



We, the people of Saint Vincent DePaul Parish in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, Missouri, are committed to following Jesus Christ, Evangelizer of the poor. We do this through:

- ◆ Eucharistic centered worship and continued spiritual formation.
- ◆ Service to the poor and oppressed.
- ◆ Preaching the Gospel by word and action in an ecumenical spirit.

Parish Office

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 13, 2011

All is Gift
 (By Regina Siegfried, ASC)

Staff

- [Father Ed Murphy, CM](#)
◆ Pastor
- [Father Bill Hartenbach, CM](#)
◆ Senior Priest in Service
- [Brother Tim Opferman, CM](#)
◆ In residence
- [George Dennis](#)
◆ Maintenance
- [Ralph Glaser](#)
◆ Bookkeeping
- [Larry Koenig](#)
◆ Janitorial
- [Kerry Lyman](#)
◆ Parish Secretary
- [Linda Mertz](#)
◆ PSR Coordinator
- [Pat Poehling](#)
◆ Outreach Ministry
- [Jim Votino](#)
◆ Kitchen Manager
- [Dennis Wells](#)
◆ Associate/Director of Music
- [Toni Wood](#)
◆ Saturday Receptionist

Organizations/ Activities

- [Jan Leone](#)
◆ Faith Formation
- [Bob Bischoff](#)
◆ Finance Council
- [Ray Martin & Bob Zurfluh](#)
◆ Hospitality
- [Carolyn Hubler](#)
◆ Liturgy Committee
- [Linda McCrackin](#)
◆ Parish Council

Let's Start

314-241-2324

**Kingdom House
 Senior Companion Program**

314-421-0400 ext. 235

You might remember Wisdom personified as a woman from last week's reading from the Book of Wisdom. This week, the reading from the Book of Proverbs describes another woman "whose value is far beyond pearls." This industrious, efficient woman uses her gifts for the service of her family and others who need her. Without the reading saying it, it's obvious that she knows all is gift to be shared.

The puzzling and seemingly ambiguous Gospel passage from Matthew is the parable of servants entrusted with gifts, "each according to his ability." The servants with the five and two talents of money invested them to earn more. The master praises the first two servants with the same words: "Well done, my good and faithful servant," even though one had more talents than the other. The third servant with one talent dithered about what to do, so the talent got buried. Although he didn't lose it, he's punished for not using it. Hoarding our talents, our time, and treasure can put us into the precarious position of living in the darkness. The contrast between the wise and generous woman of Proverbs, the two servants who shrewdly invest the money given to them, and the other servant who buries his, highlights the difference between people who live in the light, who know that all is gift to be shared and those who choose to ignore opportunities and gifts.

I frequent meals on a monthly basis and am often astonished at the generosity and graciousness of the volunteers who have served meals for years because they can't NOT be here. Without verbalizing it, they seem to know that all is gift to be shared--smiles, concern, efficient service, warmth, love, and even food. The Ladies of Charity give, and give, and gift with the love of Vincent and Louise. The choir leads us in joyful song and prayer each week, knowing that their musical ability is gift. Countless, unnamed, but not forgotten volunteers who keep this parish humming are gifts to all of us.

Ponder:

- ◆ How do I offer my talents for the sake of others?
- ◆ What can we as a parish do to optimize our gifts?

Do:

- ◆ Check out the Turkey Fest, organized and run by people who know that all is gift.
- Bring laundry detergent for the Christmas program

Prayer Petition/ Thanks Offering

Sacraments & Masses

4:30 pm Saturday
 9:00 am Sunday
 11:00 am Sunday
 12:05 pm Monday-Friday
 6:30 pm Holy Days



Miraculous Medal
 Devotion After
 Monday Mass

Reconciliation
 3:45 - 4:15 pm Saturday or by
 appointment

Other Sacraments
 by appointment

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday
 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Saturday
 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed Sunday, Holy Days &
 Holidays

To register in the parish,
 contact the Parish Office at
 314-231-9328

Readings-week of November 13th

Sunday: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
 Psalm 128:1-5
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
 Matthew 25:14-30

Monday: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43,
 54-57, 62-63
 Psalm 119:53, 61, 134
 150, 155, 158
 Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31
 Psalm 3:2-7
 Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31
 Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15
 Luke 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29
 Psalm 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15
 Luke 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59
 1 Chronicles 29:10-12
 Luke 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13
 Psalm 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19
 Luke 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
 Psalm 23:1-3, 5-6
 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
 Matthew 25:31-46

This Week In Our Parish



Sunday, November 13th

10:00a ONE MASS followed by
 TURKEYFEST

Tuesday, November 15th

9:00a Food Pantry Open
 6:30p Let's Start

Wednesday, November 16th

7:00p Finance Council

Thursday, November 17th

8:00a Mass at Cabrini
 9:00a Food Pantry Open
 10:00a Senior Bingo
 5:30p Faith Formation

Sunday, November 20th

Alternative Gift Market after
 9 & 11am Masses

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE
 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, BULLETIN
 MATERIAL MUST BE SUBMITTED BY
 NOON ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER
 16TH FOR THE NOVEMBER 27TH
 EDITION OF THE BULLETIN. THANK
 YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 19th

4:30 pm
 L-Suzann Barry
 L-Bob Gerth
 M-Suzann Barry
 M-Bob Gerth

Sunday November 20th

9:00 am
 L-Kathy Camillo
 L-Teresita Cometa
 M-Lorraine McCreedy
 M-Barbara Murphy
 M-Rich Pinter
 M-Pat Poehling
 M-Dick Poehling
 S-Emanuel Parker
 S-Caroline Burton

11:00 am

L-Tom Elder
 L-Marcie Elder
 M-Tom Elder
 M-Marcie Elder
 S-Luke Parker

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 12th

4:30p May Andrews

Sunday, November 13th

10:00a People of our Parish

Monday, November 14th

12:05p Jean Schnurbusch

Tuesday, November 15th

12:05p Roger Metzler

Wednesday, November 16th

12:05p

Thursday, November 17th

12:05p Donald Cox

Friday, November 18th

12:05p

Saturday, November 19th

4:30p People of our Parish

Sunday, November 20th

9:00a Virginia Koenig
 11:00a

Collection Counters
Sunday, November 20th
Team 1

Bulletin Deadline

Monday at Noon

You can submit requests to the
 parish office or email:

bulletin@stvstl.org

Holidays may alter this schedule.

*The Lord hears
 the cry
 of the Poor.*





It is official! East Side Heart & Home is the recipient of a \$25,000.00 grant award from the Markham Vineyard Mark of Distinction fund. This financial support will help ESH&H to build another new home this spring, 2012. We appreciate all those who supported us by voting each day during the voting period. We are very grateful. On behalf of all the staff at ESH&H, Family Center and those we serve, Thank you!

Linda Mertz



The Sponsors Club of St. Frances Cabrini Academy will hold a mouse race on November 19th in the gym at Cabrini Academy, 3022 Oregon to raise money to support the sports program. \$20 gets you snacks, refreshments, and \$20 in chips. Doors open at 6:30p and the races begin at 7:00p. For information or to reserve a table email:

sfcasponsorsclub@gmail.com

Together We Pray for:

those who are sick & their caregivers:

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| Patricia Berkebile | Lisa Scott |
| Sharon Gough | Jean Shriver |
| Rollie Johnson | Joan Soaib |
| Betty Jolly | Cathy Staten |
| Larry Meyer | Carol Sutton |
| Marion Mitan | Isaiah Tisdale |
| Jessica Mitchell | Ed Watts |
| Alvin Pfeiffer | Kim Zouglaas |
| Charlotte Richards | |

those who are in need of special prayer, especially those serving in the armed forces:

Paul Hellmich

the repose of the soul of:

Rosalie Long, dear friend of parishioners Bob and Judy Sieckhaus.
May God welcome her home, fill her with peace, and bless those who mourn her loss.

all those who allow us to serve them at the clothing window, Let's Start, meals, and the sandwich window.

those celebrating birthdays this week:

NOVEMBER

- 17 Gilbert Alderson
- 17 Karen Haegele
- 17 Luke Parker
- 18 Sr. Mary Ann Buhr
- 18 Kenneth Parker
- 19 Kathryn Sullivan
- 20 Charles Giraud
- 20 Mary Horridge
- 20 Ray Martin
- 20 Jessica Stowers



"Extend mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping. For what hope is there for us if God should withdraw His mercy from us?"

St. Vincent DePaul

Stewardship		
For the week of 11/07/11		7/1/11-to-date
Parish acct. revenue	6,652.45	108,648.00
Parish acct. budgeted expense	6,486.00	
Parish acct. actual expense		122,953.32
Parish acct. Surplus (Deficit)	166.45	(14,305.32)
Social Ministries revenue	11,566.94	73,131.55
Social Ministries budgeted expense	3,561.00	
Social Ministries actual expense		68,976.12
Social Ministries Surplus (Deficit)	8005.94	4,155.43
Total revenue	18,219.39	181,779.55
Total budgeted expense	10,047.00	
Total actual expense		191,929.44
Total Surplus (Deficit)	8,172.39	(10,149.89)

Christmas Program Volunteer Sign-Ups

St. Vincent's Christmas Program will take place December 11th-17th and volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of tasks. Please see the schedule below. To volunteer, contact the parish office at 314-231-9328 or mail@stvstl.org

Date	Time	Activity
Sunday, Dec. 11	Noon – 5 p.m.	Sort and transport food & donations
Monday, Dec. 12	8:30 a.m. – Noon	Count, sort & set up hall (6-8 adults)
Tuesday, Dec. 13	8:30 a.m. – Noon	Count, sort & set up hall
Wednesday, Dec. 14	8:30 a.m. – Noon	Senior set up – filling bags
Thursday, Dec. 15	8:30 a.m. – Finished	Deliver food & gifts to seniors
Friday, Dec. 16	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Family shopping day
Saturday, Dec. 17	8 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Family shopping day

Opportunities

...to be stewards of our parish

We have begun our annual food collection for the Christmas Program. Every week you will be asked to bring a specific item that will be distributed during our Christmas program to those in need in our community. Last year the parish, in collaboration with Guardian Angel Settlement and Kingdom House, served 500 seniors, 667 families with a total of 2828 individuals in those families. Each senior and family received Christmas presents and food. Participation in the food drive is a great way to live out our Mission statement by rendering service to those who are poor and oppressed and preaching the gospel in word and in action.

Please bring the following items to Mass and bring them up at preparation time.

- November 5th-6th:** cooking oil
 - November 12th-13th:** canned meat- (including tuna, stews, chicken, etc.)
 - November 19th-20th:** laundry detergent
 - November 26th-27th:** peanut butter
 - December 3rd-4th:** spaghetti sauce
 - December 10th-11th:** cereal & baking items
- (you may bring any of these items any week)



Jim Votino is still in need of someone to host the coffee and donuts on the second Sunday of each month. If you don't want to be committed to every month, maybe partner up with a friend to share the responsibility. Call Jim at 231-9328 for more information.

Coats and sweatshirts are needed to distribute at the clothing window as the temperatures begin to drop.



Being good stewards, some members of our parish community, along with volunteers from other communities, served **3,392 lunches** at the window and **2,040 meals** during the month of October. Thank you to all who served our guests.

Thank you to all who helped with the rummage sale by bringing up the items from the basement, driving the trailer, sorting, working the sale and clean up. Many hands make for a lighter load. You are appreciated!

The Food Pantry is now open two days a week so we are in need of more groceries. Even though we are asking for donations of food for the Christmas program, we still need the weekly donations for the pantry. We need jelly, pasta and pasta sauce. Please try to pick up a few of these items when grocery shopping this week.

We could also use more volunteers to staff the pantry. Call the office at 231-9328 or email: mail@stvstl.org for more information

Our Neighbors' Events

2011 FREE FLU SHOTS

Must be 18 years of age. Will NOT be given to anyone who is or may be pregnant

11/13/11 St. Cecilia Parish
11/15/11 Hosea House
11/15/11 Feed My People – Lemay
11/16/11 Pilgrim U

11/16/11 Society of St. Vincent de Paul
11/21/11 Isaiah 58
11/30/11 Joint Neighborhood Ministry

Aquinas Roundtable - Missouri

Date: November 16, 2011 Topic: Heaven Is for Real?

Speaker: Dr. Ann Garrido, DMin

Todd Burpo's bestselling *Heaven Is for Real*, the story of his four year old son's "visit to heaven" touches hearts and raises questions. What does the Catholic Church teach about the afterlife? The Missouri Roundtable meets at the Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel, 7730 Bonhomme, Clayton, MO 63105. Cost is \$23 and the program begins with lunch at 11:30am.

Call 314-256-8856 or email henderson@ai.edu to register or for more info.

The Great Exchange: The Joys of Divine Union—A Quiet Advent Retreat guided by David Meconi, SJ at Mercy Center, December 9—10, 2011

God became human so humans could become more and more like the One in whose image they have been made. Advent is a most fitting time to reflect deeply on this "exchange" and how God calls us each to become more fully alive as we come to share in God's own life. This retreat begins with 5:30 p.m. supper on Friday and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Presenter: David Meconi, SJ is Asst. Professor of Patristic Theology at St. Louis University.

Non-refundable registration: \$25 **due Nov. 23rd**

Total cost, including registration:

Residents: \$110

Commuters: \$70

For an extra night, add: \$55

Contact: Agnes Brueggen, RSM, (314) 909-4630

Everyone deserves a Place at the Table-claim yours. Metro Congregations United is hosting a discussion on Sunday, November 13th from 3-4:30pm at St. Pius V church at 3310 S. Grand. Topics of discussion will include foreclosures and what alternatives could be used in this process. There will also be discussion regarding the American with Disabilities Act with concerns regarding lack of accessibility in the counties. If you plan to attend please RSVP to j4masbury@sbcglobal.net

The Thanksgiving holiday is a perfect time to be thankful for your marriage and commit to a little improvement by attending a **Marriage Encounter Weekend**. For more information on weekends scheduled in St. Louis on December 2-4, 2011, February 3-5, 2012 and April 27-29, 2012 just visit - stl-wwme.org or call 314-469-7317.

A "One World, Taizé Prayer" gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, November 20th at the Theresa Center chapel on the School Sisters of Notre Dame campus, 320 E. Ripa Ave. For more information, contact Sister Joyelle Proot at 314-633-7015 or jproot@ssnd.sl.org



What's going on at St. Vincent's!

Buy a Brick for the Holidays

Are you looking for the perfect gift for the person who has everything? Or a gift to commemorate a loved one or a special occasion? Please consider buying a brick in the St. Vincent's Commemorative Brick Pathway. The cost is \$125 and \$100 of that benefits the church. As soon as five more bricks are purchased, the engraver will add them to the path. Please act soon before the snow comes! Call the office at 231-9328 for complete information.



St. Vincent's
Annual Advent Concert
Sunday
November 27, 2012
6:15 pm

Calendar change: Faith Formation has changed their regular Saturday morning meeting to Thursday, November 17th. This meeting will be a "dinner" meeting so please RSVP to Jan at 566-1887 or Linda at 892-6847.

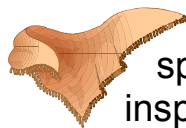
Saint Vincent's Outreach Program

What We Can Do For You...

- Bring communion to the sick
- Bring meals during a crisis
- Bring communion to the families of the sick or dying
- Will make home visits for those who are homebound when requested
- Will make hospital visits

Call:
636-448-1064 Kathy Stowers
314-231-9328 Parish Office

**Save the date:
December 8th
MSO Christmas dinner.**



The Ladies of Charity sponsor a Prayer Shawl ministry inspired by and in memory of our dear friend and deceased member, Chris Baker. To request a shawl for a family member or a friend who is ill, please contact one of the Ladies of Charity or call the office at 314-231-9328