funding the many ministries it provides for St. Vincent de Paul Parish and the other 85 parishes and missions in southern Missouri. Thank You!

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 by 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 24, 2020

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 • John 14:15-21

Collection - May 10, 2020	
Collection	\$ 18,260.00
E-Tithing	\$ 41,869.67
Total	\$ 60,129.67
Weekly Budget	\$ 31,450.00
Year-to-date Difference	- \$ 2,437.04

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

The right to life is the first among human rights.

# 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 mixes humor with down-to-earth 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 vour tickets now at: <u>https://chastity.com/</u> purified/#tickets.

### **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>.

## **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>.

# **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).

# FORMED

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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 28.5

to all of the resources in **Formed.** You can also access Formed by searching for "Formed" through your app store.

# Yard Sale Canceled

Due to the Coronavirus, Catholic Social Ministry's Yard Sale, scheduled for June 25 - 27 at St. Mary's School Gym, has been canceled.

# 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>.

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Street Address

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Pa	rish and would like to register as a member.
Please change my address to the on	e 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.



# Journeys

#### Monday, May 18

The Advocate that Jesus promised has unmistakably filled St. Paul. For the rest of the Easter season we will hear about Paul's extensive travels and missionary work. Paul takes every opportunity to tell others about Christ and to enter into fellowship with them. Make a map of your Christian journey. What significant moments are on that map? *Today's Readings: Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3 -4, 5-6a and 9b; John 15:26-16:4a*.

# Revealing Righteousness

#### Tuesday, May 19

Jesus promises to send an Advocate who will reveal whether a person is ultimately righteous or sinful. In Acts, the jailer recognizes that Paul and Silas are righteous despite their imprisonment. The jailer is so impressed by their behavior that he listens to them and is baptized. Are there people you don't listen to because you are certain they are wrong? Do they have some words of truth to offer you? *Today's Readings: Acts 16:22-34; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; John 16:5-11.* 

# A Gospel for All

#### Wednesday, May 20

Jesus helps his disciples prepare for his death. He also promises that the "Spirit of truth" will give them insight into future events so that they can act in his name. This Spirit is active in Paul as he preaches in Athens, a city renowned for its diversity. Paul's ministry in that city anticipates the spread of the Gospel to the wider and still more diverse world. Today, the Gospel is lived and expressed in countless ways. What are some Catholic practices unique to your area or culture? *Today's Readings: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; John 16:12-15.* 

# Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter

### Thursday, May 21

In Acts, we're reminded that Paul did not work alone but counted on other people for material and emotional support. When the disciples learned of Jesus' forthcoming death, they also would have turned to one another for support. Who is a source of strength and comfort for you? *Today's Readings: Acts* 18:1-8; *Psalm* 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; *John* 16:16-20.

# Everlasting Joy

#### Friday, May 22

Jesus insists that his disciples will soon be filled with a joy from God that no one can take away. This promise seems to clash with the passage from Acts where Paul is unjustly treated by a mob and those in authority don't care. Paul, however, compelled by love and gratitude for Christ, continues his ministry. *Today's Readings: Acts 18:9-18; Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; John 16:20-23.* 

# Our Every Need

#### Saturday, May 23

Jesus tells his disciples that soon God will give them whatever they ask. Often, however, we receive without asking. Apollos receives much needed instruction about the Christian faith. The Christian community then receives in Apollos a well-formed and compelling preacher. Surprise someone by doing something helpful but unexpected for them today. *Today's Readings: Acts* 18:23-28; *Psalm* 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; *John* 16:23b-28.

#### Sunday, May 17, 2020

# For the Family

Today's Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21. In John's account of the Gospel, Jesus refers to multiple commandments, but he gives only one: love one another. To love people - and we would add, to cherish all of God's creation-is to love the Risen Lord and, through him, the Father. That love first flowed the other way, from the Father, through the Son, to the world. Love for and from God pulls the world back together. The Advocate, God's own Spirit, unites people and assures them that they are and always will be God's children.

The Advocate also empowers believers to act as Jesus did. Philip fulfills this commissioning perfectly: he proclaims Christ, expels demons, and heals people. Then, when the Samaritans accept the Gospel, centuries of enmity are overcome as Jews and Samaritans are bound together by Baptism and the Holy Spirit. They become sisters and brothers of Christ and part of the new family of God, the Father.

Our Second Reading urges us to act as Christ did, both for our sake and for the sake of others. People will not always be as receptive to us as the Samaritans were to Philip. Only by responding intelligently but peaceably will we persuade people of the enduring joy that comes from following Christ. By speaking and acting with gentle and patient persistence, we will be brought to life in the Spirit.

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