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## LIVING AND LEARNING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



Welcome to another edition of *The St. Vincent Voice*. This edition, among other things, is about embracing change and living a faith-filled life. Change is never easy, especially when it is to something as basic and personal as our Mass. Hopefully through the article regarding the changes in the *Roman Missal* some confusion or apprehension will be eased. We also highlight the exciting change of welcoming a new assistant pastor to our parish.

“Little things are indeed little, but to be faithful in little things is a great thing.” —St. Teresa of Calcutta

There are also opportunities to deepen and share our faith in this issue, as well as ideas and resources to help you parent and connect with your teen.

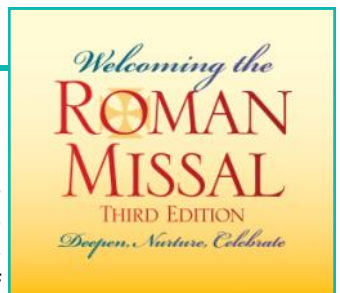
Please, pull up a deck chair and enjoy a quick summer read with us!

—Rebecca Keran, Parishioner

## CHANGES IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE MASS A Deeper Meaning, but the Same Mass

We’ve probably all heard some notices of “changes” to the Mass from publications like the *Catholic Spirit* and local newspapers. Any time “change” is mentioned there is likely someone who will ask, “What are *they* doing now---can’t *they* leave the Mass alone?” The way we celebrate Mass and the structure of the Mass itself are NOT changing. What will be different are some of the prayers and responses during the Mass for both the priest and the liturgical assembly. This short article will briefly examine the history of the *Roman Missal* and how we are going to discover this new translation. While the truths of our faith are ageless, our liturgical books and texts continually evolve to serve God’s people. Future articles will examine specific new texts and how this community of St. Vincent de Paul will encounter, learn and celebrate this new language in prayer.

The prayers still needed to be translated from the original Latin to English. The first edition of



the English language *Sacramentary* was published in 1974. Thirty years later, Pope John Paul II issued the new Missal that we will use in our parishes this Fall. First available in Latin in 2002, there are FEW changes in the Latin texts of the new Missal. However, because of new principles of translation, the changes for English speaking parishes will be noticeable. St. Vincent’s Worship Commission has been working on the plan for introducing these new texts for months. This Fall, with multiple visual and audio resources to aid us, we will experience these changes in short weekly introductions of “discovery celebration.” Along with learning new musical settings, this discovery should be enjoyable.

The *Roman Missal* we currently use is the English translation of the Latin *Missale Romanum*. Prior to the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), the *Roman Missal* contained the readings and prayers of the Mass in one volume. The *Roman Missal*, as every liturgical book used in the Roman Catholic Church, is first published entirely in Latin, for centuries the preferred language of the church. The Second Vatican Council maintained this preference for the Latin language, but also allowed for the use of “the mother tongue within the Mass” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy-54). The use of the vernacular, the common language of the people (English), has helped us pray with greater understanding and deeper spiritual connections.

Translation is an art. Multiple definitions exist for any one word within a language. The publication and release of the third edition of the *Roman Missal* reflects a new understanding of translation principles. For many of us it will be a challenge to hear changes to phrases or familiar cadences we’ve repeated for decades. There are far more changes in the Presider’s prayers than those of the Assembly. For all of us, the challenge will be to discover the beauty and richness of the texts of the Holy Mass anew.

— Steve Baruhart, Director of Worship

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- August 11-23  
World Youth Day
- August 13 & 14  
Harvest Festival
- August 15  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- September 5  
Labor Day
- September 6  
First Day of School at St. Vincent de Paul
- September 27  
Feast of St. Vincent de Paul
- October 1  
SVPD Marathon for Education Fundraiser
- November 1  
All Saint's Day

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## MEET FATHER BENNET

St. Vincent's New Parochial Vicar

I am happy to be at Saint Vincent de Paul. Everyone has been so welcoming. I was appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Stephen's in Anoka in June 2008, my first assignment after being ordained from Saint Paul Seminary on April 26, 2008 by Archbishop Harry Flynn.

I am a native of Saigon, Vietnam. I am the fifth of eight children in my family; I have five sisters and two brothers. My siblings are spread all over the world: two of my sisters reside in the Twin Cities, a sister in Michigan, a brother in Mississippi, a sister in California and a brother and sister in Vietnam. I'm a transplant to the Twin Cities having lived many years in Western Michigan.

I completed my undergraduate studies at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business and Psychology. I undertook graduate studies at Aquinas College, also in Grand Rapids, and worked for several years in banking and information technology prior to entering the seminary. During my formation at Saint Paul Seminary, I interned at the Church of the Epiphany in Coon Rapids and spent my deacon summer internship at the Church of Saint Bernard on Rice Street in Saint Paul.

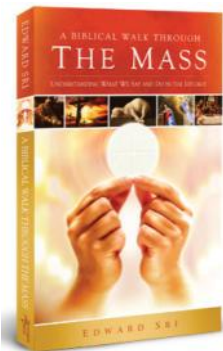
I enjoy reading, travel and sports. I am a recovering University of Michigan Football fan. I'm praying for a conversion of heart so that I might earnestly cheer for the Golden Gophers. However, I'm a dedicated Twins and Vikings fan so I'm not completely hopeless.

### Submit Your Question!

If you have a question for Fr. Jack or Fr. Bennet, please mail it to: **The St. Vincent Voice Editor** at the church, or e-mail it to: [editor@saintvdp.org](mailto:editor@saintvdp.org).

## FALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY

*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*



The Great Adventure will continue this Fall with *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*. As Catholics, the Mass is the source and summit of our lives but do we know why we say what we say and do what we do at Mass? This five-part

DVD study explores the meaning and the

biblical roots of the words, prayers and gestures we experience at Mass. This study is based on the revised translation of the Mass. In this study, which features Dr. Edward Sri as presenter, you will come to know and understand the Mass in new, insightful and meaningful ways. Watch the Sunday bulletin and the parish website for details on this and other Adult Faith Formation opportunities.

— Chuck Pratt, Director of Faith Formation

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

For Faith Formation & Sunday School Classes



The Faith Formation registration mailing for Sunday Pre-School, Elementary and Junior/Senior High programs was mailed the week of July 25.

Please note the early bird fee deadline of August 19 and the final registration deadline of August 31. Catechists/teachers are still needed at all levels.

Being a Catechist is a great chance to be involved in the faith life of



children. If you are interested or have questions, please contact [reneepaske@saintvdp.org](mailto:reneepaske@saintvdp.org) or [tracy-patil@saintvdp.org](mailto:tracy-patil@saintvdp.org) or call the parish office at 763-425-2210.





Saint Vincent de Paul  
**Harvest Festival**

Join Us at the Harvest Festival  
 It's a Great Place for Family Fun!

**AUGUST 13 & 14, 2011**

**SATURDAY: 12:00-10:00 P.M.**

\*Faster than the Pastor 5K Race at 8:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY: 12:00-4:45 P.M.**

- Craft Vendors
- Pull Tabs
- Paddle Wheel
- Silent Auction
- TV Raffle
- Big Raffle—Grand Prize \$10,000!



- Cash Bingo
- Mini-Golf
- Kids' Games
- Inflatable Rides
- Free Child ID Kits provided by Farmers Insurance



**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT:**

Saturday 1–4 p.m.  
**2nd Annual St. Vincent's Got Talent!**



Saturday 6–10 p.m.  
**The Killer Hayseeds**



Sunday 1–4 p.m.  
**The Nordeast Five**



**GREAT FOOD FEATURING:**

Hopkins Lions  
 The Lookout Bar & Grill  
 Sawatdee

Chicken Dinner  
 Sunday 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



Sign up to volunteer at [www.saintvdp.org](http://www.saintvdp.org)  
 or in the gathering area after mass.

## Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.*

*Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.*

*With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*

*We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen*

## FAITH IN GOD

### An Important Part of Our Everyday Lives

Faith in God is a fundamental aspect of our relationship with Him. God is *always* faithful, so we too must be *always* faithful. Learning the importance of having faith and living our lives faithfully is our task. We can learn the importance of having faith by reading and studying the Gospels, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Pope Benedict XVI's papal encyclical *Saved in Hope*.

Jesus reminds us several times throughout the Gospels of how important it is to have faith in God. In Matthew 6:31-32, Jesus says, "Stop worrying over questions like, what are we to eat, or what are we to drink, or what are we to wear? The unbelievers are always running after these things. Your heavenly Father knows all that you need." Mark 2:5 tells us, "When Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralyzed man, 'My son, your sins are forgiven.'" In Luke 17:6, Jesus tells us, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this sycamore, 'Be uprooted and transplanted into the sea,' and it would obey you." In John 6:47 Jesus says, "Let me firmly assure you, he who believes has eternal life."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us the importance of faith. "By his Revelation, 'the invisible God, from the fullness of his love, addresses men as his friends, and moves among them, in order to invite and receive them into his own company.' The adequate response to this invitation is faith." (CCC 142) The Catechism also has many more teachings regarding faith for us to reference.

Pope Benedict XVI teaches us the importance of faith in many ways. One example of this is his papal encyclical, *Saved in Hope*. In this encyclical, Pope Benedict calls faith 'hope.' He writes, "...we need the greater and lesser hopes that keep us going day by day. But these are not enough without the great hope, which must surpass everything else. This great hope can only be God, who encompasses the whole of reality and who can bestow upon us what we, ourselves cannot attain. The fact that it comes to us as a gift is actually part of hope. God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end, each one of us and humanity in its entirety.

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imaginary hereafter, situated in a future that will never arrive; his Kingdom is present wherever he is loved and wherever his love reaches us. His love alone gives us the possibility of soberly persevering day by day, without ceasing to be spurred on by hope, in a world which by its very nature is imperfect. His love is at the same time our guarantee of the existence of what we only vaguely sense and which nevertheless, in our deepest self, we await: a life that is 'truly' life."

Living faithful lives has many benefits. According to the Catechism (CCC 222-227) it has the following implications:

1. It means coming to know God's greatness and majesty.
2. It means living in thanksgiving.
3. It means knowing the unity and true dignity of all men.
4. It means making good use of created things.
5. It means trusting God in every circumstance.

In practical terms, it means living close to God. This can be easier said than done. In times of suffering our faith can be shaken. In times of prosperity our faith can grow weak from lack of attention. In the business of modern everyday life faith can be forgotten. Having faith takes time and effort. Having a strong faith in God requires our daily attention. Try using the Implications of Faith as a tool to assess your faith in everyday situations.

Faith can be strengthened in many ways. Attending Mass regularly, praying daily, studying the Bible, taking a class on a religious topic, attending a workshop at church or talking to someone are all wonderful ways to strengthen your faith. Our parish has several opportunities to help promote your faith. Contact Chuck Pratt, Director of Faith Formation, for more information at 763-425-2210 or watch the bulletin and parish website for upcoming opportunities.

It is interesting that everyone has their own unique and priceless faith journey. No two people are alike! What

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is needed for one person is not the same for another. We need to discover our own needs and ask God to help us with it.

So, ask yourself, how important is my faith in God to me and how faithfully do I live my life? There is always something all of us can do to improve our faith. It is never too late to start making our faith relationship with God our highest priority and to try living our lives more faithfully than ever before. God is *always* waiting for us faithfully.

— *Marci Siers, Outreach Commission Member*

## What Does Faith Mean To You?

By St. Vincent Parishioners of all Ages

✚ It means that I love people. I like to talk to God at night and in the morning. — Carlie, age 5

✚ I hum for God. It makes God happy. — Lexie, age 2

✚ At Sunday school we read stories about Jesus. Jesus comes to the music room with us. — Kenzie, age 3

✚ God made elephants. — Carter, age 3

✚ It means helping people no matter what.—Neill, age 7

✚ When I am being helpful I feel closer to God.—Ryan, age 8

✚ It means happiness to me.— Eoin, age 10

✚ It means that you really listen to God and speak to him. Faith is when you truly believe and cherish Him and all the angels. Faith helps lighten the load.—Clara, age 12

✚ It means that you listen to what God has to say to you and to speak of your love of Him to others. Faith is your belief in God and your Catholic life.—Emilie, age 13

✚ Faith in God means a constant hope for me. No matter what happens, there is always my belief in God to fall back on. — Anonymous Teen

✚ Faith in God means putting all my trust in God through the good and bad and believing that he will always be there for me. — Anonymous Teen

✚ Faith means hope in every person, place, and thing. Our faith makes anything possible. No one can tell us that we can't do something when we have our faith in God as the most powerful tool. — Emily Doran

✚ My faith in God means to me that I always have someone there for me. No matter how tough the situation is, God and my faith will be there for me. — Whitney Stramer

✚ To me, faith is a way of how to live life. If God is directing my path, then I know that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. — Emily Wenner

✚ My faith in God gives me the opportunity to go out and serve others in my community. It also means being able to trust God in any way I possibly can and believing in Him and myself. — Sam Anderson

✚ Faith helps me to see the people and happenings in my daily life through God's eyes which takes me beyond my petty concerns.—Anonymous

✚ Faith gives me purpose and strength in my daily life. It also gives me comfort in knowing that all things are possible for God, so no trial is too big.—Marci Siers

✚ My faith in Jesus Christ empowers me to want to make each day about him rather than myself. When this shift takes place the Holy Spirit then guides my thoughts, my words, my actions.—Carol Wenner

✚ My faith helps me realize it is not my account before Christ that will save me, but the account of others.—Jude Currier

✚ I pray for those I come in conflict with at work and it always helps. When bad things happen in my life, I reflect on the many blessings I have to be thankful for—and there are SO many! Focusing on the awareness of God's goodness in my life gets me through anything! — Dave

✚ Faith helps me put earthly matters in perspective. It guides me and lifts me up, especially when I "listen." — Nancy

✚ Faith for me is like carrying a compass in my pocket. Faith keeps me pointed in the right direction each day and when I get off track, I know I can just reach in and reorient myself. It not only helps me feel safe, but keeps me from getting too lost.— Jean Thoresen

## REMEMBERING...

### The Heritage Celebration

was held on the eve of this year's Pentecost, Saturday, June 11, 2011. Approximately 200 people representing about 30 different ethnic descents attended. More than 60 different ethnic dishes were served. Our special gratitude goes to all of our outreach ministry volunteers who stepped in to help organize this wonderful event, especially Betty Bartos, Diane Moukouri and Casey Cao.





# WANT A REWARDING VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE?

Try Teaching Faith Formation at St. Vincent's

As first time Faith Formation team-teachers at St. Vincent de Paul, Edna Farrow and I (Dianne Rowe) want to commend and thank Renee Paske and Tracy Patil for running a *first class* faith formation program. Their exceptional help and guidance provided us with the



tools we needed to teach with confidence. They were patient and flexible to our every need. And our many, many requests throughout the year for supplies, copies, and crafts, were always met with no questions asked. This wonderful support made our part much easier and helped us succeed in our mission...to teach religion to the First Graders.

Team-teaching twelve adorable First Graders with Edna on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. turned out to be a rewarding fall-winter-spring project. We would cover the lesson from the book; maybe have a related craft, perhaps a story, a game, play-acting, anything that would help get the lesson across and yet provide a fun atmosphere. As a retired person, it was such a wonderful and fun volunteer experience.

The children were always lively, enthusiastic and eager to participate in whatever we had planned for that eve-



ning and watching them learn and grow in God's world was so worth it.

Our attendance was always near perfect - even on the coldest of days... thanks to the parents and grandparents who should

be commended for their commitment. They know that religion plays an important part in raising a child.

Another surprise was seeing how many children are involved in this program. Over one thousand children walk through the school doors every Tuesday and Wednesday evening. It's great to see and be a part of this lively community.



So, if you are a retiree (or not) and are looking for a rewarding and fun volunteer experience, I encourage you to call Tracy or Renee and get involved in the Faith Formation program...as Martha Stewart says..."It's a good thing."

— Dianne Rowe, Parishioner

## REMEMBERING... Vacation Bible School





# ATTENTION PARENTS OF TEENS

Let Me Introduce You to ParentLink

I want to make you aware of a new column that will be part of this newsletter. This section, entitled **ParentLink**, is the print



version of the e-mail some of you might have been receiving (to subscribe to the online version, go to [www.saintvdp.org](http://www.saintvdp.org) and click under Youth Ministry). The goal of this section is to not only give resources to parents of teenagers, but also to highlight certain issues that are apparent in teen culture. We are always looking for article ideas and topics that you would like to see, so do not hesitate to share those ideas. I want to give you, the parents, some incredible resources and websites that can help you navigate the troubled waters that are the teenage years.

Below are a few websites that I use. They offer movie and music reviews as well as blogs and posts that relate to the teens of today. Today's teens are not only busy, but they are full of life and driven by the desire to truly make this world better. I hope you enjoy these websites as much as I have.

I want to leave you with a prayer for our youth. May God continue to bless the teens of St. Vincent de Paul.

*God, our Father, we thank You for the gift of love and the gift of life. We thank You for the gift of our teens. We ask You to send Your holy angels to protect and guide them*



## Awesome Websites

for Teens and Parents of Teens:

- [www.lifeteen.com](http://www.lifeteen.com) – LIFE TEEN Inc. is an international youth ministry company that provides resources, curriculum and multimedia ministry opportunities for youth ministers, teenagers and parents of teens. This website has a lot of information regarding movies, music, blogs on prayer and liturgy as well as funny antidotes.
- [www.cpyu.org](http://www.cpyu.org) – Center for Parent/Youth Understanding is a nonprofit organization committed to building strong families by serving to bridge the cultural-generational gap between parents and teens. The mission of CPYU is to work with churches, schools and parents by offering a variety of free resources.
- [www.prayerofateenagersparent.com](http://www.prayerofateenagersparent.com) – A great uplifting prayer for parents of teenagers.

*each day so that they will walk the narrow path of purity, self control and obedience, as was taught to us by Your own Son, Jesus Christ. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Our Lady of Guadalupe...  
pray for our youth.*

*St. Michael...pray for our youth.*

*St. Charles Borromeo...pray for our youth.*

— *Molly Schorr,*  
*Director of Youth Ministry*

## REMEMBERING ...

**St. Vincent School's  
May  
Crowning**



## Catholic Quiz:

How well do you know the Bible?

1. The first part of the Bible is the Old Testament. True or False?
2. Psalms is an example of Wisdom literature. True or False?
3. The first book of the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Moses is not a main figure in the exodus. True or False?
5. The last book of the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. How many books are in a Catholic Bible?
7. There are five gospels in the New Testament. True or False?
8. St. Paul did not write many of the letters in the New Testament. True or False?
9. Isaiah is an example of a prophet. True or False?
10. St. Jerome wrote: "ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of \_\_\_\_\_."

9. True, 10. Christ  
7. False (4), 8. False,  
5. Revelation, 6. 73,  
3. Genesis, 4. False,  
1. True, 2. True,

Answers:

We invite you to sign up for e-mail communications from the parish. Visit [www.saintvdp.org](http://www.saintvdp.org) for more information.



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## SYMBOLS OF FAITH

### The Gospel Book at St. Vincent de Paul

The golden book that is carried into Mass at St. Vincent's draws the attention of all those who view it. The Gospel Book is displayed prominently for all to enjoy its finery at the front of the Altar. The book does stand out from others and may leave many wondering why it is so visually stunning.

The answer to why the book is unique truly lies in its contents. The beautiful book is a compilation of four narratives that depict the life of Jesus. The Gospels according to Mathew, Mark, Luke and John are the records of Christ's word and actions. The Gospel Book is ornately decorated to stand out as it signifies the importance of Christ's actions.

The gold binding is not the only unique feature of the cover. Four depictions are etched in the cover and are symbolic of the four contributors. The four contributors to the Gospel Book are considered to be four pillars, elemental to the development of the Church. Numbers have an important role in the Church. The number four is considered to be representative of the four corners of the Earth or the four elements. The four Gospels explain the life of Jesus for all to understand and are represented by the images on the cover. Mathew is represented by a winged man, Mark by a lion, Luke by a calf, and John by an eagle. The four teachers were provided, by the power of the Holy



Spirit, wisdom, strength, courage, and an ability to rise above others to comprehend the life and teachings of Jesus.

These etchings not only symbolize the four contributors but they also represent the content of the works: Jesus Christ. The book of Genesis teaches us that man was made in the image of God and is a rational creature. Jesus was sent to be salvation for all of mankind. Lions are symbolic of strength. The trials and events which Jesus endured took great strength, faith and courage. Through His actions, He provided strength and faith for us all. Eagles also have great

strength and endurance. They have the ability to soar to great heights and are a depiction of the heights to which Jesus rose. The calf was often used in sacrifices and is symbolic of the sacrifice that Jesus made with his Resurrection.

Although the binding of the Gospel Book draws attention, it is the contents of the book itself that are significant. The bindings and etchings are merely symbolic of the contents. The word gospel means "good news." It seems only fitting that the good news Jesus brought, shared to us by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, should be displayed prominently.

— Marie Heinrichs, Parishioner