

From our Pastor

Good People of St. Vincent de Paul,

One of our school parents said to me, "Geez, Father, with all of these closings and cancellations due to the Coronavirus we've had to give up a lot more than we were planning to for Lent." It has indeed been a sacrificial season.

Now we have received word that **effective immediately, all public celebrations of Mass across the Archdiocese are to be suspended until further notice. Please see the letter from our Archbishop on the back of this page.**

Take heart to know that Fr. Zipp and I will be here at St. Vincent de Paul every day celebrating Mass – and, as always, even without anyone else present, Mass will be offered for all of you. Every single time we priests celebrate Mass, we hold in our prayers the members of our community who are unable to be with us in person – those in hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, etc. The gift of the Eucharist is never restricted. Rather each Mass is a mystery to bring salvation through Jesus to the whole world.

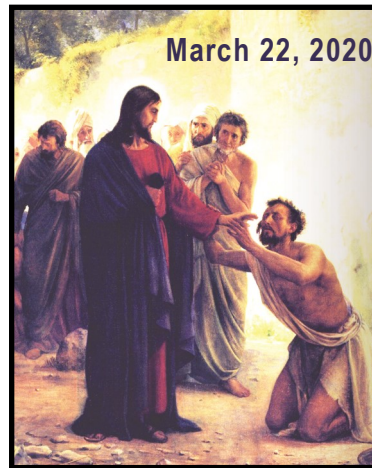
I borrow some inspiration from a priest in Italy who, in response to Mass cancellations, appealed to his parishioners to send him photos of themselves. He then "repopulated" his church by taping the photos to the church pews so he wouldn't feel so alone as he was celebrating Mass. So, yes! Send pictures of yourselves and your families to churchinfo@saintvdp.org or mail them to the parish office. We will affix your photos to the pews. Your smiling and devout faces can still surround us as we celebrate Mass.

Who else has some good ideas about how we can continue to spread the love and good cheer? How can we offer help to those who might be most suffering or vulnerable? We have a Catholic Tradition in which St. Francis kissed a leper. St. Teresa of Calcutta touched the "untouchables." I pray that during this season we can still find ways to draw near to one another. It would be wonderful if, by the time this virus has run its course, we would be able to say that even through "social distancing" we have grown closer together than ever before.

Wherever you are, there is the Church of St. Vincent de Paul. We here at Mission Control are ready to help you day or night. Call or email if there is anything we can do.

Stay spirited! Take care of yourselves. Pray for and take care of one another. St. Corona, pray for us. (Yes, there really is a St. Corona!)

~ Fr. Dennis Zehren



March 22, 2020

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- Jn 9:35

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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.

Baptisms: Call to schedule an appointment

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

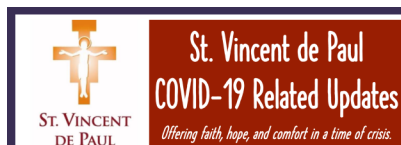
WORSHIP

Location

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

Masses

Suspended until further notice.



As this bulletin goes to print on Wednesday, Mar. 16, our parish facilities remain open, we are still offering

Perpetual Adoration and confessions, and our staff is on-site. Our large group gatherings have been canceled or postponed for the time being, but a few small groups may continue since our facilities allow for small groups to practice recommended social distancing. We are in the process of setting up a dedicated page on our website where people will be able to go for the latest updates from the parish related to the COVID-19/Coronavirus situation. Look for the picture above on the home page of our website—Saintvdp.org.

Those of you on Facebook can also follow our page for updates. Go to Facebook and type "St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Brooklyn Park" in their search box.

From our Archbishop

March 18, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

State Officials have communicated to religious leaders that the next two weeks are critical for the containment of the COVID-19/coronavirus and that all congregational gatherings should be avoided. While I am sure that the advice is startling for those of any creed, it particularly hits hard for Catholics, given our beliefs about the Mass and the Eucharist.

In light of that advice, after consulting with the Presbyteral Council and College of Consultors, and having learned that an active parish priest in another U.S. diocese has tested positive for the virus - unknowingly putting his parish at risk prior to the manifestation of any symptoms - I have made the difficult decision to suspend all regularly scheduled public celebrations of Mass in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul Minneapolis, effective immediately. Given both the moral impossibility of attending Mass, as well as the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass that was extended to the faithful of the Archdiocese last week, please rest assured that the missing of Mass in these conditions should not weigh on your conscience.

Anticipating that the need might arise for a funeral or wedding Mass in this period, a limited exception has been granted for those liturgies, provided that any liturgical celebration would comply with the directives that will be issued in a memorandum to clergy of the Archdiocese.

It pains my heart to have to make this decision since I know how many of you deeply love the Mass as I do. This decision will be re-evaluated in two weeks' time in light of any local developments and the latest advice of civil authorities and experts.

The priests of the Archdiocese will gratefully continue to offer Masses daily for the good of the faithful and for an end to this health crisis. While unable to attend in person, the faithful are encouraged to be spiritually united with the priest celebrants as they pray for the strengthening of this local Church. I am grateful that many parishes have already found ways to broadcast the Mass and other spiritual devotions online, over the radio, or on TV, allowing the faithful to be remotely present at Mass in these challenging times and to make a spiritual communion. Options for Mass and prayer resources may be found at archspm.org/covid19.

Moreover, in their inspiring desire to serve, the priests of the Archdiocese are committed during the next two weeks to continue exploring with the lay faithful possibilities for limited public celebrations of the Mass at the parish or at the Archdiocesan level that would respect the most up-to-date recommendations from the Department of Health and allow us to continue to do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19/coronavirus in our community. Knowing that so many Catholics are deeply Eucharistic in their spirituality, our priests and deacons are also committed to expanding possibilities for adoration and private prayer, moving adoration, where necessary, to larger church spaces to facilitate appropriate social distancing.

I am grateful that confessions will continue to be heard at parishes, with appropriate precautions and adaptations taken in accordance with the guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control. Priests will also continue to respond to sacramental emergencies and provide anointing and Viaticum to the extent this is possible. Please do not hesitate to contact your local parish to make them aware of any sacramental needs for the sick or the dying.

As we today mark a special day of fasting, abstinence and prayer invoking God's Providential care for our Archdiocese, our country and the world, I invite you to consider the upcoming "fast" from the Eucharist as a way to draw ever closer to our Lord, especially as we experience a more intense longing for Jesus, present in the Eucharist. During this time of Eucharistic fasting,



I would encourage each of us to offer intercessory prayer each day for the health and safety of our community, especially healthcare workers, and to join in solidarity with the many Catholics throughout the world who regularly are unable to receive communion, due to persecution or to an absence of priests.

Please continue to pray for those who have died from COVID-19/coronavirus, those who mourn them, those who are sick and the many who care for them. I ask you to keep in your prayers, as well, Governor Tim Walz and Commissioner Jan Malcom from the Minnesota Department of Health, and all public servants working to keep our communities safe.

May Mary, Consoler of the Afflicted, keep us close to each other and to the loving heart of her son.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda

What can YOU do?

1. Pray for each other and our staff. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world

gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27) Spend time in prayer and focus your attention and energy on God and others during this time, and do not allow worry to take away the inner peace that God can provide in difficult times. Offer up your sacrifices and unite your suffering to the redemptive suffering of Jesus on the cross during this Lenten season.

2. Be patient. These are new challenges for all of us, and it may take time to make decisions and communicate them, especially with the speed of the changes happening day to day as the virus spreads. We will make information available as soon as possible via our website and other communication tools.

3. Check our website first. To stay informed, you can check our website (saintvdp.org) and Facebook page for information on the latest updates to answer any questions you may have.

4. Continue your giving, if possible. As Mass attendance has dropped off considerably over the last couple of weeks, so have our collections. We know that this may be a time of financial hardship for many, but if you have the ability to continue your usual giving—please consider mailing in your weekly offering, or using our online giving tool at saintvdp.org/giving. If you happen to be in a financial position to increase your giving, please consider doing so to help make up the difference for those who cannot give. This will allow us to continue to pay our bills and offer ministries to our parishioners.

5. Expect changes & new challenges. We are making plans for the upcoming months, but there are many factors we cannot control that may lead to last-minute changes. Know that our staff are working hard to continue our parish mission to know, love, and serve the Lord and each other.

Together, we will weather this storm—with God's help!

Beware of Fraud

Please beware of any emails or texts claiming to be from Fr. Zehren, Fr. Zipp, or our parish asking you to send cash, gift cards, etc. We will not solicit

donations in this way. Do not respond to the message, just delete it immediately. Our only authorized method for online giving is through saintvdp.org/giving. The links there will send you to our page at myowngiving.com. It should look like the picture above.



Here is the current list of schedule changes as of Mar. 18:

REVISED Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 8 AM – 4:30 PM

Friday: 8 AM – 3:30 PM

CANCELLED:

- Adult Bible Study (No Greater Love)
- CCW Deanery Meeting (Mar. 23)
- Choir Rehearsals (all choirs)
- Divine Mercy Chaplet on Wednesdays
- Feed My Starving Children Packing (until further notice)
- Mini Vinnies (Mar. 22 & 29) *Not scheduled on Apr. 5 or 12*
- Moms Morning Out (until further notice)
- RCIA Sunday Dismissals
- Rediscover Book Study (until further notice)
- Women of Faith
- Youth Groups – Jr. & Sr. High

POSTPONED:

- Abundant Women's Night (*March special event with WINE*)
- BIZAA Mission Trip
- Ham Bingo



MOVING ONLINE:

- Family Faith Night (See *article on page 4.*)
- First Eucharist Retreat (*Watch your email for details.*)
- Faith Formation for Grades 1-6 (See *article on page 4.*)
- RCIA Thursday Meetings

The deadline for bulletin submissions is Monday at Noon.



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Mass Intentions for March 23—29

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

Monday	† Alice Von Ende
Tuesday	† Tom VanHove
Wednesday	† Travis Reak
Thursday	Parishioners
Friday	† Fr. Richard McGuire
Saturday	† Martin Ahmann
Sunday	† Greg Scherber, † Daniel Spanier, and † Daniel Casey

Readings for this Week

Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next 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



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!



Adoration of Jesus is available 24/7 in our chapel. Stop in for a quick visit, or for an hour or more to worship and to receive God's grace!

Come and Experience the Healing Power of Confession and Reconciliation

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

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



FAMILIES

Upcoming events listed here may be postponed or cancelled at a future date. Please check our website frequently for updates.

Family Faith Night is moving online!

Our March 31/April 1 theme is:

Together 24/7: Practical Tools to Find Peace in the Chaos & Strengthen Family Ties

All 1st-6th grade Faith Formation Families will receive an online video and printable resources with tools to strengthen families while remaining at home together. Look for an email from Christina Krutza with more details.

John's Blog... How to Catholic



How to Catholic: Answering the everyday questions of Catholic Teens. Visit svdpcatholic.wordpress.com to read the questions asked by our SVDP teens, and the answers from our Youth leader John Boyle. A great reference for families!

John, our Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, plans to be very active on social media, both on Instagram (@saintvdp_youth) and Facebook. (Search for "SVDP Senior High" or "SVDP Junior High")

He will be doing reflections, writing blogs, making videos, and answering questions that youth may have about faith, and more!



Elementary Faith Formation Plans:

Please watch for emails regarding the remaining 3 lessons for this year and how they can be completed at home.

We pray this will be an opportunity for you and your family to share and grow in your faith as you work on these together.

ADULTS

A Free Gift from our Parish to You!

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH,
ON DEMAND.

Questions about
your free
subscription?

Contact Chuck Pratt,
Director of
Faith Formation at
charlespratt@saintvdp.org
or call 763-762-7407.

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- Visit **formed.org** with a web browser
- Click the "Sign Up" button, then select "I belong to a Parish or Organization"
- Type in our parish name and select our location from the list
- Create an account by typing in your name and email address



The Auction for Education is Saturday, April 25!

**Archbishop
Hebda is
attending!**



Our Auction will include a chance to have dinner in St. Paul with him, Father Zehren & Father Zipp.

To purchase tickets, go to school.saintvdp.org, and click on the Auction for Image Logo.

CASH Raffle Tickets are also available! For \$25 you have the chance to win \$5,000! 16 CASH prizes will be given

away and only 800 tickets will be sold. Tickets are available after Masses during March, and in the school and parish office.

Fitting with our theme of "Let Your Light Shine," our focus for auction items this year is less stuff to sit and more stuff to do.

We are also in need of \$25.00 gift cards for our Mystery Box Game. The gift cards can be from stores, restaurants, movie theaters, bars, and other fun locations.

If you have an items you would like to donate, please drop it off in the school or church office by April 1.

If you have any questions, please e-mail: auction@saintvdp.org.

**Thank you
for your support!**

**Do you have an
experience to donate?
Ideas:**

Spa Packages
Hot Air Balloon Ride
Tandem sky jumping
Extreme Sandbox
Kids Birthday
Party Destinations
Hotel Stay/Airline
Tickets/Cabin
Brewery Tours
Yoga/Personal Training
Sports/concert/play/
orchestra tickets

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration



The hours in **red** indicate we have no adorers for those hours and are in urgent need.

To sign up or to be a sub, please call JoAnne Newman at 763-420-4089.

Sunday: 5 AM, 10 PM, 11 PM
Monday: 5 AM, 3 PM, 10 PM
Tuesday: 7 AM, 2 PM, 10 PM
Wednesday: 7 AM, 8 AM, 11 AM, 4 PM, 7 PM
Thursday: 1 AM, 2 AM, 5 AM, 7 AM, 10 PM, 11 PM
Friday: 5 AM, 6 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM
Saturday: 12 AM, 6 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM

STEADFAST IN HOPE

AN *ONLINE* CATHOLIC
STUDY IN RESPONSE TO
CURRENT EVENTS

Mondays, March 30-April 27
12:15-1:45 PM OR 7:00-8:30 PM

Led by Christina Krutza
Coordinator of Adult & Family Ministry

For Questions or to Register, Contact Christina:
christinakrutza@saintvdp.org or 763-762-7405

Simple, One Click Email Link Given at Registration.
If you have never joined an online group, Christina would be happy to
talk to you about it. Accessible for all ages. If uncertain, try it out!



ONLINE Lenten Morning of Reflection

Saturday, April 4th
10:00 AM-11:15 AM

Remain Among the Disciples this Holy Week

Simple, One Click Email Link Given at Registration.
This link will automatically let participants join the live group.
Internet and 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!

Presented Online by:
Christina Krutza
Coordinator of Adult & Family Ministry

Register Today!
No Cost!

For Questions or to Register, contact Christina at
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Welcome to the Family of God

December 29, 2019

Parker Verdie, son of Andrew & Emily Maas
Shane Daniel, son of Adam & Emily Sekelsky

Avery Lynn,
daughter of Nathan & Heather Ugro

January 5, 2020

Dominic Paul, son of Suraj & Andrea Buddhu
Aedan Charles, son of Ashley Aydt

January 12, 2020

Charles Raymond, son of Zachary & Rose Holton

January 19, 2020

Henry Michael, son of Michael & Sara Bierbach
Catarina Judith Vieira, daughter of Korey & Ana Brierton
Madeline Grace, daughter of John & Katie Mills
Jacob Levi and Lucas Adriano,
sons of Shane & Marleny Naniot



January 19, 2020 (continued)

Oliver Charles,
son of Clayton & Anna Whitacre

January 25, 2020

Melanie Rose,
daughter of Jeff & Tina Simmons

February 16, 2020

Eva Nhi, daughter of Phi & Hong Nguyen
Madelyn Elizabeth,

daughter of Benjamin & Dawn Weiss
Elizabeth Patricia, daughter of Jim & Olga Bortolussi
Logan Josephine, daughter of Jeff & Michelle Gilbert

March 1, 2020

Brody James, son of Korey & DeAnna Fredrickson
Vivian Grace,
daughter of Andrew & Margaret Schwartz

BIZAA Mission Trip Rescheduled

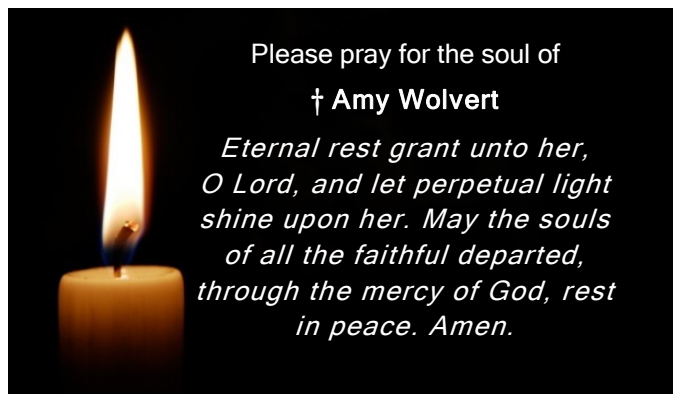
Your Supplies Donations are Appreciated!

We would like to thank everyone who donated toiletries and medical supplies for BIZAA Mission Trip originally scheduled for March 19—29, 2020. Your donations do make a lot of impact in the international communities we serve in Nigeria.

BIZAA has so far identified more than 300 victims of child trafficking and child labor and have enrolled 223 of those children in schools through the support of a combination of approximately 200 families, schools, businesses, churches and organizations. Thank you so much, child sponsors!

Secondly, due to the outbreak of coronavirus in the United States, Nigeria, and many other parts of the world, BIZAA Board of Directors have decided to postpone the Mission Trip till a yet-to-be-determined and publicized date in summer this year.

For more information, contact: okey@bizaa.org



Please pray for the soul of

† Amy Wolvert

*Eternal rest grant unto her,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon her. May the souls
of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest
in peace. Amen.*

Our Gifts of Gratitude



For this Fiscal Year (FY) Ending June 30, 2020

- showing the month of February 2020

and the Fiscal Year Period July 1 - February 29

Sunday and Holy Day Contributions

OFFERTORY	Budget	Current Year ACTUAL	Prior Year ACTUAL	Prior Year vs. This Year
February 2020	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2019	ACTUAL
Week #1		\$25,147	\$26,286	-\$1,139
Week #2		\$17,858	\$18,912	-\$1,054
Week #3		\$21,037	\$23,708	-\$2,671
Week #4		\$23,931	\$18,479	\$5,451
Holy Days		\$18	\$90	-\$72
Online/ACHE/CC		\$57,735	\$56,334	\$1,400
February Total	\$145,000	\$145,725	\$143,810	\$1,915
July 1 - February 29	\$1,313,266	\$1,370,175	\$1,303,209	
vs. Budget/Prior Yr	\$56,909	< * >	\$66,966	
Special Collections in February				
WomenSource		\$6,171		

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.

Father of goodness and love,

hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence.

Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole, and free downcast spirits.

May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

Knights of Columbus

Men: Are You Ready to Accept the Challenge?



Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values.

For over one hundred years, Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families. Eligible Catholic men can join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple, streamlined process. As a member, you join a worldwide community of nearly two million men, including 41,000 here in Minnesota who stand together.

Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve and defend. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer?

Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

