



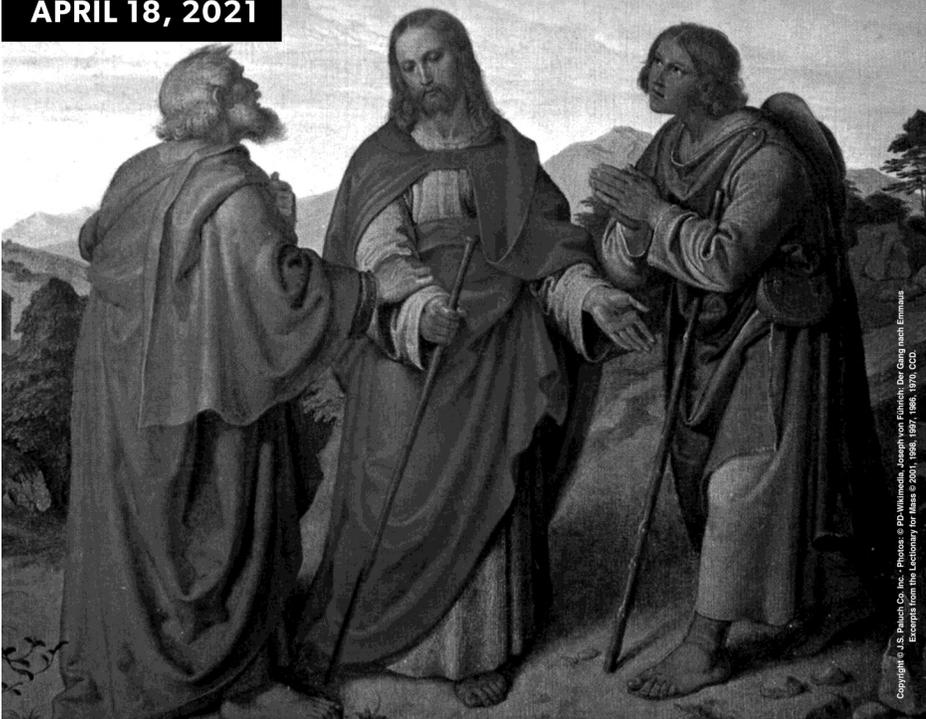
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THIRD SUNDAY OF  
**Easter**

**APRIL 18, 2021**



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Luke 24:35

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- Vincent's Community Outreach (VCO)**  
Teresa Corby — After School Program
- Paul Freeman** — Liturgy Committee

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**W**e, the people of Saint Vincent DePaul Parish in the  
 Archdiocese of Saint Louis, Missouri, are committed to  
 following Jesus Christ, Evangelizer of the poor.

We do this through:

- ◆ Eucharistic centered worship and continued spiritual formation.
- ◆ Service to the poor and oppressed.
- ◆ Preaching the Gospel by word and action in an ecumenical spirit.



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## NEW LIFE

Peter saw Jesus after the Resurrection. He listened as Jesus told the disciples all that had been written about him in the scriptures, all that he had said and done when he was ministering among them. Peter heard how Jesus had fulfilled all in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms. Jesus, the Messiah, had come to be among them to bring them peace, to offer forgiveness of their sins. Peter shared this Good News with the crowds who gathered to hear him tell the sacred story, the story of God's love, poured out in Jesus the Christ and offered to the whole world. All who hear and believe are offered new life, life in which God's love is perfected in them. Are you listening? Are you ready to share in this abundant new life?

## NOT WHAT WAS EXPECTED

Have you ever waited for something for so long you began to think it might never happen? Your graduation day, or the day of your marriage, or the birth of a child, perhaps. The Israelites had waited for centuries for the coming of the Messiah. Yet when Jesus, the long-awaited Anointed One came, many failed to believe in him. He wasn't what they expected. The Messiah was supposed to be a strong, powerful commander of armies, not humble, compassionate, and suffering. After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and explained all that he had said in his time with them, opening their minds to what had been written in the scriptures so that they could accept his suffering and death and rejoice in his resurrection.

## GOD'S LOVE IN FLESH AND BONE

While the disciples had come to believe that Jesus was the Messiah, his crucifixion and death had left them fearful and confounded. The news of the empty tomb and his appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus added to their confusion. It seems that at first, Jesus' presence with them did not alleviate their uncertainty. In fact, they were "startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost" (Luke 24:37). Jesus saw that they needed physical proof that it was he who stood among them. They needed to see the nail marks in his hands and feet, to see God's love in flesh and bone, in one who ate among them. Only when their fear and confusion had been quelled could they hear the story, the sacred story of how the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead. Only when they were filled with the peace of Christ would they be ready to witness, to share the sacred story with others. We, too, are invited to hear the sacred story and to perceive God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19  
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7–8, 9  
1 John 2:1–5a  
Luke 24:35–48

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**“All comes at the proper time to him who knows how to wait.”**



— *St. Vincent De Paul*



We are excited to announce our webpage launch for Vincent's Community Outreach (VCO). Please check it out by either going to our Parish website homepage and click on the VCO link, or just visit our website directly at:

**VCO-STL.ORG**

## **Mass Schedule:**

**Mon-Fri: 12:05pm**  
**Saturday: 4:30pm**  
**Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am**

**Masks are required before entering the Church**  
We will continue live-streaming of the 9:00a Mass available on our website for your convenience, should you choose to stay home:

**WWW.STVSTL.ORG**

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

**8:30AM - 4:30PM**  
**Monday - Saturday**

## **FULFILLMENT**

It is interesting that during the Easter season, when we do not hear a reading from the Old Testament, it becomes so important. This is particularly true today. Peter's speech begins with a prayer formula familiar to Jews: "The God of Abraham . . ." (Acts 3:13). It likewise contains the potent phrases "Holy and Righteous One" and "mouth of all the prophets" (3:14, 18). Peter was stating in no uncertain terms that the law, psalms, and prophets had been fulfilled in Christ. This is reinforced by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage, when he states that everything in the scriptures (to the early Christians "the scriptures" were what we call the Old Testament) had to be fulfilled. Above all, Jesus and Peter both emphasize that we are witnesses to all of this, and are sent forth to bear witness to it in the world. The Latin *Missa*, from which our word "Mass" comes, means "sent" (as in "mission"). As we leave Mass today, let us remember to be witnesses to all that has been fulfilled in the risen Christ.

## **FEAST OF FAITH**

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation—"A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where—or when—we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us.

## **NATURE'S LESSONS**

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

## **MARTYRDOM**

It is not the suffering but the cause that makes the martyr.

**You alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.**

— *Psalms 4:9*

**PRAY FOR  
THE SICK**



**We pray for all  
who are sick and  
their caregivers:**

Tom Murphy  
Dianna Wozniak  
Dalana Graves  
Chris Kerlick  
John Hermann  
Robert Flick  
Shawn Karp

Maren Matsen  
Sharon Ryan  
Jan Powell  
Perry Garcia  
Marian Junge  
Bob Rauscher, Jr.

**\*\*NEW GUIDELINES RE. PRAYER LIST:\*\***

Pursuant to new guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese in accordance with HIPPA, we may only honor requests by parishioners or immediate family for the Bulletin Prayer List. Names will only appear for a 30 day period. Thank you.

**Please pray for the following residents  
In nursing homes:**

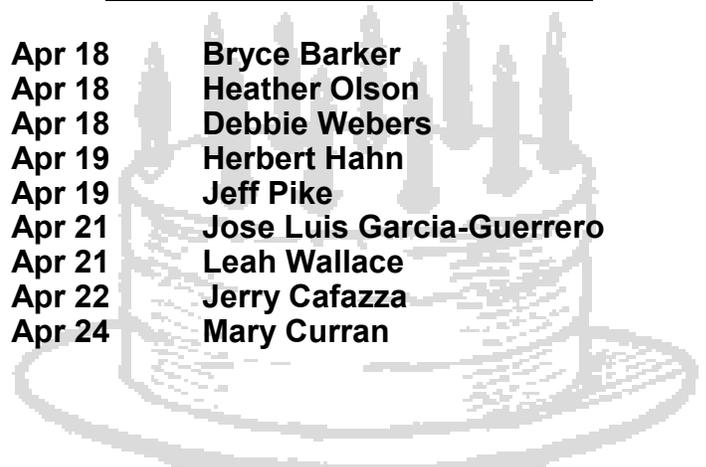
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Apr 18	Bryce Barker
Apr 18	Heather Olson
Apr 18	Debbie Webers
Apr 19	Herbert Hahn
Apr 19	Jeff Pike
Apr 21	Jose Luis Garcia-Guerrero
Apr 21	Leah Wallace
Apr 22	Jerry Cafazza
Apr 24	Mary Curran



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

Apr 20	Richard & Faith Pinter	58 yrs
Apr 22	Greg & Jill Overturf	4 yrs



**MASS INTENTIONS:**

***Sunday, April 18***

9:00a Our Parishioners  
11:00a The sick & suffering

***Monday, April 19***

12:05p Miriam Jung

***Tuesday, April 20***

12:05p Nursing Home Patients

***Wednesday, April 21***

12:05p COVID Patients

***Thursday, April 22***

12:05p Frontline Healthcare Workers

***Friday, April 23***

12:05p First Responders

***Saturday, April 24***

4:30p Justice in our World



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# What did Pope Francis Say?

## Vatican City

When identifying your faults, avoid being vague and tell God your sins honestly and frankly so that he can heal you, Pope Francis said at Mass. According to Francis, to say: "We are all sinners," is abstract. People should instead think and say: "I am a sinner," concretely naming what they have said, thought, and done wrong. Like children, "we too must be simple, real," he said. "Concreteness leads you to humility. It is important that within us we give names to our sins," he

stated.

Pope Francis reflected on the day's first reading from 1 John. John writes: "God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say, 'We have fellowship with him,' while we continue to walk in darkness, we lie and do not act in truth." The verse continues: "If we say, 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing." Pope Francis said the devil wants people to be lukewarm, to live in gray areas.

He advised people to speak with God with the forthrightness of children, who say what they think and feel without trying to hide the truth. To illustrate this point, the pope shared about a letter he received yesterday from a boy living in northern Italy. The boy wrote that he had watched Pope Francis' televised Mass and "he had to 'scold me' about one thing," the pope related. The boy said that because of the coronavirus, Pope Francis should not include the sign of peace during Mass, because "with the pandemic we cannot touch each other."

Children's letters are beautiful for their directness, Francis commented, explaining that the boy could not see that the congregation at his morning Mass does not shake hands, but bows their heads to exchange the sign of peace. "But he has the freedom to say things as they are," he said.

"We too, with the Lord, must have the freedom to say things as they are," he continued. "Lord, I am in sin: help me." He said God "forgives us when we are concrete. The spiritual life is so simple, so simple; but we make it complicated with these nuances, and in the end we never get there."

"Let's ask the Lord for the grace of simplicity and that he gives us this grace he gives to the simple, to children, to youths who say what they feel, who do not hide what they feel," he concluded.



## Suds of Love

Soulard Laundromat  
1800 South 9th St.

**Thursday, April 22nd**

**10:00a - 2:00p**



**COMING THIS SUMMER...**

2nd Thursday of the Month, 3:30p - 6:30p

&

4th Thursday of the Month, 10:00a - 2:00p



We want to stay in touch with you! We have brought our Parishioners "Friday Phone Calls with the Pastor." If you do NOT receive a weekly voicemail on Fridays from Father Ed, but would like to, please call our Parish office & let us know and we will add you to our weekly phone list.

**ALSO....**

We are starting a quarterly newsletter to let our Parishioners know about other things going on at St. Vincent's that are fun & exciting. These will be electronic only so if you aren't on our email list, please email: [mail@stvstl.org](mailto:mail@stvstl.org) and we can sign you up to receive our quarterly newsletters via email.

**THANK YOU!**

When I was a kid my dad came home one day with two cows. Because I was the oldest child, care of the cows fell to me mostly. They were not milk cows so they were easy to care for. I came across the following story and remembered some of the things I learned as a young "rancher." I like the kernel of wisdom at the end of the story and recommend it to you.

Gini: My dad is a dairy farmer (Jerseys—the pretty brown ones with long eyelashes 😊), as was his father before him. It is in his blood; he has devoted much of his spare time over the last 40 years advocating for America's (and Kentucky's) dairy farmers in various organizations and volunteer roles.

Recently, my husband and I hosted dear friends from St. Louis (Dan is my co-worker and his wife Amy) for a week-long vacation at our home, showing them the Kentucky sights—the Bourbon Trail, National Corvette Museum, 400 Mile Yard Sale, and an afternoon visiting with my parents and touring our farm. During the tour, Dan asked my father what it was about dairying that made it so worth it (it is very demanding work).

Dad promptly responded, as if he didn't have to give it a second thought— "Number one, the cows don't talk back (then he laughed). Two, you visibly see the product of your labors, and your outcome is directly related to the degree of effort you put in. And number three, learning the cows. You have to manage the herd, but you must know each cow individually and treat her accordingly."

Even cows need to be treated as *individuals*.

We may worry about our families but we love them one at a time. We may worry about our parish but we worry about the parish one person at a time. We may work with a team but we work with them as individuals.

*Go to your fridge now and pour yourself a tall glass of milk. Enjoy, celebrate, tell Gini's story to a friend. (By the way, the next animal Dad brought home was a pony....)*



*J. Paul Murphy*

Send feedback to [jpmurphy@depaul.edu](mailto:jpmurphy@depaul.edu)

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ⇒ **MEALS:** Our Parish Hall is still closed for Meals. We are only able to serve our guests through the lunch window, as WE MUST follow city guidelines until further notice. Having to serve our guests this way has driven up our costs a great deal. If you would be willing to help with these costs, please use our *We Share* link to donate now:  
<https://qrgo.page.link/hUzD7>
- ⇒ **CABRINI ACADEMY:** Cabrini Academy has resumed full in-person learning on Mondays - Thursdays. Enrollment is currently underway for the 2021-22 school year. We welcome families to contact Cabrini Academy at 314-776-0883 for additional information.
- ⇒ **2021 AUCTION UPDATE:** Due to ongoing Covid-19 struggles, St. Vincent's will NOT be hosting our annual dinner Auction this year, nor we will be able to conduct an online Auction due to the lack of donations from our typical vendors & donors. However, we will still be hosting our Annual *Fund-a-Need* campaign late this Spring. Stay tuned for further details in the coming months. Thank you for your patience and please look for updates this Spring on how you can support us. Thank you!
- ⇒ **2021 GOLF TOURNAMENT:** We are thrilled to announce we will be back together again this Fall and resume our annual Golf Tournament. Please mark your calendars for Monday, September 20th. Further details to come this Summer. We can't wait to be together on the golf course again - this Parish event is one of our favorites of the year. And don't worry if your golf game isn't that great—this is all about getting out on a beautiful day and having fun together....enjoying great friends, incredible food, and the beautiful golf course at Greenbriar Hills Country Club.