



# St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 3, 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

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
3:00 p.m. (Spanish/English)

### 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

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



*The Source and Summit ...*  
**Eucharistic Revival 2022-2025**

**Walk With One**  
The *Greatest Love Story*

So, have you talked to God about who you want to “walk with”?

This is the first step. God will probably point you to the person He has in mind. God may be opening the doors for the conversation to begin. It is all about trusting in God. Trust!

Now, step 2 is to pray for that person who God has pointed out to you! Pray for grace to accompany the person the Lord has laid on your heart. If you already know the person is having some struggles, pray for God’s help to relieve the burden. If the person has not been to Mass in a while, pray that person will be open to going to Confession and get themselves “right with God”. Pray that the person God has put on your heart will draw closer to Jesus and explore how to renew faith. You might even consider offering a Holy Hour or other special prayer for that person! Just pray for a revival in this person’s life!

For more information, go to <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one> and investigate.

**More next week ...**

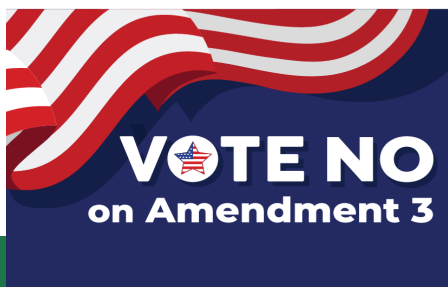
### Prayer for Life

*Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Missouri from laws that disregard their health and safety.*

*Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need.*

*We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

*Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!*



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*Serving the Catholic Community since April 9, 1836*

• **Mass Intentions** •

**Monday, November 4**

St. Charles Borromeo

6:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Tony Biondini Family

**Tuesday, November 5**

6:30 am Paul Gerard Schrock ☩

**Wednesday, November 6**

6:30 am Frank Bucher ☩

5:15 pm Tom LeGrand ☩

**Thursday, November 7**

6:30 am Herbert and Mary Kiblinger ☩

8:00 am *No Mass*

**Friday, November 8**

6:30 am John Moore Family (living)

8:00 am *No Mass*

**Saturday, November 9**

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

6:30 am Jackie Siebert ☩

5:00 pm Ray and Libby Scherer ☩

**Sunday, November 10**

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Evelyn Wittenborn ☩

10:00 am Earl and Irene Schweitzer ☩

3:00 pm Scott Joseph Tygett ☩  
(Bilingual)

• **Prayer Requests** •

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



**Hurricane Relief Collection**

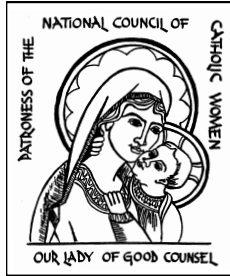
**November 2-3, 2024**

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, along with the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, is taking up a collection for the victims of the recent hurricane victims in the southeastern United States. Proceeds from this second collection will go to Catholic Charities which is providing relief efforts including shelter, food, and other humanitarian aid. Checks should be written to "St. Vincent de Paul Parish" with "Hurricane Relief" marked in the memo line. You may also donate through Faith Direct.

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

*What percentage does God ask of me as a good steward? **All** of my heart, **all** of my soul, **all** of my mind, and **all** of my strength!*



*National Council of Catholic Women  
Recognition Sunday*

On this special Sunday (Recognition of the **Council of Catholic Women**) congratulations to **all** women of St. Vincent de Paul Parish. **All of you are members of the Council of Catholic Women** and are often

called upon to help with parish projects. Thank you for responding "yes." We also belong to Deanery, Diocesan, and National Councils. Our purpose is to support, empower and educate Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service.

We look at needs beyond our parish family and try to respond to needs in the community and the world. Our time, talent and treasure are especially put to use through our participation and support of projects such as Birthright, Maxine's Shareable Wearables, Vincent's Vittles, Ugly Quilts, Mary Belle's dresses/shorts, SEMO Food Bank, Out of Poverty Through Education, Notre Dame Regional High School, St. Vincent de Paul Parish School, area nursing homes/shut-ins, seminarians/religious, bereavement dinners, Whole Kids Outreach, Mother's House, Safe House, Boxes of Joy (Cross Catholic Outreach), Foster Care project, and Crisis Aid International.

The ladies of the parish are divided into groups (or Circles). It is through these Circles that the Council accomplishes its goals and finds volunteers. If you are unable to attend our monthly meeting, become involved by participating in one or more of the above listed activities, be part of a Bible study group, or help with a parish activity or project. Respond "yes" to a phone call for a bereavement dinner dish, a dessert for a fish fry, or by providing a dessert for Vincent's Vittles.

Meetings are held in the lower room of church on the last Monday in August and normally on the first Monday of the month in October through May. Anyone interested may contact one of the officers or the parish office at 335-7667. There is no membership fee. Come when you can! You are always welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul Women's Council Officers

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**November All Souls Remembrance**

During the month of November, St. Vincent de Paul Parish will have a "Book of Life" on display in the church. This book contains the names of all deceased previously added to the Book of Life. Parishioners may add **new names** of deceased relatives/friends by writing them in the appropriate (alphabetized) blank pages in the book. Throughout the month of November, those listed in the Book of Life will be remembered in prayer.

## May They Rest in Peace



Sympathy is extended to the families of:  
**Rob Smith**, brother-in-law of Karlyle Christian-Ritter;  
**Ronnie Bohnert**, brother of Bill Bohnert; and  
**Margaret Mary Thompson**, mother of Paul Thompson.

*May they and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated November 3-9, 2024. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by the St. Vincent faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

## Adopt-A-Saint • Adopt-A-Student

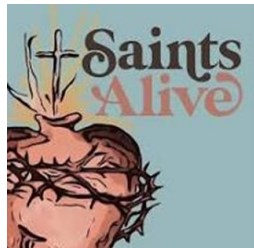
November 1 the Feast of All Saints was celebrated. The Church recognizes **hundreds** of holy men and women who have fascinating life stories and can inspire everyone to live better lives! Many were martyrs who gave the ultimate sacrifice for Christ and the Church.

November 1-10, look for Saint Cards in the gathering area.

- **Take a Card.** On one side is a featured Saint, on the other a student name from either St. Vincent de Paul School or the PSR Classes.
- **Adopt the Saint.** Find out about this important person in Church history. Ask the Saint's intercession for the prayers on your heart.
- **Pray for the student** who decorated your card and adopted the same Saint. Ask your Saint's intercession for that student. Pray for your student through the month of November and beyond.



**PARENTS and GRANDPARENTS!** Introduce the Saint's stories to your children and grandchildren in an entertaining way! Meet **Saints Alive Podcast** -- Audio dramas produced to bring the greatest heroes of your



Faith to life. Professional voice actors and Hollywood-trained directors make the shows compelling, professional and, most importantly, entertaining!

Find **SAINTS ALIVE** in your podcast app, on the Hallow prayer app, Spotify, and at <https://saintsalivepodcast.com>. Follow **Saints Alive** on Instagram and Facebook.

## Council of Catholic Women

The next St. Vincent de Paul Council of Catholic Women's meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, November 4, 2024**, in the lower meeting room. Remember to bring your **Boxes of Joy** to the meeting.

There will be a guest speaker, Mark Koehler with **Street Level** in Cape Girardeau. He will share information on Street Level and all the work done in the local community!

All women of the parish are invited! Please come!

## • The Week Ahead •

### Monday, November 4

8:00 am SVS Confirmation Class  
 8:00 am Ugly Quilts  
 6:00 pm Women's Council

### Tuesday, November 5

8:00 am SVS Confirmation Class  
 9:30 am Communion Service at Arbors  
 5:30 pm OCIA  
 6:00 pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study  
 6:30 pm St. Francis de Sales

### Wednesday, November 6

8:00 am Ugly Quilts  
 9:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
 10:00 am Mass at Chateau Girardeau  
 1:00 pm Jesus and the Eucharist Small Group  
 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour  
 6:00 pm Parish School of Religion  
 6:00 pm Jesus and the Eucharist Small Group

### Thursday, November 7

9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables (9:00 - 11:00 am)  
 9:00 am Thursday Women's Bible Study  
 1:00 pm Thursday Afternoon Bible Study  
 5:30 pm Centering Prayer

### Friday, November 8

School Raffle

### Saturday, November 9

9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables (9:00 - 12:00 pm)  
 3:30 pm Reconciliation

### Sunday, November 10

10:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 11:30 am Alpha  
 4:30 pm Baptismal Prep



## Readings - November 10, 2024

1 Kings 17:10-16 • Hebrews 9:24-28  
 Mark 12:38-44

## Collection - October 27, 2024

Collection	\$ 27,731.00
E-Tithing	\$ 22,875.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 50,606.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 35,000.00</b>
<b>Difference (7-1-24 to 10-27-24)</b>	<b>\$ 2,814.31</b>

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

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**High Schoolers:**

**You are invited to  
Come and Pray**

**Spend time with Jesus at the  
SEMO Newman Center**

Come and see! There will be a reflection, praise and worship music, and time to sit in the True Presence of the Eucharist! Afterwards there will be cookies and lemonade in the Neri Hall!

**Every first Tuesday of the month  
7:15 - 8:15 p.m.**

**IS CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD  
ON YOUR GROCERY LIST?**



# Faith & Floats



**Saturday November 9th, 2024**  
**@ St. Anthony, Glennon, MO**  
 Google Maps - 18007 State Hwy AB, Advance  
 Apple Maps - (near) 1100 RR2 Box, Marble Hill

**Guest Speakers: The Little Sisters of St. Francis**

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**Youth Mass @ 5:00 (All are invited)**  
**6:00-7:20 - Grades 6-8**  
**7:30 - 8:50 - Grades 9-12**



**RSVP Here**

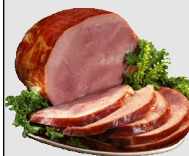
**Transportation may need  
to be arranged, so RSVP early!**

**Questions?  
Contact your Parish Youth Minister**

## Baptismal Prep

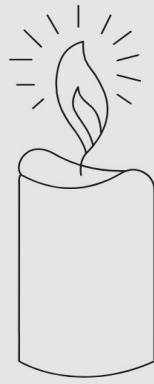
Parents and godparents are required to attend a baptismal preparation class before a child is baptized in the Catholic faith. The next class is scheduled for **Sunday, November 10, at 4:30 p.m.** and will be held in the upper meeting room of Church. An additional class will be held on December 15. Contact the parish office to register and complete a baptismal registration form.

## Hams for the Holiday



Again this year, St. Vincent de Paul Parish will partner with St. Mary's Food Pantry to provide holiday hams to needy families in the area.


If you would like to purchase a ham for a family, place \$15 (cash or check) in a marked envelope and drop it in the collection basket at weekend Masses. You may mail a check to St. Vincent Parish, 1913 Ritter Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. Please write "Ham Donation" in the memo line. You may also donate electronically by visiting [faith.direct/MO885](http://faith.direct/MO885) and checking "Ham Donation."



# Advent by Candlelight

*An evening of fellowship, inspiration and peace  
for women of St. Vincent de Paul Parish*

## Register Next Weekend After Masses or Online

- Theme: Beholding the Mystery of Advent
- Monday, Dec. 2, Deerfield Lodge, Cape Girardeau
- Doors open: 5:30 p.m.; Dinner: 6 p.m.
- Catering by: 
- Online registration open till seats are full



### Featured Speaker

Mallory Smyth is a former FOCUS missionary, author of *Rekindled* and *Walking with Purpose Bible Studies*, national speaker and writer.

### \*Menu Options (select at registration)

- **Salad:** Warm Bacon Spinach Salad or Mixed Greens Salad with Wine and Cheese Dressing
- **Soup:** Old Fashion Veggie or Loaded Baked Potato
- **Dessert:** Harvest Bread Pudding with Amaretto Sauce or Flourless Chocolate Torte with Raspberry Sauce

## Congratulations to ...

*the following parishioners as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries*

- 10 Years •  
**Seth and Christa Hudson**
- 50 Years •  
**John and Elaine Richardson**
- 61 Years •  
**Elmer and Sandra Schetter**
- 62 Years •  
**William and Carolyn Bohnert**



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

## Positions Available

St. Vincent de Paul School is currently accepting applications for a **part-time teacher's aide** for kindergarten. The position is five days a week, mornings only. The school is also seeking a **full-time custodian** for the current school year. Hours are 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. Employment includes an hourly wage and benefits. Applicant must complete Virtus training and a background check. For an application or more info, please contact St. Vincent de Paul Parish office at 573-335-7667.



## 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](mailto: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 sign up for Faith Direct.        |
| <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. |

## Thinking About Priesthood

EWGC • November 15-17, 2024

Encounter With God's Call is a seminary discernment weekend experience for high school Juniors and Seniors along with college age gentlemen (ages 16-25). During **Encounter**, participants further discern the call to priesthood and learn about college seminary life. Throughout the weekend, participants pray, meet and relax with seminarians. There will be tours of where the seminarians live, pray, eat their meals, recreate with sports and social activities, and live life as a seminarian. There will be a Q&A panel with seminarians. **EWGC** is free of charge and all meals are provided. To sign up, talk to Father Rick soon so that registration and arrangements can be made for transportation to and from the weekend. The Cape Girardeau group will leave from St. Vincent de Paul Church on **Friday morning, November 15 at approximately 9:00 a.m.** The group will return Sunday and arrive back in Cape at approximately 8:30 p.m.

### Sign Up for FORMED

1. Go to FORMED org/signup and
2. Enter your parish zip code (63701) or name to select your parish (St. Vincent de Paul).
3. Enter your name and email.



All married couples and religious who previously took part in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend are invited to a community meeting on the **third Sunday of each month from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 316 S. Spanish. If planning to attend, RSVP to Alicia Schumer at 573-225-8776.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign up now as space is limited. For more information or to apply, go to [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), or call Terry and Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Upcoming dates include ...

- December 6 - 8, 2024, St. Peters
- January 31 - February 2, 2025, St. Peters
- April 4 - 6, 2025, St. Peters

St. Vincent de Paul

# Christmas Bazaar

SATURDAY  
**Nov. 16, 2024**  
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**St. Vincent DePaul Center**  
(Old Notre Dame High School)  
1912 Ritter Drive, Cape Girardeau

*Free Admission*  
Freshly Baked Cinnamon Rolls  
Lunch Served

**St. Vincent de Paul Youth Ministry**  
Serving Young Apostles in grades 6-12.

And they held steadfastly to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Acts 2:42

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# 16

Saturday

## Join us for 2:42 Night! @ The Old Convent



RSVP  
Here

**Jr. High**  
(Grades 6-8)  
6:15 - 7:30

**High School**  
(Grades 9-12)  
7:45-9:00

Reach out to Tiff @ [stvcaperyouth@gmail.com](mailto:stvcaperyouth@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Notre Dame News

Notre Dame Regional High School will host two Open House events for prospective students. Open House events are designed for parents and their children who are in sixth through eighth grade to learn more about the Catholic high school.

Open House is the best opportunity for parents and students to take a first-hand look at a one-of-a-kind school. The event will begin with a program in King Hall followed by student-led tours of the school where families will have the opportunity to meet and talk with current students, parents, faculty and administrators.

The first Open House for the 2024-2025 school year is set for **Thursday, November 7**, and the second Open House will be **Thursday, December 5**. For both dates, doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Advanced registration is required at <https://www.notredamehighschool.org/openhouse/>.

Notre Dame Regional High School presents its Fall Play, *Silver Belles*. The play will run **November 14, 15 and 16 at 7:00 p.m.** in King Hall. Tickets are on sale now.

Come celebrate the holidays with the Silver Belles! While the ladies of Silver Meadows Retirement Home are getting ready for Christmas, scheming mogul Frank Davenport has plans to evict them and turn their home into a luxury hotel. But when Frank's son Nick is sent to deliver the news, he discovers his old flame Kate is Silver Meadows' fiercely dedicated manager. The more time he spends with her and the wise, witty, wonderful women under her care, the harder it gets to tell the truth – but luckily for him, the Belles know a thing or two about handling life and love. Can they guide Nick to save Silver Meadows and have a happy holiday after all? Both heartrending and hilarious, *Silver Belles* gives the gift of laughter, tears, and old-fashioned Christmas magic.

Tickets are \$15 a person and can be purchased at the door or online at [www.notredamehighschool.org/fallplay](http://www.notredamehighschool.org/fallplay).



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

Please join us in providing a community Thanksgiving Lunch on

**November 16**  
**11am-2pm**

701 Good Hope Street  
Cape Girardeau MO 63703

**We are currently looking for volunteers and donations to help.**

**CONTACT US ON FACEBOOK OR AT 573.335.7000 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP**



Sign up here!



## Vincent's Vittles

Thank you to the **Knights of Columbus Council 11205** for hosting Vincent's Vittles in October. A large crowd of 140 people received a delicious, hearty meal. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

The next Vincent's Vittles meal will be on **Saturday, November 30**. Plan to attend and bring a friend!



## Salad for the Fathers

Once a week, Salad for the Fathers Ministry supplies a large lettuce salad (chef salad, cobb salad, fresh spinach salad, garden salad, etc.) to Father Rick and Father John. This is in appreciation for the time and service they give to the parish family. It's a small way to say thank you and provide refreshment and retreat. If you would like to assist with this ministry, please use the QR code or sign up at <https://signup.com/go/asyQDwa>. Please deliver your meal (dinner rolls are okay but no desserts please) to the rectory at 741 N. Forest Avenue between 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. If you have questions, contact Beverly at the parish office by calling 335-7667, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and harvest!





# VOTE NO on Amendment 3

Jefferson City, MO

**A** mendment 3, which will appear on Missouri's November 2024 ballot, will enshrine the right to an abortion—during any time of pregnancy—in the Missouri Constitution.

The amendment would effectively repeal long-standing health and safety standards for women. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed; requiring that abortions be performed only by a physician; informed consent requirements; laws prohibiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor's abortion, among others.

**Below is the fair ballot language written by Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft regarding Amendment 3:**

*A "yes" vote establishes a constitutional right to make decisions about reproductive health care, including abortion and contraceptives, with any governmental interference of that right presumed invalid; removes Missouri's ban on abortion; allows regulation of reproductive health care to improve or maintain the health of the patient; requires the government not to discriminate, in government programs, funding, and other activities, against persons providing or obtaining reproductive health care; and allows abortion to be restricted or banned after Fetal Viability, except to protect the life or health of the woman.*

*A "no" vote will continue the statutory prohibition of abortion in Missouri.*

If passed, this measure may reduce local taxes while the impact to state taxes is unknown.

In stark contrast to what pro-abortion supporters are saying, Missouri's present-day pro-life laws have a life of the mother exception and allow women to get the health care they need in instances of ectopic pregnancies or miscarriage.

We urge all Missourians of good will to advocate for the health and safety of women and their pre-born children and **VOTE NO on Amendment 3.**

MISSOURI  
CATHOLIC  
CONFERENCE



For more information, contact:

(573) 635-7239 | [mocatholic@mocatholic.org](mailto:mocatholic@mocatholic.org)

[www.mocatholic.org](http://www.mocatholic.org)

600 Clark Avenue, Jefferson City, MO 65102



# THE DETAILED FACTS ON AMENDMENT 3

**Amendment 3 goes far beyond Roe v. Wade. Read what it does.**

## **1. Put Women at Risk**

Health care professional ≠ medical doctor. **A medical doctor would not be required to approve or perform any abortions.** A health care professional in Missouri includes nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, and dental hygienists.

## **2. Prohibit any regulation of abortion**

Amendment 3 would invalidate any existing laws and prohibit new laws that voters on both sides of the abortion issue support, **including health and safety laws that protect women.**

## **3. Shield negligent health care professionals**

Amendment 3 prohibits any person from being penalized or prosecuted, regardless of the outcome of actions associated with “reproductive” health. **A health care professional could be directly responsible for the harm or death of a woman during an abortion, or the harm or death of a wanted child during delivery, and not be held liable for their actions.** Women and families would not be allowed to sue the negligent person or organization, nor could the government prosecute them.

## **4. Permit Abortion even when the preborn child can feel pain**

Allows abortion for any reason before “viability,” defined in the Amendment as a fetus being able to sustain life outside the womb without extraordinary medical measures. **A preborn child can survive outside the womb at 22-24 weeks of pregnancy (approximately 6 months).** Science has shown that a preborn child can feel pain as early as 12 weeks.

## **5. Eliminate parental notification or consent**

Amendment 3 would **invalidate the current law that requires parental notification and consent for a minor to have an abortion.**

## **6. Allow Abortion at any time for any reason**

Amendment 3 would allow abortions for any physical or mental health reasons. **This even allows post-viability, extremely late term abortions for treatable, temporary health concerns.** Emotional health would justify an abortion when a child could survive outside the womb.

## **7. Open the Door to Taxpayer-funded abortions**

Should Amendment 3 be enshrined in the Missouri constitution, **well-funded, out-of-state groups could sue Missouri to force taxpayer funding of abortions,** which is already occurring in Michigan.



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