

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.



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am (JP) Matthew Keenan (Anniv.)

TUESDAY, December 21, Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am No Mass

WEDNESDAY, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am (CF) Mary C. Lucas

THURSDAY, December 23, Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am No Mass

FRIDAY, December 24, Late Advent Weekday5:00 pm (CF) Vigil of Christmas
10:00 pm (CF) Vigil of Christmas**SATURDAY, December 25, Nativity of the Lord**

9:00 am (JP) Christmas Day Mass

SUNDAY, December 26, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:00 am (CF) Stefancin/Kelly Families

**CHRIST COMES TO DWELL
AMONG US**

John tells us that the Word who becomes flesh and dwells among us in Jesus Christ is the same Word through whom God created the universe. In Jesus, God's Word is in our midst to restore creation by shining the light of God's glory in a world grown dark through sin. The Gospel of Christmas Day reminds us that the true focus of our celebration is not the birthday of Jesus many centuries ago, but the mystery of God's continuing presence with us through Christ, the source of all grace and truth, the one through whom all things were made and in whom all things will be restored.

We can sometimes sentimentalize Christmas, with rustic crèches and chubby infants in mangers. John reminds us that behind this charming scene, Christmas is about the awesome mystery of God becoming human so that we might gaze upon the glory of God and become sharers in God's own life. Amid the hallowed traditions and images of Christmas, it is good to focus on the heart of what we are celebrating: God dwelling among us in Christ.

The promise of joy is in the air. We celebrate the time when God's promise of peace begins to be fulfilled. Do we believe that our believing this promise can lighten the darkness and lessen the evil that surround us and fill our world? Let God's love fill you, Christ's light shine through you, and the peace of the Spirit surround you so clearly that people say of you and me, "Blessed are you who believe that what was



spoken to us by the Lord would be fulfilled." Make clear that God is with us.

IN GRATITUDE

As every year, the St. Vincent de Paul Parish family of Food Pantry volunteers with the support of suburban parishes, has been very generous in their compassionate giving to the poor. Likewise, your generous Christmas envelopes every year help us to maintain our parish and its ministries.

Thank you for remembering St. Vincent de Paul this Christmas. God bless you for your generosity and faith!

CHURCH DECORATING HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed on **Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at 6:30 pm** to help decorate the church for Christmas. All are welcome! Many hands make light work.

BE AN ANGEL THIS SEASON & WITNESS TO THE GOOD NEWS

Reach out to people in need this season, amid the clamor of commercialism. Remember that all of us are exposed to the same marketing noise, regardless of our socioeconomic standing.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, December 24th and will reopen on Tuesday, December 28th. The Office will also be closed on Friday, December 31st and will reopen on Monday, January 3rd.



Dear Parish Family,

"Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from the store, maybe Christmas means just a little bit more."

Those are the words from the story of the Grinch and they're also words that kept jumping into my mind as in the months and weeks leading up to Christmas. We heard all kinds of warnings about getting everything that we needed for Christmas early because of all the supply chain issues. If we wait until the last minute, we were warned, we might not be able to find what you need. As people of faith we know, though, that Christmas indeed doesn't come from a store and yes Christmas means a little, well actually a lot, bit more. The true meaning of Christmas is found, not under a tree or in any store, but in the God who enters into our lives in a very real way in Jesus Christ.

And the best Christmas gifts that we can give are never going to "fall victim" to any supply chain issues because they can never be stuck on any ship or in any container, though, by our own choice, they can very much be underproduced. These are the gifts of kindness, compassion, mercy, listening, love. These are the gifts of giving someone else our time or our undivided attention. While we all, myself included, enjoy both giving and receiving gifts at Christmas sometimes gifts like these gifts are the best gifts that we can give. And the only supply chain issues on any of them being produced will occur simply if we choose not to produce them.

As we prepare to celebrate these days of Christmas, please know on behalf of myself and our entire parish staff, of our prayers and wishes for a blessed Christmas Eve, Day, and season. May we strive to give to each other more of these true gifts of Christmas as we each strive to make our parish more of a true reflection of the Kingdom of God in our world.

A reminder too that with both Christmas Day and New Year's Day falling on Saturday's there will be **NO 4:30/5:00 Mass** or Confessions for the next two weeks. We'll return to our "regularly scheduled programming" as we enter into the new year.

Have a blessed week and a Merry Christmas!



A REMINDER FOR OUR EMHC'S

We are currently using a sign up schedule, found in the Sacristy, for Communion Ministers at Mass. If you are willing/able to help minister, just stop in the Sacristy to sign up for whatever Mass(es) that you would be willing to help minister at. Thank you for your ministry!

CHRISTMAS IS JESUS

Christmas is Jesus, who came down to earth

In the form of a Baby, came to offer new birth.

Christmas is music with singing and praise.

Christmas is sharing in numerous ways.

Christmas is holly, with tinsel and lights.

Christmas is joyful with bright colored sights,

Christmas is giving, when God gave His Son;

To offer redemption, for the wrong we have done.

We need to accept Him, This Gift from above.

For Christmas is Jesus, God's promise of Love.

Frances Culp Wolfe (Author)



EGG NOG

The custom of toasting to the new season with this festive cocktail began during Britain's early medieval years. The cocktail became popular in the American colonies by the 19th century. Eggnog is most commonly believed to have roots in a medieval European drink called, posset, made with hot sweetened, spiced milk that was curdled with ale or wine. Eggnog literally means, "eggs inside a small cup."

RECIPE FOR EGGNOG

 2 eggs, well beaten
1 can (15 oz.) Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk
1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 tsp. salt
1 qt. whole milk

1/2 pint (1 c.) whipped heavy cream

Nutmeg to taste; rum (optional)

Combine well beaten eggs, Eagle Brand Milk, vanilla and salt until well blended, slowly beat in milk. Gently fold in whipped cream, sprinkle with nutmeg. Also, rum may be added to taste.

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