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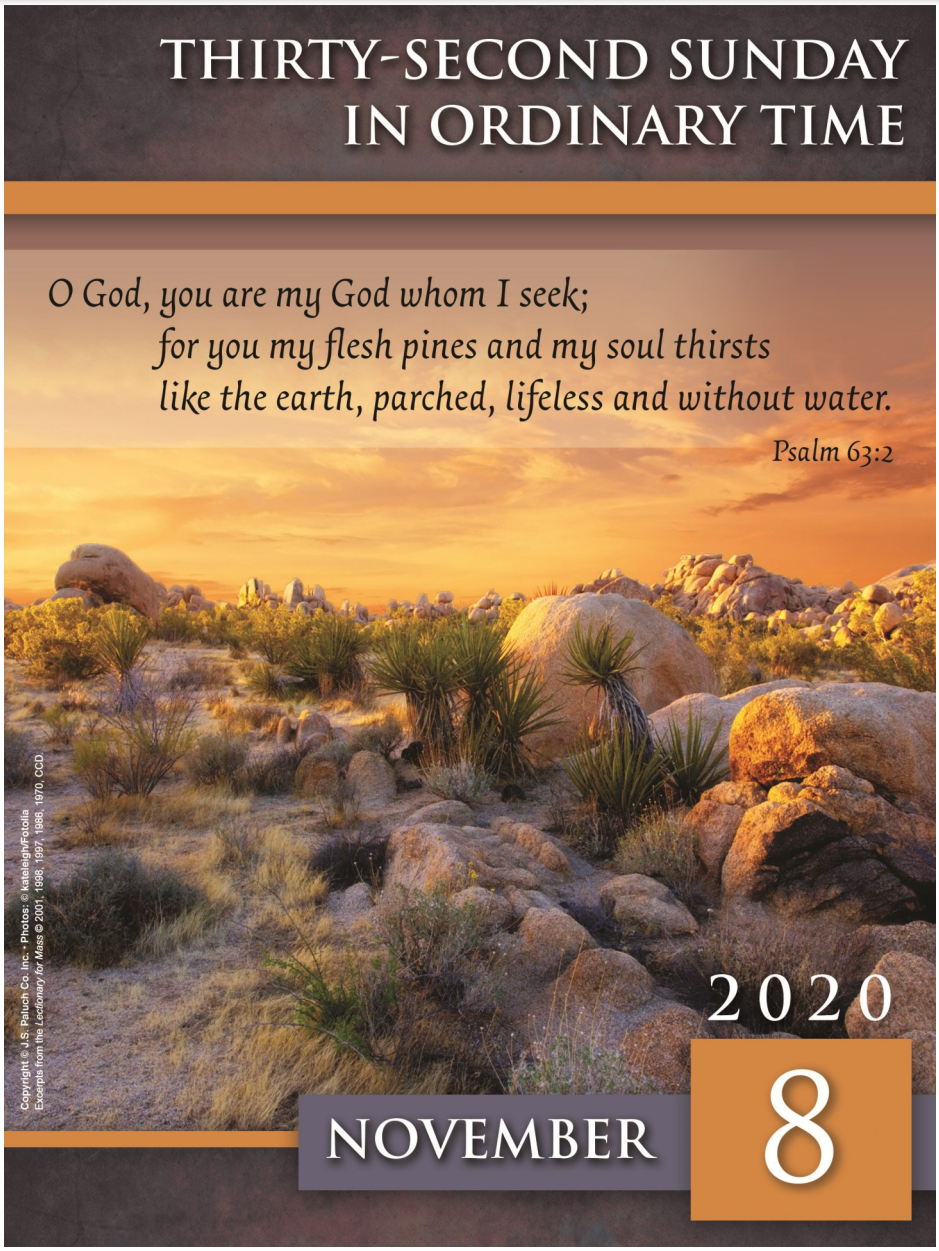

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We, the people of Saint Vincent DePaul Parish in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, Missouri, are committed to following Jesus Christ, Evangelizer of the poor.
We do this through:

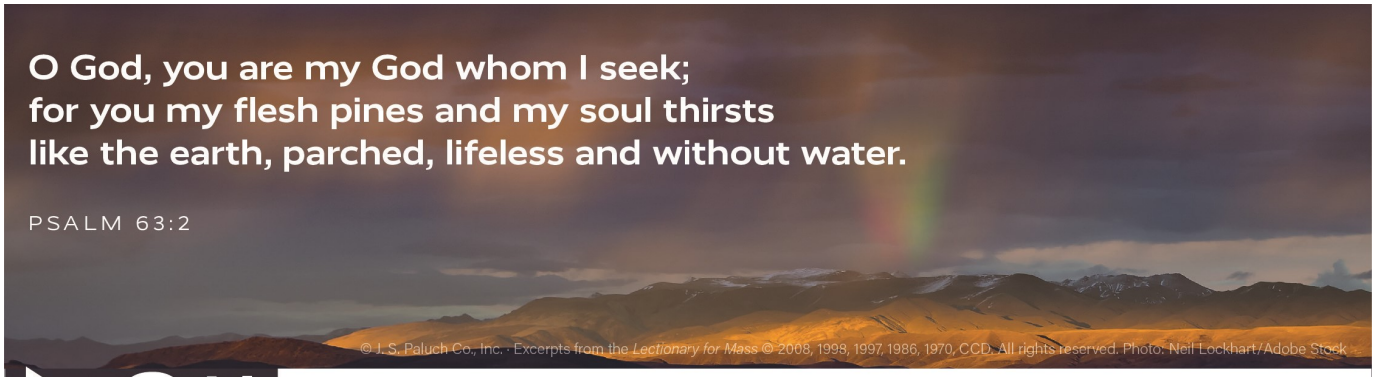
- Eucharistic centered worship and continued spiritual formation.
- Service to the poor and oppressed.
- Preaching the Gospel by word and action in an ecumenical spirit.

Organizations / Activities

Vincent's Community Outreach (VCO)
Teresa Corby — After School Program

Bob Bischoff — Finance Council
Paul Freeman — Liturgy Committee

Let's Start: 314-241-2324



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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

CONSEQUENCES

Actions have consequences. As children, we were often told that if we would do something, then we would receive a present or a reward. If we didn't, it might result in a punishment. Geometry also uses the "If-Then Statement." That is what our scriptures are like this Sunday. In each reading, there is a suggested action on our part, which will result in a desired outcome. There is a feminine personification of God as Wisdom, Psalm 63 and the intimate thirsting for God, the letter to the Thessalonians on believing in Christ, and Matthew's parable of the wise and foolish virgins. In the world of instant everything, we are not good about being patient, and our follow-through can be terrible. But each reading in its own way promises us that if we diligently seek God, we will be blessed and rewarded, and that it is worth the work and the wait!

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

In the old spiritual, "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" we hear the imperative to wait and be ready, and while there are many variations, it usually ends "The world is nearly done." "The time is drawing near." or "The day is dawning nigh." The liturgical year is near its end, and we begin to feel that tension of "already but not yet" as the readings become more eschatological (about the end-times) in nature. We are called to wait patiently. Yet, like the wise and foolish virgins, we run the risk of falling asleep, and or running out of oil. Waiting for God, preparing for God, requires much hope, much preparation and discipline, and at times it is counter-intuitive. We must put aside impatience or the desire for immediate gratification and keep the end in sight. In running terms, it is not a sprint, but a marathon.

TRIMMED AND BURNING

So how do we do this? Whether we are sitting in the pew or one of those involved more intimately in liturgical ministry, this is a call for spiritual self-maintenance. None of our scriptures today is passive. Seeking and waiting for God requires work. Presence and participation in the liturgy are among the easiest and most natural ways to provide fuel for our spiritual lamps. But like a car, we need to do more than just put in gasoline. There are other needs to attend to for upkeep. Just read the opportunities in this bulletin! Perhaps you may want to attend a parish scripture class or find a spiritual book to read. Sign up online to receive the daily readings or some sort of daily reflection. Find a spiritual podcast to listen to on your commute home from work or turn off the news and music and drive in morning silence. Share simple, regular prayer times as a family such as at meals and bedtime. Experience the sacrament of Reconciliation. Or maybe you do too much, and the call is to let go of something. Do not become burned out or lose heart. Take courage and remember, "The day is drawing nigh!" Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 6:12–16
Psalm 63:2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 [13–14]
Matthew 25:1–13

"We must continue to do good, even though people of the world may criticize us."

— St. Vincent De Paul

Thursday, Nov 11th

CHURCH IS OPEN!

We will have be having Masses on Sundays at 9:00 & 11:00am. We will not be having Saturday masses for a while. However, we are resuming daily Mass at 12:05pm, Monday - Friday.

Masks are required before entering the Church & your temperature will be taken as a precaution. We will also have live-streaming of the 9:00a Mass available on our website for your convenience, should you choose to stay home:

PLEASE NOTE:

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
***UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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Reading 1: Wis 6:12–16

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate.
For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

Reading 2: 1 Thes 4:13–18 or 4:13–14

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

Gospel: Mt 25:1–13

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

We pray for all who are sick and their caregivers:

Beth Karp
Maren Matson
John Menard
Tony Leone
Tom Murpny
Caitlyn Speckhals
Parents of Mike Piasecki
Angie Stanard
Dianna Wozniak

****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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov 08	Nile Hodges
Nov 08	Daniel Schulte
Nov 09	Teresita Cometa
Nov 09	Raymond Irwin
Nov 10	Katie Lawder
Nov 11	Dorothy Anne Fischer
Nov 11	Elizabeth Frei
Nov 11	Amy Mueller
Nov 11	Chrissy Wingbermuehle
Nov 12	Ian Wells
Nov 13	Tyson Cato
Nov 13	John Thiel
Nov 14	Liam Krahl
Nov 14	Thomas Molitor
Nov 14	Angela Williams

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nov 10	TJ & Catherine Determan	13 yrs
Nov 11	Steven & Patty Renschen	31 yrs
Nov 12	Stephanie & Brian Lecci	4 yrs
Nov 12	Dennis & Teri Wells	32 yrs
Nov 13	Chad & Nikki Thurman	16 yrs

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, Nov 08
9:00a **Our Confirmation Students**
11:00a **Our Veterans**

Monday, Nov 09
12:05p **Colleen Roche**

Tuesday, Nov 10
12:05p **Dorothy Buttice**

Wednesday, Nov 11
12:05 **Joe Jung**

Thursday, Nov 12
12:05p **Our Veterans**

Friday, Nov 13
12:05p **Larry Volk**

THANKSGIVING DINNER UPDATE:

Due to COVID, St. Vincent's will NOT be hosting Thanksgiving Day dinner this year. Instead, we will be preparing "to-go" bags of Thanksgiving staples and delivering them to Seniors & select families from our Food Pantry program. PRIOR to Thanksgiving.

To volunteer, please contact our *Volunteer Coordinator, Pat Poehling.*

What did Pope Francis Say?

Vatican City

VATICAN CITY -- The Eight Beatitudes describe the path to holiness, but the call to meekness seems particularly challenging today, Pope Francis said. "The meek are those who know how to control themselves, who leave space for the other; they listen to the other, respect the other's way of living, his or her needs and requests. They do not intend to overwhelm or diminish the other, they do not want to loom over or dominate everything, nor do they impose their ideas or their own interests to the detriment of others," the pope said.

Marking the day's feast of All Saints and commenting on the Gospel reading, which was the Gospel of Matthew's version of the beatitudes, Pope Francis told people gathered to pray the Angelus with him that the saints and blesseds recognized by the church walked the path of the beatitudes, each in his or her own way.

"They all have their own personality and developed their own life of holiness according to that personality," the pope said, "and each one of us can do it, taking this path: meekness, meekness, please, and we will head toward holiness."

"At this moment in life, even globally, there is so much aggressivity," he said. "In everyday life as well, the first thing that comes out of us is aggression, defensiveness. We need meekness to progress on the path of holiness. To listen, to respect, not to attack: meekness."

Could you use a change in your daily routine? Spend the day at the Mercy Retreat Center. Spend some quiet time reading and relaxing, praying and meditating. Enjoy a safe and quiet place to work other than home for a day or two.

You may purchase anywhere from 1 to 5 days to be used over the course of any 30 day period.

Cost: $40/day (discounts provided when booking more than 1 day.)

Guests will also have access to free Wifi, our serene chapel, and our business center. A brown bag lunch will be provided.

Reservations: Visit our website at www.mercycenterstl.org for more details and to book a reservation. (Ph: 314-966-4686)

St. Vincent's Christmas Program

Collection Schedule

- **Sun, Nov 1** — **Cooking Oil**
- **Sun, Nov 8** — **Spaghetti Sauce**
- **Sun, Nov 15** — **Laundry Detergent**
- **Sun, Nov 22** — **Canned Chili / Canned Meat**
- **Sun, Nov 29** — **Canned Fruit**
- **Sun, Dec 6** — **Cereal**
- **Sun, Dec 13** — **Ramen Noodles** *(Chicken/Beef)*

Donations can be dropped off at the Church Altar PRIOR to Mass *OR* dropped off at the Parish Office during business hours.

***Please Note*: If you missed a week, we happily accept donations from previous weeks.**

Thank you for your generosity!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

⇒ **UPDATED OFFICE HOURS** are Monday - Saturday, **8:30am - 3:00pm**

⇒ **CHURCH IS OPEN! We will be having Mass on Sundays at 9:00 & 11:00am. No Saturday Masses for now, but we are having weekday Masses on Mon-Fri at 12:05pm. Masks are required before entering Church & we will be doing temperature checks at the entrance. If you have been exposed to COVID in the last two weeks, we ask that you please stay home. Our 9:00a Mass will be live-streamed on our website at www.stvstl.org**

⇒ **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

⇒ **FOOD DONATIONS:** Because of our limited availability, all food donations must be approved first and scheduled in advance prior to drop off. Please call our parish office at (314) 231-9328

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