



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024**

Parish Mission

We are one Church: loving Jesus, serving Jesus, and sharing Jesus.

Parish Vision

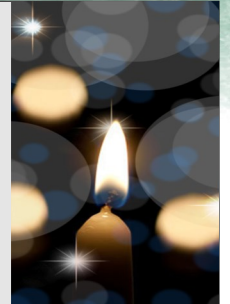
We are a vibrant Catholic church serving a diverse community in a safe and welcoming environment where we care for all people along their faith journey.

Core Values

Discipleship • Hospitality
Service • Worship

Taizé Prayer Service

A Taizé service, meditative prayer with simple prayer-chants, will be held **Tuesday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church. Expect chants or simple songs, silence, prayer, candlelight, scripture, peace, and Adoration of the Eucharist. All are welcome!



Diocesan Development Fund

The annual Diocesan Development Fund appeal will be held next weekend, May 4-5. This effort is conducted in every parish of the diocese to help finance the activities and ministries of the Catholic Church in southern Missouri. The parish goal for St. Vincent is \$285,000 with a participation goal of 600 donors. Please keep the DDF campaign in your prayers.



God of all goodness, source of all blessings, open our hearts to receive Your love, and strengthen our efforts to build up Your Church in southern Missouri.

Help us to be good and faithful stewards of the gifts You have given to us. Guide us as we discover new ways to serve You in serving our neighbor.

Bless all those who participate in the DDF Campaign. May we share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure as true disciples in our One Church, from East to West: Loving, Serving, and Sharing Jesus. Amen.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m.,
3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekday Masses

Monday 6:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6:30 a.m.
Wednesday 6:30 a.m., 5:15 p.m.
Thursday 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.
Friday 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.
First Friday 8:00 a.m.
Saturday 6:30 a.m.

Confessions

First Friday of the month 12:00 noon
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
or by appointment

**I am the vine;
you are the
branches**
JOHN 15:5

Mark Your Calendars

A Farewell Reception for Father Alex will be held after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 11, and after morning Masses on Sunday, May 12. A meal, honoring Father Alex and hosted by the Hispanic ministry, will be served after the 3:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, May 19. More information to follow!



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Serving the Catholic Community since April 9, 1836

• **Mass Intentions** •

Monday, April 29 St. Catherine of Siena
6:30 am Sister Catherine Coiner, OSB ☩

Tuesday, April 30 St. Pius V
6:30 am Living and Deceased Members
of the Glen and Ethel Thiele Family

Wednesday, May 1 St. Joseph the Worker
6:30 am Robert "Bob" Thiele ☩
5:15 pm Norma Buerck ☩

Thursday, May 2 St. Athanasius
6:30 am Steve and Cheryl Tlappek Family (living)
8:00 am Larry Jansen ☩

Friday, May 3 St. Philip and James
6:30 am Living and Deceased Members
of the Russ and Vanita Bell Family
8:00 am Leon and Bernice Jansen ☩

Saturday, May 4
6:30 am Father Ernie Marquart ☩
5:00 pm Living and Deceased Members
of the Bob and Bernice Buehrle Family

Sunday, May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:30 am Greg Swoboda ☩
9:00 am Joseph Farrow ☩
10:45 am St. Vincent de Paul Parish Family
3:00 pm Harold J. Werner, Sr. ☩
(Bilingual)

• **Prayer Requests** •

Please remember the sick, the hospitalized, and those who care for them. Pray also for homebound St. Vincent parishioners.



Congratulations

to these St. Vincent parishioners
as they celebrate their
Wedding Anniversaries

• 10 Years •

**Jack and Erin Pind
Tyler and Cara Gill**

• 55 Years •

Delwin and Theresa Elfrink

• 62 Years •

**Herman and Cordelia Peters
Dale and Sue Watkins**



Please continue to pray for
all married couples and
those preparing for marriage.

*The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth,
rather than just talking about it.*

Midwest March for Life

To honor and glorify Jesus Christ and defend innocent life

Wednesday, May 1, 2024
Missouri State Capitol Lawn
Jefferson City, Missouri

Activities 8:00 a.m. • Rally 9:30 a.m. • March immediately following

Speakers:

Bishop Edward Rice, Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau
Reagan Barklage, Students for Life • Brandy Meeks, Vitae Foundation
Melissa Ohden, Abortion Survivors Network • Ivy Almon, Support After Abortion
Dr. Wes Fowler, Missouri Baptist Convention

Breakouts Sessions:

Students for Life Youth Rally
Abortion-related Ballot Measure Updates

www.midwestmarchforlife.com

St. Vincent de Paul Grade School
Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 • 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
DePaul Center

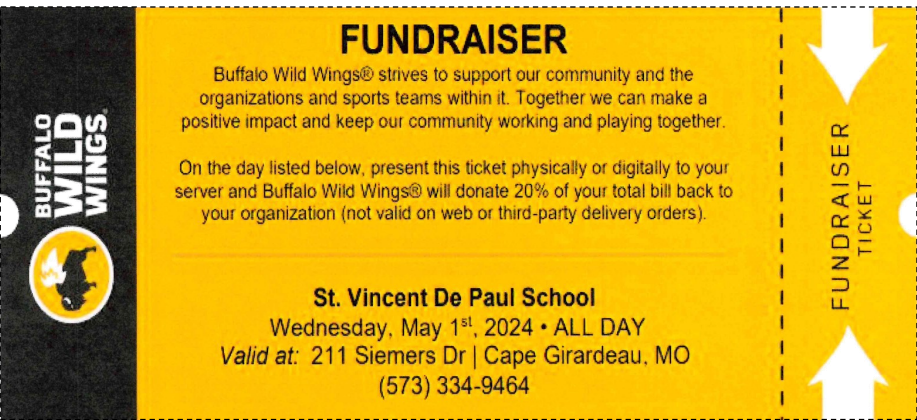
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Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter: StVincentDePaulGrade
to schedule an appointment

Buffalo Wild Wings School Fundraiser

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

St. Vincent de Paul School is participating in a fundraiser sponsored by Buffalo Wild Wings. 20% of your net sales on May 1 (only) will be donated to the school. **Customers must mention or show this ticket to the server/bartender/cashier that they are there for the St. Vincent fundraiser.** Please share this fundraiser ticket with family and friends electronically or by making a copy. Thank you for participating.



IS CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD ON YOUR GROCERY LIST?

May They Rest in Peace

Sympathy is extended to the families of:

Jerry Reynolds, father of Mark Reynolds;

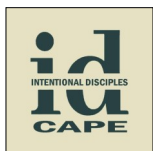
Kathie Peoples, sister of Charles Oxley; and

Jacqueline Siebert, 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.*



Young Adult Disciples Night



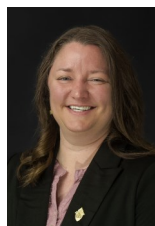
On **Thursday, May 2**, i.d.Cape (young adults) will host their monthly Disciples' Night at the old convent. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.; a meal will be served at 6:15 p.m. followed by a live-streamed talk. All young adults in their 20's and 30's are invited. See the event on Facebook or email idCapeinfo@gmail.com for more information. Please RSVP for the meal. Come and bring a friend!

Saint Gerard's Circle

The next meeting of Saint Gerard's Circle, a ministry for mothers of young children, **has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m.** in the lower meeting room of church.

The program for the evening will include Theology of the Body with Kristen Rainey. Theology of the Body is a biblical reflection on what it means to be human. Written during his time as the archbishop of Krakow, St. John Paul II delivered these reflections to the universal Church during his general Wednesday audience addresses in the early years of his papacy. His writings express faith as an incarnational and sacramental worldview that illuminates creation in the image of God as male and female human beings.

Kristen Rainey, a southeast Missouri native, became passionate about Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body after becoming involved in the pro-life movement, and has continued this love for 20 years. A graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, she has served in various roles in the life of the Church, including several years as the campus minister at the St. John Henry Newman Center and discerning religious life in a convent. Kristen now serves in the Office of Marriage and Family Life in the Diocese of Nashville, Tennessee. Additional details about Saint Gerard's Circle can be found at www.facebook.com/groups/saintgerardcircle.



Church Women United May Friendship Day

Friday, May 3, 2024 • 6:00 p.m.

St. John's United Church of Christ

781 State Highway FF • Jackson, Missouri (Fruitland)

Dinner will be served. All are welcome.

Help Needed

Camp Re-NEW-All Fredericktown is in need of help with the following positions: 1F (June 9-14) needs two girl counselors, one boy counselor, and a lifeguard; 2F (June 23-28) needs a medical professional (nurse, EMT, etc.); 3F (July 7-12) needs five boy counselors. If you have any questions please reach out to Kim Sellers at kimsellers66@gmail.com or call Linda Glendenning at the Catholic Center (573-866-0841). Thank you so very much for your consideration. May God bless you!

• The Week Ahead •

Monday, April 29

8:00 am Confirmation Class (SVS)

Tuesday, April 30

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7:00 pm Taizé

Wednesday, May 1

8:00 am Ugly Quilts

10:00 am Mass at Chateau Girardeau

10:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour

6:00 pm PSR

6:15 pm Alpha

Thursday, May 2

9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables
(9:00 - 11:00 am)

9:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study

5:30 pm Centering Prayer

6:00 pm i.d.Cape

7:00 pm St. Gerard's Circle

Friday, May 3

7:00 am Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

12:00 pm Reconciliation

5:15 pm Benediction

Saturday, May 4

9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables
(9:00 - 12:00 noon)

3:30 pm Reconciliation

Sunday, May 5

9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

6:00 pm Parish Take Back Sunday

THE RIGHT TO LIFE IS THE FIRST
AMONG HUMAN RIGHTS.

Pope Francis

Readings - May 5, 2024

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10 • John 15:9-17

Collection - April 21, 2024

Collection	\$ 29,881.56
E-Tithing	\$ 24,365.00
Total	\$ 54,246.56
Weekly Budget	\$ 34,200.00
Difference (7-1-23 to 4-21-24)	\$ 92,592.43

*Thank you for being good
stewards of God's gifts!*

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First Friday Schedule of Prayer

All are invited to attend First Friday devotion on **May 3, 2024**. Please choose any of the prayer opportunities below, or you can attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament anytime throughout the day for quiet prayer time. Here are prayer opportunities:

6:00 a.m.	Recitation of the Holy Rosary
6:30 a.m.	First Friday Mass
7:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 a.m.	First Friday Mass
12:00 noon	Confessions from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m.	Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
4:50 p.m.	Recitation of the Holy Rosary
5:15 p.m.	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



It is of particular importance to begin, or renew, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the spirit of reparation of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. The practice of the nine First Fridays is a particularly powerful way to do this. Jesus gave this devotion as a way of offering reparation to Him and consoling His Sacred Heart. Reparation is the way a person makes amends for a wrong done. Take full advantage of the means that are given by showing love for Jesus and His Sacred Heart. For more information, go to www.simplycatholic.com/how-to-observe-first-fridays-and-firstsaturdays/.

May Procession

Please join the Association of the Miraculous Medal on **Sunday, May 5, at 1:00 p.m.**, for the annual May Procession at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri. The procession will form in front of Saint Mary's of the Barrens Church. Participants will pray the Rosary during the procession to the historic grotto on the Rosary Walk. The traditional May Crowning and prayer service will be a part of this tribute to Our Blessed Mother. All are welcome to participate. You are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket as there is limited seating at the grotto. *A Spanish Mass, with live music, will be celebrated in the Shrine Church at 3:00 p.m.* For any questions, please call 1-800-264-6279, or visit the Association of the Miraculous Medal website at www.amm.org.

Part-Time Theology Teacher Opening

Notre Dame Regional High School, Cape Girardeau, is seeking applications for a part-time Theology teacher for the 2024-25 school year. A Bachelor's Degree in Theology is preferred. Interested candidates should send their resume, cover letter, and list of references to paulunterreiner@notredamecape.org by May 6, 2024.

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 feel free to contact parish office staff anytime during regular office hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. You may email the parish office at contactus@svparish or call 573-335-7667. A parish registration form is available at <http://www.svcape.com/Parish/>.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I am new to Cape Girardeau. | <input type="checkbox"/> I am new to St. Vincent de Paul Parish. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have been attending St. Vincent Parish and would like to register as a member. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. | <input type="checkbox"/> Please change my address to the one shown above. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to register my child/children for Parish School of Religion. | <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to sign up for Faith Direct. |

Diocesan Council for Youth Adventure Programs Awards Ceremony

The Diocesan Council for Youth Adventure Programs Award Ceremony will be held on **Sunday, May 5, at 2:00 p.m.** at the St. John Henry Newman Center, 512 N. Pacific Street, Cape Girardeau. The ceremony does not include Mass, but a reception will immediately follow in the dining hall. For scouting inquiries, please contact Mary Ann Hennecke at 573-837-7472 or email mahennecke@hotmail.com.

Take Back Sunday with the Rosary

Do you want to join in good food and conversation? How about adding simple prayer time also? Come to "Take Back Sunday" here at the St. Vincent de Paul lower meeting room on **Sunday, May 5, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** The parish will provide the meat and your family is asked to bring a potluck food item to share. Please bring your own drink of soda or water. After good food and conversation, the Rosary will be prayed. You can then go home in a spirit of peace ready for the new week. Please RSVP by calling the parish office at 573-335-7667 or by emailing contactus@svparish.com.

Attention: Catholic Men

You are invited to the Southeast Missouri



Thursday, May 9, 2024 • 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish • Dexter, Missouri

An evening of Adoration, Confession, and a Manly Meal with discussion
To plan for food, please RSVP to SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com,
or "SEMO Catholic Man Night" on Facebook or text 573-275-5214.



All married couples and religious who previously took part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend are invited to a community meeting on **Sunday, May 19, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 316 S. Spanish Street, Cape Girardeau. If planning to attend, RSVP to Alicia Schumer at 573-225-8776. Please bring your dialogue journal.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are upcoming Spring, Summer, and Fall 2024 experiences. Sign up now as space is limited. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry and Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Upcoming dates include ...

- **August 2-4, 2024 • St. Peters, Missouri**
- **September 27-29, 2024 • St. Peters, Missouri**
- **October 11-13, 2024 • Springfield, Illinois**

"He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus." Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as clergy and religious. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation, talk to Father Rick Jones or reach out to Father Alexander Sutachan at asutachan@dioscg.org.

Celebrating the Sacraments Celebrando los Sacramentos

Marriage: Please contact the parish office at least **six months** in advance. (If you have been married before, an annulment may need to be done first.)

Matrimonio: Por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial por lo menos con **seis meses** de antelación. (Si usted ha estado casado antes, una anulación del matrimonio puede necesitar ser hecha primero.)

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Baptism: Your family needs to be registered in the parish for three months prior to the baptism. It is necessary to schedule baptismal preparation classes six weeks prior to your child's baptism. Taking the baptism class prior to birth is encouraged! Contact Deacon Mark at the parish office (573-335-7667).

Bautismo: Es un requisito ser inscritos en la parroquia por lo menos 3 meses antes de bautizar. También los padres tienen que celebrar la santa misa cada fin de semana. La clase de preparación para el bautismo para padres y padrinos es cada último lunes del mes. Favor de comunicarse con Padre Rick una semana antes al 573-335-7667.

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Anointing of the Sick: If you are going to the hospital for a planned surgery, please call the parish office so this Sacrament can be celebrated with you.

Unción de los enfermos: Si usted va al hospital para una cirugía planificada, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para que este Sacramento pueda ser celebrado con usted.

EXTEND MERCY TOWARDS OTHERS
SO THAT THERE CAN BE
NO ONE IN NEED WHOM YOU MEET
WITHOUT HELPING.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



DECLINE TO SIGN

10 Reasons ...

1. Parental Consent laws will be eliminated
2. Partial-birth / Late-term abortions on demand
3. Abortion - all nine months
4. Health and Safety standards eliminated
5. Missouri's 52+ pro-life laws will be eliminated
6. Women lose ability to sue for malpractice
7. PRCs forced to refer for abortion
8. Ultrasound eliminated
9. Significant \$ Loss to Missouri
10. Taxpayer-funded abortion

Be a Pro-Life Voice!
missourilife.org

Maxine's Shareable Wearables

Maxine's, St. Vincent's parish clothing ministry, is in need of the following items:

Men: jeans (34" or 38" waist), t-shirts (XL), summer shirts (L, XL, 2X), pajamas, nylon athletic shorts, cargo shorts (especially small sizes), belts, and backpacks

Women: summer sleepwear, robes, slippers, swimwear (plus size), tank tops, jeans (sizes 0-4 and 14-16 only), and shorts (size 12 and up)

Boys: shorts and shirt (24M - 3T)

Items may be brought on Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. **Please, do not bring winter clothing at this time.** There is limited storage space and limited time to sort through donations. If you know of anyone moving, there is an abundance of boxes to be given away.

Maxine's is in need of one worker to wait on clients one Saturday a month. This involves simple record keeping and the satisfaction of helping those in need. Thank you!

Options for Women, Help for Families

New Location Open House

Saturday, June 1, 2024 • 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
2436 Myra Drive • Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Light Refreshments • Tours

Meet the staff and see what pro-life/pro-family is all about!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

ALTAR SERVER PICNIC

The Vocation Committee invites you and your families to join us for a picnic meal in appreciation for your service to our parish.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024 @ 6:30PM

More information will be sent to all who RSVP.

Please RSVP by May 3rd

Scan the Code to RSVP



Questions? sandra-murphy@live.com

Notre Dame Tony Buehrle Alumni Golf Tournament

The Notre Dame Booster Club is hosting the Tony Buehrle Alumni Golf Tournament sponsored by Plaza Tire Service. The four-person scramble will take place at the Cape Girardeau Country Club on **Friday, June 14, 2024**. A 7:30 a.m. and a 1:00 p.m. flight are available. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

The cost is \$150 per player and includes golf cart, lunch, beverages, mulligans and skins. Registration is available online at www.notredamehighschool.org/summorgolf. Participants must be 21 or older. Limited spots available!

May 2024

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12	Fr Jose Antoney Thundathil 5/12/1998 Sacred Heart *Fr Leo Nugent 3/12/1970	13	Fr James Unterreiner 12/18/1970 St Joseph Mission *Msgr William Stanton 1/18/2017	14	Fr Leo Arockiasamy 12/27/2007 St Leo the Great *Fr Patrick Hanley 5/14/1982	15	Fr John Fiedel 12/27/1986 Our Lady of the Lake *Fr James McKenna 5/1/1987	16	Deacon James Long 5/28/2005 Retired *Fr William Connell 12/20/1983	17	Fr William Hennecke 6/1/2007 Our Lady of the Cove *Fr Thomas Geraghty 5/17/1966	18	Msgr Normand Varone 6/7/1975 Retired *Msgr Valentine Schroeger 5/18/1968
19	Fr Joseph Kelly 6/12/2015 Guardian Angel *Fr August Eckhoff 12/5/1989	20	Deacon Daniel Vaughn 5/24/2014 Our Lady of Lake/Ozarks *Fr Frank Palermo 3/3/2018	21	Fr Michael McDevitt 5/22/1971 Retired *Msgr Michael Swalina 1/21/2012	22	Fr Patrick Wissman 5/22/1964 Retired *Fr Thomas Donnelly 2/1/1987	23	Fr Allan Saunders 9/12/1986 St Mary Cathedral *Cardinal William Baum 7/23/2015	24	Deacon Gregg Erickson 10/8/1983 Retired Resides in Area *Fr William Huggins 3/18/2018	25	Fr Simon Emudu 5/25/2013 Sacred Heart *Fr Joseph Frain 7/17/1982
26	Fr Joseph Stoverink 5/26/2017 St John Vianney *Msgr Joseph Gosche 7/26/2005	27	Fr Scott Sonnenberg 6/24/2002 Sacred Heart *Deceased Deacons Spg/CG Diocese	28	Fr David Baunach 5/28/2016 St Eustachius *Fr Leander Engeman 3/2/1976	29	Fr Patrick Nwokoye 6/7/2002 Holy Trinity *Fr Clement Ilmberger 3/29/1998	30	Fr David Dohogne 5/30/1992 St Henry *Msgr Sylvester Bauer 8/30/2013	31	Fr David Coon 5/30/1993 Sacred Heart *Fr Francis Donovan 12/31/1990	1	
2		3		Pray for our Priest's of the Springfield-Cape Girardeau Diocese *Pray for all Deacons of the Diocese In fulfillment of Our Blessed Mother's Request to pray for our Priest's									
Sponsored by St Ann's PCCW Guardian Angel Parish, Oran, MO				Bold - Living Priest/Deacon Date of Ordination Parish Location				Pray for Souls In Purgatory Italicized Name * Deceased Date of Death					

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

Please pray for a priest each day ...

Let us show our love and appreciation for our priests by praying each day for a particular priest living and deceased. The calendar on the back lists a different priest for each day of the month.

Prayer Suggestions ...	Mass	Rosary	Fasting	Novena
Holy Hour	Eucharistic Adoration	Other Devotions		

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal them. Guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let Us Pray For:

**The Holy Father
Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops**

Diocesan Priests

Priests in hospital work

Priests who are ill

Priests who are weak

Priests who are poor

Priests who are zealous

Priests who want to love you

Priests who are sad

Priests who are worried

Priests who are old

Priests who are young

Priests who are alone

Missionary Priests

Parish Priests

Religious Priests

Priests most in need

Priests who have died

On all the Church, militant and suffering

For all Priests:

<i>Give them Your wisdom, Lord</i>	<i>Give them virtue</i>
<i>Give them patience and charity</i>	<i>Give them obedience and kindness</i>
<i>Give them a burning zeal for souls</i>	<i>Give them respect for their dignity</i>
<i>Give them a great love for Mary</i>	<i>Give them rectitude and justice</i>
<i>Give them the gift of counsel</i>	<i>Give them strength in their labors</i>
<i>Give them peace in their sufferings</i>	<i>Give them an intense love for the Eucharist</i>
<i>Give them loyalty to the Holy See and their Bishops</i>	

<i>Let them be the light of souls</i>	<i>Let them be the salt of the earth</i>
<i>Let them be other Christs</i>	<i>Let them be holy in body and soul</i>
<i>Let them practice sacrifice and self-denial</i>	
<i>Let them enkindle hearts with the love of Mary</i>	

<i>May they be men of prayer</i>	<i>May faith shine forth in them</i>
<i>May they be concerned only for the salvation of souls</i>	
<i>May they be faithful to their priestly vocation</i>	
<i>May their hands know only how to bless</i>	
<i>May they burn with love for You and for Mary</i>	
<i>May all their steps be for the glory of God</i>	
<i>May the Holy Spirit possess them and give them his Gifts in abundance</i>	

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name of priest), act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead, and guide him always. Correct, enlighten, and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul, take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with Yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving, pray in him and through him. Let him live in You and keep him in this intimate union always. Amen.

O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (name of priest). Amen.

Let us Pray

O God Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are the soul and life of the Church. Hear the prayers we offer for priests. We ask this through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, their protector and guide. Amen.

PRAYER FOR DEACONS:

Lord Jesus Christ, servant of all
send your spirit upon our deacons as they serve your church.
Give them eyes to see the needs of your people.
Give them a discerning mind to know your truth.
Give them a generous spirit when they are tired but needed.
Give them a humble heart when their work goes unnoticed.
Give them peace of mind in obedience and service.
Give them health of body so they may serve with strength.
Make them fertile ground for your inspiration and love.
Comfort them when they questions themselves and their ministry.
Grant them grace as they age so they may share your wisdom.
Make their heart like yours so they may love your people. Amen.

This Week at Home

Surrender

Monday, April 29

"Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him," Jesus told the disciples at the Last Supper. From her youth, St. Catherine of Siena, whose memorial the Church celebrates today, portrayed her love for God through service. Not only did she minister to the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, but she also confronted bishops and the pope and called for reforms in the Church. Today we ask St. Catherine of Siena to be our companion as we show our love for God through our work in the world. *Today's readings: Acts 14:5-18; Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; John 14:21-26.*

True Peace

Tuesday, April 30

Not long before inviting the faithful at Mass to offer one another a sign of peace, the priest says, "Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church." When the faithful offer one another a sign of peace, it is Christ's peace, not their individual peace. In today's Gospel, Jesus highlights the difference in the offerings of peace, saying, "Not as the world gives do I give it to you." Discussing your spiritual struggles during the sacrament of penance can bring one Christ's peace. Check your parish's schedule for the celebration of the sacrament of penance. *Today's readings: Acts 14:19-28; Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; John 14:27-31a.*

Faithful

Wednesday, May 1

Today we celebrate the optional Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. Little is known about St. Joseph, but the few verses of Scripture that mention him show his obedience to God and the care he gave to Mary and Jesus. Pray that, like St. Joseph, you "bear much fruit" so that God is glorified. *Today's readings: Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; John 15:1-8.*

A Universal Message

Thursday, May 2

After telling the disciples to keep his commandments, Jesus explains, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete." For many, obeying the commandments may seem burdensome, but Jesus reveals that doing so is the way to remain in Jesus' love and so is the path to joy. What does it mean for the Lord's joy to be in you? Have you ever considered that God finds joy in you? *Today's readings: Acts 15:7-21; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; John 15:9-11.*

Feast of Saints Philip and James

Friday, May 3

Today, on the Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles, the Church honors two of the earliest followers of Jesus. At the beginning of John's Gospel, Jesus finds Philip and instructs him, "Follow me" (1:45). Philip wastes no time spreading the news of the messiah and encourages Nathanael to "come and see." May we take to heart the example of these apostles and invite others to come to know Christ. *Today's readings: Acts 1 Corinthians 15: 1-8; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5; John 14:6-14.*

Do You Accept?

Saturday, May 4

The words "serve the Lord with gladness," in today's psalm shows the disposition one should have even when rejected and persecuted for living as Christians. As Jesus sets before the disciples the work of spreading the Gospel, he tells them that they will be treated as he has been: "If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours." Are you able to live in gratitude to God even when others revile you? Pray to the Holy Spirit for such courage. *Today's readings: Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100: 1b-2, 3, 5; John 15:18-21.*

Sunday, April 28

Bearing Fruit

Today's readings: Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8.

"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing," Jesus tells his followers in today's Gospel. Jesus is the vine of life. The father is the one caring for the vine. As branches, we are capable of bearing fruit. In the first readings, we hear of Paul, who had once persecuted Christians, seeking a place with the disciples. Paul changed his ways and became a participant in the vine of life.

When Paul turned from his former way of life, he "spoke out boldly in the name of Jesus." After Paul's conversion experience, he sought to keep the commandments and remain in Jesus' love. Only by remaining in Jesus was Paul able to preach and bear fruit, for as the Gospel reading states, without Jesus, nothing can be done. How do you envision your connection to God the vine grower and to Jesus the vine? Is there anything in your life that you need God to prune so that you can bear more fruit? Ask Jesus to cut away that which impedes your growth in relationship to him. Reflect this week on what it means to remain in God. Do you consider that the good that you do is dependent on your relationship with God? When you stray from your connection with God, does the good that you do seem to falter?

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