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*Pentecost*

SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

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which parted and came to rest on each one of them.  
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:3-4

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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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# PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

## COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME!

Come, Holy Spirit! Today we celebrate Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the first disciples and on all who are baptized. We also commemorate the birth of the Church. Before Pentecost, the disciples remained hidden and uncertain; at Pentecost, those who were gathered were filled with the Spirit and proclaimed the wonders of the Good News of Christ to all. The Spirit guides us to the truth of Christ's love and mercy and strengthens us to live as disciples. Without the Holy Spirit, we would perish; with the Spirit, we have life to the full. Relying on the Spirit, we are given the grace to turn away from the many temptations that we face each day and prefer instead what is good and holy. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

As followers of Jesus, we are called to direct our minds and hearts to Christ's love, turning away from all that is not of God in order to be more Christ-like in our daily lives. The more we invite the Holy Spirit to draw us close to God's heart, the more readily we will avoid sin and choose life, faith, and love. In the letter to the Galatians, we hear a list of things that those who live in the Spirit are to avoid. Things like immorality, hatred, jealousy, and selfishness. At first glance, we might think to ourselves, "of course I want to avoid those things," and yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we likely recognize some of those patterns in our lives. Upon further reflection, however, we also see that these negative behaviors pose temporary pleasure while the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—lead to a life of deep and lasting fulfillment.

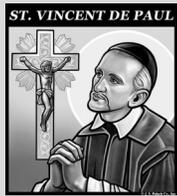
## NOTHING WILL STAND IN THE WAY

The Jewish people who had gathered in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost came from every corner of the world. They spoke many languages and yet were drawn to hear the message of Christ from the disciples who had just experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They were astonished by what they heard—not only the message, but the way in which it was conveyed, in their own language, and by the messengers, people whom they would have considered ordinary and unremarkable, rather than the acknowledged religious leaders of their time. We, too, are called to share the love and mercy of Christ through word and action, even when we feel small and insignificant. We need only to look at the witness and experience of those first disciples and all the saints who have preceded us to know that we are capable of much when we place our lives in God's hands. Nothing can stand in the way of the incredible love of God when we are filled with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit!

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:1-11  
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34  
Galatians 5:16-25  
John 20:19-23 or  
John 15: 26-27; 16:12-15

**“I simply ask our Lord to be the bond of your hearts.”**



**— 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 - Friday, Sat (9a-4p)**

## **LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT**

In today's responsorial psalm the Church sings out: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." All three readings describe how God has answered that prayer already.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and in the Gospel passage from John, we read of astonishing events that called covering disciples to step out of hiding and proclaim news that would condemn them and change the world forever! In the second reading Paul's words reach out into the future to us: "we were all given to drink of one Spirit"

It is our task to truly pray today's psalm response. Let us together beg the Holy Spirit to renew the earth by renewing the Church, sending many more men and women to serve in its various ministries.

### **Liturgy: Work of the Spirit**

The Spirit of God who hovered over the waters at the dawn of creation—the Holy Spirit who descended upon the disciples at Pentecost in ever-changing forms in the sound of a mighty wind or tongues of flame—hovers also over our celebration of the liturgy, giving it life, making it real.

It is the Spirit of God who draws us, gathering us together, Sunday after Sunday. It is the Spirit of God who called loudly to the inspired writers of the scriptures and who continues to whisper to us, revealing ever-new facets of God's word, granting insight just when we need it. It is by the Spirit's power that, when Christ's words are uttered by the priest, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. And it is surely the Spirit who inspires us—that is, breathes in us—when, sent forth from the assembly, we seek ways to serve our brothers and sisters, to allow the gospel to come to life in the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### **A PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT**

Holy Spirit,  
who sent Christ Jesus  
to carry the Good news to the poor,  
we pray to you:

Help us to continue your work  
by serving the poor, our brothers and sisters.

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSP, copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p.181

**There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit.**

— 1 Corinthians 12:4

**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  
Perry Garcia  
Marian Junge  
Bob Rauscher, Jr.  
Charles Sims  
Barb Thomas

**\*\*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:**

Mary Leimkuehler, Dorothy McFerren, &  
Patricia Dannenberger

**Nursing  
Home**

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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

***Saturday, May 22***

4:30p Reggie Thorpe

***Sunday, May 23***

9:00a Jane Powell

11:00a Ladies of Charity

***Monday, May 24***

12:05p Our Veterans

***Tuesday, May 25***

12:05p World Peace

***Wednesday, May 26***

12:05p Our Volunteers

***Thursday, May 27***

12:05p Seniors

***Friday, May 28***

12:05p COVID patients

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

May 24 Connie Bauer  
May 24 Marty Johnson  
May 24 Ava Martin  
May 24 Teri Wells  
May 25 Oscar Chavez  
May 25 Joan Schmidt  
May 25 Tom Zurheide  
May 26 Lou Risk  
May 27 Jackie Toben  
May 29 Andrea Noedel  
May 29 Katherine Stewart  
May 29 Mary Walsh  
May 29 Matthew Zurheide

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

May 24 Jerry & Mona Cafazza 32 yrs  
May 25 Charles & Maria Lizenby 36 yrs  
May 26 Pat & Kathy McGrath 48 yrs



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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
& SAVE THE DATES!**

**Sat, July 10 - Virtual Trivia**

**Mon, Sept 20 - Golf Tournament**  
**@ Greenbriar Hills CC**



# What did Pope Francis Say?

## Vatican City

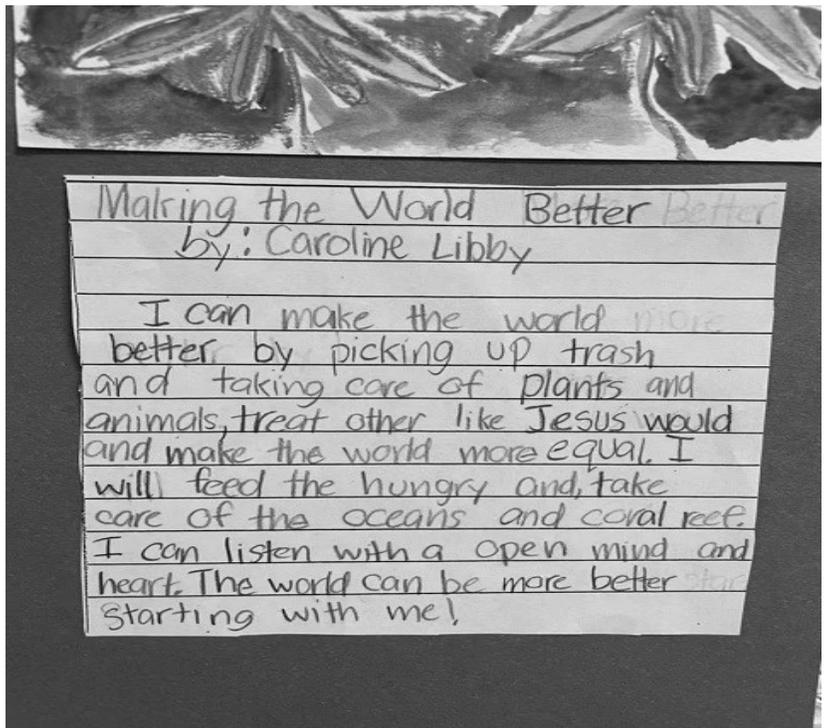
In the last hours of his life, Jesus prays. In those sorrowful moments, as he prepares to take leave of his disciples and this world, Jesus prays for his friends. Even though he bears in his heart and in his flesh all the sin of the world, Jesus continues to love us and pray for us. From his prayer, we learn how to deal with dramatic and painful moments in our own lives. Let

us think about one particular word that Jesus uses in his prayer to Father: it is the word “keep”. Dear brothers and sisters, in these days when your beloved country of Myanmar is experiencing violence, conflict and repression, let us ask ourselves: what we are being called to keep?

In the first place, to keep the faith. We need to keep the faith lest we yield to grief or plunge into the despair of those who no longer see a way out. In the Gospel, John tells us that Jesus, before uttering a word, “looked up to heaven” (Jn 17:1). In these, the final hours of his life, Jesus is weighed down by anguish at the prospect of his passion, conscious of the dark night he is about to endure, feeling betrayed and abandoned. Yet in same moment, he looks up to heaven. Jesus lifts his eyes to God. He does not resign himself to evil; he does not let himself be overwhelmed by grief; he does not retreat into the bitterness of the defeated and disappointed; instead, he looks to heaven. This was the same advice he had given his disciples. To keep the faith is to keep our gaze lifted up to heaven, as here on earth, battles are fought and innocent blood is shed. To keep the faith is to refuse to yield to the logic of hatred and vengeance, but to keep our gaze fixed on the God of love, who calls us to be brothers and sisters to one another.

Prayer leads us to trust in God even in times of difficulty. It helps us to hope when things seem hopeless and it sustains us in our everyday struggles. Prayer is not a retreat, an escape, in the face of problems. Instead, it is the only weapon at our disposal for keeping love and hope alive amid the weapons of death. It is not easy to lift our gaze when we are hurting, but faith helps us resist the temptation to turn in on ourselves. We may want to protest, to cry out to God in our pain. We should not be afraid to do so, for this too is prayer. At times it is a prayer that God hears more than others, since it comes from a wounded heart and the Lord always hears the cry of his people and dries their tears.

Pictured below is Dick & Pat Poehling’s granddaughter, Caroline Libby. Caroline just made her First Communion in CA. Here is her essay on how to make the world a better place. Enjoy!



# Fund a NEED

Our 2021 Fund-a-Need campaign has begun. All donations go directly to our non-profit, Vincent's Community Outreach. What used to be known as "the poor fund" is now a thriving non-profit that is able to give back 100% of Fund-a-Need donations directly to our outreach programs, such as: Food Pantry, Daily Lunch Window, Monthly Meals Program, Suds of Love laundry assistance, Clothing Window, Senior Bingo, and rent & utility assistance for Seniors and families struggling in our community. To make a 100% tax-deductible donation to our annual Fund-a-Need program, please mail a check to the address on the right or scan the QR code with your smart phone to make a secure donation online. We thank you for your continued support!

## Vincent's Community Outreach

— Partnering against poverty in South St. Louis

*Please make donations payable to:*

**Vincent's Community Outreach**

**C/O: Fund-a-Need**

**1408 South 10th St.**

**St. Louis, MO 63104**



*Donate online at:*

**Vincent's Community Outreach**

**<https://stvgl.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities/2021FUNDANEED>**



Just a reminder: The "Bridge Bread" food truck will be here at St. Vincent' Parking lot on **Sunday, May 23rd at 10:00a** (immediately after 9:00a Mass).

For those who don't remember, Bridge Bread is a local organization that employs formerly homeless individuals as bakers, providing them a pathway to being housed. If placed a pre-order, you can pick it up today. Go to [www.bridgebread.org](http://www.bridgebread.org) for further details.

We hope you will stop by on Sunday after the 9:00a Mass!



20th Annual  
**RUN**  
for life & learning  
hybrid • 6k, 1 mile, 1/4 mile  
**June 5th, 2021**

**The Run for Life & Learning, benefiting Birthright STL, is June 5!**

Join us for the in-person, socially-distanced event at Creve Coeur Lake on June 5, featuring a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FRED BIRD. Or participate on your own anywhere, any time from June 1 through June 6!

To register or donate, visit:

**[runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning](https://runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning)**. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and make better lives for themselves and their families.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ⇒ **2021 FUND-A-NEED:** Although we will not be hosting our Annual Dinner Auction this year, we have begun our fundraising campaign for the 2021 Fund-a-Need. To learn more about this year's Fund-a-Need program or to make a donation, please go to:  
<https://stvstl.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities/2021FUNDANEED>
- ⇒ **St. Vincent's Online Trivia Night:** Please save the date for Saturday, July 10th at 7:00pm for our first online trivia party. Registration, pricing and details on group pairing will be coming soon, so please stay tuned and remember to save the date. This is sure to be a really fun event - and remember, it's online only so you can have parties at your house to participate as teams.
- ⇒ **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, 2021**. 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.
- ⇒ **CABRINI ACADEMY:** Enrollment is currently underway for the 2021-22 school year. We welcome families to contact Cabrini Academy at 314-776-0883 for additional information.

## Information Sheet

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