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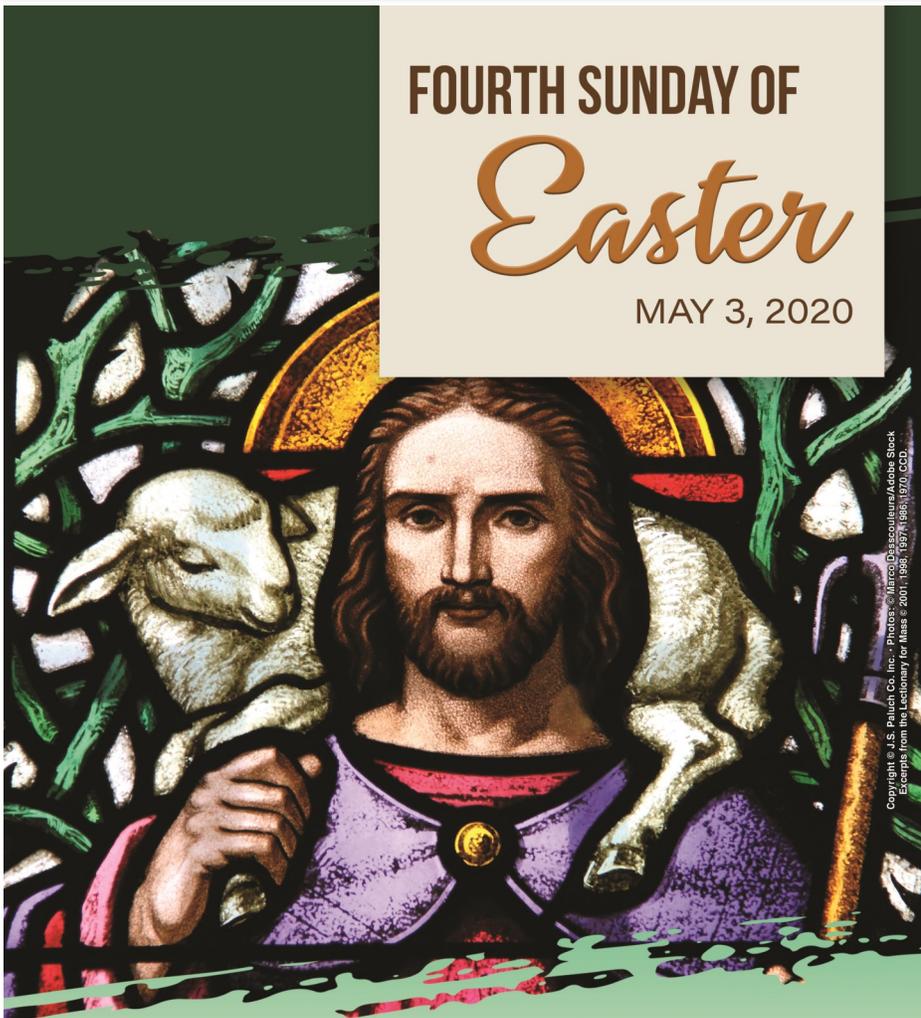
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

MAY 3, 2020



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The shepherd calls his own sheep
 by name and leads them.

John 10:3

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.

175 Years
 1844-2019

Enriching Lives. Serving People.

Father Ed Murphy, C.M.
 Pastor

Father Jim Beighlie, C.M.
 Senior Priest in Service

Father Dan Thies, C.M.
 Food Pantry

Sister Germaine Price, DC
 Sister in Service

Deacon Terry Collins

Dennis Wells
 Pastoral Associate/ Director of Music

Pat Poehling
 Volunteer Coordinator / Outreach

Mary Koenig
 Bookkeeper

Christy Toben
 Family Faith Formation

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 Director of Development & Communications

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Maggie Wells
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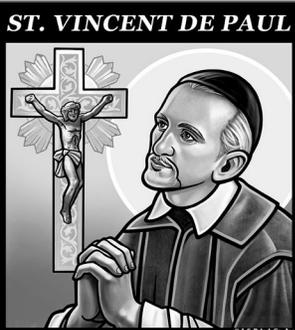
**Jacqueline Cooperwood &
 Terence Saddler**
 Janitorial

Organizations / Activities

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

Bob Bischoff — Finance Council
Paul Freeman — Liturgy Committee

“Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and people to one another.”



— *St. Vincent De Paul*

COVID 19 UPDATE:

While the Archdiocese has temporarily ceased all Masses, we ask that you please join us for “virtual church” each weekend. Please go to our website to celebrate on Sunday with us at:

WWW.STVSTL.ORG

PLEASE NOTE:

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

**Monday—Saturday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

To register in the parish, contact the
Parish Office at 314-231-9328



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WEEKLY REFLECTION

IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

“What is the reason for your hope?” Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not “What are you hoping for?” or “What are you hoping to do?” No, this isn’t about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it’s “Why do you hope?” Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit.

**PRAY FOR
THE SICK**



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

Wally Bryans
Bob Bryans
Jan Swerdeska
Wayne Casey
Pat Casey
Debbie Mueller
Doris Ferkel
Rick Rebholz

Susan Wallace
Diane Coomer
Al Marshall
Don Schmid
Laura Elder
Robert Davidson
Dickie Matheus
Miriam Jung

****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.

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

Josephine Conorino, Mary Leimkuehler,
Dorothy McFerren, Patricia Dannenberger
& Bob Olwig

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 2 Mary Deeker
May 3 Judy Cernich
May 3 Mary Skiljan
May 6 Robin James
May 7 Thomas Mueller
May 7 Karen Philpot
May 8 Megan Redshaw



Happy Anniversary!

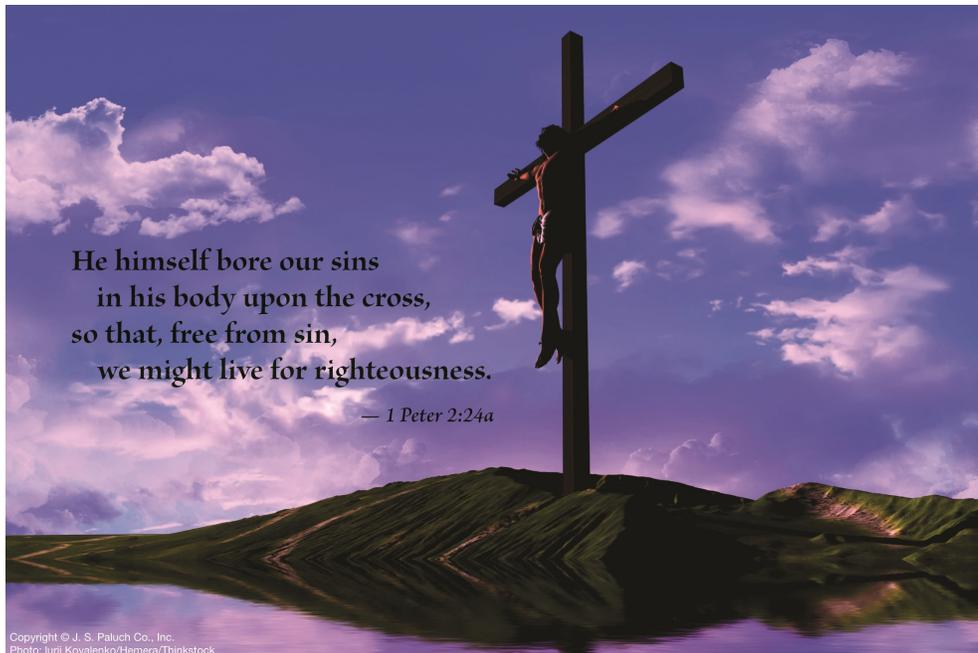
May 3 **Raymond & Georgia Irwin**
52 years

May 6 **Tom & Dolores Zurheide**
20 years



He himself bore our sins
in his body upon the cross,
so that, free from sin,
we might live for righteousness.

— 1 Peter 2:24a



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What did Pope Francis Say?

Vatican City

In his homily, Pope Francis reflected on the day's reading (Gen 1:26-2:3) which recounts the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God. He focused his attention on God's "work" of Creation. God, he said, entrusted mankind with the task of continuing that effort.

"Work is exactly the continuation of the work of God. Human labor is the vocation that mankind received from God ever since the creation of the universe. It is work that makes us similar to God, because through work men and women act as creators, and are capable of creating many things, even of creating a family."

The Pope said the Bible describes God surveying what He had done and finding it "very good".

"Work contains goodness within itself, creates harmony between things – beauty, goodness – and involves every part of the person," he said. "This is man's first vocation: work. This gives dignity to mankind. Dignity makes us similar to God."

Pope Francis went on to tell a story about a man who visited a local Caritas center to find food for his family. One Caritas employee told him: "At least you can bring some bread home." The man replied: "But it's not enough to bring food home. I want to earn my daily bread."

The Pope said this man was lacking dignity, the "dignity to 'make' his own bread through his work."

The Pope added that the dignity of work has been widely trampled upon throughout history. Examples range from the African slaves dragged to the Americas, to the modern "slave" who toils for just enough to get by on.

"Today there are many slaves – many men and women who are not free to work: they are forced to work for enough to live on, nothing more. They are slaves to forced labor... and poorly paid."

Pastor AI



"Hello, this is St. Anthony's... More souls repaired than your local shoe repair shop. Pastor AI speaking."

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

⇒ **TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS** are Monday - Saturday, 9:00am - 1:00pm
(until further notice) & limited staff available at this time.

⇒ **NO MASS** until further notice from the St. Louis Archdiocese.

⇒ **FOOD DONATIONS: IMPORTANT UPDATE ON FOOD DONATION POLICY:**

We apologize for the confusion on our new food donation policy. We are trying our best to respect the Stay-at-Home orders and have greatly reduced our office hours and staffing as a result. Because of our limited availability, all food donations must be approved first and scheduled in advance before dropping off. Please call our parish office at (314) 231-9328 to coordinate a time for donation drop-off. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding in this matter. *Thank you! -St. Vincent's Staff*

⇒ **AUCTION UPDATES:** Our 2020 Auction has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 13th. Please mark your calendars if you are able to join us! We will be hosting our Auction remotely—online only. If you have already pre-paid for your ticket, you can either receive a full refund, or your ticket price can be added as a 100% tax-deductible donation to the Parish. Please note, because our Auction will now be online only, it is FREE to register—anyone, anywhere can sign up to bid on items from the comfort of their own homes. More details coming soon.

⇒ **NO SENIOR BINGO IN MAY!** We will NOT be hosting Seniors on Thursdays in May. We will let you know when this resumes.

⇒ **NO SENIOR DINNER DANCE IN JUNE!** This event has been cancelled.