

Saint Vincent de Paul

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 (OCIA) is the process by which adults are brought into the Catholic Faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The OCIA 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.



**MONDAY, December 18, Late Advent Weekday**

8:30 am (CF) Helen Bell (Anniv.)

FRIDAY, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am (CF) Michael Gergeo (Anniv.)

TUESDAY, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am No Mass

SATURDAY, December 23, Advent Weekday

5:00 pm (CF) John Lavelle (Anniv.)

WEDNESDAY, December 20, Late Advent Week-day

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

THURSDAY, December 21, Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am No Mass

SUNDAY, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am (CF) Parish Family

5:00 pm (CF) Vigil of Christmas

10:00 pm (CF) Vigil of Christmas

JOYFUL SUNDAY

On this Sunday, the Church looks forward to the joy of Christmas, which is why it is called "Gaudete Sunday," from the Latin word for *rejoice*." In this season, a time of preparation for Christmas, we usually wear violet vestments, but today they are rose-colored for the blossoming of Christmas joy which is a special joy not just for the Christmas day but for the entire life of a Christian. Even in difficult moments and suffering, this joy becomes peace.

Therefore, to have this joy in preparation for Christmas, first, pray: "Lord let me live this Christmas with true joy," not with the joy of consumerism that leads me to December 24th with anxiety, because "I'm missing this, I'm missing that." Second, give thanks to God: "Thank you, Lord, for so many beautiful things!" Third, think of how you can go out to others in difficulty and with problems to bring a little peace and joy.

Let us pray, then, asking for the joy of Christmas. Let us give thanks to God for the good things that he has given us, above all the faith. Let us ask, what can I do to bring a little relief, a little peace to those who suffer? So pray, give thanks and help others to arrive at the birth of the anointed One, the Christ.

—Pope Francis



With the St. Vincent de Paul Celebration Choir will be held this **Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 2:30pm** in the church.

Start your holiday season with a gift of Christmas Music! All are welcome.

**DECORATING HELP NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, December 23rd at 10:00am** to help decorate the church for Christmas. For more info or if you are able to help, please contact Sandy Hill at 216-671-0675. This is a land line. No texting please. All are welcome.

OPLATKI - TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Are available at the east entrance of the church (candle area). Supply is limited. As in the past, the requested donation will be \$2.00 per envelope.

2024 RELIGIOUS ART CALENDARS

Are available at the entrances of the church. The calendars are supplied to us through the generosity of Corrigan-Craciun Funeral Homes.

LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord****Santa Rodriguez****Catherine McNeeley****Robert Wathey**

May God grant comfort to their family and friends.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

The sick and recovering in the parish as well as those preparing for surgery.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, December 25, 2023 thru January 2, 2024. Regular office hours resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.



Dear Parish Family,

This weekend is the 3rd Sunday of Advent & we light the rose candle on the Advent wreath, reminding us that the celebration of the coming of Christ is near. Next week, as we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent, that celebration will be very, very near. This is one of those years, where the 4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve both fall on the same day. With that happening, the question may arise, "What do I need to do Mass wise?"

The answer is that we need to attend Mass once for the 4th Sunday of Advent & once for Christmas Eve/Day. The obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent is satisfied by Mass on either Saturday evening or Sunday morning & the Christmas obligation is satisfied by Mass on either Sunday evening or Monday morning. One Mass doesn't count for both obligations. So it will be a busy few days here at the parish. We will have our regular weekend schedule on Saturday evening & Sunday morning for the 4th Sunday of Advent Mass & then we'll also have our normal Christmas Eve/Day schedule on Sunday evening & Monday morning. That will also mean that when you come to Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent, no matter which Mass you come to, the church will be pretty much decorated for Christmas, with maybe just a few decorations that will be put out after the Sunday morning Mass is complete. For example, when you come to Mass on the 4th Sunday of Advent, you will see the structure of the Nativity Scene in place, but none of the figures. They will be put out after the morning Mass & be ready for our Christmas celebrations.

For those who will be here for the celebrations, we look forward to celebrating with you! For those who are traveling for the Christmas holiday, please know of my prayers for a blessed & holy celebration!

Have a blessed week & happy ALMOST Merry Christmas!

Fr. John



POPE'S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER



For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOD PANTRY

The Holidays are a critical time for our Food Pantry, which continues to be overwhelmed with pleas for assistance from the poor and unemployed people in our parish community. We extend heartfelt thanks to our parishioners who generously make a difference for the families we serve.

Please help our parish Food Pantry prepare for **Christmas** by donating the following food items:

- * Canned Sweet Potatoes
- * Jam
- * White Rice
- * Egg Noodles
- * Boxed Stuffing
- * Cranberry Sauce
- * Instant Potatoes
- * Turkey Gravy
- * Canned Carrots
- * Hot Chocolate
- * Marc's Holiday Shopping Bags

Items may be placed in the designated bins located at the church entrances or dropped off at the parish Rectory.

ST. AUGUSTINE ACADEMY CLASS REUNION

The class of 1974 will be celebrating their 50th Class Reunion on Saturday, June 15, 2024. If you are a graduate of the class of 1974 (or attended any of the 4 years) and have not received an email about the event, please contact LuAnn Lyons Hinkel at lmh1117@hotmail.com.



Offertory for November 26, 2023: \$2340.00

Maintenance: \$18.00	Religious Retirement: \$25.00
Votive Lights: \$4.00	World Mission Sunday: \$1.00
Assessment: \$45.00	Advent Books: \$25.00
Immaculate Conception: \$2.00	
Human Development: \$12.00	<u>\$2472.00 Total</u>

Offertory for December 3, 2023: \$2569.06

Immaculate Conception: \$95.00	
SVDP Society: \$205.00	Maintenance: \$132.00
Votive: \$4.00	
Religious Retirement: \$20.00	<u>\$3025.06 Total</u>

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