

Meditation on this Week's Gospel

A Reflection by Fr. John Muir, ©LPi

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). That word — remember — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away."

He says, "You will be with me."

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please join us to celebrate Mass this Thursday, Nov. 27 at 9 AM. NOTE: No confessions on Thursday morning.

Christmas Eve Youth Choir

4 PM Mass on Christmas Eve

Youth in grades 2-12 are invited to sing with the Christmas Eve Youth Choir.

Register by contacting laurentkeyes@gmail.com.

Rehearsals will be held on Dec. 3 at 6 PM in the School Music Room, and on Dec. 10 & 17 at 6 PM in the Church.



Adult Volleyball League at SVDP

Sign up after Mass on Dec. 6 & 7!



We play on Friday evenings starting in early January and run through early April. We have had the league at St. Vincent de Paul for over 30 years and have found it to provide good winter exercise and a chance to make new friends.

Our courts are in the school gym. Teams are comprised of 3 women and 3 men generally; you must be 18 years old, but there is no upper age limit! It is \$10 per player for the entire season (about 75 cents a night).

Contact Mike and Claudia Price if you are a new member and sign up by email at mlcaprice@comcast.net.



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SACRAMENTS

No confessions this Thursday morning.

Reconciliation

Monday, Tuesday, & Friday at 7:30 AM;
Wed. at 4:45 PM; Saturday from 3:30-4:15 PM

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

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

Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday at 8 AM

Wednesday at 5:15 PM

Saturday at 5 PM & Sunday at 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM

Feed My Starving Children

As you are aware, Hurricane Melissa hit Jamaica. When hurricanes hit, hunger follows. food systems break down, fields flood, livestock is lost and small shops close. Families already living at the edge have no way to replace what was destroyed.

FMSC is already on the ground.

Please join us Tuesday, November 25, from Noon - 1:45 PM at the Coon Rapids site to pack more meals.

Contact Joy Reinhart to pre-register at reinhartj@gmail.com. Lunch TBD. If you want to help and can't pack meals, please contact FMSC at www.fmsc.org/ways-to-give/monthly-giving or 763-504-2919 (Classy) to make a donation. Thanks for your support!

CCW Christmas Bazaar Coming Soon



Saturday December 6, from 9 AM—5 PM, join us to shop over 70 talented crafters showcasing unique, handcrafted treasures.

Indulge your sweet tooth at the Slice of Heaven Bakery, savor a cozy soup and sandwich lunch, and warm up with a cup of coffee at Java Joe's.



Sunday December 7, from 8 AM—1 PM, you can enjoy delicious treats from the Slice of Heaven Bakery, coffee at Java Joe's, and crafts created by the CCW.

Raffle tickets will still be available and the drawing will begin at 12:30 PM (need not be present to win).

Our Christmas Bazaar Needs You

We are asking for themed basket donations for this year's Christmas Bazaar Raffle. Raffle Basket signup this weekend after all Masses. No time to shop? We'll gladly accept cash, checks, and gift cards. (Please clearly mark the gift card value on the card.)

Gift card donations will be used to create or complete baskets. Donations must be dropped off before or after Masses on the weekend of Nov. 29/30, or in the Parish Office no later than Dec. 1 at 3 PM. Thank you for your generosity!

We are also still seeking donations of platters for our treats.

Volunteer! Sign up to volunteer after Mass in the Gathering Space, or at https://saintvdp.ivolunteer.com/bazaar_2025.



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.

Help is urgently needed for: Sunday at 3 AM; Tuesday at Noon; Thursday at 11 PM, Friday at 6 PM; Saturday at 2 AM & 2 PM

NEEDED: One Hourly Coordinator. This person watches to see that their hour is covered by requesting subs if one of the adorers can't be there. Most of the work is done by the We Adore Him system, so it is minimal work for the coordinator. If you can fill this need or have questions, please call Joanne at 763-420-4089.

SVDP Giving Tree

Take an ornament and bring back a wrapped present (unless it says 'unwrapped') with the ornament taped to it by Sunday, December 7 at Noon.

Any gifts returned Monday-Friday should be brought to the parish office.

Please buy the suggested gift or as close to it as possible, and **include a gift receipt (including gift cards).**

If for some reason you are not able to get the gift listed, or something close to it, please return the ornament and hang it back on the Giving Tree.

If you do not care to go shopping, we can help! Just put your donation in an envelope marked "The Giving Tree" and we will do the shopping for you.

Email svgivingtree@hotmail.com with any questions.

Thank you so much for supporting our neighbors in need this holiday season!

Readings for this Week

Sunday:	2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/ Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/ Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/ Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/ Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday:	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Mass Intentions for November 24-30

Monday	8:00 AM	The Ardolf Family (Living & Deceased)
Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Tom Phenow
Wednesday	5:15 PM	† Brian Smith
Thursday	9:00 AM	† Mary Jo Hartkopf
Friday	8:00 AM	† Tim & Mike Culhane
Saturday	5:00 PM	† Daniel & Sylvia Ditter
Sunday	7:30 AM	† John & Lena Jochim
	9:00 AM	† Cathy Joos
	11:00 AM	Parishioners

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Wednesday: 8 AM – 3 PM

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 for Thanksgiving.

The deadline for the Nov. 30 bulletin has passed. The **early deadline** for the Dec. 7 bulletin is Wednesday at Noon.





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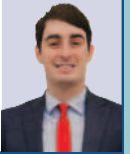
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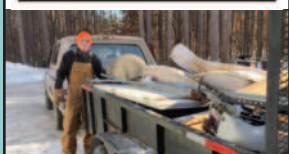
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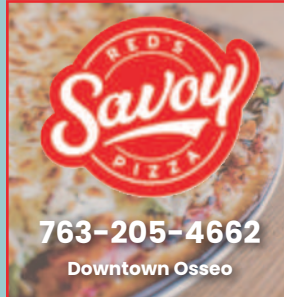
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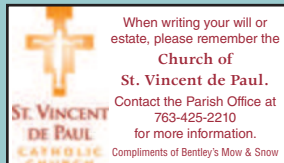


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