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April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Original



Present Day

The Miraculous Staircase

The Loretto Chapel, Santa Fe, New Mexico
(Fr. Tom PC got a chance to visit The Loretto Chapel. See the
"Did You Know Column," for more details.)

10:30am Sunday Mass Live-Streamed and Recorded

www.stvincentpallotti.org

Find the link under
"Mass Times."

Also available on YouTube.

Bequests

Please consider including St. Vincent Pallotti Parish in your estate plan. Contact your attorney with instructions to create a bequest for the parish in your will. If you would like more information regarding bequeaths, please contact the parish office.

PARISH OFFICE

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8:30am - 3:30pm Monday through Friday

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm SVP West Church
Sunday 7:30am SVP East Church
9:00am St. Therese Church
10:30am SVP West Church

Weekday Mass Schedule

Mon., Wed., Fri. : 6:25am - SVP East Church
Tues: 8:00am - SVP West Church
Tues: 8:45am - St. Therese Church
Wed.: 6:30pm St. Therese Church
Thurs: 12 Noon - SVP West Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm- SVP West Church
Sunday 6:30-7:15am- SVP East Church
Or by appointment on weekdays

Pray the Rosary

Saturday: 3:15pm - West Church
Sunday: 7:00am - East Church

Adoration

First Friday 6:00pm - West Church
Wednesdays 6:00pm St. Therese Church
Thursdays 11:30am - West Church

Anointing of the Sick

Please call Lori in the parish office or
Fr. Tom PC on his cell phone (414-308-6238) to
arrange visits for yourself or someone
you care for.

Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Arrange with Pastor and Office (Nine months
prior for marriage & RCIA).

Funerals

Contact Pastor before finalizing details

Parish Membership / Support

Anyone over age 18 is invited to register as an
adult member. Please call Lori in the parish
office to schedule a welcoming meeting.

Bulletin Article Deadline

Submit articles, announcements, and flyers via
email to lgabert@stvpc.org before Noon on the

**Friday of the week prior to the next
weekend's publication.**

Please note: This deadline changes during holy
days and holidays.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

The following members of our Parish have asked for our prayers. To be included, please call the Parish Office.

Julie Kross, Terry McDermott, Matthew Harrison, Kathleen Fugiasco, Dorothy Ash, Mary Kirchner, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Josette Jaeger, Patricia Pajunen, Helen Klister, Mary & Peter Carlis, Beverly T., Dan Heinz, Rachel Lund, John Wachowiak, Family G, Chris Wehausen, Loretta Merz, Dean Doberstein, Celeste Rau, Debbie Martin

This Weekend: April 20-21
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI!


As we complete National Service Week, those who have participated are invited to the UAC **Potluck Luncheon** in the Parish Center on St. Vincent Pallotti's birthday, Sunday, April 21 following the 10:30am Mass.

Join the Vocation Office on this
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Sunday, April 21, 2024
in praying for an increase of Vocations in the
Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son, so that in Him, with Him and through Him, we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



UPCOMING EVENTS
◆ ECO-FRIENDLY TRANSPORT

BLESSING: Sunday, April 28 following 9am Mass in the St. Therese Parking Lot courtesy of the Earth Ministry



◆ **MAY CROWNING:** Wednesday, May 1 at the 8:15am School Mass in the West Church

◆ **MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING:** Weekend of May 11-12 at all the Masses.

◆ MOTHERS' DAY ROSE SALE:

Weekend of May 11-12 Roses will be for sale after all the Masses at the east and west churches.



\$2 each or 6 for \$10 Contributions to benefit Wisconsin Right to Life and the purchase of educational materials. Please call Cathy Healey with any questions. 414-412-7940





Congratulations to our **Confirmation Students** who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Jude Church on April 17. May God bless them as they continue to grow in their faith.

**Jack Albrecht, Jacob Eisenberger,
Dashiell Reinders**



Congratulations to our Religious Ed. **First Communicants**. May God bless them and keep them in His care always.

**Fritz Brummund, Madison Polebitski,
Eleanor Ratkowski-Seitz, Sophia Ratkowski-Seitz**

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who helped in any way to make the **Lenten Parish Mission** a successful and prayerful event:

- Members of the planning team and those who helped prepare the prayers
- Hospitality Ministers/Greeters
- Those who helped with hospitality
- Those who donated mugs
- All who attended

If you attended the Mission, we'd love to have your feedback. Please reach out to Lori in the Parish Office and let us know your thoughts!

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participated in **Emmaus 90**. If you participated in any way (small groups, watched the weekly video, daily prayer, and/or the watch parties after Mass) we'd like to hear from you! Please let us know what you found most valuable about the experience as well as any areas that could be improved. Send your comments (by email) to Lori in the Parish Office so we can use the feedback to develop future offerings.

PLEASE NOTE: The **Stewardship Parish Support** table will only be posted once each month showing the entire month's contributions.

Please look for an updated **Stewardship Parish Support** table in an upcoming bulletin.

Thank you for your contributions!



FROM THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL COMMITTEE

What is a Novena?

Origin of a Novena (9 days of prayer)

The Catholic prayer practice likely originated from the Acts of the Apostles. Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, the disciples gathered together and he told them "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)"

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday (April 21)

- Birthday Weekend/St. Vincent de Paul Collection
- Reconciliation - 6:45-7:15AM - EC
- Rosary - 7:00AM - EC
- First Communion - 9:00AM - St. Therese
- UAC Potluck Luncheon - 11:30AM - PC

Monday (April 22)

- Craft Circle - 6:00-7:00PM - PO

Tuesday (April 23)

Wednesday (April 24)

- School Mass - 8:15AM - WC
- Choir Practice - 4:00-5:30PM - WC
- Pastoral Council - 7:00PM - PO

Thursday (April 25)

- Adoration - 11:30AM - WC
- Mass - Noon - WC
- Joint Prayer & Worship - 6:30PM - St. Therese

Friday (April 26)

- Church Cleaning - 9:00-11:00AM - WC
- Faith in Prayer - 6:00-7:00PM - WC

Saturday (April 27)

- Reconciliation - 3:15-3:45PM - WC
- Rosary - 3:15PM - WC
- Private Event - 5:30-11:00PM - PC

Sunday (April 28)

- Reconciliation - 6:45-7:15AM - EC
- Rosary - 7:00AM - EC
- Eco-Friendly Transport Blessing - 10:00AM - St. Therese Parking Lot
- First Communion for SVP Students - 10:30AM - WC

So after the Ascension, the disciples and Mary waited together, praying for the Holy Spirit to guide them. Finally, after 9 days, the Holy Spirit came down upon them. "When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were in one place together." (Acts 2:1) They modeled the novena prayer method that is so popular.

What is a Novena?

A novena is a prayer journey of 9 days. Saints and holy people have had novenas revealed to them by Christ or the Virgin Mary. Other novenas have been in place for centuries without a known source. The daily prayer for nine days is provided and is usually prayed before a known holy or feast day. A novena is a focused prayer in which you ask God to answer a prayer. Your petition or intention for prayer could also be an intercession through a saint. A variety of novenas are possible so that they can be prayed at any time, with preparation.

MORE TO FOLLOW! SEE NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN!

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

Monday, April 22 Easter Weekday

- 6:25am - East - †Brian Bell (J. Badura)

Readings: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 23 Easter Weekday: *St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr*

- 8:00am - West - *Blessings for Josette Jaeger*
(K. Czaplewski)

Readings: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 24 Easter Weekday; *St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr*

- 6:25am - East - †Ester Watry (J. Badura)

- 8:15am - West -

Readings: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, April 25 *St. Mark, Evangelist*

- Noon - West - †Mary Ann Duehring (Family)

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

Friday, April 26 Easter Weekday

- 6:25am - East - †Evelyn Ramczyk (J. Badura)

Readings: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, April 27 Easter Weekday

Readings: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, April 27 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Readings: Gather # 1074 Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-

- (Sat.) 4:00PM: †Jerry Jarmusz
- 7:30AM: East: Parishioners
- 10:30AM: West: †Betty Reichertz (Family)

LITURGIAL MINISTERS April 27-28

4:00 PM Lector: James Proulx

Euch. Ministers: Joan Anderegg, Thomas Barth,
Diane Kramasz, Mary Noeske,
Volunteer Needed

Servers: Rick Kramasz/**Volunteer Needed**

Sacristan: Thomas Barth

7:30 AM Lector: Jim Thomas

Euch. Ministers: Dan Brady, David Schultz

10:30 AM Lector: Michael Griffin

Euch. Ministers: Eileen Donohoo, Cathy Healey,
Maureen Kipp, Ana Radetski,
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Servers: Mia/Rosemarie Rindone

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“God wants us to trust Him, and that requires accepting the fact that we won’t always be able to figure out His reasoning.” -Gary Zimak

Stop Worrying & Start Living



Did You Know???

MIRACULOUS STAIRCASE **The Loretto Chapel, New Mexico**

In 1850, Bishop Jean Baptiste Lamy, seeing a need, sent a plea to Catholic teaching orders to open a school for girls. The Sisters of Loretto responded and sent six sisters to open the Loretto Academy. Having been recently under Mexican rule, the Territory of New Mexico was full of Spanish-speaking citizens, so the six had to learn the Spanish language and, after an arduous trip during which the Mother Superior died, finally arrived in Santa Fe and opened their school in 1853.

In 1853, the Sisters of Loretto answered the call to come to Santa Fe, New Mexico to open a school for girls. Two years later, they were able to start the construction of a Chapel. Using the same French architect and builders as Saint Francis Cathedral Basilica, the Chapel of Our Lady of Light (as it was then known) was patterned after Archbishop Lamy's favorite Sainte Chapelle in Paris. With its gothic-style architecture, the Chapel certainly would have stood out among the small adobe homes surrounding it at the time.

Unfortunately, the architect died before access to the choir loft was built. Given the height of the loft and the small size of the Chapel, a staircase would have taken up too much floor space, thereby reducing the seating capacity to an unacceptably small level. Legend states that seeking guidance and help, the Sisters of Loretto prayed a nine day novena to St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Carpenters. On the final day of the novena, a carpenter appeared with only a hammer and carpenter's square. He built what is now known as the Miraculous Staircase with simple tools and wooden pegs. The rare wood is not native to the American Southwest. When the Staircase was complete, it is said that the carpenter disappeared without receiving thanks or payment. The Sisters tried all local lumber stores but could not find accounts open for supplies for their stairs. Some believe the carpenter was St. Joseph himself while others believe that it was someone sent by St. Joseph. What is known is that the Sisters of Loretto prayed, and their prayers were answered.

The Staircase has two complete 360 degree turns with no center pole for structural support. The entire weight of the staircase rests on the bottom stair. The banisters were added approximately ten years later due to the difficulty of climbing the tall, tapered stairs with no railing. The two small brackets that can be seen on the outside connecting the stairs to the wall and pillar were added in the mid-20th century in order to provide more support and protect the staircase from negative effects due to vibrations from passing cars and trucks. Unfortunately, rather than helping the structural integrity of the Staircase, the modern brackets damaged the sides of it by preventing the natural spring-like movement of the Staircase while in use. The underside of the stairs were originally open, but was filled in with a horse hair and lime mixture painted to look like wood.

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