

#### **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

#### **Holy Week Schedule**

#### Tuesday, April 4

Chrism Mass • 7:00 p.m. Blessing of Oils and Priests' Renewal of Commitment St. Mary Cathedral

#### "Spy" Wednesday, April 5

Confessions 12:00 noon, and "on the hour" 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please note there will be no scheduled confession times during the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

#### Holy Thursday, April 6

Morning Prayer • 9:00 a.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper • 7:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

#### Good Friday, April 7

Morning Prayer • 9:00 a.m.

Passion of the Lord • 12:00 p.m.

Passion of the Lord (Bilingual)

3:00 p.m.

Passion of the Lord • 7:30 p.m.

#### **Holy Saturday, April 8**

Morning Prayer • 9:00 a.m. Easter Vigil Mass • 7:30 p.m.

#### Easter Sunday, April 9

6:30 a.m. • 8:30 a.m. • 10:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 2, 2023

# Open Us, Lord

God of salvation,

you sent your beloved son to dwell among us and show us the way, the truth, and the life.

His humble obedience in pouring out his love for us on the cross unlocked the path to eternal life with you.

Give us the strength to follow Jesus through Holy Week to share in his passion and glory.

Open our hearts to receive his gift of saving love anew so that we might in turn share it with all the world.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# Confessions During Holy Week

This Wednesday, traditionally known as "Spy Wednesday," is the last day for confessions during the season of Lent. Priests will be available on Wednesday at 12:00 noon and then from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. on the hour. "On the hour" means that the priest will be in the confessional at the "top of the hour" and stay as long as needed. If no one is present at the top of the hour, the priest will wait for ten minutes and then leave until the next hour.

These are the last opportunities for confessions during Holy Week. During the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, there will be no confessions.

the Eucharist
is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus—
After this, there is nothing more but heaven itself
st. PETER JULIAN EYMARD

#### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, April 3

6:30 am Margaret Jones ⊕

#### Tuesday, April 4

6:30 am Simon John Bisher &

#### "Spy" Wednesday, April 5

6:30 am Norma Welch & 5:15 pm Tom Tygett, Jr. & P

#### Holy Thursday, April 6

7:30 pm World Peace

#### **Good Friday, April 7**

12:00 pm Passion of the Lord

3:00 pm Passion of the Lord (Bilingual)

7:30 pm Passion of the Lord

#### **Holy Saturday, April 8**

7:30 pm RCIA Candidates and Their Intentions

#### **Easter Sunday, April 9**

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

6:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Ron and Judy Roth Family

8:30 am Henry and Kathleen Himmelberg &

10:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Joseph Andrew Yuede Family

3:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Parish Family

### Prayer Requests

Please remember **Pat Brase**, **Larry Scowden**, **Doris Ressel**, the sick, the hospitalized, and those who care for them. Pray also for homebound St. Vincent parishioners.



## Collection - March 19, 2023

Collection	\$ 12,790.01
E-Tithing	\$ 337.00
Total	\$ 13,127.01
Weekly Budget	\$ 33,000.00
Difference (7-1-22 to 3-19-23)	\$ 62,055.18

#### Collection - March 26, 2023

Collection	\$ 17,164.00
E-Tithing	\$ 23,499.10
Total	\$ 40,663.10
Weekly Budget	\$ 33,000.00
Difference (7-1-22 to 3-26-23)	\$ 69,718.28

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

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" shout the crowds in today's Gospel. May we be always ready to share our blessings when we are sent in His name!



Dear Parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul,

Today begins the greatest week of the year for Christians. We learn this Holy Week how to Love Jesus, to Serve Jesus and how to Share Jesus with others. We do this by making a journey together. Just like the first

disciples of Jesus during that first holiest of weeks, we live in grief, despair, and confusion. We do not remain there because we grow into faith, hope and inexpressible joy. It is my desire that as we participate with our Parish Family during the magnificent richness of Holy Week and Easter, the journey will enrich our understanding of the great truth of God's true love for us and bring us profound peace and joy. Enjoy this Holiest of Weeks!

Father Rick L. Jones

#### Prepare for Easter by making a Good Confession this week.

Here's how to go to Confession!

You say at the beginning of the Confession:

Bless me, Father, for I have sinned.

It has been \_\_\_\_\_ days/weeks/months/years since my last confession, and these are my sins.

Here is a brief Examination of Conscience to help you identify sins.

- Did I doubt or deny that God exists?
- Did I love God with my whole heart?
- Did I give time to God each day in prayer?
- Did I curse, or break an oath or vow?
- Did I lie?
- Did I commit perjury?
- Did I waste time at work, school, or at home?
- Did I deliberately deceive others, or injure others by lies?
- Did I gossip or reveal others' faults or sins?
- Did I show reverence Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament?
- Did I miss Mass Sunday or a Holy Day of Obligation through my own fault?
- Did I neglect my duties to my husband, wife, children or parents?
- Did I neglect to give good religious example to my family?
- Did I get angry, impatient, envious, unkind toward another person?
- Did I show pride, vengeance, jealousy, or hate toward another?
- Did I give a bad example by drug abuse, drinking alcohol to excess?
- Did I steal, cheat, or encourage others to steal or keep stolen goods?
- Have I made restitution for stolen goods?

Listen to the priest and the counsel that he gives you and the penance he instructs you to do. He will then ask you to recite the Act of Contrition, which can be found below. The priest will then absolve you of your sins and you may go and do the penance that the priest gave you.

**The Act of Contrition:** My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.

Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

## May They Rest in Peace

Sympathy is extended to the families of: Velma Hayes, mother of Rocky Hayes; and Loretta Stephens, sister of Claudette Lincoln.



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



Happy Birthday to Deacon Rob

as he celebrates his birthday on Sunday, April 2! God's blessings!

#### **Council of Catholic Women**

The next St. Vincent de Paul Women's Council meeting will be held in the lower meeting room at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023. The guest speaker will be Denise Essner, a cherished St. Vincent parishioner. Come hear the surprise topic of the evening.

Baby items will be collected to fill a basket which will be auctioned at the 64th Annual DCCW Spring Assembly which occurs at the end of April. All women of the parish are invited!

#### **Chrism Mass**

#### Cathedral of St. Mary of the Annunciation

The Mass of Chrism is celebrated on Tuesday evening, April 4, 2023, at St. Mary Cathedral beginning at 7:00 p.m. During the Mass, the bishop and priests renew their commitment of service to God's people and olive oil is blessed for the sacramental celebrations of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Ordination. All are invited.

## **Spy Wednesday**

Holy Week's "Spy Wednesday" gets its name because this is the day on which Judas betrayed Jesus to Jewish leaders. Because Judas is thought to be sneaky, his actions conjured up the image of a spy. See Matthew 25:12-14, Mark 14:10-12, and Luke 22:3-6.



## **Look What's Happening with** St. Vincent Stewardship and Service

St. Vincent's monthly community meal, Vincent's Vittles. feeds more than 100 community members and parishioners each month. When you attend, you get to know great

members of the community like Judy, Jack, Dave, Jerry, and more who look forward to enjoying a warm, nutritious meal. Thanks to all the groups who volunteer to host the meal and for their service in preparing, serving, and greeting the guests. New this year will be a community meal offered in December! Would you like to help with this **great** service opportunity?? If so, contact Deacon Mark at the parish office.

ruly, this was the Son of God! Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious? If so, contact Father Alex Sutachan at 573-335-7667 or email fatheralex@svparish.com.

#### The Week Ahead

#### Monday, April 3

6:30 pm Council of Catholic Women

#### Tuesday, April 4

6:00 pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study

6:30 pm St. Francis de Sales

7:00 pm Chrism Mass (St. Mary Cathedral)

#### Wednesday, April 5

8:00 am Ugly Quilt Ministry (8:00 - 11:00 am)

9:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

10:00 am Mass at Chateau Girardeau

12:00 pm Reconciliation

2:00 pm SVS Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour

4:00 pm Reconciliation

(on the hour until 8:00 pm)

6:00 pm RCIA

#### Thursday, April 6

9:00 am Morning Prayer

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

9:00 am Thursday Women's Bible Study

9:30 am Communion Service

at Arbors/Auburn Creek

5:30 pm Centering Prayer 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration following until midnight

#### Friday, April 7

9:00 am Morning Prayer

12:00 pm Passion of the Lord

3:00 pm Passion of the Lord (Bilingual)

7:30 pm Passion of the Lord

#### Saturday, April 8

9:00 am Morning Prayer

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

#### Sunday, April 9

6:30 am Easter Mass

8:30 am Easter Mass

9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 am Easter Mass

3:00 pm Easter Mass (Spanish)



#### Readings - April 9, 2023

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

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## **Employment Opportunities**

Teaching Positions - St. Vincent de Paul School is currently accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year for the following positions: Second Grade Teacher and Early Childhood Educator. Applicants should have current Missouri teaching certification. Preference will be given to practicing Catholics. If interested, send a completed application to Kay Glastetter at St. Vincent de Paul School. Applications may be found on the Diocesan website: dioscg.org, by calling the St. Vincent School office at 573-334-9594, or by emailing kglastetter@svcape.eduk12.net.





A time for Adoration and prayer: Reflect on the "seven stations" between the Last Supper and Jesus' Crucifixion.

Join your youth group or journey as a family.

Begin with the Mass of the Lord's Supper at your parish and afterward travel to 7 churches together, with adoration and prayer.

Pancake breakfast at the Kelso KC Hall will be provided at 11 pm. (donations accepted)

Please RSVP, by Tues. April 4, for a pancake count by scanning the QR code, or directly to the youth leader you plan to travel with.

\*The youth leaders will have a list of churches & the prayers.\*

\*Needing transportation? Please let your youth leader know ASAP so it can be arranged.\*

\*Parents are encouraged to journey with us on this pilgrimage as well.\*

## Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend.

#### **Area Youth Leaders:**

Immaculate Conception, Jackson - Karen - icyouthspirit@gmail.com
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## **Guidelines for Fasting/Abstinence during Lent**

**Abstinence** is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. **Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for ages 18 - 59 (inclusive). The Church defines fasting as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal, as well as no eating between meals.

*Note:* If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial suitable to their condition.

## **Beatitude Boxes / Bags**

During the season of Lent, the parishioners of St. Vincent were invited to collect food and paper items for distribution to the needy. **Beatitude Boxes** are filled with specific food items and **Beatitude Bags** are filled with specific paper products. **Please return your donated items to the designated boxes in the gathering area no later than Friday, April 7.** 

In celebration of Easter, the parish office will be closed on Good Friday, April 7, and Easter Monday, April 10.

## **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

Pope Francis has asked all parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www. myfranciscan.org/good-Friday.

### Divine Mercy Sunday April 16, 2023

Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful heart, and I will fill it with peace.

(St. Faustina's Diary, 1074)



I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. By means of this image I shall be granting many graces to souls. (St. Faustina's Diary, 341)

#### Old St. Vincent's Church

Corner of William and Main Streets

2:00 p.m. - Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration 3:00-4:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Holy Hour

## **Parish Easter Egg Hunt**

To celebrate the season of Easter, an Egg Hunt will be held for parish children on **Easter**Sunday, April 9, between the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses (approximately 9:45 a.m.). The hunt will take place on the fields behind Church. For more information, contact the parish office.

# **Eucharistic Minister Workshop**

All current Eucharistic Ministers and past Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) are invited to attend one of the upcoming renewal workshops. More Eucharistic Ministers will be needed because Bishop Rice is allowing parishes to offer the Precious Blood during Holy Communion beginning on Divine Mercy Sunday. During the Covid crisis, as an act of caution, the reception of the Precious Blood was suspended. Now two years later, Covid has become part of the new normal and most people can continue to live their lives.

The workshops will be held in Church. Choose from one of the workshops below:

- Wednesday, April 12, at 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m.

## 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 - 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 <a href="http://www.svcape.com/Parish/">http://www.svcape.com/Parish/</a>.

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I am new to Cape Girardeau. I am new to St. Vincent de Paul Paris		
☐ 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.	☐ Please change my address to the one shown above.	
I would like to register my child/children for Parish School of Religion.	☐ I would like to sign up for Faith Direct.	

## **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.)

**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.

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.

## **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, April 16, at 4:30 p.m. and will be held in the upper meeting room. Contact the parish office to register and to fill out a baptismal registration form.



## **Thank You**

Many thanks to the St. Vincent Parish School of Religious Education and the St. Vincent Elementary School second grade students for hosting **Vincent's Vittles** in March.



130 people came by to enjoy a nutritious meal! Thank you also to those who made desserts! If you, as an individual or group, would like to participate in this rewarding ministry, please contact Deacon Mark. Plan to come to the next Vincent's Vittles meal on April 29 and bring a friend!

SERVE ONE ANOTHER

## This Week at Home

## **Faithful Friends**

### Monday, April 3

Mary anoints the feet of Jesus with perfumed oil and dries them with her hair. This tender gesture took place at a banquet held in Jesus' honor for restoring her brother Lazarus to life. We can look to Jesus and his authentic friendship with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, to emulate in our relationships. *Today's readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11.* 

#### Wear the Armor of Faith

#### Tuesday, April 4

Both the prophet Isaiah and the psalmist recall the hand of God in our lives from the moment we are created in our mother's womb. The Gospel passage highlights our tendency to forget our origins in God and turn away in betrayal. Reflect on how your Lenten practices have helped you form habits that have strengthened your armor of fidelity. *Today's readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38*.

## **Spy Wednesday**

#### Wednesday, April 5

Wednesday of Holy Week is referred to as "spy Wednesday" because the Gospel reading from Matthew reveals that Judas will betray Jesus. Look for an opportunity to upturn the ignominy of this day. Invite someone to attend Mass with you on Easter. Share your faith in Jesus with someone who doubts. Send an Easter card promising prayer to someone who needs spiritual support. Today's readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25.

## **Holy Thursday**

#### Thursday, April 6

The season of Lent ends as the sun sets today and the Sacred Paschal Triduum commences. Jesus, fully aware that "he had come from God and was returning to God," chooses the intimate gesture of washing his disciples' feet (John 13:5). He draws as close as possible to those he loves. As he did for his disciples, he does for us tonight at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. *Today's readings: Exodus* 12:1-8, 11-14; *Psalm* 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.

## Bend on Knee Friday, April 7

In union with Christians around the world, the faithful assemble on Good Friday to recall the final hours of Jesus' life — when he is condemned to die, beaten, forced to carry his cross, and publicly crucified. Approaching the cross, the faithful offer a gesture of veneration. We touch, kiss, bow, or genuflect to the instrument of our salvation. God steadfastly invites us to draw close. Today we do that on bended knee. *Today's readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42.* 

## Keep Vigil Saturday, April 8

We continue our journey through the Sacred Paschal Triduum after sundown at the Easter Vigil. Through Scripture readings, psalms and prayers, we deliberately recount the entire plan of salvation from God's handiwork in creation to Jesus' overcoming the power of death in resurrection. Listen carefully to the story unfold. It is a magnificent synthesis not to be missed. Today's readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Psalm19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Matthew 28:1-10.

#### Sunday, April 2

# Actions Speak Louder than Words

Today's readings: Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philemon 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66.

Today marks a major turning point in the liturgical year, and the way the liturgy is celebrated signals the transition. The assembly processes and waves palm branches just as did the crowds that gathered to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem. In the Liturgy of the Word, we participate in the proclamation of the Gospel account that follows that day, detailing the trial, arrest, conviction, torture, crucifixion, and death on the cross. It is heartwrenching and mystifying.

In looking back at the last three Sundays of Lent, we recall that Jesus reveals his full identity to the woman from Samaria, the man blind from birth, and Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. On trial, however, he is mute before Pilate. His humility and obedience to God reveal his divinity.

Holy Week offers us the opportunity to walk alongside our Lord from the cross to the garden. This week is sacred. Approach it like a week-long retreat. Make arrangements to fully participate in the liturgies of Holy Week and to prayerfully accompany our Lord through it all.

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