

ST. PIUS V CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear parishioners,

Thanks to all who attended last Sunday's celebration, and all who sent messages of thanks and assurances of prayers.

I will take with me many memories from my years here. Three that continue to fill me with joy are:

The renovation of the interior of our Church, and especially the painted arch above the sanctuary. This representation of Christ's ministry in the cities of the Holy Land was a great collaboration with liturgical artist John Wheadon and the painter Richard Chambers.

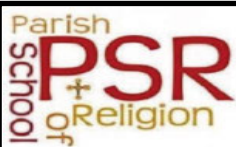
The establishment of Assisi House 5 in our former parish convent. It is the simple command of the Word of God: *welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, house the homeless*. The petition process and other problems to be resolved seem insignificant compared to how lives have been changed for the better.

Our sacramental life. While inscribing a Baptism in the parish record, I noted that I had celebrated this Sacrament for over one hundred new Christians. This statistic represents the abundance of the Christ-life that we have all received, the many ways that we participate in the Paschal Mystery, and especially in our weekly celebrations of the Eucharist. On any Sunday, we are worshipping with people from many countries, whom we would never have met otherwise. Our unity in Christ gives hope that one day all God's children will live in peace.

Thanks for being part of it all.

Peace,

Fr Paul



Pass On the Good News!

What good news? The Good News of Jesus and our Catholic Faith.

This fall, children throughout the South City, First Grade (Pre Sacramental Prep) through Confirmation will sign-up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic Faith.

You can help them grow by becoming a catechist or substitute catechist.

South City PSR meets Monday Evening from September through May on the campus of St. John the Baptist. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well.

One longtime catechist commented: *"I learn so much from the children"* and another, *"I get more out of it than I put in."*

Training, materials and support will be provided.

For more information, contact Deacon George Watson stl.scdpsr@gmail.com or 314-773-3070

MASS OFFERINGS				
Offerings were given for the following intentions:				
Saturday	July	22	4:30 pm	Helen O'Neal †
Sunday	July	23	8 am	For the Parish
			10 am	Lisa Wilkinson †
Monday	July	24	8 am	
Tuesday	July	25	8 am	
Wednesday	July	26	8 am	Marie McCruden †
Thursday	July	27	8 am	
Friday	July	28	8 am	
Saturday	July	29	4:30 pm	Don Owens †
Sunday	July	30	8 am	For the Parish
			10 am	Melissa Coors Hoffman †

MASS SERVER SCHEDULE (10 am)

July 23	Lucy Muang	Colleen Mudd		Aug 6	Andrew Mudd	Colleen Mudd
July 30	Emma Mettlach	Caden Mettlach		Aug 13	Lucy Muang	Colleen Mudd



Lector Schedule

July 22	4:30 pm	Jenny Heyl	
July 23	8 am	Maureen Fox	
	10 am	Vince Estrada	Cris Fischer
July 29	4:30 pm	Paul Lynch	
July 30	8 am	Steve Ohmer	
	10 am	Barb Geers	Margaret Judge



COFFEE/DONUT SCHEDULE

JULY	
4TH SUNDAY	Knaup
5TH SUNDAY	Melton

Clergy

Fr. Paul J. Niemann, Pastor (Ext. 207)
PaulNiemann@archstl.org

Fr. Stephen En Suan Lian

Deacon Patrick McCruden

Deacon Bob Hennekes

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Sr MaryAnn (Ext. 206)

spvparishnurse@gmail.com

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Jessi Livengood (772-1525 Ext. 200)

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Mon, Tue & Thurs 8:30 - 4pm

Wed 12:00-4:pm

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Deacon George Watson, CRE.

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Baptism of Children

Please call the parish office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available upon request, especially before surgery or hospitalization.

Marriage

St. Pius V Church is available for weddings of parishioners only.

Engaged couples should contact the Pastor as soon as possible after engagement and at least six months prior to the wedding.

Mass Times

Saturday, 4:30 PM (Church)

Sunday, 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM (Church)

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM (Chapel)

Confessions:

Saturday, 3:45-4:15 pm & the last Sunday of the month after Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be postponed throughout the summer and will resume in September.

All Things New(sletter)

Dear Parishioners of St. Pius and St. Vincent,

This is a lengthy message, but is an important communication for our pastorate, please hang in to the end!

Staying Grounded in Our Faith...In the midst of what may be difficult transitions, *All Things New* has invited every corner of the Archdiocese, to revitalize the way we are Church. Scripture reminds us of what was core to the earliest days of the Church: "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to prayers" (Acts 2:42). This common life of learning, growth in faith, Eucharistic celebration and prayer strengthens us to **be the church** for the sake of the world. Pope John Paul II described our role as church in his encyclical *Christifidelis laici* this way:

*" . . . In our times, the Church after Vatican II in a renewed outpouring of the Spirit of Pentecost has come to a more lively awareness of her missionary nature and has listened again to the voice of her Lord who sends her forth into the world as 'the universal sacrament of salvation.' You go too! . . . The call is addressed to everyone: lay people are personally called by the Lord, from whom they receive a mission on behalf of the Church and the world (#3). . . Pius XII once stated: "The Faithful, more precisely the lay faithful, find themselves on the front lines of the Church's life; for the Church is the animating principle for human society. Therefore, they in particular, ought to have an ever-clearer consciousness not only of belonging to the Church, but of **being** the Church. . . (#9)*

More recently Pope Francis has described our being and invitation as church in the words "**Communion, Participation and Mission,**" and these three ideas guide us as we move together through the many transformations of *All Things New*.

First, we know that we are always, already, in **communion** with God and with one another, and we can trust this truth, even rest in this truth, when we encounter the difficulties and frustrations that inevitably come with change. And we can allow this truth to deepen the care that we have for one another and all those we serve through our various ministries.

We are ALL called to **participate** in the processes of creating the pathways for our community to grow in faith, worship, formation, and even to grow in numbers; to be organized for ministry and stewardship; to identify and serve those most in need.

As Pope John Paul II said above, we have each been personally called and given a **mission** on behalf of the church and the world.

In all those ways, we become together an even clearer sign of the loving presence of God, a "sacrament" of Christ in the world!

Living our Faith in the Practicalities of our Transitions

So what does this look like practically in our two parishes? Through our liturgy and prayer we recognize, celebrate and deepen our **communion** as two parishes who can increasingly experience themselves as one community connected to the wider community of the universal church.

We have taken a number of steps to invited and increase **participation**:

1. We established the role of lay Parish Life Coordinator to serve the organizational needs of both parishes in partnership with the Pastor. I was appointed interim PLC until a search for a full time, permanent PLC could be conducted.
2. In both parishes we have conducted listening and visioning sessions to hear the voices of as many people as are able, and have created an email address **mail@stvstl.org** through which all St. Pius and St. Vincent parishioners can continue to offer input, ideas, visions for who and what we can be as church together.
3. At St. Vincent, the ATN Committee re-established Commissions to gather parish leaders to be another pathway to listen to parishioners and to be attentive to several key areas of ministry within the parish: Liturgy and Prayer; Justice and Service; Faith Formation; Communications and Community Life. After Pentecost, Commission members began to identify leaders from St. Pius who might have the time and energy to serve on these Commissions and so, gradually to establish them as Commissions that can serve both parishes. If you are interested in serving on those Commissions, please contact the interim Chairs:
 - Liturgy & Prayer - Celeste Mueller - celeste@stvstl.org
 - Faith Formation - Carolyn Hbler - stclaircac@gmail.com
 - Justice & Service - Sheila Burton - sheilasburton@gmail.com
 - Parish Community & Communications - Barb Tippett - tippett94@gmail.com
4. We established a Transition Team, including the interim chairs of the Commissions. The transition team's first task was to conduct the visioning sessions mentioned above. Based on the data collected from both parishes, the transition team will propose important strategies for moving forward, which will include proposals for:
 - a. When to hold an assembly for all parishioners, and what the agenda should be
 - b. Where our parishes can *consolidate* programs and ministries, where they can *collaborate*, where they can be *coordinated*, and what should remain *separate and unique* to each parish
 - c. What process to use to identify leaders for Parish Council
 - d. Where we need professional staff members to serve the needs of both parishes

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE HOSPITALIZED
AND FOR ALL THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:**

Valerie Cissell	Christopher McKeown
Kyle Dickhaus	Wally Ogradowski
Lili Huelman	Tom Roche

If you are in need of a special prayer and would like your name on our Prayer list, you may contact the parish office. Please remember that in order to honor individual privacy, only the person or an immediate family member can make a request.



COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Join parishioners of all ages
every Sunday after 10am
Mass in Singler Hall.

All are welcome!



JULY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and GOD'S BLESSINGS:



3rd Felister Njiru	20th Cheryl Wittenauer
4th Shawn Preston Njiru	24th Jessi Livengood
12th Vince Estrada, Jr	24th Jim Wagner
13th Val Cissel	25th James Mettlach
14th Sophia Wissinger	30th Ann Konzen
15th Bill Heidbreder	30th Mandy Melton
16th Colette Price	30th Rita Melton
20th Sr. Mary Ann Ugwueke	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY and GOD'S BLESSINGS:

Thank you for your example of faithfulness!

July 2	Christian & Maria Marquez	(35)
July 3	Tom Sanger & Cheryl Wittenauer	(24)
July 6	Mike & Bridgett Wissinger	(27)
July 20	Kevin & Sue Clavin	(39)
July 29	Matt & Mandy Melton	(17)

If you would like to see your birthday and/or anniversary in the bulletin, please call the Rectory at 772-1525 or email piousvrectory@sbcglobal.net.

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- Staff members from St. Vincent and St. Pius have begun meeting to create a shared understanding of "how things are done here" in relation to office protocols, record keeping, connecting with the Archdiocesan services, etc.
- Permanent Parish Life Coordinator:** Fr. Rich and I invited two teams of parishioners and staff members from both parishes to interview candidates for the Parish Life Coordinator position. Some team members were recommended by Fr. Paul. These teams, which included parishioners who were not on either the Transition Team or the Commissions, gave us the opportunity to increase participation even further. For the stability of both parishes, it is important that we appoint a full-time Parish Life Coordinator as soon as possible, who will lead processes of discernment and decision making that affect the life of both parishes.

All of these efforts are taking place simultaneously, which will still seem too fast for some, and yet to slow for others. These moving streams in our transition process provide multiple opportunities for us to get to know each other better, to offer trust to our fellow parishioners who are speaking or acting in the interest of all of us, and to set our intentions on ways that we can grow as a powerful and transforming presence of Christ in our world – living the *mission* that has been entrusted to us as members of Christ's body. Thank you for your prayers for our two parishes and the love and grace that you offer to each other every day.

With blessings for each of you,
Celeste



Parish Nurse Notes

Empowerment Exchange

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

This is a peer support group for individuals with disabilities that provides a nurturing space to share experiences, find understanding and build meaningful connections.

Transportation funding is available.

Living Well in the Community

Tuesdays, July 11 - September 19th

A program for people with disabilities to help set goals & get the support needed to achieve them.

- Set health goals
- Make friends
- Fun group activities
- Get active

Snacks provided & transportation services available

Both events are located at:

Delta Center Office
3837 McClay Rd, Ste T, St Peters, 63376

For more information, please call
636-387-3857 / michaelanderson@dcil.org
636-387-2851 / lisaezeamii@dcil.org



REGISTER NOW!

Vacation Bible School

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

July 31–August 4 | 9am–12 noon

for children entering grades 1–5
adult and teen volunteers needed!

full details on parish website
register at bit.ly/smosvbs23registration

You pray for the hungry.
Then you feed them.
That's how prayer works.
—Pope Francis

NEWS FROM OUR FOOD PANTRY

**Fewer than 180 shopping days
until Christmas...**

Unfortunately, hunger can't wait.

In May, 2061 individuals, about one-third of whom were children, received food from the St. Pius V SVDP Food Pantry.

We need a little Christmas NOW!

**Will you help us create a
Christmas in July?**

We've been shopping: So far in 2023 the St. Pius Food Pantry has spent \$60,000 purchasing food and hygiene supplies. **But we need to do more.**

Our **Christmas in July** food and essential hygiene product drive has a goal of **\$20,000.**

You can donate here.

<https://osvhub.com/stpius/giving/funds>

Our wish list includes

Cereal, peanut butter, canned meat or tuna

Laundry and dish detergent
(Buying at Dollar Tree @\$1.25 is the best value)

Cooking oil (best value at Dollar Tree @ \$1.25/bottle)

Diapers (sizes 5 or larger)

Feminine hygiene products

Monetary donations are critical for milk and eggs.

Bins will be available in church after Masses each week in July.





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Gathering Song:**10:00 AM:**Gather the People - *Music Issue # 301***Liturgy of the Word:**Today's Missal - *pp. 32 - 35***Responsorial Psalm:****4:30 PM & 8:00 AM:**

Lord, you are good and forgiving Ps. 86

10:00 AM:

The Lord is kind and merciful; merciful is the Lord.

Presentation of Gifts:**10:00 AM:**Many and Great - *Music Issue # 588***Communion Song:****10:00 AM:**As Grains of Wheat - *Music Issue # 323***Communion Meditation:****10:00 AM:**

West African Choir

Closing Hymn:**10:00 AM:**Go Out, Go Out - *Music Issue # 386***Prayer for the Synod**

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together
in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us, make
Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful; do not
let us promote disorder. Do not
let ignorance lead us down the
wrong path nor partiality
influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together
to eternal life and not stray
from the way of truth
and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You, who are
at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father
and the Son, forever and ever.*

Amen.



To read the next working document in the synod process entitled, *Enlarge the Space of Your Tent*, visit www.synod.va

**Thank you!!!**

Thank you to everyone who helped us reach our 2023 goal!

This year, we are receiving:

\$225,000 - St. Frances Cabrini Academy
\$40,000 - Immigrant & Refugee Ministry.

*There is still time to participate in this year's Appeal.
Please make your pledge today at www.archstl.org/aca
or contact the Parish Office to receive a pledge card.*

**ACA REPORT DETAIL**

2023 Published Goal	\$13,983
Challenge Goal	\$23,163
New Donor Goal	17
Total to Date	\$18,840
# New Donors	10
Cards Returned Percent	21.74%

Please contact the parish office at stlspv@gmail.com if you did not receive your ACA Pledge Card.