

Meditation on this Week's Gospel

A Reflection by Fr. John Muir, ©LPi

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.



A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church. Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

KC Tootsie Roll Drive



After all Masses This Weekend

The Knights of Columbus are participating in the statewide 2026 Intellectual Disability Drive. After all Masses, the Knights will be handing out Tootsie Rolls and seeking donations. All monies collected are given to charities that support intellectually disabled children and adults. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Moms Morning Out

Thursday, Apr. 23 from 9:30-11 AM

Coffee and free childcare! Join us in the Community Room.

Cemetery Cleanup

Saturday, Apr. 25 from 10 AM -1 PM at our Cemetery

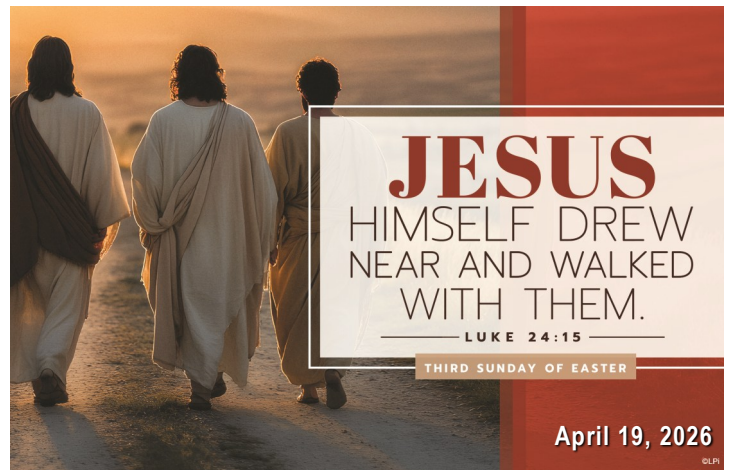
LOVE yard work? Want to perform a Corporal Work of Mercy? Please join us to Spring Clean our cemetery.



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!

Seeking BIZAA Sponsors for Children

Children on our waiting list may be lost, killed, or sexually exploited if not provided with an opportunity to go to school this fall. Prayerfully consider sponsoring one of BIZAA's children by reaching out to Okey at okey@bizaa.org or call 612-306-7779, or visit www.bizaa.org.



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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday at 7:30 AM;
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Location

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

Thursday Evening Series

Thursdays from 6:30-8 PM in the West Mtg Room

We've begun our next series called "Symbolon: The Faith of the Church." This 2024 addition to the renowned Symbolon video portfolio focuses on understanding the Creed. Come join us this spring for viewing and discussing this weekly series.

The series is free and open to all.

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Don't miss your chance to win an unforgettable vacation!

Purchase a Golden Ticket for \$100 (cash or check only) and enter to win your choice of one of three incredible trips! All proceeds go to support the 2026 Auction for Education.

Winner will be drawn on **Saturday, April 25** – you do not need to be present to win. *Airfare not included*

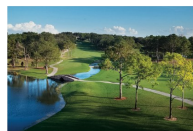
Tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Space following Mass this weekend as well as in the Parish Office through April 24.



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Bidding Opens April 22 at 6 PM

Visit <https://onecau.se/svdp2026> to preview and bid on items.



Summer Stretch Registration & Help

Summer Stretch (Aug. 3-7) registration is open!

All youth currently in grades 6th-12th can join us for a week of service and fun! Go to saintvdp.org/summer-stretch.

Need some help with home or yard work?



Because of finances, age, or disability, many things like yard work and cleaning could be neglected, and Summer Stretch wants to help! If you or someone you love could benefit from this, scan the QR Code and fill out the form.

Parish Office Hours

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

The deadline for the bulletin is Monday at Noon.

Camp Vinny 2026 Registration

This summer children going into 1st–6th grade may experience a week filled with Faith, Fellowship, and Fun at CAMP VINNY on July 27th-30th. Camp Vinny runs from 9 AM–2 PM each day at

St. Vincent de Paul. This year we will dive into the Beatitudes: BLESSED ARE YOU... Deadline to register online at saintvdp.org is May 29. Space is limited! We're also in need of volunteers to help—visit <https://saintvdp.org/campvinny>.

Please pray for the souls of...

† James Schmitz

† Dorothy Clarke

† Labelle Zeller

† Patrick Hill

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Urgent hours with no adorers are printed in red. Hours that have only one adorer currently committed are printed in black.

Sign up at saintvdp.org/perpetual-adoration.

Sunday: 5 AM, 12 PM, 3 PM, 5 PM, 8 PM, 10 PM

Monday: 9 AM, 10 AM, 1 PM

Tuesday: **4 AM**, 2 PM, 3 PM

Wednesday: 5 PM, 11 PM

Thursday: 11 AM, 10 PM, 11 PM

Friday: 11 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 8 PM, 10 PM

Saturday: 10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM



Mass Intentions for April 20-26

Monday	8:00 AM	† Eloise Burns
Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Geraldine Johnson
Wednesday	5:15 PM	Callum Pisarski
Thursday	8:00 AM	Jan & † Ron Warren
Friday	8:00 AM	† Dan Fink
Saturday	5:00 PM	† Bob Oberstar & † Patty Chamberlin
Sunday	7:30 AM	Past & Present CCW Members
	9:00 AM	† Gertrude Black
	11:00 AM	Parishioners

Readings for this Week

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



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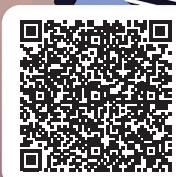
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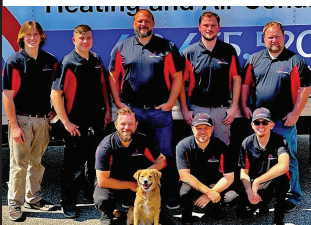
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