

# 4<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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Monday-Friday at 8 AM Saturday at 5 PM Sunday at 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM

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Weekdays: 7:30 AM

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 PM

Or call to schedule an appointment.

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Call the office at 763-425-2210.

Matrimony:

Call the office at 763-425-2210.

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#### **From Our Pastor**

I didn't like the photo they took of me at the DMV for my driver's license. I looked sullen and grumpy. I decided not to do a retake though. I figured that's probably how I would look if the police ever pulled me over anyhow.



Most people dislike most photos of themselves. The image doesn't match how they see themselves or want to see themselves. Interestingly, most people think they look better in a mirror than they do in photos. Maybe that's because in the mirror we see the reverse, or an inverted reflection, of what we are.

Lent invites us to imagine an inverted, or converted, image of ourselves. Because of sin, the divine image in which we have been created has been disfigured. By overcoming our sins and bad inclinations, we better see our more authentic selves.

We like what we see in ourselves more and we grow to be in deeper peace with ourselves.

Lent also invites us to reflect on how God sees us with compassion and a loving gaze that longs for only the best for us. Take advantage of the great beauty secrets of Lent. Become beautiful from the inside out.

Be the divine image that God created you to be in Christ.

The deadline for the March 17 bulletin is Monday at Noon. We will have an early deadline on Friday at Noon for March 24.





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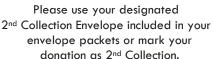


DEACON **Deacon Larry Lawinger** (763) 425-2210

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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection This Weekend

Our second collection for March will be for our CEAP food shelf. CEAP provides assistance to many people in our parish boundaries.





#### **Parish Office Hours**

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

## **Readings for this Week**

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, Sunday:

6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Scrutiny: 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/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/

Jn 5:17-30

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47 Thursday:

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and

23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53 Saturday:

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/

Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Scrutiny: 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

## **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration**

"The time we spend in loving Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time we will spend on earth. Each moment that we spend in His Eucharistic presence will produce eternal blessings for us."



-Saint John Vianney



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

Help is urgently needed for: Sundays at 5 AM

#### Mass Intentions for March 11-17

Monday 8:00 AM † Clara Donahue Tuesday

8:00 AM † The Cerda Family (Living & Deceased)

Wednesday 8:00 AM † Russell Keute Thursday 8:00 AM † Gordon Trombley

Friday 8:00 AM † Regina Loyola Knowles Saturday 5:00 PM David, Jenny, & Ella Harper

Sunday 7:30 AM Parishioners

9:00 AM † Nick Zaldivar 11:00 AM † John & Alice Imker

Please join us on Fridays during Lent at 7 PM in the Church for the Stations of the Cross.

Stations of the Cross

# 8 MILLION MEALS!





# 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Metro MobilePack

This year 1,320 volunteers attended the Northwest Metro MobilePack that was hosted at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church! Together we successfully surpassed our goal and packed 281,016 meals!! More importantly,

770 children will be fed for an ENTIRE YEAR!



Thank you to all who donated funds, packed at the event, and/or prayed for our success! St. Vincent's donated a total of \$10,000, which came from our

second collection and charity fund. Thank you for your generosity and support over the past eight years!

This year marks our
EIGHT MILLIONTH meal packed!
This event is only possible because churches in the Northwest Metro come together in a powerful way to serve those most in need.























#### ADULT ACTIVITIES

#### **Council of Catholic Women Events**

# CCW Meeting this Tuesday, March 12 at 7 PM in the Community Room

Please join us! In preparation for Palm Sunday and Easter there will be a demonstration and instruction on Palm Frond weaving (we will practice with ribbon) and making a simple macrame cross. Information on churches celebrating

Divine Mercy Sunday will be available.

Questions? Call Virginia Smith 763-425-5212.



#### CCW Card Making Event this Thursday, March 14 at 1 PM in the Community Room

Please join us! We will be making small note cards for Easter.





The Benedictine Home and the Villa will be the recipients.

All are welcome. Questions? Call Joyce at 763 420-5745 or Shirley at 763-420-7759.

#### Spring Brunch on Saturday, April 13

We will host a sumptuous buffet with a Musical Ventriloquist as entertainment. Tickets available in the church office.



We hope to see you there—all women are invited to attend!

You are invited to join Fr. Zehren on a pilgrimage to Rome. The dates for the pilgrimage are May 29-June 8, 2024.

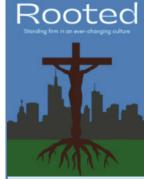


This pilgrimage is designed for a small group of 28 participants. Fr. Zehren is joining friends in a visit to see a college student who is studying there — and they are looking for a few more fellow pilgrims to fill out the group. In Rome, you will enjoy a tour of the Vatican and celebrate Mass



with Fr. Zehren at all the Major Basilicas. There will be a visit to The Three Fountains Outside the Walls where St. Paul was imprisoned and martyred. Visits to the Colosseum and the Roman Forum are also included.

The pilgrimage will include a lot of free time — with limited meals provided — to allow people to wander, explore, sample, and fully enjoy Rome at their own leisure. The boutique hotel at which we will be staying is within easy walking distance to St. Peter's and the Vatican. For a detailed itinerary, and to secure your spot, visit: www.stcecilia.co/tours



## This Sunday, March 10th

Living as a Catholic in the Public Arena

Speaker: Jason Adkins (Executive Director of the Minnesota Catholic Conference)

#### Sunday, March 17th

Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, & Social

# Life can be challenging as a Catholic today.

Come and listen to a variety of speakers discuss the intersection of faith, family, and politics!

# This Sunday and next from 6:00-7:30 PM in the Main Church.

This talk will give some insight for engaging the current cultural and political battles as a Catholic and how to best influence our local communities for the sake of the Common Good.

This evening will be a time of experiencing the goods of our SVDP parish— prayer, sacraments, and community — to remind us that above all, our world needs the witness of saints who are ROOTED in faith in Jesus Christ.

#### Join Us for the Morning Rosary

All are welcome to join us in the recitation of the rosary each weekday before Morning Mass.

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."

– Blessed Pope Pius IX

## Join Your Voice to our Triduum Choir

Vocalists & musicians, high school age and older, are invited to sing or play with our Triduum Choir for Holy Week. Sign up to be a part of the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil choirs (join us for any or all 3 services).



NOTE: attendance is expected at all rehearsals for each service.

Contact Tony at 763-762-7416 or Tonyfreeman@saintvdp.org.

LITURGY	DATES	TIMES
HOLY THURSDAY	March 13	7:00– 8:00 PM
	March 20	8:15 – 9:00 PM
	March 27	7:00 – 7:45 PM
	March 28	6:00 PM (before 7:00 PM Mass)
GOOD FRIDAY	March 27 March 29	7:45 – 8:45 PM 2:00 PM (before 3:00 PM service)
HOLY SATURDAY	March 13 March 20 March 30	8:00 — 9:00 PM 7:00 — 8:15 PM 7:00 PM (before 8:00 PM Mass)

## ADULT ACTIVITIES (continued)

#### **Grief Support Group**



#### Mondays, beginning Mar. 11, from 7-8:30 PM in the West Meeting Room

Mourning the loss of a loved one is never easy, but there is hope. St. Vincent de Paul parish is offering "Seasons of Hope,"

a unique support group for the bereaved.

If you are in need of consolation after losing a loved one, we hope that you will prayerfully consider our invitation to attend. The support group will meet each Monday for 6 weeks, Mar. 11 — Apr. 15. Be uplifted knowing that the Lord blesses those who mourn. Registration is required for planning purposes.

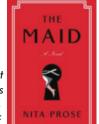
Please contact Margaret Schauer at margaretschauer@saintvdp.org or at 763-762-7410.

#### St. Vincent's Book Club

# Thursday, March 14 from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Community Room

We will discuss **The Maid** by Nita Prose.

"Molly Gray is not like everyone else. She struggles with social skills and misreads the intentions of others. Her gran used to interpret the world for her, codifying it into simple rules that Molly could live by. A Clue-like, lockedroom mystery and a heartwarming journey of



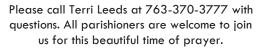
the spirit, The Maid explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different—and reveals that all mysteries can be solved through connection to the human heart.

Please join us! New members are always welcome! We usually meet the second Thursday of each month. On April 11 we will discuss <u>Carnegie's Maid</u> by Marie Benedict.

#### FAMILY & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

#### **Divine Mercy Chaplet During Lent**

#### 3 PM on Wednesdays in the Church thru Mar. 27







#### **Lenten Fish Dinner this Friday**

#### Friday, March 15 - 5:00-6:30 PM

(Tickets sold through Noon this Wednesday, Mar. 13)



Join us for our final
Lenten Fish Dinner hosted
by the Knights of
Columbus! Dinner includes
pan-fried tilapia with
tartar sauce, mashed
potatoes, coleslaw,
dinner roll, and dessert.

Tickets are \$13.00 per plate and must be purchased in advance online or by calling the Parish Office.



A Mission Trip to Champaign, IL for current 9th-12th grade students from June 9-14

We will work in small groups with teens from other parishes to serve the community. We will be assigned work such as painting houses, clearing brush, building wheelchair ramps, playing with kids at a Big Brother Big Sister facility, visiting the elderly in nursing homes, and so much more!

Each morning, we will have Mass. Every evening there will be games, music, talks, skits, worship, prayer, and the sacraments. On the final day, it is a free day, and we will be going to a water park! All of that is included in this awesome trip for high school students. The cost is \$350, and the deadline to register is May 1st. For information and to register, visit www.saintvdp.org/chwc-registration.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask! Email John Boyle – johnboyle@saintvdp.org.

#### From our Resident Seminarian

As part of my ongoing formation towards the priesthood the Archdiocese asks my classmates and me to attend the Institute of Priestly Formation (IPF) Summer Program for Seminarians. This is an eight-week long program hosted at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, where seminarians are immersed in spiritual direction, an eight-day silent retreat, and classes on prayer and priestly identity.



My time at IPF will provide an excellent foundation for my spiritual and human formation, complement my formal studies at the St. Paul Seminary and assist me to grow deeper in my love for Jesus Christ and in my trust in God's plan for me.

The Archdiocese covers 50% of the cost of the program and asks each seminarian attending IPF to cover the other half, which for me is \$5,000. I humbly ask for your prayers as I work towards fundraising the necessary funds. I also ask that you might consider providing a donation that would support me attending the IPF Summer Program for Seminarians.

#### Gifts may be made online:

www.10000vocations.org/ipf-donation

#### Gifts may be made by check:

Please place my name on the check memo line and address to: Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis Office of Vocations 2260 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105 Thank you for your prayers and any level of support you can give!

> Sincerely in Christ, Joshua Gerads

#### Sharing & Caring Hands this Week



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

#### **Adoration for Vocations Holy Hour**

This Tuesday, March 12 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.

#### **Extra Reconciliation Opportunities**

#### In addition to our regular confession schedule, our Lent Confession opportunities are:

- Next Sunday, March 17: 5:30-7:00 PM (4 Priests) \* Community Holy Hour from 6:00-7:00 PM as this is the final night of our Speaker Series
- Friday, March 22: 6:00-7:00 PM (1 Priest)
- Saturday, March 23: 2:00-4:15 PM (2 Priests)
- Tuesday, March 26: 5:00-7:00 PM (2 Priests)
- Wednesday, March 27: 7:00-8:00 AM (2 Priests) & 5:00-7:00 PM (2 Priests)

#### **CCW College Scholarships**

St. Vincent's CCW is offering two \$1000 college scholarships for next school year. The application form and additional information are located in the parish office or on the parish website. The deadline to apply is March 29, 2024 at Noon.



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# Star of the North **Eucharistic Congress**

This local Congress will lead into the kick-off of the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

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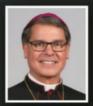
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