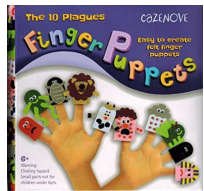


From our Pastor

While the whole world is suffering the scourge of the COVID-19 pandemic, our Jewish brothers and sisters are preparing to celebrate the Passover. Part of their time of prayer involves reflecting on the ten plagues that Yahweh inflicted on Egypt to persuade Pharaoh to set the people free. You can read all about them in the Book of Exodus. There were plagues of blood, frogs, boils, hail, locusts, etc.



To help, retailers, such as "Bed Bath & Beyond" and "Party City," offer ten-plague finger-puppets to help the children learn about the ten plagues. Some candy makers too offer ten-plague chocolates to help to teach the lesson to the children.

It may strike some as disturbing to give a child a puppet of a drop of blood to represent a plague that inflicted misery on so many – or a piece of chocolate in the shape of a locust or, maybe worse, in the shape of a boil or lice to symbolize such horrendous scourges.

Yet, somehow, it is fitting. The mystery of the Passover, and the mystery of our commemoration of Lent and Holy Week, beautifully holds everything together – the bitter and the sweet, the joy and the sorrow, the innocent and the wicked, great love and great betrayal.

That's good to keep in mind as we muddle through our own time of "plague." As difficult as it has been, it's easy to find some sweetness amid all that has been bitter. Our entire world is united in a common purpose in a way that I have never experienced in my lifetime. We are all sacrificing to protect those who are vulnerable. Our Bishops are calling us to greater prayer and fasting. People are seeking new ways to reach out to their neighbors. Great glory springs from great trials.

Think about Good Friday. People come forward to kiss the Cross. What madness is it to kiss an instrument of torture and death? Yet, I remember one year. After the Good Friday veneration was over a young mother approached me and said, "I have a highly sensitive child. She has nightmares about characters on cereal boxes. Yet she is not even remotely afraid of the crucifix. I think she sees that the Passion of Jesus is a story of love – powerful, consoling, beautiful love."

Here at St. Vincent de Paul, we might not be able to kiss the Cross on Good Friday this year. How beautiful it is that this pains us. Still, we can enter deeply into these final weeks of Lent. Bring it all – the bitter, the sweet, the full contents of your hearts and lives. You will see that the only force that can hold it all together and bring glory from it all is the great love of our Lord.

Thanks, people. You are inspiring me in many ways.

The deadline for the April 5 bulletin has passed.

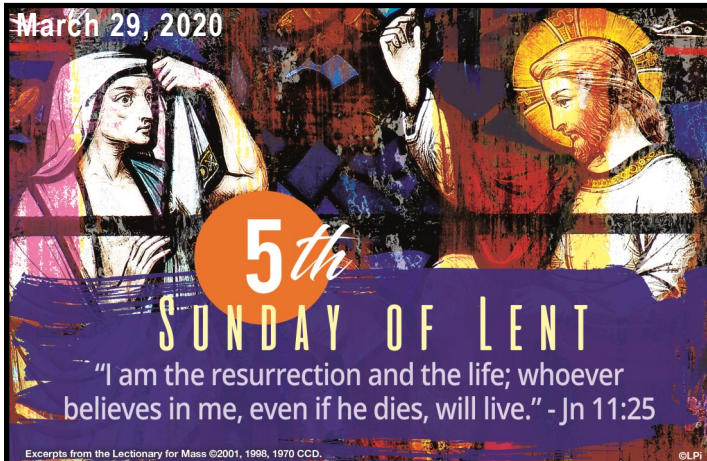
The deadline for the Apr. 12 submissions is this Friday at Noon.

New Cancellations since our Last Bulletin:

- CCW Spring Tea
- Fish Dinner (those who pre-bought tickets will be reimbursed)
- Lenten Night of Prayer
- Mini Vinnies



Please note: this digital version of the bulletin contains some updated information that was not available when the original was sent to the printers.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

KNOW and celebrate our Catholic Faith,

LOVE God and our neighbor,

SERVE as disciples of Jesus Christ.

CONTACT

Online: saintvdp.org

E-Mail: General: churchinfo@saintvdp.org

Prayer Line: prayerrequests@saintvdp.org

Parish Office: (763) 425-2210

School Office: (763) 425-3970

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Weekdays: 7:30 AM & Saturday: 3:30-4:15 PM
or call to schedule an appointment.

THIS SUNDAY ONLY (MAR. 29):
6-8 PM, additional Lenten confessions available.

Baptisms: Call to schedule an appointment

Matrimony: Please call the office at 763-425-2210

WORSHIP

Location

9100 93rd Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN, 55445

Masses

Suspended until further notice. Available online on weekends.

Online Events at the Parish



St. Vincent de Paul
COVID-19 Related Updates
Offering faith, hope, and comfort in a time of crisis

Visit our website for the most up-to-date information: Saintvdp.org

Those of you on Facebook can also follow our page for updates. Type "St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Brooklyn Park" in the Facebook search box.

STEADFAST IN
HOPE

**Steadfast in Hope: Mondays, Mar. 30-
Apr. 27 from 12:15-1:45 PM or 7-8:30 PM**

An online Catholic study in response to current events, led by our Coordinator of Adult & Family Ministry, Christina Krutza. With questions or to register, contact her at 763-762-7405 or christinakrutza@saintvdp.org. Accessible for all ages. Try it out!



**Lenten Morning of Reflection
Saturday, Apr. 4 from 10—11:15 AM**

Remain among the disciples this Holy Week with this event led by our Coordinator of Adult & Family Ministry, Christina Krutza. With questions or to register, contact her at 763-762-7405 or christinakrutza@saintvdp.org. A simple, 1-click email link given at registration will let participants join the live group (internet & speakers required). Camera optional. If you have never joined an online group, Christina would be happy to talk to you about it. Let's stay connected this Holy Week! Register today—no cost!

**Let Your Light Shine!
Is Going Online!**

THERE IS NO COST TO BE A PART OF THE
VIRTUAL FUN. JUST REGISTER!

Saturday, April 25

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**To register to bid,
go to:**

school.saintvdp.org

OR

**[one.bidpal.net/
letyourlightshine/welcome](http://one.bidpal.net/letyourlightshine/welcome)**

Knights of Columbus Italian Dinner

The KC's wish to thank the parishioners of St Vincent de Paul for attending our Taste of Italiano dinner on Saturday evening, March 14. Your attendance and generous donations raised over a thousand dollars which was shared between WomenSource and Feed My Starving Children. This event supports our local KC Council's pro-life efforts both at the local and international level.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
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Please note: you no longer need a parish code or password to access our free subscription to Formed. Instead, you will sign up at **formed.org** using our parish name, and they will send you an email with a link you can click to access their site.

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

**Tom Boos, Susan Keeney, Danny Kroll,
Lucy Lyngen, & Jared Weber**

To submit prayers or become a member of the Prayer Line, go to saintvdp.org, click on "Be Involved", click on "Pray", then choose "Prayer Line" from the menu on the left.

Come and Experience the Healing Power of Confession and Reconciliation

**Monday-Friday—7:30 AM &
Saturday—3:30-4:15 PM**

ALSO THIS SUNDAY ONLY: 6-8 PM



Or call the parish office at (763) 425-2210
to schedule an appointment.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed through Saturday, April 11, however staff will be working remotely and will be able to return your emails and calls. If you leave a message between 8 AM and 4 PM on Monday-Friday, a staff member will get back to you shortly.

If it is an emergency, please call 763-425-2210 and press 1 to connect to our Emergency Call Center.

Adoration Update



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be suspended starting at 9 PM on Friday, March 27 until further notice.

The church doors will remain open every day from 7 AM to 4:30 PM.

Please continue to respect the 10 person limit and maintain a 6-foot distance from others.

Readings for this Week

- Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Mass Intentions for Mar. 30—Apr. 5

Fr. Zehren & Fr. Zipp will still celebrate daily Mass in private and pray for these intentions and for our parishioners.

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| Monday | † Jeanne Shrake |
| Tuesday | † Stephanie, Nolan, & Josie Shields |
| Wednesday | † LeRoy & Marlene Ratke |
| Thursday | † Pauline Havelak |
| Friday | † Tom Phenow |
| Saturday | † Frank VonEnde |
| Sunday | † Victor Mastley, Parishioners,
and † Bette Wills |

During Reconciliation or visiting the church, continue to respect the 10 person limit & maintain a 6-ft. distance from others.