SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
CATHOLIC PARISH

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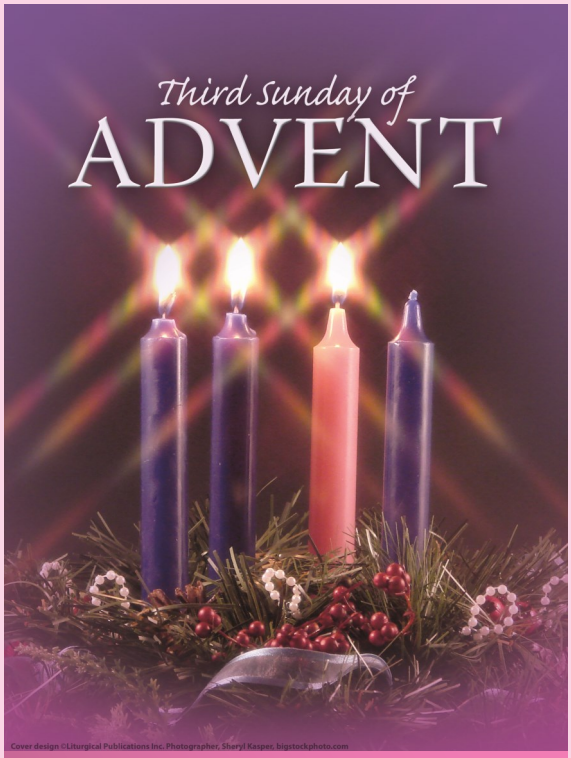
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT — DECEMBER 11, 2022

St. Vincent School Students participated in a Jesse Tree service. The service journeyed through the stories on Jesus's family tree and showed how God prepared for Jesus to be born through many generations. Come, Lord Jesus!



Dear God, you know that our hearts long for the joy and gladness promised by life with you. Help us to remember that you are with us always, and that our hearts will rest only when they rest with you.

Holy Spirit, guide the choices we make throughout this week. Help us endure hardship. Remind us to be patient. Stifle our tendency to complain. Help us realize how much we owe the creator for all we have and all we are.

Father in heaven, we offer thanks to you for sending John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of the savior. Help us to heed the Baptist's message to repent and to renew our commitment to live in holiness.

Come Lord Jesus. So often we are impatient for your coming, yet we are fearful of living our lives as one with you. Come and ease our anxiety. Come and reward our patience. Come and remove our sorrow. Our communities and our world eagerly await the day of your birth.

Amen.

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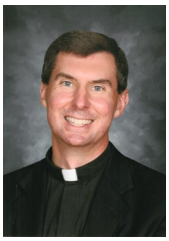
From Our Pastor



This Third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday," from the Latin expression bidding us to rejoice. We are in the home stretch of our Advent preparations for the celebration of our Savior's birth at Christmas.

Today the rose-colored candle of the Advent wreath is lit at this mid-point, signifying that Christ, the true Light of the world, is---like the rose-colored dawn---set to appear soon and rise over the horizon of the world's darkness.

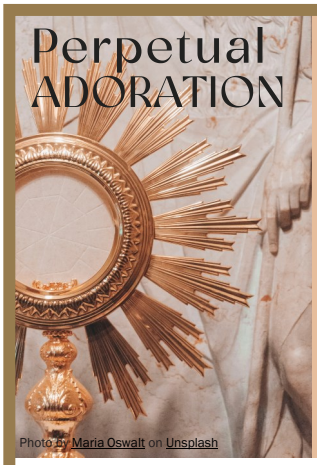
Because in many ways the worlds darkness has gotten itself into our souls, mark your calendar for our Parish evening of Confessions Thursday, December 15 at 7:00PM. The best gift we can give to Jesus for Christmas is the gift of our conversion; and the best way for us to receive this gift from Jesus is in the sacramental form in which He wishes to give it.

There are additional opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at other local parishes. Check out the bottom of the St. Vincent church map in this bulletin to find locations and times.

Finally, this weekend in the gathering space, we welcome back to St. Vincent's our friends from the Holy Land, Alfred and Grace Salsa, who are selling their olive wood artifacts. Thank you for including these tokens of faith made by our suffering brothers and sisters in Christ from the land of His birth in your Christmas shopping.

Every blessing on the remaining preparations for the Lord's coming at Christmas!

In St. Vincent's love of Christ,
Fr. Daniel Scheidt



"...every year at Christmas, you reveal yourself to us as a child born in a crib. We stand in silent amazement. In silent adoration we stand before the mystery, like Mary when the shepherds came and told her what they had seen and heard: "She kept all these things, pondering them in her heart."
– Servant of God Chiara Lubich

Adorers Needed:

Due to early bulletin submission deadlines, specific times are not listed in this bulletin. Please know that we continue to need adorers, and please keep discerning whether or not you are being called to this act of sacrifice and love for our Lord. Please visit www.saintv.org/adoration, or call 489-3537 ext. 224 if you can help.

Perpetual Adoration at St. Vincent's

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Oratory of St. Mary Magdalene is continuous with the exception of Mass at **5:30 pm on Fridays**. To schedule your hour with Jesus, visit saintv.weadorehim.com. Click "login" and "create one now" to open an account. After you've entered your information, the schedule will open for you. Click the hour you'd like to adore, select the frequency and then "sign up." You may also request substitutes for times you can't make it to adoration.

MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve
4:00 pm (Church)
4:00 pm (Gym)
6:30 pm (Church)(i)(s)
11:00 pm (Church)(i)

Christmas Day
9:00 am (Church)(i) (s)
11:00 am (Church)(i)

(i) incense may be used
(s) streamed

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe
6:30 am (SC) † Charlotte Simonis
8:15 am (S) (Ch) † Art Bunt Sr.

Tuesday, December 13th St. Lucy
6:30 am (SC) † Marilee Dobbins
8:15 am (S) (Ch) † Bill Bryan

Wednesday, December 14th St. John of the Cross
6:30 am (SC) † Dana Dobbins
8:15 am (S) (Ch) † Walter Burns

Thursday, December 15th
6:30 am (SC) † JoAnn Wilder
8:15 am (S) (Ch) INT Julie Chambers

Friday, December 16th
8:15 am (S)[SchM] (Ch) † Megan Winston
5:30 pm (Or) † Marie Corrao

Saturday, December 17th
8:15 am (S) (Ch) † John Ackerman
5:00 pm (Ch) † Ruth Ann Stapleton

Sunday, December 18th
7:00 am (Ch) † Willard & Wilma Lenkendofer
9:00 am (S) (Ch) † Denny Meadows
11:00 am (Ch) † Paul & Yvonne Maloney
1:30 pm [SM] (Ch) INT For The Parish
5:00 pm (Ch) † Jerry Schwieterman

Ch: Church | SC: Spiritual Center Chapel | Or: Oratory
(S): streamed | [SM]: Sensory Friendly | [SchM]: All School Mass
(i): Incense may be used
***Masses streamed** at SAINTV.ORG, Facebook and YouTube*
(8:15 AM Monday - Saturday and 9 AM Sunday)

1:30 PM Sensory-Friendly Mass Info

The 1:30 pm Sensory-Friendly Mass at St. Vincent's provides a safe, comfortable, and stigma-free setting for children and adults with sensory challenges, mental illness, or any kind of disability to feel engaged and experience Mass in a meaningful way.

If you have health concerns, you are encouraged to attend those Masses with fewer parishioners attending (5PM on Saturday, and 7AM and 5PM on Sunday).

Perpetual Adoration at Oratory

Sign up at saintv.org/adoration

Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 14th
4:30 - 5:30 PM *Church alcoves & Confessionals*

Saturday, December 17th
8:45 - 9:45 AM *Church alcoves & Confessionals*

Vocation Cross:

To volunteer: 489-3537 ext. 3 or saintv.org/vocation-cross

Church Office

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM
Saturday 4:30-5 PM | after 5 PM Mass-6:30 PM
Sunday after 7 AM Mass - 12:30 PM

The Church Office will NOT be open during Mass!

Let Us Know...

...if you have a family member in the hospital who would like a visit from a priest. (489-3537 ext. 3)

SCRIP (Weekend Sales)

Saturday: after 5 pm Mass
Sunday: after 7 am Mass until 9 am &
after 9 am Mass until 11 am

SCRIP will NOT be sold during Mass!

Readings of the Day - saintv.org/scripture or USCCB.ORG

Parish Calendar

Monday, December 12th
11:30 am Lunch N Learn *[SC Rooms A&B]*
6:15 pm American Heritage Girls *[Parish Hall]*
6:30 pm School Board Meeting *[Off-Site]*

Tuesday, December 13th
8:30 am SVdP Society Carpenter's sons *[LC Cafe]*
9:00 am Two by Two Bible Study *[LC Red Conference Room]*
4:30 pm Shepherds of Christ *[Blessed Sacrament Chapel]*
6:30 pm Bereavement Support Group *[LC Red Conference Room]*
6:45 pm RCIA *[SC Rooms A&B]*
7:30 pm AA *[SC Room G (#4)]*

Wednesday, December 14th
9:00 am WINGS *[LC Red Conference Room, Fireplace Room, Café]*
4:30 pm Confessions *[Church alcoves & Confessionals]*
6:30 pm KofC Member Meeting *[SC Rooms A&B]*

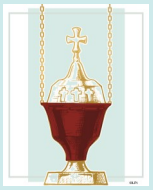
Thursday, December 15th
9:00 am WINGS II *[SC Room A]*
6:30 pm Advent Evening of Confessions *[Church alcoves & Confessionals]*
6:30 pm Armor of God *[LC Main Room]*
7:00 pm Magdalene Writers *[LC Red Conference Room]*
7:30 pm Al Anon *[SC Room G (#4)]*

Friday, December 16th
3:00 pm Mercy Club *[Church]*

Saturday, December 17th
8:45 am Confessions *[Church alcoves & Confessionals]*
9:00 am Overeaters Anonymous *[SC Room C (#3)]*

Sunday, December 18th
Fouth Sunday of Advent
7:00 pm Women's AA *[SC Room C (#3)]*

(#) indicates Door # | SC - Spiritual Center | LC - Life Center



Incense May Be Used At These Liturgies

Christmas Vigil (December 24)
6:30 PM, 11:00 PM

Christmas (December 25)
9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Octave of Christmas (December 26-December 31)
8:15 AM

Mary, Mother of God (January 1)
9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

We use an incense which is hypoallergenic.

Liturgical Ministers are Still Needed

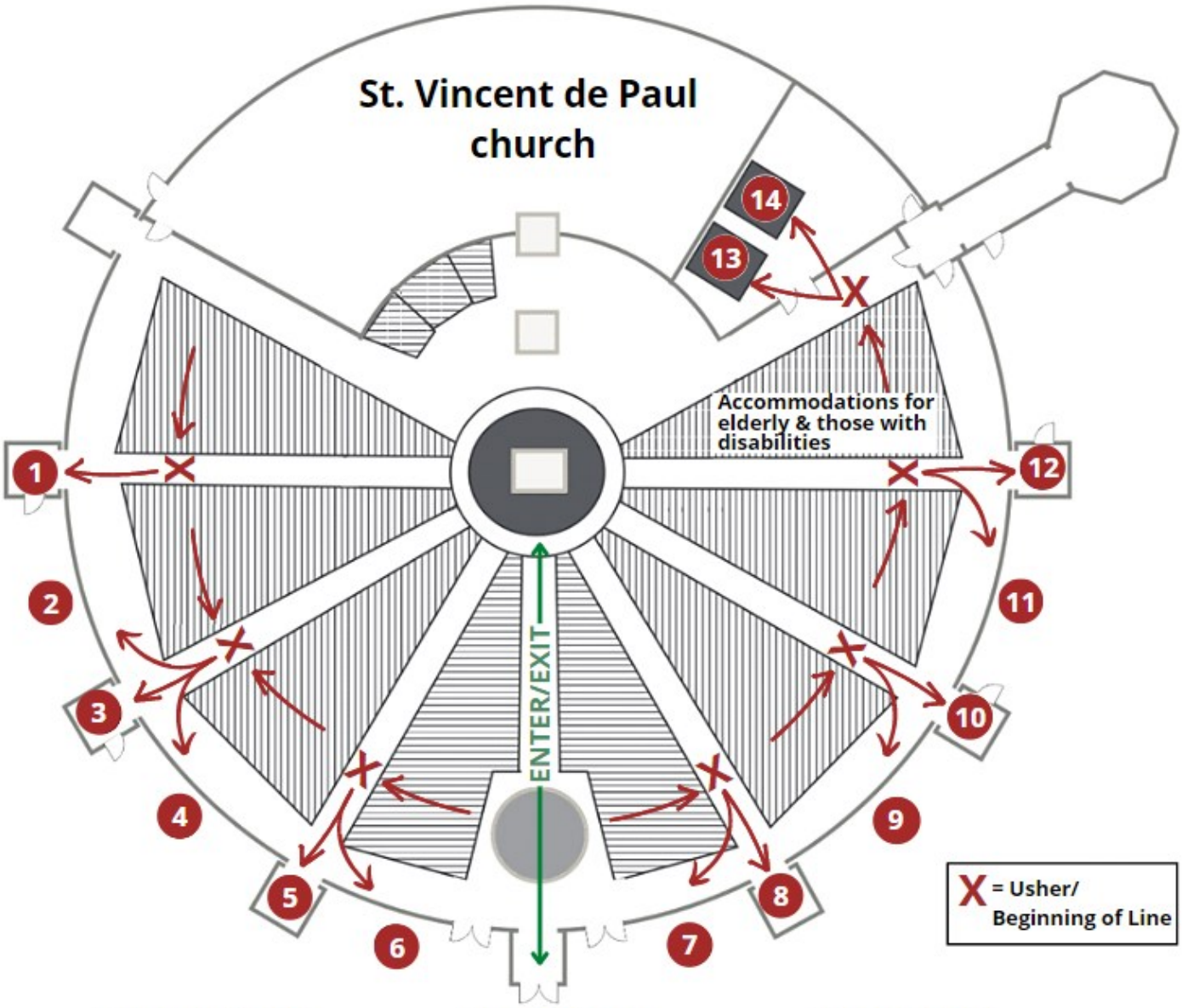
We are in need of Greeters, Ushers, Servers, Sacristans, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist at Christmas and New Year's Masses. Please use MSP (or email ministryschedule@saintv.org) to volunteer for any unfilled positions.
THANK YOU for your ministry to our parish!

Large Item Sponsors Needed for the Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is in need of sponsors for larger items such as bicycles. Please contact Vicki if you are able to help.
welchhouse5@gmail.com or text/call 260-413-4886

ADVENT EVENING OF CONFESSIONS

This Thursday, December 15, at 6:30 pm we will have our Advent Evening of Confessions. There will be no service at the beginning (as we had done in the past)… you may come any time beginning at 6:30 pm. Please follow the direction of ushers in the space in which you are waiting. Ushers will begin from the back pews and move forward. Special provision will be made near the Confessionals for the elderly and those with disabilities.



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7. **Fr. Brian Isenbarger**
8. **Fr. Tom Shoemaker**
9. **Fr. Wimal Jayasuriya**
10. **Fr. Gary Sigler**
11. **Fr. Luke Okoye**
12. **Fr. Daniel Koehl**
13. **Fr. Polycarp Fernando**
14. **Fr. Bill Sullivan**

OTHER AREA PARISH'S EVENINGS OF CONFESSION:
If you cannot make this Thursday, we encourage you to attend one of the other area parish evenings of confession.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton— Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 pm

St. Charles—Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 pm

St. Jude—Monday, December 19, 7:00 pm

St. John New Haven—Tuesday, December 20, 6:30-7:30pm

An Examination of Conscience

—Do I pray daily to the Lord, who made me from dust and who died and rose to save me forever?

—Have I worshiped the Lord in the Celebration of the Eucharist every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, or have I missed Mass through my own fault, without serious reason?

—Have I received Holy Communion when in the state of serious sin? Have I failed to confess any serious sin, out of fear or embarrassment?

—Have I placed my love of God, and of what is good, in danger because of the friends I keep or the activities I engage in?

—If I have questions or difficulties with belief, have I been humble and bold enough to seek help from a wise and good believer?

—Do I curse with, or otherwise misuse, the sacred name of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ?

—Do I speak of holy things carelessly, irreverently, or with contempt?

—Have I given in to fear of telling the truth and—for lack of courage—lied or cheated (at school, at work, at home, with friends)?

—Have any of my behaviors been a scandal to my family or friends, making it more difficult for them to be good? Have I ever placed anyone in danger through my recklessness?

—Have I supported those in rightful authority over me, or have I willfully disobeyed them, misled them, or made their lives and duties difficult?

—Do I nourish hatred against anyone, deliberately refusing to forgive them?

—Do I habitually use speech to belittle others, trying to build myself up by tearing them down?

—Have I sought to harm the reputation of others by spreading knowledge of their faults (whether those faults are true or not)?

—Have I unjustly intimidated or threatened another person with harm?

—Have I consented to, planned, or cooperated in the killing of innocent human life in abortion?

—Have I planned or attempted to end my own life, before the Lord takes me to Himself?

—Have I deliberately pursued the pleasure of sex isolated from the total, permanent, and sacrificial bond of married love (with myself—through masturbation, pornography, etc.; or with others— through sexual actions outside of marriage, contracepted intercourse, adulterous contacts, homosexual actions, etc.)?

—Does my speech respect the mystery of the truth of sexual love, or does it degrade it? Is my style of dress intended to weaken or tempt others by its suggestive display?

—Do I regularly eat or drink the proper amounts and types of food, or do I regularly over-eat or under-eat or interfere with the natural processes of digestion (through binging/purging, etc.)? Has my image of my body become an idol, demanding more of my concern and devotion than it really deserves?

—Have I violated the natural integrity of my body and fled reality by chemically manipulating my feelings in the misuse of alcohol or drugs? Have these experiences become the idol I serve to simulate feelings of true happiness and peace? Have these experiences become the escape for which I live or the false center of my joys and longings?

—Have I stolen or deliberately damaged another's property? How much? Have I made reparation for the damage done? Do my money-making activities lead me into dishonest practices?

—Am I consumed with envy at another person's possessions or accomplishments?

—Do I regularly give a portion of my possessions and attention to the poor and needy?

—Have I presumed on God's mercy, expecting to receive the benefits of forgiveness without conversion and the active practice of my faith and good living?

—Have I given in to despair concerning the forgiveness of my sins or my salvation? Have I done evil deeds out of self-hatred or let shame dominate my life? Do I let cynicism infect me and the world?

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you,
and I detest all of my sins,
because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell;
but most of all because they offend you, my God,
who are all-good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace,
to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

High School Ministry

SaintV.org/highschool
YM@saintv.org

Sunday, December 11: Waiting for the Messiah
6:00-8:00 pm | Life Center
What does it look like to live a life in anticipation for the coming Messiah? It's what we are called to do during Advent but HOW? Join us for a night examining how to do just that! We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, December 14:
HS Girls Bible Study
6:30-7:30 pm | Spiritual Center Room D Door #4
HS Boys Bible Study
6:30-7:30 pm | Spiritual Center Room C Door #3

Sunday, December 18th: HS Life Teen Christmas Party
6:00-8:00 pm | Life Center
Join us for a night of Christmas festivities. You can decorate cookies, get your Christmas 'Just Dance' on, play a variety of games with your friends, write a holiday card to folks that are Homebound, and be a part of the ugly Christmas Sweater contest. We will conclude the night by singing loud for all to hear at the rectory!

Middle School Ministry

SaintV.org/middleschool
MiddleSchoolMinistry@saintv.org
Mondays, 6:45—8:30 pm

Monday, December 12th: Divine Descent
Is Jesus' birth at Bethlehem just a nice story that happened 2000 years ago and an excuse for Christmas fun today, or does the fact that God became man still affect us today? Come discover how this divine descent means everything for us today.

Monday, December 19th: Advent Party!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Catechists are Needed for Family Faith Formation

Consider joining our Family Faith Formation team! We are looking for inspired individuals to share the love of Jesus with the children of St. Vincent's Parish. Commitment: Once per month now through May, on Wednesday 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Lesson plans and resources are provided. Come and share your story! Not only will you touch a child's life, but you will be inspired as well. If interested, contact Debbie Blackburn at debbieblackburn@saintv.org. I would love to welcome you to the Family Faith Formation team!

Family Faith Formation Session Schedule:

Sunday, **January 8:** Families gather in the Church at 3:00 pm
Wednesday, **January 11:** Families gather in the Church at 6:00pm

Sacramental Prep for 1st & 2nd Grade Students:

Sunday, **February 12** at 3:00 pm
Wednesday, **February 15** at 6:00 pm

Sunday Preschool:

Sunday, **December 11:** in St. Vincent School during 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Attendance at two Baptismal Preparation Sessions is required before your child is baptized. Baptismal Preparation Sessions are valid for 3 years and must be repeated as necessary. You may attend Session II before Session I, if necessary. Each session will begin at 7:00 pm. It is recommended that both parents attend before the birth of your child so that there will be no delay in setting a date for the baptism once the baby is born. Godparents, too, are welcome. At least one parent must be Catholic and at least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic. Parents must be registered in the Parish. Please call the Church Office (489-3537 ext. 3) or register online at saintv.org/Baptism.

Session I (*Christian Parenting*):
January 12, January 26
(Spiritual Center A—Door #2)
Session II (*Baptismal Rite*):
January 19
(Church Conference Room)

St. Nicholas and the St. Vincent School cafeteria staff spread Christmas cheer over the campus on the feast of St. Nicholas, December 6th.

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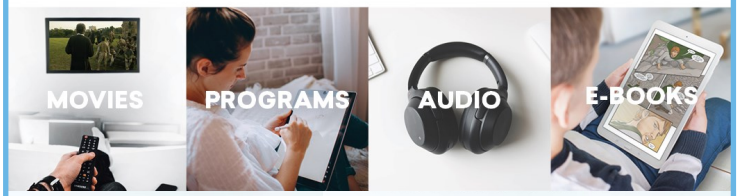

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Saint Vincent de Paul CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

SCHOOL NEWS

Fellow Parishioners,

Greetings in Christ and Happy Third Sunday of Advent! I continue to reflect on the call of discipleship that our community lives so richly. In addition to this, Advent re-calls us to the themes of hope, faith, joy and peace (other traditions again sometimes reorder these or include love directly). Reflecting on our immediate return from Thanksgiving, faith and joy were indeed present in abundance.

Joy was present in our living of the sacraments, as one example. I've shared this before, but Fr. Brian has committed to offering confessions on Mondays, well over half of them during the year, so that our children can go receive this sacrament during recess and lunch. We are one of the only grade schools to have this, from his generosity! I also think of the time we take on announcements to encourage our students to go if they need to, sharing how we truly do find God's presence and love in this time. Fr. Brian also comes on announcements when he's ready to begin, with a great deal of joy and excitement, truly inviting and welcoming students to encounter peace in this sacrament. Amazing! He's usually quite full the entire time, and hears likely anywhere from 25-30 or more confessions in a 90 minute period.

Joy was incredibly evident in a tangible, almost hit you over the head kind of a way, with our St. Nicholas shop. This is an effort provided entirely by the leadership of our HASA mothers and families, chaired by one mom in particular, to provide an experience for our children to shop for gifts for their parents, siblings, other family, or friends. Other schools I've seen have similar versions of this, but ours went way above and beyond! If you've ever seen our Athletic Conference Room behind the gym, it's a meeting space that is typically quite spartan in appearance. It was genuinely transformed with lighting, red and green streamers, and a huge number of decorations making the space a genuine witness to Christmas goodness. It also featured an incredible number of items the children could buy, from toys and games to books, religious items, tools or gloves for yard work, cooking and baking items, color change cups, holiday décor, etc. The real joy beyond the room though was our students. They were amazed! They were having a ton of fun! They were also managing budgets they had to shop with, and showing excellent math skills and judgment as they shopped for others, showing too a level of generosity. I am also amazed to have seen at least 7-8 of our school mothers present to help make this a success. Our staff, in their professional commitments, would not be able to offer this, making the presence and leadership of our parents all the more amazing. One of our moms in particular wore serious holiday attire and made sure she could go say hello to her son, in one of our older grades, especially because she was in holiday attire. The love of a mother is something that genuinely shows me the grace of God and His presence in our lives – this was particularly awesome.

Of course too I think of all that our students accomplished in their classes in this week. I wrote about their writing skills hard at work in my school newsletter article, so here I'd like to highlight their hard work and goodness in our annual Jesse Tree service, focusing on the family line of our Lord Jesus. Our students did a phenomenal job in the choir, where their skill and joy in praise and worship always shines through. They also had 8th grade readers for this service, tying in Old Testament links to Jesus (i.e. Joseph and his brothers, Abraham and Isaac, etc.). Our readers were especially poised and articulate, and our 6th graders and others helped hang ornaments on the tree, a tree shaped as a cross, which is now featured in our gathering space. This showed me the genuine joy of our students who helped lead this (along with Fr. Dan of course), and spoke of the joy the cross would lead to – hope and salvation for the human race and Christ's victory over death.

This Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday of joy, may we specifically seek to slow down, witness, and speak to the joy God makes present within our own families, and may we seek to deepen that intentionally with the reality of Christ's coming into our world, into our lives today.

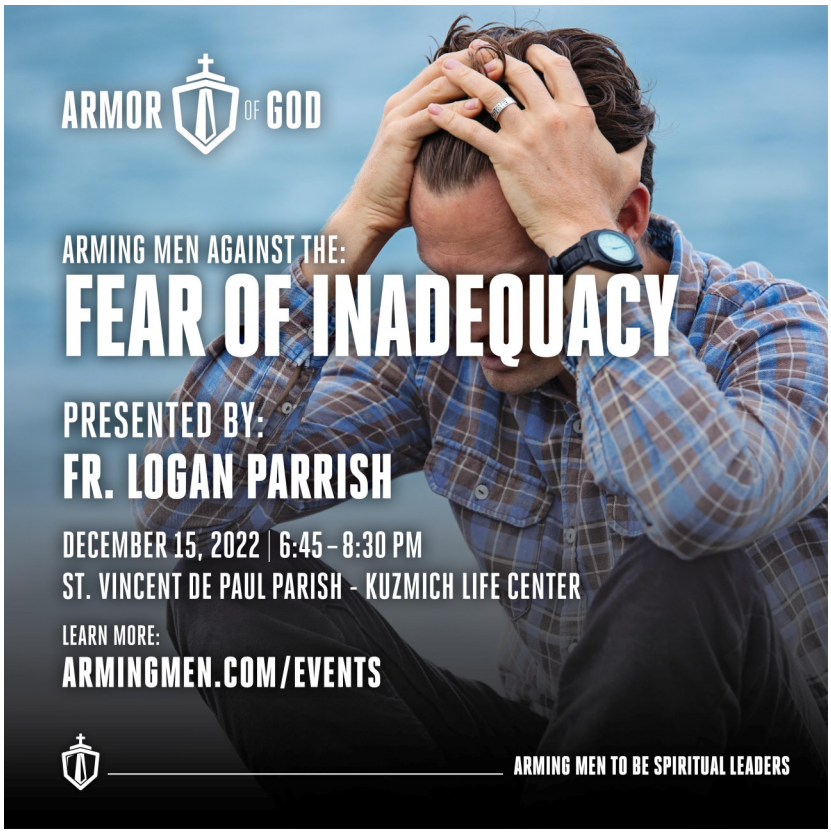
In Faith,
Mr. Coyle
Principal

BISHOP DWENGER NOW ENROLLING CLASS OF 2027!

Bishop Dwenger High School new student enrollment is open for the Class of 2027! Now through **January 15**, all students can apply to become a Saint! Continue your Catholic education by attending Bishop Dwenger. Founded on the four pillars of academic life, spiritual life, an active life and a life of service, all students are taught be "Citizens of Two World" by embracing a college preparatory curriculum rooted in the Catholic Faith. Join the Class of 2027 today by going to bishopdwenger.com > Menu button (top right) > Admissions > New Student Application. All applications are completed online through the link provided on the page. Information on making Catholic high school education financially feasible for your family is also found on that webpage. We will work with you and your family to make it possible! If you have any questions regarding Admissions or want to learn more about what Bishop Dwenger has to offer, contact the Admissions Coordinator, Cindy Johnson at 260-496-4703 or at cjohnson@bishopdwenger.com.

Parish Rewards Sponsor of the Week

Visit: school.saintv.org/parish-rewards for details



Why Spend Time in Adoration?
Stories from the Oratory of St. Mary Magdalene

"I just love this place," Liz Buck said about the Oratory of St. Mary Magdalene. She commits a weekly hour at the Oratory. She admitted that it was hard for her to carve out the time, or maintain her focus when praying at home. "There are so many distractions at home," Liz said, "and I knew that if I came here I would at least do an hour weekly of holy reading or saying a rosary."

The apple tree with the crucifix above the sanctuary speaks to Liz as she focuses on her love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. "I guess that I like the tree (crucifixion) and the icon above the vigil candles because they include images of Mary," she said.

Liz shared that her faith helped to shape her life choices. Her areas of study were Public Relations and Journalism. She worked for 18 years in Public Relations but began to view her workplace as immoral. She then found a job in Journalism writing for a weekly newspaper. "I enjoyed writing feature articles about people," she said.

Gradually though she began to feel an increasing desire to find work in which she would make a difference in someone's life. She now works as a teaching assistant at Haley Elementary School. The teacher she works with is a graduate of Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. Liz said, "We have the same values and I love working with the children or playing with them with construction paper."

The "O Antiphons" of Advent

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. (www.usccb.org)

O Wisdom

DECEMBER 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

O Leader of the House of Israel

DECEMBER 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
com to rescue us with your mighty power!

O Root of Jesse's stem

DECEMBER 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

O Key of David

DECEMBER 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

O Radiant Dawn

DECEMBER 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death.

O King of all nations

DECEMBER 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man,
whom you formed from the dust!

O Emmanuel

DECEMBER 23

O Emmanuel,
our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

HIRING!

TWO CHILDCARE PROVIDERS
PAY: $15/HR.
TUESDAYS, 5:30-8:30 PM

JANUARY 17, 24, 31
FEBRUARY 7, 14, 21, 28
MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH
8:30 – 4:30 PM

Childcare will take place in the Red Room of the Life Center during the St. Vincent's Parish Alpha Program. Responsibilities include room set-up and clean-up, sign-in and sign-out of children, and play and supervision of children during their stay.

Must be a responsible adult who is Safe Environment certified. Experience working with children preferred.

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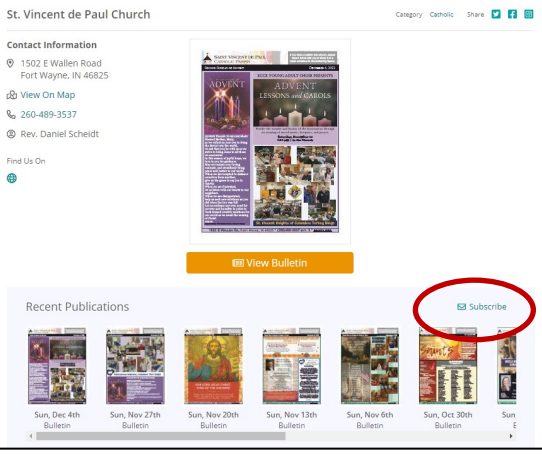

HOLIDAY EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Submit your article to bulletin@saintv.org
no later than *9:00 am on the date the article is due.*

ARTICLES FOR:	ARE DUE:
December 25	Wednesday, December 14
January 1	Wednesday, December 21
January 8	Return to normal deadline (Monday, January 2)

HARVEST HOUSE

Harvest House 55+

On **Monday, December 19th**, we will be meeting for our annual Christmas potluck and Christmas gift exchange. We will be starting at 11:15 am with a prayer service in the Spiritual Center Chapel. After the prayer service, we will go to the Spiritual Center room A for our potluck. Bring a covered dish to share. We will have our Christmas gift exchange after our potluck. Following the gift exchange we will play cards or games. RSVP to Marge at 490-4034 or Carolyn at 637-6042 by **December 17th**. Come and join in the fun.

DECEMBER LUNCH N LEARN— THE MAGIC OF MUSIC

If you are 55 or over, please join us for the next Lunch N Learn on Monday, **December 12** at 11:30 am in the Spiritual Center. Sarah Englehart, COTA, Activity Director and Katie Faulkner, Activity Assistant at Kingston at Dupont, will be presenting "The Magic of Music", an interactive program about the benefits of music in our lives. The entire lunch will be provided by Kingston Memory Care, so please come and enjoy the day without the hassle of bringing any food to share!!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Once again we are offering you the opportunity to donate Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. The suggested donation is $10 a plant. We will remember the deceased at our Christmas Masses. Place the donation in an envelope along with this form:
(Please print clearly)

Name(s) of Loved One(s): _____

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Your Name: _____

Your Phone Number: _____ Donation: $_____

Fire Choir is Starting Up Again

The Fire Choir is starting back up again at Lutheran Life Villages on Coldwater Road on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. We will meet on **Monday, December 19** at 6:20 pm and will start at 6:30 pm. This type of outreach is a Corporal Work of Mercy and we invite anyone who feels this calling to come and join this ministry. No prior choir experience is required. This month we will sing Christmas songs. In other months we will sing Catholic hymns and songs from the '50's to the '70's and even some folk songs. Please bring and wear a mask, per the requirements of Lutheran Life Villages. If you have questions, please contact Tony at 260-415-0881

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is an easy way for you to brighten the Christmas of someone less fortunate. Several local charities are involved.

- Take an angel ornament off the evergreen tree in the Gathering Space of the Church.
- Purchase gift request (written on the angel).
- Wrap it securely, unless it specifically says, "Do not wrap."
- Attach the ornament to the outside of the gift.
- Bring it to the church and place it under the tree no later than NOON on Sunday, December 18.

We will be sure it gets delivered to the person in need before Christmas. If you cannot return the gift in time, please refrain from taking an ornament. The Giving Tree is located in the Gathering Space.

For questions or more information contact: Vicki at welchhouse5@gmail.com or text/call 260-413-4886

Parish Events Email

Don't receive our parish bi-monthly email with parish news and events? Sign-up at SaintV.org/Parish-Email or email Monica at monicaaquila@saintv.org.

It's not too late!

We have one more weekend of SCRIP sales before Christmas. Next weekend, we'll be selling SCRIP in the church office after Mass on Saturday, **December 17th** and from 8:00—11:00am on Sunday, **December 18th**. (SCRIP will not be sold during Mass) Buying SCRIP is fast and easy, and it's the perfect solution to your busy schedule! SCRIP gift cards make great gifts for almost everyone on your list this year, especially those hard-to-buy-for friends and family. Give them a gift card to their favorite store or coffee place or restaurant, or even a prepaid debit card. They also make great stocking stuffers! Download a SCRIP order form from the church website or get an order form at the church office anytime. We're ready to help you cross those last items off your list!

ONLINE SAFETY

If you receive a text or email that seems unusual and appears to be from one of our priests, please contact the Church Office (260-489-3537 ext. 3). Do not call a number that is unfamiliar to you, do not reply to the email or text and do not click on an attachment or website link unless you are familiar with the contents. **Our priests will NOT ask for gift cards or cash!** They will refer those in need to our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

NATIONAL
Eucharistic Revival

For information and how to join the monthly pilgrimage and receive a free Catholic gift, or to read more on the monthly Eucharistic reflection and saint, go to diocesefwsb.org/eucharist

December Pilgrimage Site: St. John Bosco, Churubusco

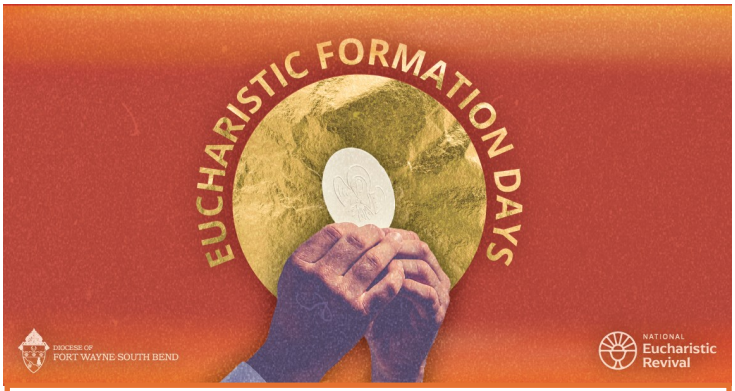
St. John Bosco was born in Italy in 1815. He was ordained a priest in 1841 and worked to alleviate the plight of poor boys, providing them education, religious instruction, and recreation. He was a popular preacher. He founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales (also known as the Salesians). He died in 1888 and was canonized April 1, 1934. His feast day is January 31st. St. John Bosco had a very strong devotion to the Eucharist: "There are two things the devil is deadly afraid of: fervent Communions and frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament. Never omit the daily visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament, be it ever so brief." For information and how to join the monthly pilgrimage and receive a free Catholic gift, go to diocesefwsb.org/eucharist.

Eucharistic Reflection for December: Thanksgiving and Worship

The word "Eucharist" literally means "thanksgiving." To give thanks properly, we should take a full, conscious, and active part in the liturgical celebration. We need to be conscious of the gift we have received, a gift that is none other than the Lord himself in his act of self-giving. We become conscious of this gift when we actively engage our minds, hearts, and bodies to every part of the liturgy, allowing God through the words, actions, gestures, and even the moments of silence to speak to us. Our gratitude is also expressed in our worship of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta reportedly said: "When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

Eucharistic Saint for December: Blessed Niels Stensen

Blessed Niels Stenson lived in Denmark from 1638 to 1686. He was a famous scientist who converted to the Catholic faith and became a bishop devoted to the Eucharist. As a scientist, he discovered new organs and glands in both animals and humans. He is renowned for his work on the human brain, providing the basis for research over the following two hundred years. His attendance at a Corpus Christi procession moved him to consider Catholicism. After a thorough examination of the original Hebrew and Greek texts of the Bible, he wrote, "I became deeply convinced of the truth of what the Catholics [believe about the Holy Eucharist]. There is only one human response to the self-giving love which shows itself on the cross and lives in the Church as the true bread of humanity. The more we say 'yes' to this love, the more we become like Christ." His feast day is December 5th.



Eucharistic Formation Days

As part of the Eucharistic Revival, join Bishop Rhoades on Saturday, **January 14th** at St. Charles parish from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm for a diocesan conference of Eucharistic formation with outstanding talks on the Eucharist. Mass, lunch, and a Eucharistic miracles exhibit are included. The event is designed for parish and diocesan leaders, but is open to the public.

For more information and to register, go to diocesefwsb.org/eucharist, scan the QR code or email: info.revival@diocesefwsb.org.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Starting Soon!

Are you making your list? Checking it twice? Do you want to give your family something really nice for Christmas? Then consider giving the gift of financial peace.

St. Vincent de Paul is offering the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University (FPU) 9-week class beginning **January 12, 2023**. FPU is a proven approach that has allowed millions of people to manage their money more effectively to become debt free, save for a rainy day, plan for college and retirement, and pay off their mortgage early! Join us at starting Thursday, January 12, 2023. The cost to register is $59.99. This provides access to all class materials and more! Class size is limited to the first 25 to register. You may sign-up online at fpu.com/1157143 or contact Bob & Cheryl Sedlmeyer at 260-438-3310 or cheryl.sedlmeyer@comcast.net.

Changes in Schedule This Season

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:
Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26
Friday, December 30 through Sunday, January 1

CHRISTMAS EVE (Saturday, December 24):
NO 8:15 AM MASS & NO 5 PM MASS
MASS SCHEDULE:
4 PM (Church), 4 PM (Gym), 6:30 PM, & 11 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY (Sunday, December 25):
NO 7 AM MASS, NO 1:30 PM MASS, & NO 5 PM MASS
MASS SCHEDULE: 9 AM & 11 AM

NO CONFESSIONS :
Saturday, December 24
Wednesday, December 28 & Saturday, December 31
(*due to the Octave of Christmas*)

NO SCRIP SALES:
Saturday, December 24 and Sunday, December 25
Saturday, December 31 and Sunday, January 1

NEW YEAR'S EVE (Saturday, December 31):
NO 5 PM MASS
ADORATION: 3:00 PM in the Church
MASS SCHEDULE: 4 PM & 6:30 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY (Sunday, January 1):
MASS SCHEDULE:
7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 1:30 PM, & 5 PM

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
FORT WAYNE + SOUTH BEND

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers for the 2022 Christmas Program. Volunteers will help receive, process, and distribute gifts to our families in need. If interested, contact Isabella Witulski at iwitulski@ccfwsb.org or 260-422-5625 ext. 232. Sponsorship opportunities are still available to help make Christmas brighter for those in need.

Attention BDHS Alumni

Do you have news to share? Perhaps an address update, job change, marriage, or birth announcement? Please let us know by using this link: bishopdwenger.com/Address-and-News-Updates Also, if your high school graduating class year ended in a "3" or "8," then your class should be gathering for a reunion in 2023! If you or someone you know is planning a class reunion, please contact Ingrid (Tippmann) Nicholson at inicholson@bishopdwenger.com. Thank you!

Diocese Support Ministries

Miriam's Blessing: Difficult Prenatal Diagnosis

A ministry whose purpose is to provide comprehensive support to parents who receive a poor prenatal diagnosis. diocesefwsb.org/Miriams-Blessing

Ava's Grace: Miscarriage, Stillbirth, Infant Loss

A ministry that offers spiritual, emotional and practical support to families who suffer miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss. diocesefwsb.org/avas-grace

Project Rachel: Post-Abortion Support

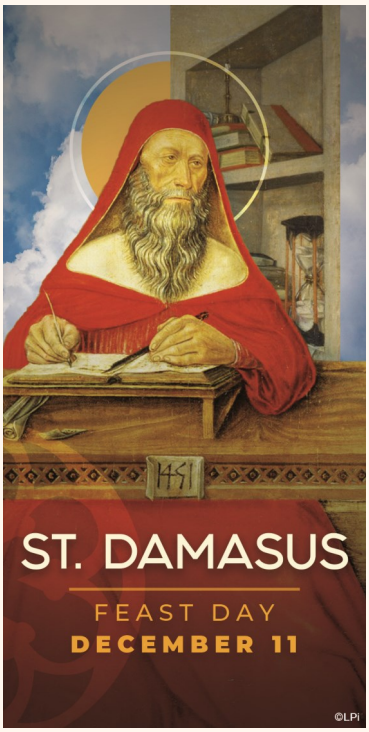
A post-abortion reconciliation program. This ministry offers hope and healing for all those who suffer from the pain of abortion and its aftermath. diocesefwsb.org/projectrachel

Hope for the Journey: Infertility Support

A new ministry that offers spiritual, emotional and practical support rooted in the Catholic faith for couples who are experiencing infertility or secondary infertility. diocesefwsb.org/hope-for-the-journey

Mental Health Services Through Catholic Charities

Local professional services for mental health are available to help you. Catholic Charities of Fort Wayne-South Bend offers in-house counseling and connects individuals and families with counseling services throughout the diocese through the Clinical Liaison program. A referral can be made through your pastor or through the diocesan Marriage and Family Ministry office. Email cnowak@ccfwsb.org for a confidential referral.



Saint Damasus—Feast Day December 11

Saint Damasus served as bishop of Rome for 18 years as Pope Damasus I (366-384). He had to endure significant controversy early in his pontifical reign when a factional group of bishops insisted that their chosen claimant, Ursinus, was the true pope. Both sides resorted to violence before the issue was decided in favor of Damasus. He went on to make the unification of the Church a central focus of his papacy and fervently fought to counter any division caused by the many heretical teachings of his time. While he was pope, Christianity was declared the official religion of the Roman Empire and Rome's authority in the Church was decided by a synod that Damasus called in 382. This synod established Rome as the direct descendant of the Church founded by the apostle Saint Peter, the apostolic see, and put an end to confusion stemming from Constantinople, which some were already calling 'The New Rome'.

To further unify the Church, Damasus introduced Latin as the principle liturgical language and commissioned his secretary, Saint Jerome, to compile and revise the various translations of the Bible into one official translation to be used by the entire Church: The Latin Vulgate. This successfully preserved the original Scriptures by making them more accessible to the average Christian.

A writer and poet himself, Saint Damasus lives on in history through his many epigrams and verse inscriptions that can be found on the Roman catacombs that he restored during his papacy. Saint Jerome described his friend, Pope Damasus, as being "an incomparable person, learned in the Scriptures, a virgin doctor of the virgin Church, who loved chastity and heard its praises with pleasure."

December 17/18	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 7 AM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM	Sunday 5 PM
Greeters	P. Steffens **NEEDS FILLED**	C. Garcia J. Praul	A.& K. Christman G. & M. Novell	T. Brown P. & J. Moreau **NEEDS FILLED**	L. & E. Falter
Ushers	P. Alber D. Palermo **NEEDS FILLED** **NEEDS FILLED**	L. Franck T. Neu **NEEDS FILLED** **NEEDS FILLED**	J. Brown D. Miller C. Murray J. Roy **NEEDS FILLED**	S. McBride G. Witchey C. Wright **NEEDS FILLED** **NEEDS FILLED**	**NEEDS FILLED** **NEEDS FILLED** **NEEDS FILLED** **NEEDS FILLED**
Lead Server	F. Sokolich	J. Moran	F. Gray	E. Crummey	D. Adams
Servers: Crucifer, Book, Candle Bearers	A. Panza R. Rapp B. Korson A. Macias	M. Moran E. Moran A. Moran A. Row	M. Stroud M. Hudecek A. Richardville L. Slyby	J. Aguilera K. Crummey T. Amstutz **NEEDS FILLED**	A. Strzelecki N. Kellams L. Sullivan A. Szymanski
Lectors	J. Wyckoff (1) M. Meehan (2)	J. Harlan (1) C. Berkshire (2)	T. Schuerman (1) M. E Smith (2)	L. Barranda (1) M. Trout (2)	M. Watts (1) T. Solosky (2)
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	D. Mitro T. Nierman-Wyckoff J. Rapp V. Welch C. Welch	S. Motz M. Schanbacher L. Schanbacher	A. Arnold D. Arnold A. Link D. Schuerman K. Sorg	J. Christensen J. Minnich L. Minnich A. Nieuwlandt B. Nieuwlandt	A. Guedea J. Rahrig B. Sullivan A. Szymanski T. Szymanski M. Szymanski
Sacristans	M. Osborn	L. Schanbacher	K. Sorg	J. Minnich	M. Schafer

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule

St. Vincent's MSP Web Identifier: SaintV

To volunteer for an open position, request a sub or update your profile, click on "**Ministry Scheduler**" at saintv.org on the "PARISHIONERS" tab.

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Parochial Vicar ..... Rev. Polycarp Fernando
Parochial Vicar .....Rev. Brian Isenbarger
Parochial Vicar ..... Rev. Jose Panamattathil Chandy
Deacon.....Deacon James Fitzpatrick
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Pastoral Associate..... Jessica Hayes (ext. 224)
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Business Manager.....Tom Schuerman (ext. 209)
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Director of Music ..... Nick Bobay (ext. 210)
Facilities ..... Joshua Bratten (ext. 217)
High School Youth Director ..... Scott Nguyen (ext. 4001)
Middle School Youth Director .....Lindsay Lushis (ext. 4230)
Youth Ministry Office ..... Caleb Perkins (ext. 4228)
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RCIA for Children ..... Sarah Falbe (ext. 201)
Prayer Line ..... Laurie - 755-0816 / Mary - 483-4369

NEW PARISHIONERS

Visit the Church Office (in the Gathering Space) (hours are listed on page 3).

CATECHUMENATE

We welcome persons interested in embracing the Catholic faith. Please call the church office (260-489-3537 ext. 3).

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Send items to **bulletin@saintv.org** by Monday at 9 AM

MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekends:
Saturday: 5 PM
Sunday: 7 AM | 9 AM(S) | 11 AM | 5 PM
1:30 PM SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS

Week Days:
Monday-Thursday: 6:30 AM & 8:15 AM(S)
Friday: 8:15 AM(S) & 5:30 PM [Oratory]
Saturday: 8:15 AM(S)

(S) Mass is streamed on SAINTV.ORG, Facebook & YouTube

PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Oratory of St. Mary Magdalene (1711 E Wallen Rd)
Unlocked 5AM - 10PM | You may sign up for weekly adoration at **saintv.org/Adoration**.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: See page 3 (Church Alcoves & Confessionals)

Baptism: Sunday, following the 11 AM Mass.
Baptismal catechesis is required prior to baptism.
Please call the Church Office (260-489-3537 ext. 3).

Matrimony: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the date of wedding.

Sick and Communion Calls: Please keep us informed of the sick and homebound, particularly when there is a serious illness.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH - SCHOOL

A Catholic education for children (grades K-8)
School Office .....(7:15 am-3:15 pm, M-F)..... **(260) 489-3537**
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School Principal..... Zachary Coyle
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School Office ..... Janice Bobay | Heather Strzelecki (ext. 213)
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