



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 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

Life in Abundance

Heavenly Father, your Son, Jesus,
is the Lamb, who models selfless love for others.

May we imitate his life-giving service.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who guides and gathers
your people, making us one.

May we seek reconciliation and healing,
and strive to sustain the bonds of peace.

Jesus is the gate through whom we enter eternal life with you.

May we seek salvation in him alone
and bring others to share in the life he offers
so that all people will have life in abundance.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Heeding His Call

Today's Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1); 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10. We find consolation in the Gospel passage as we identify with the sheep who recognize and follow the voice of Christ, our shepherd. Jesus praises his sheep for trusting him alone. We are further uplifted by the promise of enjoying a life of fullness with God.

Although Jesus speaks of his sheep in glowing terms, we know how easily sheep go astray. Our Second Reading reminds us that there are times we prefer to wander off. It is difficult to follow the example of Christ, the innocent Lamb who suffered for our sake. It is difficult to respond to insults with kindness and patience. It is difficult to act with justice and integrity when we are dismissed for doing so. Sometimes it is easier to ignore God's voice and go our own way.

The reading from Acts assures us that our Good Shepherd keeps calling us, even if we stop listening. Even if we think we have wandered so far away we won't hear him, his voice will reach our ears. He calls because he wants us to have life in abundance, but also because there are others who are not yet part of his flock. As we heed our Shepherd's call, we may discover that we can shepherd others toward him. These people also need to hear his voice, to be welcomed into the fold, and to share in the gift of the Holy Spirit that brings us into eternal life with God.

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• Prayer Requests •

Please pray for 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.

Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter (May 3) 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 <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."

May They Rest in Peace

Sympathy is extended to the families of: and

Patricia Amrhein, mother of Lisa Gibbar;

John Bruenderman, 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.*



SBA Loan / Grant

St. Vincent de Paul Parish has received a loan/grant from the Small Business Administration to help defray the cost of salaries and utilities for the period April 16 - June 11, 2020.

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.

St. Vincent School and PSR News

After consultation with health care providers, state and local officials, and advisors, Bishop Rice has suspended 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 previously 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!

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 10, 2020

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9 • John 14:1-12

Collection - April 26, 2020

Collection	\$ 9,302.00
E-Tithing	\$ 18,374.32
Total	\$ 27,676.32
Weekly Budget	\$ 31,450.00
Year-to-date Difference	- \$19,559.71

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



Follow St. Vincent Parish and stay up to date!

Find the parish on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/svcape/>

Find the parish on Instagram at [stvincentcapegirardeau](https://www.instagram.com/stvincentcapegirardeau)



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 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 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@svparish.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 one may obtain further information and application materials via an email request to abuckley@dioscg.org. **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 <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.
☐ 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 4 One Flock

The first big challenge the early Church faced was whether to admit non-Jews into the community. Since Jesus was Jewish, some people insisted that non-Jews who wished to follow Christ also had to follow Jewish laws, such as what foods they could eat. In response, Peter speaks of a vision in which God dispenses both Jews and Gentiles from such laws. The two groups can now come together to form one flock with Jesus as their shepherd. Pray for the grace to welcome all kinds of people into God's flock. *Today's Readings: Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 42:2–3; 43:3–4; John 10:11–18.*

Tuesday, May 5 Speaking to Them

The sheep who recognize the voice of their shepherd include the people of Antioch. At first, only the Jews in Antioch had the story of Christ proclaimed to them. No one talked with the Gentiles. When some people finally did, their preaching was so successful that a large number “was added to the Lord.” There are people who will welcome the Good News if we share it with them, and if we speak with compassion and sincerity. *Today's Readings: Acts 11:19–26; Psalm 87:1b–3, 4–5, 6–7; John 10:22–30.*

Wednesday, May 6 The Spirit Speaks

In a rare moment in Acts, the Holy Spirit speaks directly to the Apostles. If we long for the Holy Spirit to speak clearly to us, we should note that the Apostles heard the Spirit while they were praying and fasting. Moreover, they had dedicated themselves to God's work, just as Jesus had. Jesus spoke only as his Father commanded him and worked signs because of his perfect obedience. Our Lenten practices helped us listen to the Spirit and follow Christ. Do you have Easter practices that are helping you heed the Spirit's call? *Today's Readings: Acts 12:24–13:5a; Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8; John 12:44–50.*

Thursday, May 7 Salvation Continues

Jesus tells his disciples to imitate his life of loving service, but he also notes that not all of them will. He knows that Judas will betray him. In Acts, Paul and Barnabas travel with a fellow Christian, John, but he leaves them after a short while. It is difficult, sometimes even painful, when someone close to us turns away from us. Sometimes there is nothing we can do, but sometimes there is. Have you had a conflict with a family member or a friend that you can resolve? *Today's Readings: Acts 13:13–25; Psalm 89:2–3, 21–22, 25 and 27; John 13:16–20.*

Friday, May 8 His Way

As Paul continues his speech in the synagogue, he reminds his listeners that people rejected Jesus. What happens to people who reject Jesus? If we expect such people to be excluded from God's reign, we might be in for a surprise. Sometimes we forget that Jesus is “the way, the truth, and the life,” and we are not. Jesus alone decides who enters God's Kingdom. Such final judgments are not ours to make. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for God's great mercy. *Today's Readings: Acts 13:26–33; Psalm 2:6–7, 8–9, 10–11ab; John 14:1–6.*

Saturday, May 9 Light from Light

By asking Jesus to show them the Father, Philip reveals that he doesn't yet understand that by seeing Jesus, he sees the Father. Jesus is the light who reveals the eternal radiance of God. Therefore, by proclaiming Jesus to the Gentiles, people like Paul and Barnabas spread God's light across the world. They do great works, just as Jesus did. Spend time in prayer today asking Jesus what works you could do to further glorify God. *Today's Readings: Acts 13:44–52; Psalm 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4; John 14:7–14.*



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