

From our Pastor

Another one of my Lenten challenges was to flog my way through the long classic novel "Moby Dick" by Herman Melville. I'm glad I did. What a crafty and captivating book. You can't pitch a harpoon on any page without hitting some spiritually rich lesson on the deepest mysteries of life.



One of the themes of the book deals with the human quest to go to battle with the great raw forces of nature – personified by the whale. Each of the characters in the book represents a different perspective on how to understand and engage these forces of nature. It has been giving me a lot to reflect upon as our world undergoes its battle with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The climax of the novel presents Captain Ahab engaged in a three-day battle to vanquish his perceived mortal enemy – the great white Moby Dick. Ahab "piled upon the whale's white hump the sum of all the rage and hate felt by his whole race from Adam down and... and if his chest had been a mortar, he burst his hot heart's shell upon it." That she blows me away!

Soon we enter the Holy Triduum – our faith's great three-day battle with the mortal enemy. As I write, it's likely that our commemoration of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, and our celebration of Easter, will be quite different this year. Stay tuned and keep checking our parish website for updates.

Even so, these are the three most sacred days of all time. Draw near to His Passion. Abide with Him through these holy days. Here is where we bring our madness, our most doomed tragic flaws, and the greatest of our life's struggles. Here Christ will "burst his hot heart's shell upon" them.

Easter holds meaning and victory only for those who share the sufferings of Jesus through Holy Thursday and Good Friday. "Apart from Me you can do nothing" (Jn. 15:5). Thank you for your continued prayer support and financial support. This parish and school have been supported by generous love for generations. Now, St. Vincent de Paul is entrusted to us. In Jesus, we will arise.

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



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord."
- Mt 21:9

April 5, 2020

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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.

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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, text: [letyourlightshine](text:letyourlightshine) to 243725
or go online to one.bidpal.net/letyourlightshine/welcome

Tickets for the Grand Prize Drawing (previously
the CASH Raffle) are still available!

Go to school.saintvdp.org/grand-prize-drawing
to request yours!

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Weekdays: 7:30 AM & Saturdays: 3:30-4:15 PM

Extended Hours: Saturday, Apr. 4: 2-4:15 PM

Wednesday, Apr. 8: 7-8 AM & 6-8 PM

Or call to schedule an appointment.

Baptisms: Call to schedule an appointment

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

After Wednesday of this week,
we will not have Confessions
until Easter Monday.

WORSHIP

Location

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

Masses

Suspended until further notice. Posted online each weekend.

Online Study Continues—Join Now!

STEADFAST IN
HOPE ✠

**Steadfast in Hope: Mondays until 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!

Missed the first week? No problem—join at any time!



Esteemed Gentlemen of the Men's Club, aka all you guys out there, I am writing to let you know that as a result of the current situation and restrictions in place, we have made the decision to cancel our next Thursday night get together on

April 2. However, I am pleased to present to you an opportunity to continue to fulfill your spiritual needs with the upcoming **Virtual Catholic Men's Conference sponsored by the Archdiocese.**

The event runs from April 3-5 and is free of charge.

More information on how to register can be found here:

https://www.virtualcatholicconference.com/?r_done=1

Featured speakers are some of our recent video guests,

Fr. Michael Schmitz, Fr. Larry Richards and Jeff Cavins among others. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this trying time. I look forward to the next opportunity to host our gathering live and in person! God Bless, Chris Ordner

TEENS

The deadline for the **Catholic Heart Workcamp Mission Trip** to St. Louis has been extended to April 25. This trip is to take place July 11-18, and we have just a couple spots remaining! You can find information and registration at saintvdp.org/chwcw

Mass Intentions for Apr. 6—12

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

Monday	† Helen & Charles Prasky
Tuesday	† Judy Hince
Wednesday	† Irene Culhane
Thursday	† Alice Von Ende
Friday	<i>No Intention (Good Friday)</i>
Saturday	Natalie & Ruben Przybilla
Sunday	Parishioners, † Ross Alvin Joseph Stenerson, and † Warren Wills



Please pray for the souls of
† **Steve Guckeen**, † **Robert Kinnan**,
and † **Christopher Kasprovicz**.
*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful
departed, through the mercy of
God, rest in peace. Amen.*

The deadline for the April 12 bulletin has passed. The deadline for the April 19 bulletin is at Noon on Monday, April 13.

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.

Church Building Access

The church doors remain open every day from 7 AM - 4:30 PM, and parishioners are welcome to come to pray. **Please continue to respect the 10 person limit and maintain a 6-foot distance from others.** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been suspended until further notice.

Come and Experience the Healing Power of Confession and Reconciliation

Monday-Wed.—7:30 AM & Saturdays—3:30-4:15 PM

Extended Hours: Saturday, Apr. 4: 2-4:15 PM &

Wednesday, Apr. 8: 7-8 AM & 6-8 PM

Or call (763) 425-2210 to schedule an appointment.

Readings for this Week

- 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 27:11-5
- Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: **Chrim Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
- Saturday: **Vigil:** Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55: 1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

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.