

A Word from Fr. Mike

A few months ago—shortly after it was announced that I'd be stepping into the role of acting pastor here at St. Vincent's—someone asked me, "So... are you planning to make any big changes?"



Honestly, I hadn't given it much thought. I've been so genuinely content here since the day I arrived. This place has been my priestly home base—the spot where I really learned the ropes of ministry and fell in love with parish life. So, when they asked me that question, I just answered with the first honest thought that popped into my head: "Probably just... more parties?"

If you've gotten to know me over the past few years, that answer probably doesn't surprise you too much. I've always loved a good party—birthday parties, Super Bowl parties, weddings, backyard barbecues, or those legendary college house parties where strangers instantly become friends.

This past Thursday we had our SVDP Summer Fiesta—a beautiful evening filled with sunshine, laughter, and community. And while it might be tempting to think your new pastor is just a Catholic version of John Belushi or Rodney Dangerfield, let me offer a deeper (and holier!) take on why I'm such a big believer in the parish party.

First off, I see parties as an underrated tool for evangelization. They're often the perfect "first step" for someone who might not be ready to return to Mass or Confession—or who's never even encountered the Catholic faith. Sometimes, the open door to Jesus is a literal open door... with food and music inside.

Second, I really believe joy and connection are part of the Christian life. Sure, we're not called to chase after fleeting pleasures—but that doesn't mean we're called to be boring! Jesus Himself said, "I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). If we Catholics aren't living with more joy, more gratitude, and yes—more laughter—than the rest of the world, something's gone sideways.

And finally, in a world that's become lonelier and more isolated than ever, I think parties can be sacred spaces—springboards for real relationships. My hope is always that a shared drink or a tossed bean bag at a parish event leads to deeper friendship and lifelong Christian community. I love how Pope St. John Paul II put it: "Man becomes an image of God not so much in the moment of solitude as in the moment of communion."

So yes... I say let's keep growing the Church, keep loving our neighbors, keep celebrating life, and keep building the Kingdom of God together...one party at a time!

Your extroverted shepherd, Fr. Mike

July 13, 2025



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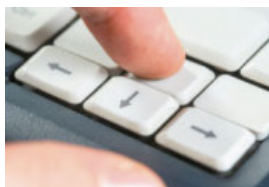
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Assist with our Liturgies

We are looking for more volunteers to run the computer and church screens for weekend Liturgies. This vital ministry allows everyone to worship with the music and prayers on the church screens.

If interested, please contact

Tony Freeman (tonyfreeman@saintvdp.org) in the parish office.



2nd Collection this Weekend

Our second collection for July will be to Sharing and Caring Hands. This ministry serves those most in need in the Twin Cities area including children and families. Please use your designated

2nd Collection Envelope included in your envelope packets or mark your donation as 2nd Collection.

Welcome our New Parishioners

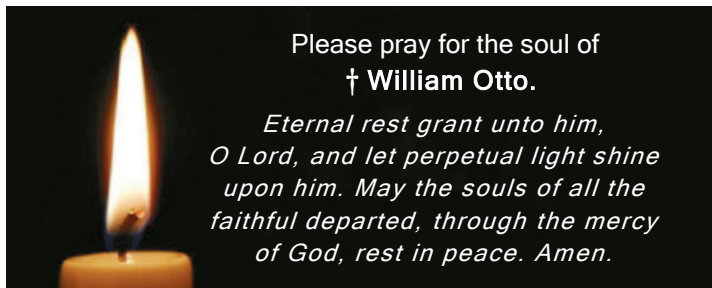
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*Thank you for being a
part of our parish family!*

Seven Women Needed to Pray

We would like to start a Seven Sisters Group to pray for our retired priest, Fr. Ken O'Hotto. Seven Sisters is an apostolate of seven women each making a Holy Hour on a distinct day of the week, thus covering the complete week. The Holy Hour can be made at any time during the day that you commit to. We already have two groups praying for our pastor and new parochial vicar!

If you are interested, please contact Joanne Newman at 763-420-4089 for more information. Thanks, and God bless you!



Please pray for the soul of
† William Otto.

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

Come to Our Eucharist Study Group

**Thursdays from 7-8:30 PM in the
Community Room until July 17**

You are welcome to join any week that
works for your schedule.

We'll discover firsthand how

Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of
God's plan for our salvation. Contact Judy at
martcar98@yahoo.com or Karen at kmkieser@comcast.net.



Roof Repairs this Month

Thanks to the support of our parishioners, we are poised to begin the next phase of our roof replacement at a projected cost of \$350,000. All staging will be done in the back of the school so some parking may be restricted on the North side of the building.

Employment Opportunity at SVDP

We are seeking a caring, creative, and reliable After School Care Coordinator to join our vibrant preschool and pre-kindergarten team: school.saintvdp.org/career-opportunities.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

Sunday: 5 AM, 6 AM, 12 PM, 8 PM, 10 PM

Monday: 5 AM, 7 AM, 8 AM, 9 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 4 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM

Tuesday: 7 AM, 8 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM

Wednesday: 12 PM, 3 PM, 7 PM, 11 PM

Thursday: 6 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM

Friday: 9 AM, **10 AM, 11 AM**, 12 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, 8 PM

Saturday: 5 AM, 8 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, **2 PM**, 3 PM, **4 PM**, 9 PM, 11 PM



Urgent hours with no adorers are printed in red.

We also need adorers to help cover the hours that have only one adorer currently committed to attend (printed in black).

Readings for this Week

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/
Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc,
17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12,
13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/
Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Mass Intentions for July 14-20

Monday	8:00 AM	† Sheldon Pigeon
Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Frances Sorenson
Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Rolland & Bernice Schroeder
Thursday	8:00 AM	† Sharon Olson
Friday	8:00 AM	† Cheri Gerold
Saturday	5:00 PM	† Daniel & Sylvia Ditter
Sunday	7:30 AM	† Diane Jochim
	9:00 AM	† Gregory Kline
	11:00 AM	Parishioners

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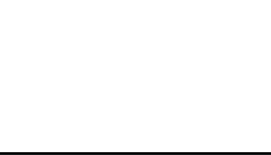
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