

# Saint Vincent de Paul

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Parish Staff

Rev. John M. Pfeifer, Pastor  
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Deacon Kenneth Hill  
Mr. Michael Wilson, Music Director  
Mrs. Irene Smith, Administrative Assistant  
Ms. Virginia Hueter, Director of P.S.R.  
Mr. David Jaronowski, Business Manager

### 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.

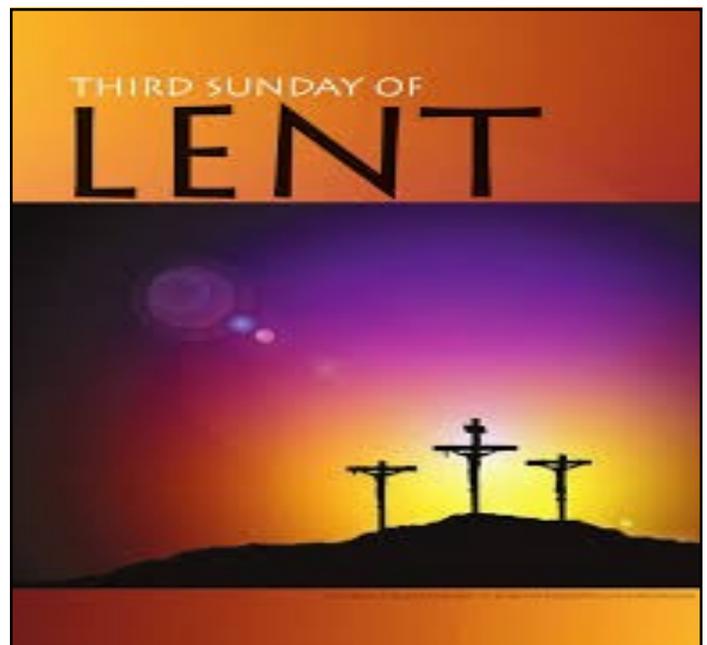
**Funerals:** Arrangements are to be made at the Parish Office before publication of the death notice.

### 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, March 21, Lenten Weekday**

8:30 am (JP) Joanne Nader (B-Day)

**TUESDAY, March 22, Lenten Weekday**

8:30 am No Mass

**WEDNESDAY, March 23, Lenten Weekday**

8:30 am (JP) Concetta Vitanza

**THURSDAY, March 24, St. Oscar Romero**

8:30 am No Mass

**FRIDAY, March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord**8:30 am (CF) Corte & Bigotti Family  
9:00 am Stations of the Cross**SATURDAY, March 26, Lenten Weekday**

5:00 pm (CF) Koerner Family

**SUNDAY, March 27, Fourth Sunday of Lent**

9:00 am (JP) People of the Parish

**TETELESTAI**

Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries' musical passion play "Tetelestai" will be presented at St. Patrick Church-West Park, 4427 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland, Ohio on **Friday, March 25th, Saturday, March 26th, and Sunday, March 27th, 2022**. *Tetelestai's* dramatic stage production and timeless music tell the story of Jesus' trial, execution and resurrection in a visual way that will leave a lasting impression. This is a great way to prepare for the Holy Days of the Easter Season. Performances will be at **8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday and 2:00 pm Sunday**. Doors will open approximately 1 hour before performance time. There is no charge, but free-will offerings will be accepted. For more information, please visit [www.livethepassion.org](http://www.livethepassion.org). *Tetelestai* is a registered service mark of *Tetelestai, Inc.*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Are a series of fourteen events of the passion and death of Jesus on Good Friday. In it we meditate on the sufferings of Christ in his efforts to free us from sin and eternal death. Join us on **Friday, March 25, 2022 at 9:00 am** in the church as we walk with Jesus in his journey to the cross.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING—SVDP FOOD PANTRY**

We imitate Jesus' love for the world through giving alms to our brothers and sisters in need, honoring Jesus' call to serve our neighbors. Donation envelopes designated for the Food Pantry may be found at the entrances of the church and placed in the collection basket during Lent.

**LENTEN RETREAT**

Lent lies at the very heart of our Catholic faith. It is the season when we reflect on the dying and rising of Christ that has made our salvation possible. "Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God, and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our baptism." —Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

Many of you have not received your envelope packets in a timely manner. Cathedral Corporation, our offering envelope supplier, has been having difficulty obtaining white & colored paper, printed forms and many types of envelopes for the past six to eight months. These delays in obtaining material orders have caused significant holdups in production timelines. Paper & envelope vendors are having difficulty with raw materials, labor and transportation services which continue to cause production difficulties.

**WALKING WITH PURPOSE—WOMEN'S LENTEN MINI-RETREAT**

This free evening will be filled with worship music, adoration, and reflection. Confession will be offered throughout the evening. Come experience what your heart has been truly longing for! Will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2022 from 7:30-9:00pm at St. Luke Catholic Church, 1212 Bunts Rd., Lakewood. For more info contact: [WWPLakewood@gmail.com](mailto:WWPLakewood@gmail.com).



Dear Parish Family,

One of the major questions that we get and issues that we deal with at the Parish Office centers around requests for Sponsor Certificates. People who have been asked to be godmothers or godfathers for Baptism call up to the office requesting the Sponsor Certificate. While sometimes these are pretty easy to take care of, there are also times and situations where challenges arise. So, I wanted to take a moment to discuss the requirements to be a godparent and what makes someone a good godparent.

First, the Sponsor Certificate that someone needs to acquire to be a godparent is not simply a statement saying that they have received their Sacraments. We'll occasionally receive emails (not just here but every parish I've ever been at) from people who grew up or went to school here asking for a certificate stating that they're Catholic. A Sponsor Certificate is more than just a simple statement saying that yes, a person has received their Sacraments. Asking their childhood parish (unless you still attend there) for a Sponsor Certificate is like calling your childhood physician when you're 40 or 50 and asking for a statement attesting that you're in good health. Your childhood physician, who you haven't likely seen in a long while, won't be able to give you such a statement because they haven't seen you in many years. That type of statement would come from the doctor you are currently seeing. A Sponsor Certificate is very similar. What the certificate attests to, is not simply that you received the Sacraments many years ago, but that you are CURRENTLY practicing your faith. A Sponsor Certificate is an attestation that, yes, you have received your Sacraments, but also that you are currently a member of a parish and living out and practicing your faith. If you haven't been to your childhood parish in many years, they won't be able to attest if you are or aren't currently practicing your faith.

The basic requirements to receive a Sponsor Certificate are that you are at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism/Eucharist/Confirmation, are in a valid marriage (if you are married), and a practicing Catholic who attends Mass regularly and is currently a registered member of a parish. Again, not that you were a member of a parish growing up, but that you are currently a practicing member somewhere.

The role of a godparent is much more than a social role, it is a deeply spiritual one as well. A good

godparent is a person of deep faith, after all, we can't pass on what we don't practice ourselves. This doesn't mean we have a perfect faith, but that we are living out our faith as best we can and attending church. Someone who isn't attending church somewhere, isn't the best choice for a godparent, since they are unable to hand on what they aren't practicing themselves. The Sponsor Certificate is not a statement about what happened back then, but an attestation to what's happening now. Hopefully that help clears up some questions and will help us as we reflect upon and choose those to be godparents. Hopefully it will also help those chosen to be godparents understand the responsibilities of their role in a deeper way as well.

Have a Blessed Week!

Fr. John

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOLY NAME SOCIETY**



Greetings Fellow Parishioners:

Our Holy Name Society will be partnering with the Knights of Columbus in their 2022 Cash Bonanza Raffle annual ticket drive. Arrangements have been made that for every \$5.00 ticket sold, partial proceeds of that ticket will be kept by our society and used towards our charity programs. Tickets along with a return envelope will be available at the Lorain Ave. entrance of the church and at the East entrance. Checks are to be made payable to the Holy Name Society, NOT TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. Please list HNS in the seller space and 2790 in the council space. As to the volume of tickets being returned (over 185,000 in the State of Ohio) there will be two (2) return dates to ensure we get tickets returned and processed in time: Friday, April 1, 2022 and Friday, May 21, 2022. Please contact Jerry Kelly at 216-225-1306 or Wayne Abarca at 216-337-2678 with any questions or additional tickets.

**Offertory for March 13:** \$2165.00

Bldg. Maintenance: \$70.00

Black & Indian Missions: \$9.00

Votive Lights: \$4.00

Church in Central & Eastern Europe: \$87.00

Easter Flowers: \$95.00



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