

From our Pastor

Interrupting cow is still sitting at the front door of the church.

If you don't know the joke about interrupting cow, ask the grade-schoolers. They will tell you that interrupting cow is... MOO!

So much is being interrupted this season. Historically, Easter is the season when we celebrate a great gushing forth of sacramental life. This year, however, those who had been preparing all year through the RCIA process will have to wait to be received into the Catholic Church. Our second graders will have to wait to receive their First Communion. Our young people will have to wait for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Yet philosophy professor and author Peter Kreeft writes that, "Sacraments are like hoses. They are the channels of the living water of God's grace." And you know what happens when you try to use your finger to plug up a hose. The pressure builds up so that the water bursts out even more powerfully.

We can trust that, when the blessed day does arrive, God will bless those who have been waiting to receive the Sacraments with a commensurately more powerful outpouring of grace. I believe the same thing for all of you who have been waiting and hungering to receive again Jesus in the Eucharist. When that blessed day finally does arrive, how much greater will be our devotion and appreciation for the Eucharist – and how much more powerfully will we experience our Lord's love and grace in our lives.

So be not annoyed, good people, when interrupting cow interferes with whatever plans you had made. Give it to God and rest in Him. He will give you an experience of His love far more powerful than if you had never been interrupted at all. Thank God for the blessed assurance of Easter!

~ Fr. Dennis Zehren



April 26, 2020

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SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. —Lk 24:35

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

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Pastor: Fr. Dennis Zehren

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Andrew Zipp

Deacon: Dcn. Larry Lawinger

Let Your Light Shine! Is Going Online!

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

THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 25!

Even if you have never attended, or it has been a long time,
this is the year! No babysitter needed, you can ditch the
dress, skip the suit, and join us from your living room!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!

To register to bid, text: letyourlightshine to 243725
or go online to one.bidpal.net/letyourlightshine/welcome

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

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

Or call to schedule an appointment.

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. Posted online each weekend.

Last Chance to join our Online Study

STEADFAST IN
HOPE 

Steadfast in Hope final sessions are this Monday 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 previous weeks? No problem—join at any time!

The Annual Spring Cemetery Clean-up Day has been cancelled this year.

However, we encourage people to visit the cemetery and to clean up their family plots on their own, while keeping recommended social distance. Questions? Contact Tess Eiden at 763-762-7412. Thank you for helping to honor our departed loved ones by keeping our cemetery beautiful!

CRS Rice Bowl Returns



If you have a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl ready to turn in, you may drop them off in the basket on the altar of the church.

Staff will continue to pick them up each day. Thank you for your offering. Please return the bowls by Sunday, May 3.

Come and Experience the Healing Power of Confession and Reconciliation

Monday-Friday—7:30 AM
Saturdays—3:30-4:15 PM

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

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

Tom Boos, 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.



We are on Facebook!

To find our page, go to Facebook and type “St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Brooklyn Park” in their search box. We post daily on our faith and our parish!

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office remains closed until further notice, 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 remains 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 has been suspended until further notice, but you can pray before the main tabernacle in the church.

Our Gifts of Gratitude



For this Fiscal Year (FY) Ending June 30, 2020
- showing the month of March 2020
and the Fiscal Year Period July 1 - March 31
Sunday and Holy Day Contributions

OFFERTORY

	Budget FY 2020	Current Year ACTUAL FY 2020	Prior Year ACTUAL FY 2019	Prior Year vs. This Year ACTUAL
March 2020				
Week #1		\$23,161	\$12,366	\$10,795
Week #2		\$23,844	\$28,739	(\$4,855)
Week #3		\$13,271	\$28,201	(\$14,929)
Week #4		\$14,035	\$19,527	(\$5,492)
Holy Days		\$0	\$0	\$0
Online/ACHE/CC		\$59,038	\$71,541	(\$12,503)
March Total	\$180,780	\$162,122	\$179,049	(\$16,927)

July 1 - March 31 \$1,494,046 \$1,532,297 \$1,482,259

Vs. Budget / Prior Yr \$38,251 < * > \$50,038

Special Collections in March

March 14/15—CEAP Food Shelf \$5,578

Mass Intentions for Apr. 27—May 3

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

Monday	† Roy Mehrkens
Tuesday	† Agnes Mehrkens
Wednesday	† Lawrence Sullivan
Thursday	† Dolores Nelson
Friday	Living & Deceased Members of CCW
Saturday	† Rosa Ascher
Sunday	Parishioners, Olivia Ostrom, & † James Brown

Readings for this Week

Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

The deadline for the bulletin is Noon on Monday.