

Saint Vincent de Paul

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil
Sunday: 9:00 am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 pm
Holy Day: 8:30 am, and 7:00 pm
Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm or
any time by appointment

Baptisms are Sundays at 1:00 pm. Prior scheduling and Parent Preparation Class are required.

Novena to the Sacred Heart is prayed every Friday after the 8:30 am Mass.

Rosary is prayed at 8:05 am Monday-Wednesday-Friday.

Eucharistic Adoration is held on Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction is on the First Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm.

Marriages require a six month preparation period by Diocesan policy. Call one of the parish priests prior to setting a date.

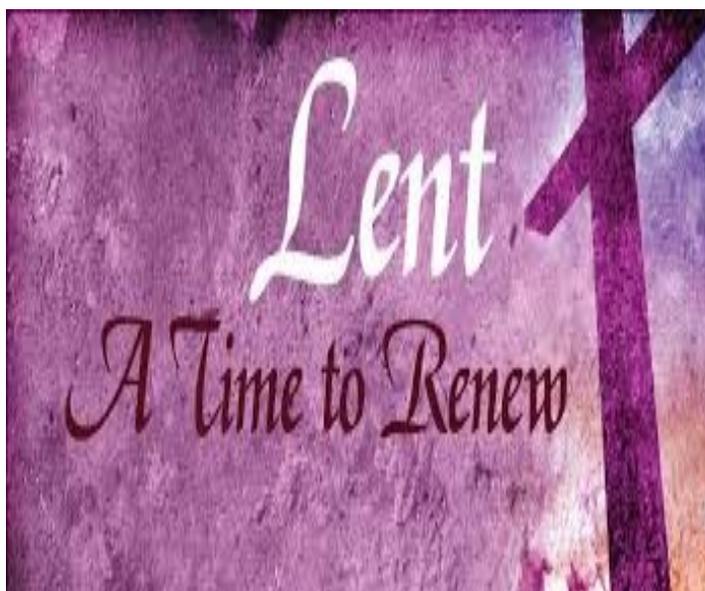
Funerals: Arrangements are to be made at the Parish Office before publication of the death notice.

Ministry to those who are Sick or Shut-In

Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion can bring the Eucharist to those parishioners who are ill, recovering from a hospital stay, shut-in, or otherwise unable to attend the Liturgies each Sunday. Please call the Parish Office to be placed on the schedule.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults are brought into the Catholic Faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The RCIA meets weekly from September through April. Further information can be obtained by calling the Parish Office.

New Parishioners are always welcome. Please stop by the Parish Office to register at your earliest convenience. Thank you for joining St. Vincent de Paul Parish.



**MONDAY, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter**

8:30 am Rudolph Mueller (B-Day)

TUESDAY, February 23, St. Polycarp

8:30 am No Mass

WEDNESDAY, February 24, Lenten Weekday

8:30 am Dorothy Marie Kurgan (Anniv.)

THURSDAY, February 25, Lenten Weekday

8:30 am No Mass

FRIDAY, February 26, Lenten Weekday8:30 am Mary Lou Morris
Stations of the Cross following
Mass**SATURDAY, February 27, Lenten Weekday**

5:00 pm Parish Family

SUNDAY, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent9:00 am Philomena "Phyllis" Masterson
(Anniv.)**PREPARING FOR EASTER**

Lent is preparation for the celebration of the greatest feast of the liturgical year—Easter. It has both a repentant and a baptismal character. Baptism is about dying and rising: dying to sin and rising to new life in Christ. Dying to sin requires attention to our relationships with God and others. Lent offers a chance to take measure of and re-form our lives, both individual and communal. The Scripture readings throughout the season help us recall God's saving presence and invitation to fullness of life.

SYMBOLS OF THE SEASON

Barren Stones: They call to mind the desert and Jesus' testing by the devil there.

Ashes: Made from palm leaves of the previous year, ashes can remind us both of the baptismal and penitential character of Lent. They not only represent our own mortality and utter dependence on God but also symbolize our efforts of dying to sin (and rising to new life in Christ).

Fish: As a Lenten symbol, fish stands for the obligation to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and abstain from meat on other Fridays of the season.

Pretzels: Made from simple dough which has no dairy or fat, they remind us of fasting. Shaped like two arms crossed, they remind us of prayer.

Violet (Deep Purple): Violet is the liturgical color of the season and symbolizes its repentant character, as well as Christ as the king of the world. (Deep purple was a color reserved for royalty in Jesus' time.)

"A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit" (Psalm 51:12).

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

This Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday morning following the celebration of the 8:30 am Mass. **THERE WILL NOT BE ANY EVENING STATIONS OF THE CROSS THIS YEAR.** A recorded version of the Stations will also be shared each Friday on the parish Facebook page for those who wish to pray the Stations at home.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY THANKS YOU!

We imitate Jesus' love for the world through giving aid to our brothers and sisters in need, honoring Jesus' call to serve our neighbors. Our parishioners once again proved their caring and compassion by responding to the plea for food for the parish Food Pantry. Mass attendees donated much-needed items during a critical time for the pantry, which continues to be overwhelmed with pleas for assistance from the poor and unemployed people in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

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"May your mercy, Lord, be upon us; as we put our hope in you" (Psalm 33:22).



Dear Parish Family,

As individuals, as a parish family, and as a Diocese we are always looking for ways that we can learn and grow. One of those ways will happen over the course of the next month as all parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland will be engaging in a program called, Called for More. This program is put together and led by the Catholic Leadership Institute and its purpose is to help enhance the pastoral care within the Diocese and also to help each parish support its members in the journey of discipleship.

There are a few different steps that make up this program. All of the priests of the Diocese have been invited to complete an online inventory to help us gain a better picture and understanding of our own individual strengths, weaknesses, and passions. I did mine last week. A small group of members of each parish will also be invited to complete a longer survey as well. For most of us, this program will involve taking a brief survey, called the Discipleship Maker Index (DMI). This survey will only take you 10-15 minutes to complete and can be completed online from the comfort of your home. Links to complete the survey will be available on the parish website and Facebook pages and will also be stated via our Flocknotes email blast. **We would ask that you kindly complete the survey by March 21st.** I am pretty sure that for those who aren't online or would prefer a paper copy we will be able to make those available. I am working on finding that out and hope to be able to have some paper copies available that you can pick up and return at Mass and/or at the parish office

Again, the point of this program is not to be about some big change within the Diocese. What each parish is going to receive from this survey is not individual results of what each person says, but rather a wider picture and vision that will help us to look at opportunities to help us support our parishioners along the way of discipleship and also to enable us to create goals and action plans to help us move towards that goal. Again, all individual responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Your participation and responses will help us tremendously in the work of visioning our goals and plans of action for our parish community in the upcoming years. Thank you for your help and support!

Have a blessed week.

Fr. John

AN INVITATION TO STUDENTS IN GR. 4-12

The annual "Respect Life" Art, Digital Art, Essay & Poetry Contest is an opportunity for students to share their artistic and written talents, celebrate the sanctity of human life, and be one of the many cash prize winners at our spring Awards Ceremony! To enter, please go to www.LifeWorksOhio.org; at the bottom of the News & Events scroll, just click on the Contest Details for your grade level. Entries must be postmarked or e-mailed by February 26, 2021. Questions: 216-661-6616 LifeWorksOhio. Programs are endorsed by Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Roger W. Gries. Our students will thank you for supporting our mission to Educate the Next Generation with the Truth About Life!

2021 BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE CONVENTION—MARCH 12TH & 13TH

The Bringing America Back to Life Convention is the premier Diocesan-wide pro-life event: 2 jam-packed days filled with the nation's top speakers, workshops, and exhibitors. To discover more about this must-see event, to view the impressive line-up of speakers, and to register, visit www.bringingamericabacktolife.org or call (440) 282-1502. Join us as we Bring America Back to Life!

Offertory for February 7, 2021: \$1944.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$12.00

Building Maintenance: \$77.00

SVDP Society: \$196.00

Eastern Europe: \$95.00

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2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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