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JULY 25, 2021

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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.



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GOD FEEDS AND CARES FOR US

Today’s message could be summed up in psalm 145, “The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.” Each reading shows how carefully God feeds and cares for us, in an up-close and personal fashion. Elisha fed the crowd from twenty barley loaves. Jesus blessed a few loaves and thousands were fed. Perhaps this seems far-fetched, but we read stories in the news about chefs taking the leftovers from fancy restaurants and feeding many people in a soup kitchen. As a schoolgirl, one of my favorite stories was “Stone Soup,” the tale of a couple of war-weary soldiers convincing the people of a frightened and starving little country village to bring out their meager supplies and share them to make a marvelous soup to feed the town. The second reading asks us to “Consider well our call.” How do we respond to those in need around us?

MIRACLE OR MAGIC?

It can be easy to just say, “Oh yes, this is the story of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, when everybody decided to share the bits of food they had.” But how much of it is really about feeding the crowds? “Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?’ He said this to test him, because he knew what he was going to do.” It must have been very hard to trust Jesus, especially when the disciples often didn’t understand him. This year has been challenging for us, too, to trust that God will provide, and also challenging for us to ask for help.

In the Rule of Saint Benedict, there is a chapter called “The assignment of impossible tasks.” It says, in essence, that when your superior tells you to do something impossible, it is fine to go talk to them about it, but in the end you may still be asked to do this task. In what situations are we called to trust? When are we asked to act in faith or to do the impossible task?

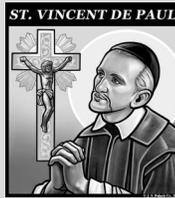
HOW WILL WE KNOW WE ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING?

Miracles are seldom as obvious as the multiplication of loaves and fishes. Many years ago, I overheard a family conversation in a restaurant at the end of a long holiday weekend. At the register was one of those collection jars saying, “For just fifty cents a day you can feed a child.” The little girl asked her folks about it and they explained it. She said, “I have money left from my weekend, could I put it in the jar?” The parents said yes and let her go on the adventure for herself. She came back and sat down, and they chatted some more. She said, “If fifty cents feeds a child for a day, then I was able to feed one for three days, because I had \$1.50 left from the weekend.” When we follow this child’s example and go beyond the minimum, when we give all we can, we know we are doing the right thing, and we have understood the test that Jesus posed to Philip so long ago.

TODAY’S READINGS

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15

“Always the hand of God is outstretched for those who wish to clasp it.”



— *St. Vincent De Paul*



For more information on our Outreach Services, please visit our non-profit, Vincent's Community Outreach (VCO):

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)

ONE LORD, ONE FAITH

Do you suppose the authors of the four Gospels were aware of today's first reading from the second book of Kings? Of course they were. The prophet Elisha fed a hundred men with twenty barley loaves in order to prove God's power. This same miracle, now multiplied by more people fed by fewer loaves, is attributed to Jesus in all four Gospels. In today's passage from John we even have the detail that the loaves were barley, reminding every pious Jew of that miracle that Elisha worked. Yet Jesus went into hiding when they wanted to make him king. It is the passage from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians that gives us the reason for this. The power of Jesus comes from God. It is not meant merely to feed us, or to provide one group with a king. There is one Lord, one faith, one God and Father of all who works through Jesus Christ and through us all.

The Preface Dialogue

"Lift up your hearts." "We lift them up to the Lord." "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right to give him thanks and praise." With this ancient dialogue we enter the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass. These venerable words have been part of the Christian liturgy almost from the beginning—by the time of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215) they were already fixed in the liturgy.

Several times during the Mass the priest has invited us to pray. There is something different here. We are invited to be "lifted up," to ascend, to climb the Lord's mountain, as it were, to go to a new place for this most solemn part of the Mass. And we are invited to a new frame of mind, a sense of joy, of focused dedication: our hearts must not be cast down, but lifted up, and lifted to the Lord. Why? Because we are going to give thanks—we are going to "eucharist!" It is right and just that we do this.

PRESSURE

A diamond is a chunk of coal that has made good under pressure.

—Anonymous

WORKING AND SAVING

Work hard and save your money so when you're old you will be able to buy the things only the young can enjoy.

—Anonymous

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season.

— *Psalms 145:15*

**PRAY FOR
THE SICK**



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

Tom Murphy
Robert Flick
Jackie Cooperwood
Sharon Ryan
Marian Junge
Dianna Wozniak
Bob Rauscher, Jr.
Charles Sims

Barb Thomas
Emily Klein
Deidre Cason
Mary Koenig
Dan Murphy
Dave Frei
Karen Howard
Beth Karp
Jane Bilger

****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



MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, July 24

4:30p Our Volunteers

Sunday, July 25

9:00a Jimmy Ablan

11:00a COVID Patients

Monday, July 26

12:05p Frontline Workers

Tuesday, July 27

12:05p First Responders

Wednesday, July 28

12:05p Jim Fuehne

Thursday, July 29

12:05p Blanche Malone

Friday, July 30

12:05p Our Meals Guests

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 24 Stacey Carpenter
July 24 Bev Leimkuehler
July 25 Jay Lewis
July 25 Patrick Truesdale
July 26 Joseph Hedley
July 27 Irvin Engelmann
July 27 Jolie Wells
July 30 Alisha Clarke
July 30 Aaron Frei
July 30 Mary McCaffrey
July 31 Christine Byron
July 31 Bill Wilke
July 31 Chase Zancanata

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July 27 Ralph & Elizabeth Glaser 27 yrs
July 31 Tom & Lori O'Toole 31 yrs



Rest In Peace:

Mark Parker



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What did Pope Francis Say?

Vatican City

Jesus's attitude that we observe in the Gospel of (Mk 6:30-34) helps us to grasp two important aspects of life. The first is rest. To the Apostles returning from the labors of the mission who enthusiastically begin to relate everything they had done, Jesus tenderly directs this invitation to the Apostles: "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while". An invitation to rest.

In so doing, Jesus gives us a valuable teaching. Even though he rejoices on seeing his disciples' happiness due to the wonders of their preaching, he does not spend time giving them compliments or asking questions. Rather, he is concerned about their physical and interior tiredness. And why does he do this? Because he wants to make them aware of a danger that is always lurking there for us too: the danger to be caught up in the frenzy of doing things, to fall into the trap of activism where what is most important are the results that we obtain and the feeling of being absolute protagonists. How many times this happens in the Church: we are busy, we run around, we think that everything depends on us and, in the end, we risk neglecting Jesus and we always make ourselves the center. This is why He invites His disciples to rest a bit with Him on their own. It is not only physical rest, but also rest for the heart. For it is not enough to "unplug" ourselves, we need to truly rest. And how do we do this? To do so, we must return to the heart of things: to stop, to remain in silence, to pray so as not to go from the frenzy of work to the frenzy of times of relaxation. Jesus did not neglect the needs of the crowd, but each day, before anything else, he would withdraw in prayer, in silence, in intimacy with the Father. His tender invitation – rest a while – should accompany us. Let us beware, brothers and sisters, of efficiency, let us put a halt to the frantic running around dictated by our agendas. Let us learn how to take a break, to turn off the mobile phone, to contemplate nature, to regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.

Nonetheless, the Gospel tells us that Jesus and his disciples could not rest as they had wished. The people find them and flock to them from all sides. At which point, he is moved with compassion. This is the second aspect: compassion, which is God's style. God's style is to draw near, compassion and tenderness. How many times we find this phrase in the Gospel, in the Bible: "He had compassion on them". Touched, Jesus dedicates himself to the people and begins to teach again (cf. vv. 33-34). This seems to be a contradiction, but in reality, it is not. In fact, only a heart that does not allow itself to be taken over by hastiness is capable of being moved; that is, of not allowing itself to be caught up in itself and by things to do, and is aware of others, of their wounds, their needs. Compassion is born from contemplation. If we learn to truly rest, we become capable of true compassion; if we cultivate a contemplative outlook, we will carry out our activities without that rapacious attitude of those who want to possess and consume everything; if we stay in touch with the Lord and do not anesthetize the deepest part of ourselves, the things to do will not have the power to cause us to get winded or devour us. We need – listen to this – we need an "ecology of the heart", that is made up of rest, contemplation and compassion. Let us take advantage of the summer time for this! It will help us quite a bit.

Jewish and Christian Reflections on the Book of Ruth

Sunday, August 8th

2:00 – 4:00 pm

\$20/person

**Visitors Center – National Shrine of Our
Lady of the Snows**

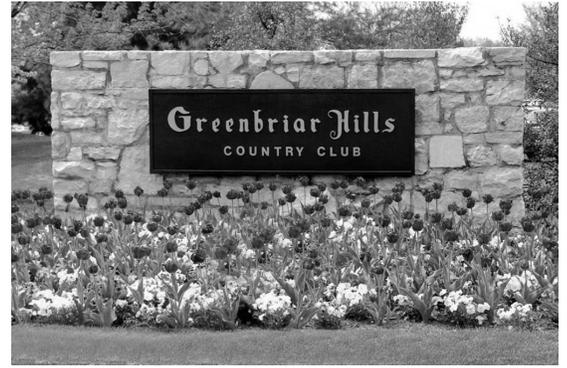
**Presenters: Maharat Rori Picker Neiss
and Mark Etling, PhD**



**Bridge Bread Food Truck will be back to
St. Vincent's next Sunday, August 1st
immediately after the 9:00am Mass.**

Pre-Order online at:

www.bridgebread.org



St. Vincent's Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, September 20

10:00am - Registration

11:00am - Shotgun Start

\$150/player OR \$600/Foursome

Register online: www.stvstl.org



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ⇒ **2021 GOLF TOURNAMENT:** We are thrilled to announce we will be back together again this Fall and resume our annual Golf Tournament at Greenbriar Hills Country Club. Please mark your calendars for **Monday, September 20th, 2021**. Registration is open on our Parish website at **www.stvstl.org** Individuals are \$150 and Foursomes are \$600. We also have several Sponsorship opportunities available. Questions? Email Laura Kelly at laura@stvstl.org or call (314) 295-6980.
- ⇒ We have slowly began the process of opening back up and adding in activities that were once shut down due to COVID. St. Vincent's and The Ladies of Charity will resume **Senior Bingo on Thursday, August 5th**.
- ⇒ St. Vincent's is looking to resume **Coffee & Donuts** in August. However, we need to get volunteers in place before we can start this up again. If you are interested in helping to serve coffee & donuts *OR* want to help with donut pickup, please reach out to our Volunteer Coordinator, Pat Poehling.
- ⇒ **The Ladies of Charity** are hosting their Annual Walk for the poor this year on Saturday, September 25th at Tower Grove Park. The walk begins at 10:00am. Registration fee is \$25 and checks can be made out to "The Ladies of Charity" and mailed to: *St. Vincent's Parish, Attention: LOC. 1408 South 10th St. St. Louis, MO 63104*
- ⇒ **SUDS OF LOVE** Our laundry program is temporarily suspended due to issues with the safety of the Laundromat building. When we have a new plan in place we will update everyone.
- ⇒ **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** It's that time of year again! We are collecting school supplies of all varieties - anything you are willing to donate goes to a child in need at a local school. You can drop your donation off at the Parish office.

Information Sheet

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