

From our Pastor

We're basking in the glory of this Octave of Easter. Keep cracking those Easter eggs – if the supermarkets haven't run out of them!

Maybe this year it would be good to reflect on the most famous cracked egg in history – Humpty Dumpty. We know that Humpty “had a great fall” so that “all the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty together again.”

That's the state in which we find ourselves as we move into this season of Easter. Due to this pesky virus, our world has suffered a great fall. Our beloved parish has suffered some cracks too. Where do we turn to put it all back together again? Well, certainly don't expect the king's horses to be of any help. It's delicate work trying to patch together a broken egg – and horses don't even have fingers!

No, on this Divine Mercy Sunday, we see more clearly that our only hope is in God.

Some have wondered if God is enacting justice on the world through this time of plague – but we know that God's justice and mercy are both beautiful and they always go hand-in-hand. St. Thérèse of Lisieux once quipped that she had come to rejoice more in God's justice than His mercy. She reasoned that, since God knows how weak and helpless and little we are, His justice demands that He be “long-suffering and plenteous in mercy with us.”

Easter reminds us that we can't do it. Just like trying to piece back together a shattered egg, we can't put ourselves back together again. We can't raise ourselves from the tomb. The best thing we can do today is to surrender ourselves more completely in love to Jesus.

That is the great comfort of our faith. We invest in comfortable shoes and mattresses, fabric softener and soothing lotion tissues. We pay extra to get more comfortable seats on the airplane. Let's invest ourselves more in the comfort of our faith – and in our life in Jesus here at St. Vincent de Paul. Now that we have tasted fully the scourges of this world, let's fully find rest in God.



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 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.



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SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” —Jn 20:28-29

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April 19, 2020



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

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.

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.

Let Your Light Shine! Is Going Online!

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

ONE WEEK AWAY!

Saturday, April 25

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

THERE IS STILL TIME TO:
Register! Join in the fun!

Purchase a CASH Raffle Ticket or a Tuition Raffle Ticket!

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 suite, and join us from your living room!

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

Tickets for the Cash Raffle are still available!

Contact Jean Landman at jeanlandman@saintvdp.org
to request yours.

**The First Eucharist celebrations scheduled for
May 2 & 3, 2020 have been postponed.**

Please watch your email for information and updates.

BIZAA 2nd Collection Postponed



BIZAA

Our Parish second collection for BIZAA International Outreach is being postponed to be rescheduled in the summer pending the outcome of the ongoing lockdown.

If you have been donating electronically and would like to do so, that will be appreciated as well. Please, be sure to mark your donation "For BIZAA". Happy Easter!

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.

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS NEEDED!



Electronic Giving

Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to make a donation to St. Vincent de Paul, or log on to saintvdp.org to set up recurring online giving.

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 previous weeks? No problem—join at any time!

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/chwc

Mass Intentions for Apr. 20—26

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

Monday	† Michael Lyons
Tuesday	† Randy Hansen
Wednesday	† Dianne Gustafson
Thursday	† Fr. William Mehrkens
Friday	† Donald Schoeller
Saturday	† Lynn Gresser
Sunday	Parishioners and † Bob Wills

Readings for this Week

Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/ 1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/ Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1 ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/ Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/ Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/ Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/ Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/ Mk 16:15-20
Next 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

The deadline for the bulletin is Noon on Monday.

Remembering Holy Week & Easter 2020

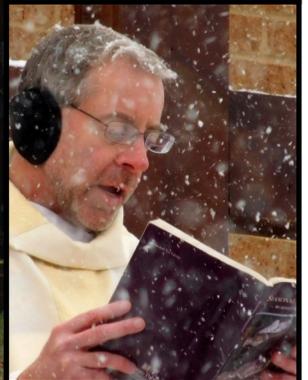
Holy Week 2020 was unlike any of us could have imagined or expected back when Lent began on Ash Wednesday on February 26.

While we knew that the spread of COVID-19 would probably affect our lives somehow... who among us thought we'd be celebrating Easter Masses on the roof of Regan Hall, in a snowstorm, while the parishioners sat in our vehicles in the parking lot and honked our halleluiahs? (Well, it is Minnesota...

so the Easter snow wasn't that unexpected!)

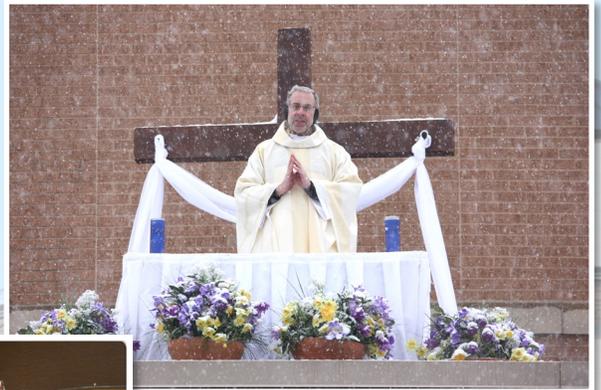
However, in difficult times, the light of Christ shines all the brighter by contrast. We are reminded of the things that truly matter, such as love, faith, charity, and joy. We witnessed all of that during Holy Week, and wanted to publish these pictures for our parish family to remember the many special moments that we shared during this time.

GOD BLESS YOU, AND HAPPY EASTER!



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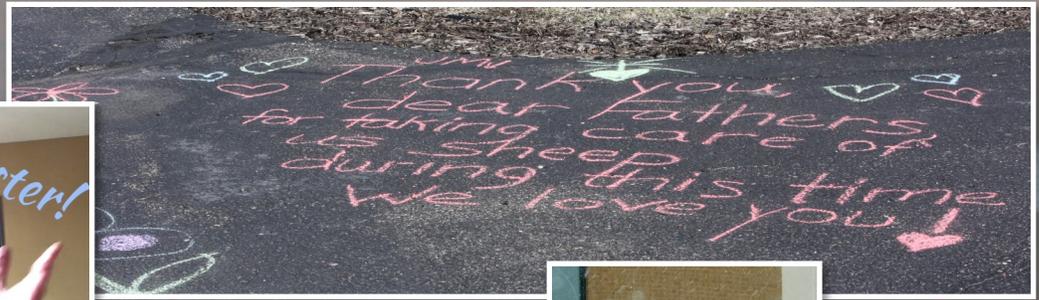




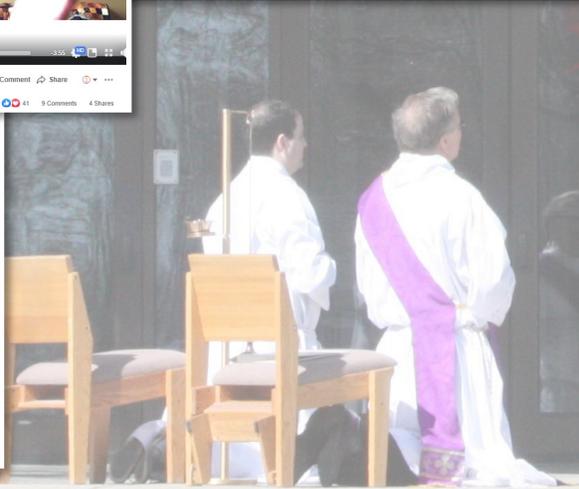
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Fr. Zehren's Easter Message to SVDP Children
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CATHOLIC CHURCH



Stations of the Cross with Fr. Zehren

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Stations of the Cross with Fr. Zehren at St. Vincent de Paul

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Behind the Scenes

THANK YOU

... to the volunteers and staff members who worked (6 feet apart!) for many hours to plan and execute all the activities and celebrations for Holy Week and Easter.

