



Catholic War Veterans of the USA
Father Vincent Capodanno
Memorial Post
To Heal, Serve, Love, Listen

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Father Vincent Robert Capodanno,MM

MEETING NOTICE

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday Sept. 15** at 6:00 – 8:00 PM Social Hall- St. James Parish. The meeting will be zoomed:

Topic: CWV Monthly Meeting
Time: Oct. 20, 2024 06:00 PM Central Time
<https://goosehead.zoom.us/j/8166433316?pwd=d1dVek4yMWtMQ3ppWXRUYk5aRmlwZz09&omn=94231284895>
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Notice for ALL non-life members, Your dues for the 2024 – 2025 year have been paid. Several members spent a couple of days giving poppies out. They collected several hundred dollars, which makes this possible.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of Peace and Justice,
We pray for those caught up in the current
violence in Ukraine and middle East.
We implore you for peace.
Holy Spirit, Our Consolation,
comfort all those who fear.
Grant wisdom and discernment
to those in power.
Holy Family, who fled to Egypt,
guard all those who have sought refuge
away from the land they love,
and bring them safely home again.
Mary, Mother of us all,
cast your protecting veil
around all suffering lands and peoples.

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WELCOME ☺ to our NEW year (2024-2025) St. James Parish Military/Veteran/Families Ministry –(MOM) in collaboration with our Fr. Vincent Capodanno, MM Memorial Catholic War Veterans, USA (CWV) – (blessed by the Archdiocese for the Military Services, our diocese, Catholic Charities) Post 1974. Together and collectively, we combine our humble resources and persons to serve all. Faith based, Family First; Join our Catholic based veterans service organization in preserving and promoting these cherished family values as we continue our mission of honoring veterans, serving communities, and upholding the principles of faith. Together, let’s build a brighter future for generations to come. Join the Catholic War Veterans today! Catholic Action & Americanism; The CWV and MOM advocates for both Catholic Action and Americanism, fostering a strong sense of faith-based service and patriotism within its members. JOIN us the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:00 PM in the ‘Social Hall’ for prayer, military-Veteran services, events, assisting, remembering our brothers and sisters who have gone before us and served in the Armed Forces and Guard *Prep-(MASS)Fr. Vincent Capodanno Memorial Mass/Service (Frs. Tom/Michael)

Letters written Honor Flight VET. Don Evans-(9/14.15/24; *Meet/Welcome Home Sept. 18th Honor Flight Vets (KCI-9:00pm.*11/11-V.day17th-Parish Event *Prep-Oct. Day of Deployed Event (10/20/25)/Blue Star Families Recognition ****

Volunteering

LeadingAge Missouri recognized three state winners from Our Lady of Mercy Country Home.

Victor Hernandez, director of dining services, was named Missouri employee of the year;

John Kopp, volunteer of the year;

and John Houlihan, trustee of the year.

LeadingAge Missouri helps member organizations provide quality health care, housing and and services for older adults statewide. The annual awards are given to individuals for outstanding service to the aging.

John began volunteering nearly 20 years ago when his parents were residents of Our Lady of Mercy Country Home.

Over the years, he has mowed the grass, handled light maintenance chores and painted: "There's not a wall in this building that I haven't painted or a blade of grass I haven't cut."

“John works about 16 hours Tuesday through Friday every week during lunch periods which is a huge commitment,” Connie

John often goes the extra mile by serving at special events such as meetings of Our Lady of Mercy Auxiliary or at memorial services.

"When he serves at special events, he always makes sure he is dressed in a full suit and tie because he doesn't 'feel it is respectful' to give residents and guests anything less," Connie said.



Installation of Officers:

Chaplains : FR. Michael Volkmer & Fr. Tom Kirchhoefer

Post Commander: Ann Puck

1st Vice : Herman Schmidt: Officer of the Day &

Prepares the Military & Prayer Table

Assistant Advisor: Karen Shamel- Liaison to St. James Parish

Military Ministry

2nd Vice Membership: Larry Bergeron-Introductions,

Program announcements

3rd Vice Quinn Knabe: Parish Youth &

Adjutant: Records meetings & planning sessions

Welfare Officer/ Service Officer: Ann Puck & Karen Schamel

Treasurer: John Kopp -(report Central Bank - \$167.00)

Trustees: Supervises Planned Military Events and Funds

St. James Military Ministry: Ann Puck

Treasurer: Jeanne Verssue

Reports:

Ann Puck read the Archbishop Broglio Homily from the 2024 National

Catholic War Convention.

Ann reported that Fr. Michael Volkmer will be the 2024 recipient of the Fr. Vincent Capodanno Servant Action Award.

Recent Events:

9/11/2024 Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery commemorating the deceased.

9/2024- 9 am-1:00 p.m. KCVA-Standdown @ Honor Annex

Future Events:

Parish Military Veteran Ministries collaborate with Diocese Ministries.

October 26, 2024 Day of the Deployed

The St. James School Students will make Thank you cards & collect items

for care packages for the Deployed Military.

Post Activities for 13 families

November 9 & 10, 2024 Veterans Weekend

St. James Parish Masses: Saturday & Sunday

The St. James Priest will ask all Veterans to stand and be acknowledge for their service to our country.

Veterans will host Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 & 10:30 am Masses.

The St. James Religious Education Children will make Thank You Cards for Veterans which will be on the Veterans Table in the Gathering Space & table in the Parish Hall where coffee and donuts will be served.

Veterans Tables: Two veterans will be assigned to each table.

October 20, 2024 Next Meeting.

Closing Prayer & Ritual: Chaplain: Fr. Tom Kirchhoefer lead us in prayer.

I have always volunteered at various places throughout my life, and have enjoyed most of it. When I began at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home in Liberty, I was totally different. It was shortly after my parents had moved in there. One day I asked the administrator, Debbie Trimmer, if they needed any help. I know, that was a silly question. I decided to work with the maintenance crew. During the summer I worked outside cutting grass, painting the building where it needed it, etc. When winter arrived it was inside. I cleaned all the tiled floors, painted walls, helped where ever I was needed.

Christmas time was something else. We installed Christmas lights outlining the entire building and all of the trees that were lining road. Christmas trees went up everywhere.

Now, when Covid hit, everything was shut down. I no longer had my second home.

When Covid finally let up I received an email saying they needed help in the dining room. I thought to myself that I would give it a try. Over the period of covid, almost all of the staff changed. Prior to coming back, I really did not care for the head chef in the kitchen. So I was somewhat leary of working there.

Well, there was this guy there named Victor and two other guys, Salvadore and Jesus. What a fantastic crew.

I am so glad that God led me to where I am now. I would have never believed that I could possibly love so many people so deeply as I do now, The love and concern that I have for the residents and staff is unbelievable.

No matter what your age, think about helping out some where, there are so many places that can use and need people to help out. And, believe me, the benefits far out weigh the "work".

The VA is always looking for volunteers to assist at their various facilities. For those of you who have internet access, here are a couple of links concerning volunteering at a VA facility.

<https://www.volunteer.va.gov/>

https://www.cdceportal.va.gov/volunteer_at_facility/

If you wish to just help out, there are many many places that are in dire need of help, if for only five or then minutes a day.

Fr. Vincent R. Capodanno Memorial Catholic War Veterans
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St. James Parish Military Veteran Outreach Ministry

Fr Michael led members in prayer, followed by the pledge of Allegiance & Catholic Veteran Preamble.

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