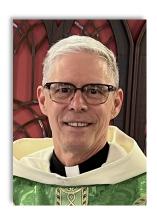


Words from the Father



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am excited to be returning to St. Vincent's and I am excited about what God has in store for us. I look forward to joining your current leadership team and staff: Fr. Earle, Fr. Gerardo, Senior Warden - Mike McManus, Junior Warden - Russ Lynn, Treasurer - Berry Ludwig, members of the vestry, Jennifer, and Deanna. They have done a wonderful job of stepping up and keeping things running smoothly during this period of time that you have been without a rector/priest-in-charge. I know we face some challenges, but I believe that with God's help we will come through stronger than ever.

Most importantly, I look forward to spending time with you, the people who make up this part of the body of Christ. I want to hear your stories. I want to hear what you think is going well and what you think we could do better.

I will continue to serve in dual roles, both as your priest-in-charge and on the Bishop's staff as Dean of the School for Ministry. I plan to have office hours at St. Vincent's on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I am reserving Wednesday as my primary day of support for diocesan activities although I am, of course, available for pastoral emergencies. Please reach out if you would like to schedule a time to meet with me on my office days.

One of the changes you will notice immediately is that we are moving the Bible study and social night to Thursday's to accommodate my schedule. Stay tuned for announcements soon regarding the roll out of other worship and study opportunities.

In way of introduction, I come to you from St. Chad's Episcopal Church in Tampa where I served as priest-in-charge for the past year. I was born in Kansas and hold degrees from Southwestern College (KS) and Duquesne University. I have worked as a trainer and support person in the IT field, first in private industry and then as a contractor supporting the Federal Government. I have been on my current project supporting an Engineering system used by DoD for over 30 years. My current "day job" will be ending December 31st this year.

My religious formation all occurred locally. I was ordained to the diaconate in 2018 and to then priesthood in 2022, both in this diocese. I am currently pursing additional studies at General Theological Seminary in NY.

Peace and Blessings, *Fr. Gcott Nonken*, Priest-in-Charge



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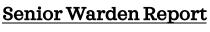
I am delighted to welcome Fr. Scott Nonken as your new Priest-in-Charge and pray that God will continue to equip and empower you for the ministry and mission to which you are called. As this new season of your common life begins, I would like to thank the leadership of your congregation, who have generously offered their time and talent to support and sustain St. Vincent's during this time of transition. I am particularly grateful for the ministry of Fr. Richard Earle, who has faithfully provided consistent liturgical, sacramental, and pastoral leadership. Fr. Earle has been instrumental in helping to maintain Sunday worship for these past many months. I would also like to express my deep gratitude for the ministry of Padre Gerardo Logildes and his leadership of our Hispanic/Latino community at St. Vincent's.

Above all, I give thanks for your steadfast commitment to the mission of the gospel and your service to your local community. As a diocese, we aspire to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ partnering together to foster *oneness* and *mutual flourishing*. I pray that God will bless you in this new season of ministry and strengthen you for the days to come.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Douglas F. Scharf Sixth Bishop of Southwest Florida

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Life is all about change. Fr. Scott began his ministry as Priest-in-Charge Sunday, August the 17th. We had an incredible lunch after the 10:00am service, headed-up by Sandra Stancil. Fr. Scott has brought with him two students for the Diaconate to complete their field study - Fransico Soto, and Enrique Loyola-Valdez. Please welcome them as you see them. Fransico is fluent in English, and Enrique is learning. And speaking of change, Yamilet Roman will be leaving St. Vincent's to do her field study. Hopefully we will see her

again after she is ordained.

Changes coming: The Social Dinners will change from Wednesday to the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:00pm so Fr. Scott can attend without having to make an additional trip to St. Vincent's from Ruskin. Likewise, the Wednesdays 10:30am Bible study has changed to Thursdays as well. Bible study will begin on Thursday, Sept. 11th, and will continue with the Book of Revelation.

Change once again! I am sad to inform you that Sandra Stancil will be moving out of state to assist her daughter. In fact, Sunday, August 31st will be her last Sunday with us. Her sister Rebecca is remaining with us. Rebecca has picked-up the mantle, filled the breach, and taken on the duties of leading the "Kitchen Patrol"-my term not hers. She has ladies (and Pete) helping her but she can always use additional help and food preparers. In short, if you like to eat, support Rebecca! By the way, the food kitty has been losing weight-if you can, please donate for after Sunday services, Social Dinners, and special meals.

The Blood Drive was a great success! We donated 16 units of blood. Some neighbors participated, too. We will plan to have another one perhaps in February.

Have you noticed it is a bit dark in the sanctuary? The installation of the hurricane shutters went exceptionally well. We started at 8:00am and finished by 8:45am! I didn't take count but we must have had about ten folks and the work went fast. I found out that David Moore installed the shutters last year prior to the hurricanes by himself! No one should have to endure that task. When you see David, thank him.

Lastly the Bishop sent us a letter which was read last Sunday at both services and which appears in this issue of the Envoy, and I recommend you read it.

Yours in Christ,

Mike MCManus, Sr. Warden

Junior Warden Report

Trees

Tree removal due to Pine Beetle infestation is almost complete. Hopefully we will be spared from any more of this devastating tree disease. Once all is complete, we will be replacing these trees with other trees that won't be susceptible to Pine Beetles.

Pond

Our pond is a work in progress. The city has done some drainage work along the conveyance path between culverts. In this process, they inadvertently damaged the electrical line to the fountain. They will be making repairs as soon as possible. Solitude Lake management will continue to keep the invasive vegetation growth to a minimum.





Hurricane Prep

The storm shutters have been installed and will remain in place until Hurricane season is over. Thank you to everyone who came out to help with that installation.

Pew kneelers

If you notice any pew kneelers that are broken, point them out to one of the ushers so that any necessary repairs can be made.

Wet Grounds

With all of the heavy rains lately, many locations on the property are very wet and holding water. Be very cautious when parking on the grass.

In His Service, *Russ Lynn*, Jr Warden

Treasurer Report

Attached is a compressed view of the financials presented to Vestry on Aug. 28th:

Year To Date July 2025			
Description Income	Actual	Budget	Over / Under
Regular Giving Other Operating Income & Gifts Total Revenues	111,676 67,638 179,314	101,938 91,740 193,678	9,738 (24,102) (14,364)
Expenses Operations Support Utilities Property Maintenance Insurance Apportionment Clergy / Staff Total Expenses	8,506 17,073 23,934 45,982 27,572 50,557 173,624	12,179 17,381 24,827 45,982 27,572 51,202 179,143	3,673 308 893 0 0 645 5,519
NET TOTAL	5,690	14,535	(8,844)

YTD Revenue discrepancy created because additional funds have not yet been transferred from the Inheritance Fund. Some expenses were budgeted evenly throughout the 12 months, and activity has not yet happened. The year-end outlook has been updated with the additional cost approved to remove dead pine trees and treat the remaining 105 trees. Outlook now shows the necessity of using the remaining 2025 planned dollars from the Inheritance Fund. The draft 2026 budget has been updated and using current income outlook would require us to use an additional \$80,000 from out Inheritance Fund

(versus \$62,000 planned in 2025).

Thank you for your giving and to the ministry leaders managing their budgets.

Any questions/concerns please feel free to email me at berryludwig@gmail.com or call (727) 348-4766.

Faithfully submitted, **Berry Ludwig**, Treasurer

Come visit

Treasures Galore!

Wed.- Fri. 10a - 2p Sat. 10a - 4p

New items daily

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August has been so much fun. Due to overwhelming donations of clothing, we had 50% off all clothing every day. While we sold lots of clothes, all our really unique items have also found a new home. Above see our Vintage corner - almost all those items pictured at beginning of the month have been sold. So if you are thinking of sorting through items your children won't want, please consider donating

1/2 Price Clothing

to your Thrift Shop.

on Thursdays!

And, please tell your family and neighbors all about us - a great place that's been taking donations and run by dedicated volunteers since 1977! We are open Wednesday-Friday 10:00am to 2:00 pm and Saturday 10:00am to 4:00 pm. Cash only!

Stop by with your donations or feel free to leave in the room back of Parish Hall. In ad-

dition to giving to the Church, at the end of the year all remaining profit is given to local charities.

Thank you for your support. If you are interested in being part of our team, please contact me.

> Faithfully Submitted, Berry Ludwig

Bible Study

We will resume our study on the Book of Revelation on Thursday, Sept. 11th, 10:30am Parish Hall



Have a special Memorial or Thanksgiving you would like to honor? Make an Altar Flower Donation on the Sunday of your choice. \$75.00 per arrangement Sign-up on the flower calendar in the Narthex

VESTRY MEETING

Thursday, September 25th, 6:30pm

Any Member of the Church is welcome to attend.

ST. VINCENT'S EPISCOPAL CHUՐCH Evening social

Pizza Party THURSDAY!!

September 4rd & 18th ~ 6pm in Parish Hall Sign-up in the Narthex

MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 6th, 8am-9:30am ~ Parish Hall



All Men of the Parish are invited to attend as well as cook. Sign-up in the Narthex

Outreach Report - Blood Drive

Hello St. Vincent's,

Thank you so much for hosting a blood drive and helping make a lifesaving difference in our community!

I am excited to share that we collected **16 units** of blood from **15 donors**. Since each donation can save up to 3 lives, that means **45 patients** will benefit from St. Vincent's Episcopal Church's amazing efforts!

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out with any feedback, questions, or suggestions.



St. Vincent's Episcopal Church is eligible to go every 56 days. If hosting again is of interest, please let me know and I can send over some dates for October or November. (We have fun Halloween Themed T-Shirts for October, and a Portable Power Bank or Sweatshirt in November).

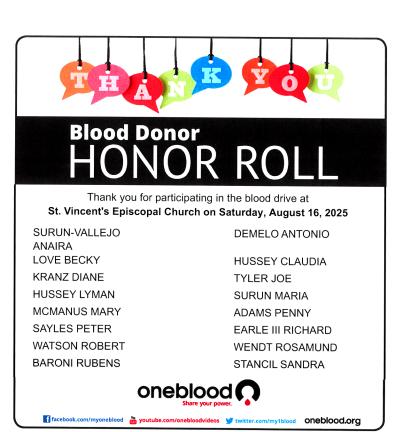
Thank you again for all that you do, it does not go unnoticed.

Best, Sydney Wittenberg

Account Representative Pinellas County 10100 MLK Jr. Street North www.oneblood.org









Outreach Report - Clothes to Kids

Dear Sharlene,

Good morning and happy Thursday! Thank you so much for your continued support of our Drop (off) Your Drawers drive – we appreciate you all dearly!

St. Vincent's collected **871 pairs of underwear** as well as **10 pairs of socks**, this is incredible! Thank you, thank you for always showing up for us!

Sarah Shine

Development Manager Clothes To Kids, Inc. 850-459-3472

Outreach Ministry

Our Clothing Closet and Food Pantry always welcomes donations! However there are a few things in particular that we are low on. If you or someone you know has any of the following items to donate, feel free to bring them to Daystar!



- * Men and women's unworn underwear
- * Men and women's shoes (all sizes)
- * Men's t-shirts (Small-Large)
- * Men and women's socks
- * Family size personal hygiene
- * Peanut Butter
- * Jelly
- * Whole grains
- * Canned Veggies
- * 10 ounce Laundry Detergent from Dollar General



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Saint of the Month

"Listen: there was once a king sitting on his throne. Around him stood great and wonderfully beautiful columns ornamented with ivory, bearing the banners of the king with great honor. Then it pleased the king to raise a small feather from the ground, and he commanded it to fly. The feather flew, not because of anything in itself but because the air bore it along. Thus am I, a feather on the breath of God."

Hildegard of Bingen has been called by her admirers "one of the most important figures in the history of the Middle Ages," and "the greatest woman of her time." She was born in 1098, the century of Eleanor of Aquitaine, of Peter Abelard and Bernard of Clairvaux, of the rise of the great universities and the building of Chartres cathedral. She was the daughter of a knight, and when she was eight years old she went to the Benedictine monastery at Mount St. Disibode to be educated. The monastery was in the Celtic tradition, and housed both men and women (in separate quar-



ters). When Hildegard was eighteen, she became a nun. Twenty years later, she was made the head of the female community at the monastery. Within the next four years, she had a series of visions, and devoted the ten years from 1140 to 1150 to writing them down, describing them (this included drawing pictures of what she had seen), and commenting on their interpretation and significance. During this period, Pope Eugenius III sent a commission to inquire into her work. The commission found her teaching orthodox and her insights authentic, and reported so to the Pope, who sent her a letter of approval. (He was probably encouraged to do so by his friend and former teacher, Bernard of Clairvaux.) She wrote back urging the Pope to work harder for reform of the Church. The community of nuns at Mount St. Disibode was growing rapidly, and they did not have adequate room. Hildegard accordingly moved her nuns to a location near Bingen, and founded a monastery for them completely independent of the double monastery they had left. She oversaw its construction, which included such features (not routine in her day) as water pumped in through pipes. The abbot they had left opposed their departure, and the resulting tensions took a long time to heal.

Hildegard travelled throughout southern Germany and into Switzerland and as far as Paris, preaching. Her sermons deeply moved the hearers, and she was asked to provide written copies. In the last year of her life, she was briefly in trouble because she provided Christian burial for a young man who had been excommunicated. Her defense was that he had repented on his deathbed, and received the sacraments. Her convent was subjected to an interdict, but she protested eloquently, and the interdict was revoked. She died on September 17, 1179. Her surviving works include more than a hundred

letters to emperors and popes, bishops, nuns, and nobility. (Many persons of all classes wrote to her, asking for advice, and one biographer calls her "the Dear Abby of the twelfth century.") She wrote 72 songs including a play set to music. Musical notation had only shortly before developed to the point where her music was recorded in a way that we can read today. Accordingly, some of her work is now available on compact disk, and presumably sounds the way she intended. My former room-mate, a non-Christian and a professional musician, is an enthusiastic admirer of her work and considers her a musical genius. Certainly her compositional style is like nothing else we have from the twelfth century. The play set to music is called the Ordo Virtutum and show us a human soul who listens to the Virtues, turns aside to follow the Devil, and finally returns to the Virtues, having found that following the Devil does not make one happy.

She left us about seventy poems and nine books. Two of them are books of medical and pharmaceutical advice, dealing with the workings of the human body and the properties of various herbs. (These books are based on her observations and those of others, not on her visions.) I am told that some modern researchers are now checking her statements in the hope of finding some medicinal properties of some plant that has been overlooked till now by modern medicine. She also wrote a commentary on the Gospels and another on the Athanasian Creed. Much of her work has recently been translated into English, part in series like Classics of Western Spirituality, and part in other collections or separately. If your university library or bookstore cannot help you, try a Christian bookstore. If they do not have it, try a trendy (feminist, New Age, ecology) bookstore.

But her major works are three books on theology: Scivias ("Know the paths!"), Liber Vitae Meritorum (on ethics), and De Operatione Dei. They deal (or at least the first and third do) with the material of her visions. The visions, as she describes them, are often enigmatic but deeply moving, and many who have studied them believe that they have learned something from the visions that is not easily put into words. On the other hand, we have the recent best-seller, The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat, by Oliver Sacks, Professor of Clinical Neurology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and author of Migraine and various other books. Professor Sacks is concerned with the relation of the brain to the mind, and ways in which the phsical state of the nervous system can affect our ways of perceiving reality. He views the pictures in Hildegard's books of what she saw in her visions, and says, "The style of the pictures is a clear indication that the seer suffered regularly from migraine attacks. Migraine sufferers tend to see things in this manner." And indeed, it is true that Hildegard suffered throughout her life from painful attacks of what may have been migraine. Professor Sacks hastens to add that this has nothing to do with whether her visions are authentic insights into the nature of God and His relation to the Universe.

Hildegard has undergone a remarkable rise in popularity in the last thirty years, since many readers have found in her visions, or read into them, themes that seem to speak to many modern concerns. For example: Although she would have rejected much of the rhetoric of women's liberation, she never hesitated to say what she thought needed

to be said, or to do what she thought needed to be done, simply because she was a woman. When Pope or Emperor needed a rebuke, she rebuked them.

Her writings bring science, art, and religion together. She is deeply involved in all three, and looks to each for insights that will enrich her understanding of the others.

Her use of parable and metaphor, of symbols, visual imagery, and non-verbal means to communicate makes her work reach out to many who are totally deaf to more standard approaches. In particular, non-Western peoples are often accustomed to expressing their views of the world in visionary language, and find that Hildegard's use of similar language to express a Christian view of reality produces instant rapport, if not necessarily instant agreement.

Hildegard wrote and spoke extensively about social justice, about freeing the down-trodden, about the duty of seeing to it that every human being, made in the image of God, has the opportunity to develop and use the talents that God has given him, and to realize his God-given potential. This strikes a chord today.

Hildegard wrote explicitly about the natural world as God's creation, charged through and through with His beauty and His energy; entrusted to our care, to be used by us for our benefit, but not to be mangled or destroyed.

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Prayers for Healing

Shut-ins:

Rosanna Balzano, Sybil Mulhauser, Shirley Johnson

Members in Need of Healing:

Shirley Bonney, Lisa Youla, Eileen Prins, Edith Racine, Susan Austin, Pat Goodin, Eleanor Turner, Irmgard Colter, Nancy Teague Horner

Healing for Friends & Family:

Lisa Goodin, Melissa Cercone, Tiffany Leigh, Michael Norris, Pam H., Debbie Reeves, Billy Reeves, Jonathan Roman, Martin, John Kiley, Kelly Meador, Jan Meinhart, Ken Wides (repose), Joanew Cramer, Yareli's Roman, Goeli Gratero, Ken, Eddie, Lori Knight, Izzy Evans

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For prayer list submissions, contact the office: 727-321-5086 / officestvin@gmail.com Prayer list refreshes every quarter: March 1st, June 1st, September 1st, December 1st.



4 Roy Colter
5 Camila Nieto
9 Lorraine Painter
12 Pamela McManus
12 Madeline Magee
13 Claudia Hussey
13 Katie Willis
14 Rhodell Schlage
15 Barbara Trow
16 Alice Smith
17 Peter Sayles
19 Lyman Hussey
21 Dylan Prins
28 John Yancey





New Choir Members Always Welcome!

If you have ever considered singing in the choir, now is your chance! **Come and make a joyful noise!**The only requirement is singing at the 10:00am service each Sunday. If you have any questions, please ask any choir member.

St. Vincent's Episcopal Church September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy Labor Day	2	3	4 6pm Evening Social	5	6 8am Men's Breakfast
	Office Closed				Office Closed	
7 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish	8	9	10	11 10:30am Bible Study	12	13
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14 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish	15	16	17	18 10:30am Bible Study 6pm	19	20
				Evening Social	Office Closed	
21 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish	22	23 Envoy Submis- sion	24	25 10:30am Bible Study	26	27
		Deadline		6:30p Vestry Meeting	Office Closed	
28 Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12pm Spanish	29	30				



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