St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2026

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.

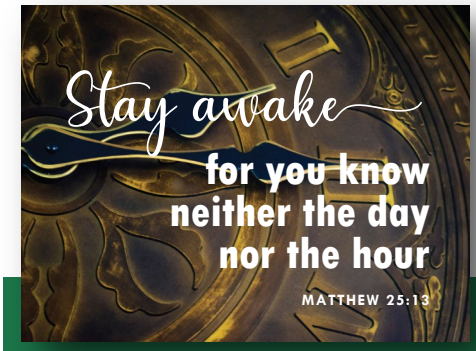
Core Values
Discipleship • Hospitality
Service • Worship

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.



Welcome Father Karris

Please welcome Father Robert J. Karris OFM who will speak at all Masses this weekend about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Father Karris will share his personal witness about **Food For The Poor's** mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Father Karris was ordained for the Franciscan Order in 1965. Before preaching on behalf of Food For The Poor, he taught at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, served as Provincial Minister of his Province, was General Councilor of the Order, and was stationed in Rome. Father Karris is Professor Emeritus of St. Bonaventure University in New York where he worked for over 16 years. He has published more than 15 books and continues to work from his home at St. Peter in the Loop of Chicago. Please go to www.foodforthepoor.org for more information.

Advent by Candlelight

A women's event to center our hearts for Advent

Register This Weekend After Masses or Online

- **Presentation:** "Discover the Hope, Peace, Joy & Love of Advent"
- Tuesday, December 1, 2026
- Deerfield Lodge, Cape Girardeau
- Doors open: 5:30 p.m.; Dinner: 6 p.m.
- Dinner & Dessert by: The Southerner BY TRACTORS
- Online registration opens Nov. 7



Kathryn Whitaker

Kathryn, our speaker, will reflect on and explore the four Advent candles - hope, peace, joy & love - through personal stories and lived faith, inspiring you to seek God's presence in your Advent journey.

Register Online

bit.ly/stvabc2026

Select Your Menu Choices at Registration

- **Salads:** Classic Caesar or Winter Harvest (GF) (Mixed greens, Craisins, oranges and walnuts with Apple Cider Vinaigrette Dressing)
- **Soups:** Old-Fashioned Veggie (GF & vegetarian) or Loaded Baked Potato
- **Desserts:** Bread Pudding with Ameretto Sauce or Flourless Chocolae Torte with Raspberry Sauce (GF)

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Serving the Catholic Community since April 9, 1836

• Mass Intentions •

Monday, November 9
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
6:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Henry Azuma Family

Tuesday, November 10 St. Leo the Great
6:30 am Glen Grojean ✞

Wednesday, November 11
St. Martin of Tours
6:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Lively Family
5:15 pm Earl and Irene Schweitzer ✞

Thursday, November 12 St. Josaphat
6:30 am Joe Henggler ✞
8:00 am Elle Jean Bowman ✞

Friday, November 13
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
6:30 am Drew Eudy ✞
8:00 am Tom and Kathy Berkbigler Family (living)

Saturday, November 14
6:30 am Fr. David Kiblinger, SJ (living)
5:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Parish Family

Sunday, November 15
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Martin "Junior" Van Gennip ✞
10:00 am Clyde and Alfreda Bohnert ✞
3:00 pm (Bilingual) Scott Koch ✞

• Prayer Requests •

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



Congratulations to the following parishioners as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries.

Noted anniversaries are five year increments and fifty plus years

5 Years
Devon and Claire Edmonds

20 Years
Richard and Amy Harrison

45 Years
David and Tammy Diveley

52 Years
John and Elaine Richardson

53 Years
Robert and Mary Bowman

63 Years
Elmer and Sandra Schetter

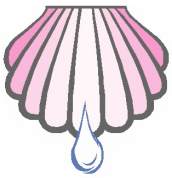
Please continue to pray for all married couples and those preparing for marriage.

Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

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.

Sacrament of Baptism



A Baptism Preparation session is required for first-time parents and godparents before the celebration of a child's Baptism. A Baptismal Preparation session will be held today, **Sunday, November 8, at 11:30 a.m.** in the upper meeting room of Church. The next session will be held on **Sunday, December 13, at 11:30 a.m**. To register for a session, call the parish office at 573-335-7667. If you have already been through a session and only need to schedule a Baptism, please call the parish office.

CCW Deanery 6 Meeting

The next Deanery 6 Council of Catholic Women meeting will take place on **Tuesday, November 17, 2026,** at St. Joseph Parish in Advance, Missouri. The Rosary will be prayed in Church at 5:30 p.m. followed by the celebration of Mass at 6:00 p.m. After Mass, guests will transition to the meeting room for registration, refreshments, and the breakout workshops.

You may carpool from the JCPenney parking lot by Montgomery Bank at 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Judy McGuire at 812-236-1755.

Attention: Catholic Men

You are invited to the Southeast Missouri

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT
Men Meeting Jesus

Friday, November 20, 2026 • 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
St. Augustine, Kelso, 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.

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 area needy families. 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 donate electronically by visiting **www.parishsoft.com** and checking "Ham Donation." You may also mail a check ("Ham Donation" in memo line) to St. Vincent Parish, 1913 Ritter Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.



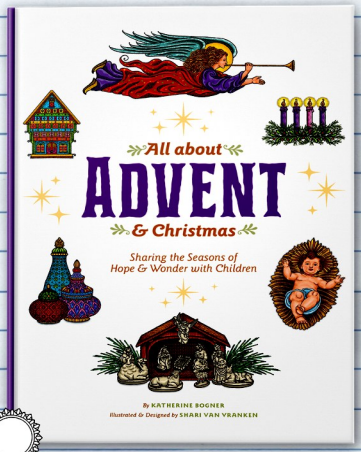
St. Vincent de Paul Parish Annual Mass of Remembrance

Monday, November 23 at 6:00 pm

As the month of all saints and all souls comes to a close,
a special Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated
to commemorate our loved ones who have gone before us.
Please join us November 23 @ 6:00 pm
as we celebrate the lives of all who remain close in our hearts
and commemorate in a special way, St. Vincent parishioners
who passed into eternal life this past year.

St. Vincent de Paul Men's Association Meeting

Men of the parish are invited to join Father Rick for a continued discussion about the leadership of the St. Vincent de Paul Men's Association. The group currently does not have a Chair to help with leadership, and this must be resolved before future plans can be made. Please join Father Rick on **Monday, November 30, at 6:30 p.m.** in the upper meeting room of church. If you cannot attend but would like to share your thoughts about the leadership of the Men's Association, please contact Father Rick at stvcapepadre@gmail.com or 573-335-7667.



Let this book be the first gift you give this year.

All About Advent & Christmas: Sharing the Seasons of Hope & Wonder with Children by Katie Bogner

- bright illustrations
- simple but rich explanations
- traditions, prayers, songs, saints, tips for celebrating and more!
- purchase on Amazon

An award winning book for families

Preview on author Katie Bogner's website: looktohimandberadiant.com

November Exhibit at the Shrine

You are invited to attend an exhibit at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Relics of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Catherine Laboure, and a relic from the chair in which Our Blessed Mother sat at Rue de Bach will be displayed. The event will be held **November 13-15** in the Shrine Visitor Center. For more information go to amm.org.

• The Week Ahead •

Monday, November 9
8:00 am SVS Confirmation Class
5:00 pm Prayer Group (Hispanic)

Tuesday, November 10
8:00 am SVS Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday, November 11
8:30 am Ugly Quilts (St. Lawrence Parish)
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour
6:00 pm OCIA
6:00 pm PSR

Thursday, November 12
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
3:00 pm Centering Prayer
6:00 pm Small Group
6:30 pm Anchor Meeting

Friday, November 13

Saturday, November 14
9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon)
3:30 pm Reconciliation
6:00 pm Prayer Ministry

Sunday, November 15
Prayer Ministry after Masses
10:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word



Readings - November 15, 2026

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 • Matthew 25:14-30

Collection - November 1, 2026

Collection	$ 32,648.10
E-Tithing	$ 9,703.00
Total	$ 42,351.10
Weekly Budget	$ 35,100.00
Difference (7-1-26 to 11-1-26)	- $ 4,887.39

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

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Attention Married Couples

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

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience this year! Sign up now as space is limited. For more info or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry and Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Upcoming Encounters include:

December 4 - 6, 2026, in St. Peters, Missouri
February 5 - 7, 2027, St. Peters, Missouri
April 16 - 18, 2027, St. Peters, Missouri

"Keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."
MATTHEW 25:13

Jesus calls us to be ready, attentive, and faithful to His invitation. Priesthood, the diaconate, and consecrated life ask for hearts that remain vigilant, prepared to serve God and His people with generosity and love. Pray for guidance and clarity in discerning how He may be calling you to serve. Talk to Father Rick or reach out to the Diocesan Vocations office at 417-866-0841.

ND Showcase

Notre Dame Regional High School will host its Notre Dame Showcase Open House on **Tuesday, November 10, 2026**, giving prospective sixth through eighth grade students and their families an energetic, hands-on look at life at Notre Dame.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with the program beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the main gym. The evening will launch with the school spirit of the Dawg Pound before students head out with Notre Dame ambassadors to explore interactive campus experiences highlighting academics, faith, activities, athletics, and student life. Parents will have opportunities to connect with faculty and administrators, ask questions, and learn more about academics, faith formation, student support, and the transition to high school. The Showcase is designed to be flexible, engaging and personal, giving families the chance to experience ND in action rather than simply tour the building.

Advanced registration is required at www.notredamehighschool.org/openhouse.

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 _____

☐ I am new to Cape Girardeau.
☐ I have been attending St. Vincent Parish and would like to register as a member.
☐ I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.
☐ I am new to St. Vincent de Paul Parish.
☐ I would like to sign up for EFT with ParishSOFT.
☐ Please change my address to the one shown above.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
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SPRINGFIELD-CAPE GIRARDEAU
Office of the Bishop

November 7, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As your bishop, one of my responsibilities is to make sure you will have priests you need in your parishes. Priests to celebrate the Mass, to forgive sins, to anoint the sick, and to walk with you through every season of life. That responsibility does not rest on me alone. God continues to call men to the priesthood, and often, a young man begins to recognize that call because someone else sees his faith and gifts and takes the time to encourage him.

Next weekend, November 14, every parish in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau will participate in Called by Name.

I ask you to prayerfully consider the Catholic men between the ages of 15 and 35 in your family, parish, school, workplace, or community. Who are the faithful young men in your parish that love Jesus and His Church? Who do you see who has a generous heart, sound character, leadership ability, or a spirit of service?

If a young man comes to mind, please submit his name. You do not need to know whether he has considered the priesthood. By nominating him, you are simply saying, "We see your gifts, and we want to recognize you as a young man of faith."

Each man nominated will receive a personal letter from me, along with encouragement and invitations to opportunities for prayer, fraternity, and vocational discernment. The Vocation Office will help him take the next step of listening more closely to where God may be leading him.

Please pray, consider the young men you know, and submit a name. Your encouragement could have a lasting impact on a young man's life and on the future of our Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Edward M. Rice

Most Reverend Edward M. Rice
Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

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Office of the Bishop

7 de noviembre de 2026

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Como obispo de ustedes, una de mis responsabilidades es asegurarme de que cuenten con los sacerdotes que necesitan en sus parroquias. Sacerdotes que celebren la Santa Misa, perdonen los pecados, unjan a los enfermos y los acompañen en cada etapa de sus vidas. Sin embargo, esta responsabilidad no recae únicamente sobre mí. Dios continúa llamando a hombres al sacerdocio y, con frecuencia, un joven comienza a reconocer ese llamado porque alguien más ve su fe y sus dones, y se toma el tiempo de animarlo.

El próximo fin de semana, 14 de noviembre, todas las parroquias de la Diócesis de Springfield-Cape Girardeau participarán en la iniciativa «Llamado por tu Nombre».

Les pido que consideren en oración a los jóvenes católicos de entre 15 y 35 años que conocen en sus familias, parroquias, escuelas, lugares de trabajo o comunidades. ¿Quiénes son los jóvenes de fe que aman a Jesús y a su Iglesia? ¿En quiénes reconocen un corazón generoso, un carácter íntegro, capacidad de liderazgo o un espíritu de servicio?

Si algún joven viene a su mente, les invito a presentar su nombre. No es necesario saber si alguna vez ha considerado el sacerdocio. Al proponer su nombre, simplemente le están diciendo: «Reconocemos tus dones y queremos hacerte saber que vemos en ti a un joven de fe».

Cada joven propuesto recibirá una carta personal de mi parte, junto con palabras de aliento e invitaciones a participar en oportunidades de oración, fraternidad y discernimiento vocacional. La Oficina de Vocaciones lo ayudará a dar el siguiente paso para escuchar con mayor atención hacia dónde Dios podría estar guiándolo.

Les pido que oren, piensen en los jóvenes que conocen y propongan un nombre. Sus palabras de aliento podrían tener un impacto duradero en la vida de un joven y en el futuro de nuestra Iglesia.

Fraternalmente en Cristo,

+Edward M. Rice

Mons. Edward M. Rice
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November 2026

PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY

October '26

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December '26

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **Pope Leo XIV** **5/8/2025** **Rome, Italy** **Deceased Popes*	**2** **Most Rev Edward Rice** **1/3/1987** **6/1/2016 as Bishop Spg/CG** *Deceased Bisphops* *Spg/CG Diocese*	**3** **Bishop John Leibrecht** **3/17/1956** **Reitred Bishop Spg/CG** **Cardinal William Baum* *7/23/2015*	**4** **Fr Victor Anokwute** **6/19/2015** **St Teresa/St Ann** **Msgr Walter McGrane* *11/5/2000*	**5** **All Seminarians of Diocese** **1st Thursday Adoration** **Guardian Angel** *Pray for Religious* *Vocations*	**6** **Fr Daiel Belken** **6/12/2020** **St Lawrence/St Denis** **Cardinal Bernard Law* *12/19/2017*	**7** **Fr Mark Boyer** **4/24/1976** **Retired** **Fr Joseph Frain* *7/17/1982*
8 **Fr Daniel Hirtz** **3/31/1973** **St Catherine/George/Sorrows** **Fr Thomas Geraghty* *5/17/1966*	**9** **Fr Rahab Isidor** **7/28/2006** **St Lawrence/Sacred Heart** **Msgr Joseph Huels* *4/17/1993*	**10** **Fr Thomas Kiefer** **6/12/1981** **St Elizabeth Ann Seton** **Fr William Krudwig* *12/12/2011*	**11** **Fr Emmanuel Konyeaso** **8/14/2010** **St Marie Du Lac/Sorrows** **Fr Roger Leveillee* *5/6/2003*	**12** **Fr Tuan Nguyen** **6/11/2016** **St Elizabeth Hungary/Peter** **Fr Justin Monaghan* *4/26/2020*	**13** **Fr Dhnaeesh Thomas** **1/21/2019** **Lady Lake/Ozarks/Cove** **Msgr Raymond Orf* *1/2/2021*	**14** **Fr Sanoop Thomas** **5/12/2014** **St Mary/St Agnes** **Msgr Charles Schmitt* *4/19/1989*
15 **Fr John Toan Tran** **6/4/2005** **St Mary/St Agnes** **Deceased Deacons* *Spg/CG Diocese*	**16** **Fr James Unterreiner** **12/18/1970** **Retired** **Msgr Valentine Schroeger* *5/18/1968*	**17** **Fr Joseph Weidenbenner** **6/15/2007** **St Mary** **Fr Robert Schumacher* *1/16/2005*	**18** **Deacon David Farris** **6/29/2013** **Sacred Heart** **Fr John Sheley* *2/15/2007*	**19** **Deacon Mathey Fletcher** **6/21/2008** **St Joseph** **Msgr Michael Swalina* *1/21/2012*	**20** **Deacon Kevin Henderson** **6/10/2023** **Sacred Heart** **Fr John White* *1/8/1976*	**21** **Fr Patrick Teter** **11/21/1992** **St Mary/St Patrick** **Fr Raymond Willerding* *8/8/1974*
22 **Deacon Rob Huff** **6/29/2013** **St Vincent de Paul** **Msgr Sylvester Bauer* *8/30/2013*	**23** **Fr Mathukutty Naduchirayi** **11/23/2008** **St Mary/Sacred Heart** **Msgr Thomas Brady* *5/5/1960*	**24** **Deacon Howard Mohn** **7/25/2026** **Holy Trinity** **Fr Justin Brauner* *7/19/1986*	**25** **Deacon James Soptick** **12/8/2012** **Sacred Heart/Holy Trinity** **Fr Joseph Brophy* *2/2/1983*	**26** **Fr David Miller** **11/27/1981** **Retired** **Fr Francis Dillion* *2/16/1963*	**27** **Fr John Braun** **11/27/1987** **Retired** **Fr Thomas Donnelly* *2/1/1987*	**28** **Deacon Alvin Stoverink** **5/26/2018** **Immaculate Conception** **Fr Patrick Hanley* *5/14/1982*
29 **Fr Randy Tochtrop** **11/29/1996** **Immaculate Conception** **Fr James McKenna* *5/1/1987*	**30** **Deacon Daniel Vaughn** **5/24/2014** **Our Lady of Lake/Ozarks** **Fr Edward Nichols* *8/5/2009*	1	2	3	4	5
6 **Pray for All Consecrated Religious Women and Men of Our Diocese** **Deceased Religious*	7	**Pray for our Priest's of the Springfield-Cape Girardeau Diocese** **In fullfilment of Our Blessed Mother's Request to pray for our Priest's** **Madonna of the Grapes, pray for us.** ***Sponsored by St Ann's PCCW*** ***Guardian Angel Parish, Oran, MO***		***Pray for all Deacons of the Diocese** **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 designated priest each day listed on the calendar prepared and distributed by Guardian Angel PCCW.

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
Fill him with your grace, Lord

Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops
Give them your gifts, Lord

Diocesan Priests
Never leave them, Lord

Priests in Seminary work
Give them your wisdom, Lord

Priests in hospital work
Give them constancy, Lord

Priest who are ill
Heal them, Lord

Priests in danger
Deliver them, Lord

Priests who are weak
Strengthen them, Lord

Priests who are poor
Relieve them, Lord

Priests who are zealous
Help them, Lord

Priests who want to love you
Enkindle their hearts, Lord

Priests who are sad
Console them, Lord

Priests who are worried
Give them peace, Lord

Priests who are old
Sustain them, Lord

Priests who are young
Impel them for your glory, Lord

Priests who are alone
Accompany them, Lord

Missionary Priests
Protect them, Lord

Priests who are preachers
Enlighten them, Lord

Priests who direct souls
Instruct them, Lord

Parish Priests
Give them prudence, Lord

Religious Priests
Make them perfect, Lord

Priests most in need
Carry them, Lord

Priests who have died
Bring them glory, Lord

On all the Church, militant and suffering
Lord, Have mercy

For all Priests:

Give them Your wisdom, Lord
Give them virtue
Give them patience and charity
Give them obedience and kindness
Give them a burning zeal for souls
Give them respect for their dignity
Give them a great love for Mary
Give them rectitude and justice
Give them the gift of counsel
Give them strength in their labors
Give them peace in their sufferings
Give them an intense love for the Eucharist
Give them loyalty to the Holy See and their Bishops
Let them be the light of souls
Let them be the salt of the earth
Let them be other Christs
Let them be holy in body and soul
Let them practice sacrifice and self-denial
Let them enkindle hearts with the love of Mary
May they be men of prayer
May faith shine forth in them
May they be concerned only for the salvation of souls
May they be faithful to their priestly vocation
May their hands know only how to bless
May they burn with love for You and for Mary
May all their steps be for the glory of God
May the Holy Spirit possess them and give them his Gifts in abundance

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.

Daily Catholic Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory. But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. 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 question 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

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STATEMENT OF MISSOURI BISHOPS ON DEFEAT OF AMENDMENT 3

We are profoundly saddened that Missouri voters chose to reject pro-life Amendment 3 and the legal protections for women and children we had hoped to restore.

This result, however, does not mark the end of our work. The Catholic Church in Missouri will continue to advocate for policies that uphold the dignity of every person, protect the most vulnerable among us, and provide compassionate support to those in need, as she has always done. We remain steadfast in our commitment to accompany mothers and fathers facing hardship in their pregnancies and to offer hope and healing to those who have been wounded by the scourge of abortion.

To the Catholic faithful, clergy, and all people of good will who worked tirelessly during this campaign, we offer our heartfelt gratitude.

In the days ahead, may God strengthen our resolve to defend the dignity of every human life. May the following prayer of St. Teresa of Ávila, Doctor of the Church, reignite our hope:

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.

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