From Our Pastor

Easter! No matter how fetid the death and dying, a hope of life breaks through!

Historian Bill Sauder worked with a crew that salvaged artifacts from the sunken Titanic.

He tells of how the objects retrieved from the underwater wreckage carried with them a rotten odor of death.

"The smell that comes off (the objects) is perfectly alien, perfectly fetid – the kind of death you've never experienced."

One day, however, the crew surfaced from the watery depths a leather pouch. Inside were vials of perfume. Sauder got choked up while speaking about the moment the vials were opened, "Suddenly, somebody opens up this leather satchel and out comes the fragrance of heaven. All these flowers and fruity flavors... It was just a complete overwhelming experience. The fragrance of heaven moves through the room. So, instead of being surrounded by all of these dead things, for those few minutes, the ship was alive again."

There is so much wreckage in our lives and in our world. But we hear the good message, just like the Angel announced to Mary Magdalene at the tomb, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus" (Mt. 28:5). There is no death that Jesus can't fill with the fragrance of heaven and raise to new life.

Thanks for seeking Jesus here. Easter is real and happening at St. Vincent de Paul.

Sharing & Caring Hands This Week



We appreciate you generous bakers who kindly provide us with cookies for dessert at the shelter. Please deliver them to the parish office by 10 AM on Wednesday.

Adoration for Vocations Holy Hour

This Tuesday, April 11 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Adoration Chapel at St. Vincent's

This is a Holy Hour where we focus our prayer and time with Christ for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life as well as spiritual support for the existing vocations.

Come join us as we "pray to the Lord of the harvest."

St. Vincent's Book Club

Thursday, April 13 from 9:30-10:30 AM in the W Mtg Room * Note the new location!

We will discuss The Orphan Collector by Ellen Marie
Wiseman. "Powerful, harrowing, and ultimately exultant,

'The Orphan Collector' is a story of love, resilience, and the
lengths we will go to protect those who need us most."

Please join us! New members are always welcome! We usually meet the second Thursday of each month. On May 9 we will discuss The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson. On June 8 we will discuss The Bonesetter's Daughter by Amy Tan.



CCW Spring Tea & Brunch

Saturday, April 15 at 11 AM

Tickets on sale for \$30 in the parish office. See you there!





PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

KNOW and celebrate our Catholic Faith,

LOVE God and our neighbor,

SERVE as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

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

B a p t i s m s: Please call the office at 763-425-2210.

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

WORSHIP

Location

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

Masses

Monday-Friday at 8 AM

Saturday at 5 PM

Sunday at 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions

Next Sunday, April 16 at 3 PM

St. Michael's in St. Michael, 11300 Frankfort Pky N. at 3 PM
Sing Chaplet, Venerate Image, Benediction, Refreshments
For more information call 763-497-2745.

St. Raphael's in New Hope, 7301 Bass Lake Rd. at 3 PM
Holy Hour and Reconciliation

For more information call 763-537-8401.

Men's Club: Into the Breach

Wednesday, April 19 from 6:30-8:00 PM in Regan Hall

With the hopes of growing in virtue and faith together, the Men's Club is launching a new monthly series called "Into the Breach."



Led by the Men's Club and Fr. Mike, these evenings will be a time of teaching and discussion around the different masculine virtues and habits needed to fulfill our vocations as men in a world at crisis. All men in our school and parish community are encouraged to join us for these times of formation, fellowship, and intentional growth together. Spread the word and mark your calendars for April 19, May 17, June 14, July 19, & August 16.

Cemetery Spring Cleanup



Saturday, Apr. 29 from 10 AM – 1 PM at St. Vincent's Cemetery

LOVE yard work? Want to perform a Corporal Work of Mercy? Please join us to Spring Clean our cemetery.

Please bring your own supplies. If you have questions, call the church office at (763) 425-2210. We can't do this without your help — many hands make light work. Last minute drop in helpers are always welcome. See you all there!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you knit or crochet? Bless others with your skill!

We need helpers to make more Prayer Shawls for our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Please contact Margaret Schauer in the Parish Office if you are interested in making a Prayer Shawl.



Building Renovations Begin Monday

Construction expected to run April 10 — September 1

Along with Community Room updates there will be a new heating and ventilation system for that area and an ADA compliant restroom added. Carpeting in the Chapel and the West Meeting Room will also be replaced. Check out our website for more details. A new Kitchen and Lounge Area replaces the existing Kitchenette and Coat Room.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration



To sign up or to be a sub, go online to saintvdp.org/perpetual-adoration, or call JoAnne Newman at 763-420-4089.

Sunday: 10 PM, 11 PM

Monday: 5 AM, 6 AM, 8 AM, 11 AM, 4 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM

Tuesday: 6 AM, 7 AM, 9 AM, 3 PM, 4 PM

Wednesday: 11 AM, 12 PM, 3 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, 10 PM
Thursday: 1 AM, 7 AM, 6 AM, 9 AM, 12 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM

Thursday: 1 AM, 2 AM, 6 AM, 9 AM, 12 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM,

10 PM, 11 PM

Friday: 6 AM, 7 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM,

4 PM, 5 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM

Saturday: 2 AM, 8 AM, 10 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM

NOTE: the hours listed above in black need 1 more adorer. The red ones are urgent because there is no one committed to that hour.

Readings for this Week

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

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,

11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18,

19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/

1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Mass Intentions for April 10-16

Monday MA 00:8 † Alice Von Ende MA 00:8 Tuesday † Bill Hartkopf Wednesday 8:00 AM † Rodney Evans Thursday 8:00 AM † Leo O'Hotto Friday MA 00:8 † Mary Sinner Saturday 5:00 PM † Lynn Gresser 7:30 AM **Parishioners** Sunday 9:00 AM † Joe & Carol Holmes

11:00 AM Jack & Alice Lyons

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8 AM – 3 PM & Friday: 8 AM – Noon

The deadline for bulletin articles is Monday at Noon.