



The Deacon

November 2021

St. Vincent's Cathedral

We at St. Vincent's are a community of disciples who know Jesus Christ in a personal way, who seek to live by the truth of His Word, and who reach out to others in love.



With Thanksgiving

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:4-7)

Fr. Hadley Tourney Success!

Dear St. Vincent's Family:

Greetings in thankfulness! The 18th Annual Father Hadley Golf Tournament that took place on Friday, October 1st, at Iron Horse Golf Course in North Richland Hills was a huge success! Despite a brief rain shower, the weather was agreeable and everyone had a great day of golf and fellowship. Or, so I heard. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the tournament this year because I was at home quarantining with COVID. I have since made a full recovery, thanks be to God.

Since I could not be there to thank those who supported the tournament this year, I would like to express my sincere gratitude on behalf of the Youth Program to everyone who donated, volunteered, or participated this year. I would especially like to thank the members of the tournament committee for organizing this event: David Coburn, Tom Parham, Mike McWithey, Pete Pacholick, Terry Brown, and Phil Croak. I would also like to thank those who volunteered their time and efforts to help make this event run smoothly: Father Kalimi, Linda Littlefield, Beverly Brown, Jackie Coburn, and Robert Boyer.

Because of your support, the tournament was a success. The funds that were raised will be used for Camp Crucis scholarships and for the Youth Program to go on a mission trip next summer. These things would not be possible without your support, participation, and generosity.

In His Name,

Stuart Estes

Youth Minister at St. Vincent's Cathedral



Dean's Report: November COVID Update

Greetings in the strong Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

What a blessing it is that our church fall calendar is so busy with a number of continuing ministries and plenty of opportunities to grow closer to God and each other! After a HUGE October, we look forward to some exciting things in November before we begin the seasons of Advent and Christmas. This edition of *The Deacon* contains various dates, events, and opportunities in the life of our church.

Most of us are probably aware that the number of COVID cases and hospitalizations in North Texas is of concern, so just a couple things to keep in mind:

First, we encourage everyone to stay safe and continue to show love and respect to all people—in person, and on social media. We are still navigating uncharted waters, so let's continue to be salt and light in this hurting world.

Second, our Sunday worship continues to be in person and online. Every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection, so the people of God come to worship, to pray, and to receive Holy Eucharist. The common chalice containing the Blood of Christ continues to be optional. For those of us that worship online at home, please contact the church office if you would like a Eucharistic visit in the upcoming weeks.

Third, while we recognize different people are in different circumstances, please know that we are all created in the image of God, loved by our Lord Jesus Christ, and we are called to love and respect the dignity of all people.



I thank y'all very much for your continued love and service to one another. Thank you, and God bless you!

Dean Mark Polley+

Sundays' 10:30 am Mass will be live-streamed on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAz5v1V4SrTVHsTtuDmPBoQ>

NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 am

Holy Eucharist (said)

10:30 am

Holy Eucharist (sung)

WEEKLY MASS

9:00 a.m. Wed Mass in St. Mary's Chapel

MORNING PRAYER

9:00 a.m. Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri

Blessings on your Thanksgiving

As we approach Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the many blessings God has given to us. The question we should be asking is, "How do we begin to thank God for all that he has done and continues to do for us?" High on our lists of things for which to thank our heavenly Father should be our new lives in Christ. In spite of our sinful ways, God demonstrated his awesome love for us by sending his only Son to the Cross on our behalf. We certainly will also thank him for our families as well as our health and material blessings. How blessed we are that God provides for all we need to sustain our lives, and, through faith he provides, he gives us life forever with him.

Prayer: Dear heavenly Father, forgive us when we take for granted all the blessings you give us. Forgive us for our selfishness and thoughtlessness. Give us grateful hearts and instill in us the desire to share with others some of what you've given us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**



*Thank
you*



To my St. Vincent's family,

There are no words to express our gratitude for all your prayers, thoughts, cards, calls, text messages, and visits. I wish to thank each and everyone who played a part in supporting me and my family during the toughest times of our lives by making sure my beloved husband, Prof. Joshua Musoke Serwanga, had a dignified send-off and burial. It was successful here in Dallas/Fort Worth

and all the way till the end in Kabowa, Uganda. We could not have done it without your unconditional prayers, love, and financial support. We are forever grateful for what you have shared in our time of bereavement. Thank you for whatever part you have played. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you. Thank you Father Kalimi for introducing me and my family to St. Vincent's Cathedral. We are forever grateful and, indeed, we have been blessed. Thank you Bishop Reed for being our first Dean when we joined St. Vincent's Cathedral and for loving my family unconditionally. Thank you Father Polley for meeting with me for the funeral service and for conducting a beautiful service with the assistance of Father Kalimi, Father Fitzhugh, the ushers, St. Vincent's media team, David Ebert, David Johnson, Alissa Brewer (organist), Susana Laird, Barbara Wojnicki for helping us set up and clean up, St. Vincent's ladies for food preparation, and Donna Baker for coordinating the program. Barbara, Elijah and Wilson Kakembo—you have been there for me from day one. I am forevermore grateful for your unwavering kindness and support. Thank you Laura West and Sherry and Mack Wood for bringing food to the house. May God bless you abundantly. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me. Please know that I love you all and I am forever grateful for everything. Sometimes we don't understand what goes on behind the scenes in church, but this opened my eyes to the tremendous team that makes St. Vincent's what it is - a church family indeed. Thank you St. Vincent's Cathedral family for loving my husband, Prof. Joshua Serwanga. I will forever be grateful for being part of it. May the Almighty God richly bless each and everyone of you.

Love,

Helen, Chris and Sheba

ST. VINCENT'S CATHEDRAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS & REMINDERS

Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people: continue in our hospitals his most gracious work especially among those affected by this illness; console and heal the sick, protect the healthy; grant to the physicians, nurses and assisting staff wisdom and skill, diligence and patience: prosper their work, O Lord, and send down your blessing upon this nation that we may respond with compassion to each other in faith to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE

- Mon, Nov 1 All Saint's Day
St. Mary's Chapel 9 am
- Wed, Nov 3 Fr. Foster's Class, Parish Hall 7:15 pm,
The Faith of the Medieval Church
- Sun, Nov 7 All Saints' Sunday**
- Wed, Nov 10 Finance Committee Meeting,
Small Conf Room 6 pm
Fr. Foster's Class, Parish Hall 7:15 pm,
The Faith of the Medieval Church
- Sun, Nov 14 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
- Mon, Nov 15 Vestry Meeting, Large Conf Room 6 pm
- Wed, Nov 17 Fr. Foster's Class, Parish Hall 7:15 pm,
The Faith of the Medieval Church
- Sun, Nov 21 Christ the King Sunday**
- Wed, Nov 24 Thanksgiving Eve Blessing of the Bread
Church Office Closed
- Thurs, Nov 25 THANKSGIVING DAY**
Church Office Closed
- Fri, Nov 26 Church Office Closed
- Sun, Nov 28 First Sunday of Advent**
- Mon, Nov 30 St. Andrew the Apostle
St. Mary's Chapel 9 am

From the Parish Records



DEPARTED

Marion Young

(Don Young's mother)

October 11

BIRTHS

Emma Michelle Mylius

October 14

to Stephanie & Corey Mylius

TRANSFERRED OUT

Linda Bendure

to St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston

TRANSFERRED IN

Dee & Pat Neely

from Good Shepherd in Granbury

Advent I Sunday, November 28

Now is the time to visit the St. Vincent's Cathedral Bookstore and Gift Shop for all your Advent needs: wreaths, candles, books, & more! Contact Amber Wilkinson: (817) 360-2652.



Wait! Before You Meet at SVC

Avoid Schedule Conflicts

Please be sure to check the website calendar or contact Donna Baker

www.stvincentscathedral.org/calendar

dbaker@svacc.org (817) 354-7911

Brother Steward

The Earth is the Lord's

Oswald Chambers wrote, "Not every man can carry a full cup. Sudden elevation frequently leads to pride and a fall. The most exciting test of all to survive is prosperity." This quote provides a clear warning: Those who become prosperous are also very likely to become filled with pride. Pride can cause inflated egos and self-worthiness. Agur ben Jakeh, a writer of proverbs, gave us this warning: "...give me neither poverty nor riches but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' or I may become poor and steal and so dishonor the name of my God" (Proverbs 30:8-9). When our bills are paid and we have money in the bank, we may feel secure and depend only on ourselves. In speaking about the curse of success, someone once said, "Ninety-nine people out of 100 can handle adversity whereas only one out of 100 can handle prosperity." The wealth that many seek can be more of a curse than a blessing.

God blesses us with work and the ability to earn our incomes. Unfortunately, we may foolishly begin to believe that we are solely responsible for the success we've achieved. As Moses wrote, "You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth..." (Deuteronomy 8:18). We should understand that only by

God's grace are we able to have a place to call home, a savings account, and a retirement plan. God's Word is clear that we are managers, not owners. "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24:1).

Even though it is difficult to pass the test with money, the Holy Spirit, working through the Word, enables us to understand that all we are and have are gifts from God. Joseph provides us with an excellent example of stewardship. Separated from his home and family, he still trusted God and feared him, refusing to give in to the temptations that came with the position God enabled him to fill. As second in command in Egypt, one of the most powerful kingdoms of his day, he retained his humility, realizing that he was only the manager of Egypt's resources. But he managed those resources well, working at it "with all [his] heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Colossians 3:23). Just as God empowered Joseph in his stewardship, so he does for us today, whether our resources are vast, as were Joseph's, or small.



It's all about

Generosity 

St. Vincent's Cathedral

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**St. Vincent's Cathedral Nametags
Order today!**

Please call Susan Frey at 817-832-0023 or email at Susan.frey@att.net to order.

Donation: \$10.00 to St. Vincent's upon delivery.
Magnetic back. Pin-on style available (pacemaker).

(See example, above. Super-cool!)

Many Thanks!

Thanks Thanks Thanks Thanks Thanks Thanks Thanks Thanks Thanks

Thank you for your help in Making Jesus Christ known in all we do!

God is so very good! With your help we exceeded our goal of 100 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes! Through your generous donations the love and hope that only Jesus can provide will be shared with many children and their families throughout the world.

Daughters of the King

PRAYER BEAR TIME!

It's that time of year to begin collecting **new** bears, *with tags attached*, for Cook Children's Medical Center. This is our 12th year for this Ministry and each year we are able to provide more bears than the previous year. Last year was a big surprise as we collected **153** precious little bears. *[Editor: Wow that's glorious! Does that number seem familiar? See John 21:11.]* Pastoral Care at Cook Children's was overjoyed!



Our drive this year will begin on Sunday, November 21st, and will end on Sunday, December 19th. A collection box will be placed in the Narthex.

Each hospitalized child is so thrilled to receive a cuddly bear knowing that some stranger is thinking of them. It is so heart-warming to see these children be able to leave the hospital and take their bears home with them.



Many thanks in advance. May God bless you all!

The Prayer Bear Ministry



YAAYY...Bears!

Interested in Helping With the Sunday Live Stream?

We could use a couple more volunteers for this ministry. No, it isn't hard, but you do need to pay attention to the service! Typically, we have an audio person and a video person (pictured right). While many of us do attend services, there are others that cannot for a variety of reasons. COVID is one reason, but we also have former parish members out of state, as well as local members that are physically not able to attend. This ministry allows them to participate in our weekly worship. No experience is necessary—only a willingness to learn and serve. Remember God does not always call the equipped, many times he equips those he calls!

Email Tom Parham at tcpahamjr@gmail.com if you are interested. We have husband and wives working together, as well as individuals.

Is God calling you?

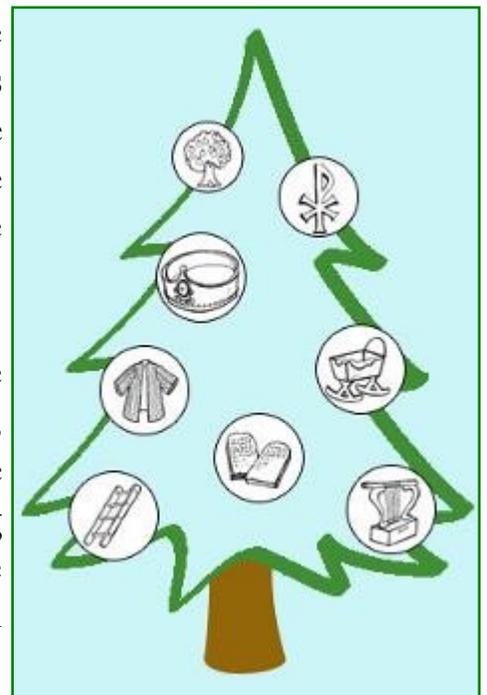


What is a Chrismon?

In preparation for our Jesse Tree ceremony, Cathedral Kids will be making Chrismons in Sunday School on November 14th and 21st. Okay, great, but what on earth is a Chrismon? I mean, besides a craft that my child will make and that I will treasure forever?

A Chrismon is an ornament that will be used to decorate the Jesse Tree. The word Chrismon is a combination of the words “Christ” and “monogram,” and they are symbols of Christ. The colors used are gold and white. Gold reminds us of the majesty of Christ, that Jesus is King of Kings. The color white reminds us that he is the pure and sinless Lamb of God.

Each different Chrismon tells us something about Jesus. The shepherd's crook reminds us that He is our Good Shepherd, while the tree Chrismon reminds us that Jesus will come from the “root of Jesse” and will be a descendant of King David. If you want to know the meanings of each of the Chrismons that we make, join us at the 10:30 am service on December 5th for a full explanation with Scripture readings.





FROM THE VERGER

THE CELEBRANT'S USUAL GESTURES DURING THE MASS

Why does the Celebrant kiss the altar?

The altar represents our Lord, who as we pray in the Preface of Easter V “showed Himself to be the priest, the altar, and the lamb of sacrifice.” Moreover, traditionally relics of the saints were/are placed in the altar, which themselves make the altar worthy of such veneration.

When can the Celebrant use incense?

The priest may incense the altar and cross after his veneration at the beginning of the Mass, the Gospel book before its proclamation, the bread and wine mixed with water after the offertory prayers, and the cross; the priest himself because of this office and sacred ministry, and the people, because of their baptismal dignity, may also be incensed by a deacon or other minister. During Easter season, the paschal candle may also be incensed at these times. Since the Old Testament times, incense has been used to purify the sacrifice and the altar itself, and to drive away any presence of evil. Moreover, as stated in the Psalms, the incense signifies our prayers rising up Heaven.

Does the Celebrant have to wash his hands during the offertory?

Yes. The priest, after the offertory prayers over the bread and the wine mixed with water, washes his hands, saying, “Lord, wash away my iniquity and cleanse me of my sins.” This gesture is a sign of the priest’s desire for purity of heart as he offers the Sacrifice of the Mass.

Why does the Celebrant mix a little water with the wine in the chalice?

As the priest (or deacon) adds a few drops of water to the wine in the chalice, he prays, “By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.”

The action thereby symbolizes the hypostatic union of our Lord’s divine and human natures. In the mystery of the incarnation, Jesus Christ, true God, became also true man. Remember too that at the crucifixion, the Roman soldier thrust his lance to the side of Jesus, piercing His Sacred Heart, and from His wounded side flowed Blood and Water (cf. John 19:34). Therefore, the saving benefits of our Lord’s incarnation, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension touch the lives of the faithful and are especially granted through the Holy Eucharist. And it is through the Holy Eucharist, that faithful share in the divine life and love of Jesus who became man for our salvation.

St. Cyprian also suggested that the water represents the Church (the faithful) which is drawn into the life of Christ. As Jesus offered the sacrifice for our sins, shedding His blood, we, too, are united to Him in His sacrifice as inseparably as water into wine.

Why does the Celebrant drop a piece of the Sacred Host into the chalice during the Lamb of God?

As the priest places a piece of the Sacred Host into the chalice, he prays, “May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.” This gesture then represents the unity of the Sacrament: the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus is truly and fully present in both the Precious Blood in the Chalice and the Sacred Host on the paten.



FROM THE VERGER: WHAT IS A RECTOR, VICAR, PRIEST-IN-CHARGE, CANON?

A rector is a priest who is the leader of a self-supporting parish. If the parish is not self supporting, its leader is usually referred to as a vicar.

Vicar has a similar meaning of Rector. The difference has to do with money. A Vicar is the priest-in-charge of a parish or mission that is supported financially from the outside. In England, most parishes are supported by their Diocese, so most of the priests-in-charge are vicars.

A Priest-in-Charge is a priest who has the responsibilities and duties of an incumbent [rector] but on a temporary basis, at the discretion of the Bishop.

“Canon” is an honorary title conferred upon a member of the clergy by the Bishop for faithful and valuable service to the church. Since the Latin word *canonicus* means “law” or “rule,” it may be assumed that the life of the person who holds the title is a standard or rule that others would do well to copy.

The Rule of St. Benedict 4:14-21

You must relieve the lot of the poor,
clothe the naked,
visit the sick (Matt 25:36),
and bury the dead.

Go to help the troubled
and console the sorrowing.



CHOIR REHEARSALS

Cathedral Choir

Wednesdays, 7:15 pm-8:15 pm
Choir Room

Handbell Choir

Mondays, 7:00 pm-7:45 pm
Choir Room





Sunday School at St. Vincent's takes place each Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the South Hall classrooms. Sunday School is so important for our kids! It gives them an opportunity to learn Biblical truth in both an age-appropriate and sequential way. Plus, they will have a chance to make friends and have fun!

Pre-K-1st grade	Mrs. Bryant and Miss Bryant	Room S-2
2nd-5th Grade	Mrs. Olvey and Mrs. Chapman	Room S-3
Confirmation	Mrs. West and Mrs. Pickering	Room S-5
Jr & Sr High	Stuart Estes	HQ

Can't wait to see you there!

Children's Message

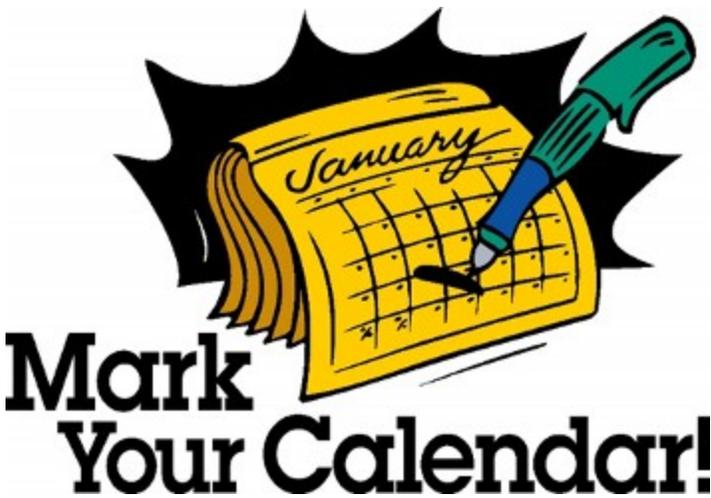
On the second Sunday of each month this fall, we will be having a special message from the Bible for all the Cathedral kids (shown left). On Sunday, November 14th, be ready to come down right after the Gospel reading to hear the message, and then, you may follow the cross to go to Children's Chapel. **Fun!**





Cathedral Kids is a private **Facebook** group for parents, grandparents, and parishioners of St. Vincent's Cathedral. We are there to celebrate our children and their growth and faith in Jesus, to connect with one another, and to communicate important information. If you have not received an invitation and would like to be part of the group, go to the link below and click "Join Group" at the top of the page! We can't wait to welcome you!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/447039483346626>



November 7:

- All Saint's Children's Processional
- Cathedral Kids sing the Offertory
- First Communion

November 14: Children's Message

Nov 14 & 21: Make Chrismos in Sunday School

December 5:

- Jesse Tree at 10:30 am service
- St. Nicholas Party* at 11:30 am for all Cathedral Kids and their families

December 12: Children's Message

Our Community in N.E.E.D.

St. Vincent's is one several of churches in Tarrant County that support N.E.E.D. (North East Emergency Distribution), serving our Northern Tarrant County communities. On the first Sunday of each month, members of our parish bring canned goods, non-perishable goods, (including diapers and personal products) to church for the N.E.E.D. Food Pantry. Gently-used clothing and household goods can also be brought to St. Vincent's. These items are appropriate for sale to support the Twice Blessed ReSale Boutique located next door to the N.E.E.D. Food Pantry.

Materials can also be brought when the Twice Blessed ReSale Boutique EAST side is open (Tuesday - Saturday) and is located 424 W. Bedford Euless Road, Hurst, 76053. (N.E.E.D. WEST is located at 5028 Broadway, Haltom City.)

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THE TWICE BLESSED RE SALE BOUTIQUE

The Twice Blessed ReSale Boutique Provides Financial Support To N.E.E.D.

"SHOP FOR A CAUSE"



New Girls Welcomed at La Gran Familia!

Three sisters were recently brought to La Gran Familia (LGF) by their grandmother. She was unable to take care of them. Their alcoholic mother works in a bar and left the girls alone to wander the streets. They very seldom ever went to school. Melany and Divany are twins. Their birthday is July 6th. Fanny, their older sister, was born on January 20th. They are all now in school and doing well. The twins are in elementary 5th grade and Fanny is in the 6th grade. Please pray for Fanny's health. Her tonsils are swollen and she is seeing an ENT doctor.

Melany's favorite thing to do is play ball in the courtyard! She wants to be a teacher when she grows up. Divany loves her school group. She says she wants to be a great doctor when she grows up so that she can heal people of their pain! Fanny likes to read, play soccer in the courtyard, paint, and help clean the shelter. She also wants to be a doctor when she grows up!

According to Martin, LGF director, these girls have shown a very noticeable improvement in their behavior and self-care since coming to LGF one month ago. Love changes the hardest heart, heals its ailments, restores its fractures. Thank the Lord for his ministry at La Gran Familia. It is a blessing to those who live and work there.

Blessings,

Barbara Hautanen WMC





*Three Saints walk
into a Parish Hall...*

Please join us for
**Three Saints
 Third Sunday Fellowship**
 with
Mimosas & Bloody Marys
 (also with kid friendly/non-alcoholic beverages)

Sunday, November 21st
 Immediately following the 10:15 service

If you can't make it in November - that's okay!
 We'll see you on December 19th - this will be a
 recurring event the third Sunday of every month

Please join us and bring a guest!



THANKSGIVING



Don't Waste Time

Time is so precious, yet nothing is as greatly wasted. Time is neutral until we make it a friend or an enemy. All of us have our own ways of wasting time. At the top of the list could be watching too much television, telephone abuse, playing computer games to excess, or shopping as an escape. In the process of wasting time, we are wasting talents, lives, and opportunities to serve our Lord. When we are careful with time, we will properly use our small fragments of time. If we add up the spare moments of each day, we may have more time for worthwhile endeavors. To take care of the days, weeks, and months, we need to take care of the minutes. Minutes may be short, but they can add up to a significant amount of time.

Yes, I am available
to usher.



Prayer: Dear Lord, I come to you as a humble, grateful servant who gives you praise and thanks for all of your blessings, especially for the blessings that we all receive through your Son who died and suffered for us so that we can live as forgiven and redeemed people who will spend eternity with you. Lord, help me to live a life that gives you honor and praise. And grant me the wisdom to use the time you have given me wisely, in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Reducing and Eliminating Credit Card Debt

“A man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions”- Luke 12:15

Because desires often exceed the ability to pay, many of us have a lot of debt. Indeed, we are in debt when we can’t pay off our credit cards at the end of each month or can’t provide for our needs. Our dependence on debt is possibly the most widely abused principle in God’s Word regarding money. Scripture does not forbid us from borrowing money, but it does point out its disadvantages. *“The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender”* (Proverbs 22:7). Despite God’s warnings, our dependence on debt continues to grow.

Some debt is unavoidable. In the case of a job loss or health problems, it may not be possible to avoid debt. In addition, some debt is acceptable, such as debt for educational purposes or home mortgages. Debt that is acquired for the purpose of spending money to make money makes economic sense. The most troublesome debt in our society is credit card debt. Credit is a means of renting money when we need it for as long as we need it. Credit allows us to enjoy something now and pay for it later. Unfortunately, for many of us, credit cards are easily accessible, and, in today’s society, we are encouraged to take advantage of them. With so much available credit, it is no surprise that bankruptcies and divorces related to financial tension are increasing. We may enjoy getting into debt, but it is not much fun getting out of it. Despite all the warnings about debt, we are still willing to buy now and pay later. Credit cards should contain the clause, “This credit card can be hazardous to your financial well-being.”

It has been said that there are three types of people. Those who “have,” those who “have not,” and those who “have not paid for what they have.” Many people pay five to 20 percent or more of their budgets toward credit card debt, which significantly burdens family expenses. The financial burden is caused by the high-interest rates that credit card companies charge. For example, if you have a credit card balance of \$2,000 at a 15 percent annual interest rate and you remit only the minimum payment, it will take 17.5 years to repay the \$2,000 balance. The total cost, including interest charges, increases to \$4,517.62. In the time it may take to pay off your credit cards, most things that were purchased will have been lost, stolen, or worn out. We live in a society in which enough is never enough.



One of the biggest reasons we get into debt is greed. *“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions”* (Luke 12:15). Jesus was criticizing the notion that the value of life is determined by the number of possessions we have. In order to avoid going deeper and deeper into unnecessary debt, a change in attitude is required. Curbing wants and desires leads to greater success in staying out of debt.

St. Vincent's Cathedral Income Statement 2021

A/C #	Account Description	Month of September			September YTD			Full Year
		Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	Budget
Total	Operating Revenue	64,020	68,525	(4,505)	710,410	640,478	69,932	851,000
Total	Operating Expense	83,842	84,766	(924)	656,832	680,621	(23,789)	889,000
Total	Operating Income (Loss)	(19,822)	(16,241)	(3,581)	53,578	(40,143)	93,721	(38,000)

September Operating Revenues were \$4.5K under-budget due primarily to under-budget Pledge Payments of \$7K. YTD Operating Revenues were \$70K over-budget due primarily to the receipt in April of an unbudgeted \$56K donation from AMNET, a non-profit organization, and over-budget Pledge Payments of \$10K.

September Operating Expenses were slightly under-budget by \$0.9K. YTD Operating Expenses were \$23.8K under-budget driven primarily by under-budget Building and Grounds (\$20.7K).

Keeping Your Commitment

Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' Matthew 25:21

Please remain faithful to the financial pledge you've made to God and this Parish family.

We're all in this together,
and we need your help!

We don't ask equal giving,
but equal sacrifice!

Pastoral Communication

Dean Polley may be reached through the Cathedral office: **(817) 354-7911** or email: mpolley@svacc.org

If you are going into the hospital, please don't assume one of the clergy is going to hear about it through the grapevine. If you tell one of the clergy something important on Sunday morning after Mass as you exit the church, please don't assume they are going to remember unless they write it down. If you are upset about something or pleased about something, don't assume the clergy know how you are feeling. If you need Communion brought to your home, please don't assume the clergy know.

Please call so we can respond to your pastoral needs!



What better way to remember a loved one or a special event than to be an Altar flower donor!

Multiple donors are needed each Sunday to meet the expense of the flowers. The calendar is located in the office or you may call the office to be listed on the calendar. **Donations are \$50, and it takes two donations to cover the weekly cost.**

If you were unable to sign up to sponsor weekly Altar flowers at the annual parish meeting, it is not too late. Please contact the Cathedral office to have your name put on the altar flowers schedule.

“To make Jesus Christ known in all that we do.”

CATHEDRAL STAFF

Clergy

The Right. Rev. **Ryan S. Reed**, SSC, D.D.
Bishop IV of Fort Worth
The Right Rev. **Keith L. Ackerman**, SSC, D.D.
Assisting Bishop
The Very Rev. **Mark D. Polley**, *Dean*
The Rev. **John S. Kalimi**, *Assistant*

Administration

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PRAYER OF ST. VINCENT OF SARAGOSSA

Almighty God, whose deacon Vincent, upheld by thee, was not terrified by threats nor overcome by torments: Strengthen us, we beseech thee, to endure all adversity with invincible and steadfast faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Benevolence Fund

The Benevolence Fund has assisted families and individuals with car repair bills, rent, utilities, meals, and hospital bills. Requests come in on a weekly basis. Any assistance you can provide would be a blessing to someone else. Tax deductible donations can be made to St. Vincent's Cathedral. Please write **BENEVOLENCE FUND** on the memo line.