

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 29, 2015

First Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Rev. Paul Treacy

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Michael Barsness

Deacon: Larry Lawinger

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Wed: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Thur-Fri: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening—5:00 PM

Sunday—7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Daily Masses

Monday through Friday—8:00 AM

Holy Day Masses

As announced

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday—7:30 AM

Saturday—3:30-4:15 PM

Or call the parish office at (763) 425-2210 to schedule an appointment.

EDUCATION CENTER

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Principal: Lisa Simon

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2015

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Council of Catholic Women has been in existence for well over 40 years, and one of the ministries, The Living Rosary, began in 1950! Through the years other ministries have been added, but our biggest fiscal and stewardship gifts have been through the Christmas Bazaar. It is a fun event and the spirit of camaraderie and friendship has grown through the many years the Bazaar has been in existence.

Every woman of the parish is a member of CCW and there are so many ways women of all ages can be involved. Did you know we have the following ministries which you can do at home or at the church?

**Funeral luncheon; Baptismal gowns; Rosaries for deceased members;
Dishtowels with embroidery for sale; and many other ministries,
but the big one is... **The Bazaar!****

Work begins weekly in October and continues to mid November.

This year we have made scarves of various types, t-shirts, burp cloths and numerous other items. Many women participate in this ministry as well as other venues so feel free to join in. The time will be well spent and will lead to lifelong friendships in many cases. In past years we have generated substantial profit from this event.

In 2013 we grossed \$18,000 with proceeds going to fund the following:

- Feed My Starving Children
- C.R.O.S.S.
- CEAP
- Hope 4 youth in Anoka
- A steamer for pressing altar linens & more.
- The biggest contribution each year is to Faith Formation and in that year we funded a total of \$12,500 to Faith Formation.



In 2014 proceeds we netted \$17,000 with profits going to:

- BIZAA to sponsor a child-also done in 2013 proceeds
- Dedication and engraving of the CCW cemetery bench to honor the women of the parish.
- Franciscan Brothers of Peace
- Assistance in funding the fall deanery meeting at our parish among many others.

In addition we funded Faith Formation in the amount of \$10,000.

You can see how important CCW is to our parish so join us in supporting the initiatives, especially the Christmas bazaar.

Want to bake cookies and meet new friends? Have we got an opportunity for you.

Want to work in Java Joe's Coffee Bar? Step right up.

Do you like to greet people at the door and direct them to the over 80 crafters?

We have the spot for you.

Most of all, we encourage all parishioners to support this vital ministry with your attendance and purchases at the Christmas Bazaar.

P.S. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets, which can win you some cool prizes.



OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT, APPROVED BY THE PASTORAL COUNCIL IN MAY 2009:

Know

*and celebrate our
Catholic Faith,*

Love

*God and our
neighbor,*

Serve

*as disciples of
Jesus Christ.*



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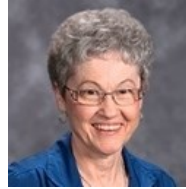


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A FOND FAREWELL

Gloria Krynski is retiring as of December 31, 2015. For forty years her working career has been dedicated to serving the Catholic Church. Gloria has been our Office Manager and Parish Secretary since 2004, and has maintained and managed the many details required to keep the parish running smoothly and efficiently. **Gloria, we are forever grateful for all that you have done for us. You will be missed.** Congratulations on your retirement!



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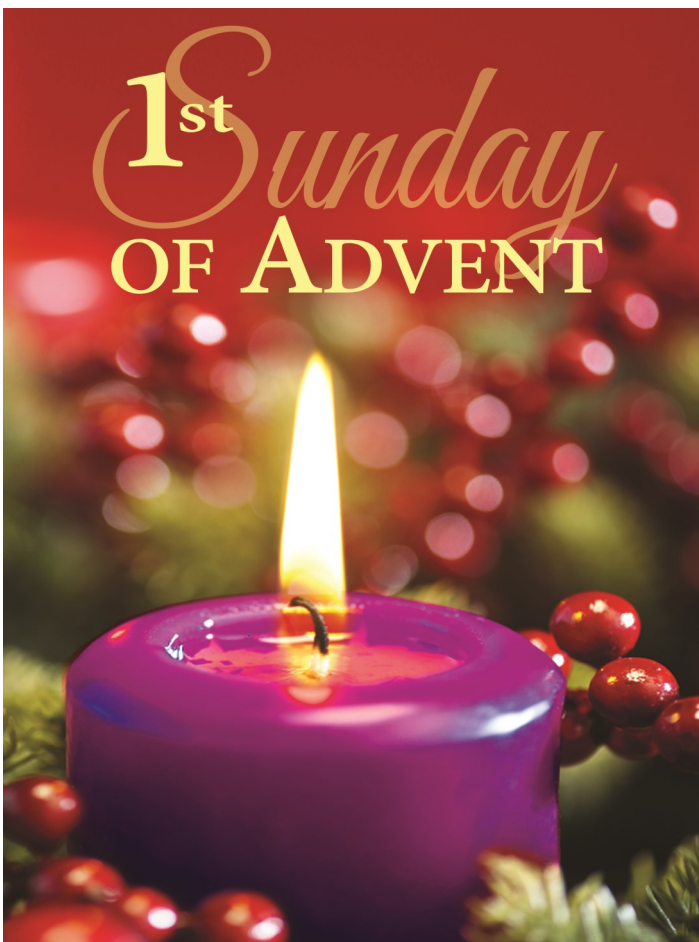
The liturgical year ends with the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. What is the significance of this feast?

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Kings and kingdoms are not part of the American cultural or political experience. Human beings in general—and Americans in particular—tend to resist and oppose any institution that does not allow people to play an active part in the decision-making process. Yet with this last Sunday in ordinary time, we celebrate the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

The feast was begun by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to counter atheism and secularism. Pius wanted to communicate the belief that Jesus is lord of all, the king of creation. The biblical reality, however, is that Jesus is not a king like the kings of this world. These kings “lord” it over their people exercising power, at times without restraint. Jesus is lord indeed; yet he came to serve, not to be served, and to give his life for the sake of all. A monarchical reign is not a characteristic of the kingdom of God.

The kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed is one in which all people are treated with dignity, and valued for who and what they are. It is a kingdom that actively cares for the poor, the homeless, the alienated, and the oppressed, as it mobilizes to establish justice and a right relationship with all. This is what every institution that models itself on Jesus the king has to be about. As we celebrate this feast, let us pray that all institutions, especially the church, model themselves on Jesus’ servant leadership.



CCW NEWS

This weekend we celebrate the 1st week of Advent. Get your Advent items in the Gift Shop. Pam and Rozanne have many items in stock. Consider helping them out by working with them.

The Council of Catholic Women of St. Vincent de Paul parish acts to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality and service.

CCW 
Council of Catholic Women

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 5 9 AM to 5 PM

Sunday, December 6 8 AM to 1 PM

The best Christmas Bazaar is here at St. Vincent de Paul
and you don't want to miss it!



Slice of Heaven Bakery

Take a break from baking and pick up some Christmas treats at the **Slice of Heaven Bakery**. All baked goods are prepared in the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen. The bakers at St. Vincent's have been busy preparing favorites such as: Cookies, Cinnamon Rolls, Caramel Rolls, Gingerbread Boys and Girls, Krumkake, Rosettes, Quick Breads, Dipped Pretzels, Schoolyard Croutons, Coffee Cakes..... and more! Be sure to get here early to get one of the many Christmas cookie platters that make excellent Christmas gifts.

Craft Sale

Skip the long checkout lines at the mall by shopping at St. Vincent's craft sale. We have **over 80 crafters** this year! Great Christmas gift ideas – there is something for everyone on your shopping list!

Musical Entertainment

At St. Vincent's Bazaar we have live music on both days. This year we will have additional groups to make your shopping experience even better. Sit and relax for a moment and enjoy the festive holiday music.



Raffle

Try your luck at winning one of the many items donated by local businesses, parishioners and friends of St. Vincent de Paul! It could be your lucky day.

Java Joe's

Gourmet coffee, chai tea, and hot chocolate is served at Java Joe's. It's a great spot to relax with a cup of coffee and sample some of the many treats available at either Java Joe's or the Taste of Heaven Bakery.

Books, DVDs, Games and Puzzles

We have a large selection of books, DVDs, games and puzzles available at the book sale. Stop in and pick up a book or movie to enjoy with your baked goods and hot Java Joe's coffee on a cold winter's day!

Lunch on Saturday

Visit the cafeteria and enjoy a cup of **delicious wild rice soup**, or this year's new deli sandwich

featuring ham, salami, Havarti cheese, lettuce, tomato, and a seasoned mustard served on homemade Italian bread! We also have cookies, coffee, hot apple cider, or pop. Take a break from shopping and enjoy lunch! And for those who can't stop for lunch, take home a container of wild rice soup or chili for the family.



Breakfast on Sunday Morning

Back by popular demand, we will be serving a **hash brown breakfast** on Sunday morning from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM.



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PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"I myself am the Living Bread come down from heaven."

—John 6:35



Adorers are needed for these times:

Sunday: 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 2 PM **Thursday:** 1 PM, 6 PM
Tuesday: 2 PM, 4 PM, 7 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM **Friday:** 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM
Wednesday: 1 PM, 3 PM **Saturday:** 4 AM, 7 AM, 11 AM, 3 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM

Please call JoAnne Newman at 763-420-4089 to sign up or to be a sub.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 29, 2015:

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/
 1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/
 Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/
 Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/
 Lk 3:1-6



MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOV. 30— DEC. 6, 2015

Monday	8:00 AM	† Bill Brombach
Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Mary Gammelgaard
Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Geraldine Gill
Thursday	8:00 AM	† Fr. Kevin Patrick C.S.R.
Friday	8:00 AM	† Lenore Willert
Saturday	5:00 PM	† Lenore Willert
Sunday	7:30 AM	† Bill Soiya
	9:00 AM	† Sgt. Nicholas Turcotte
	11:00 AM	Parishioners

BAPTISMS:

1st and 3rd
 Sundays at 12:30 PM. Pre-Baptism Class is required. Call the Parish office to register. It is recommended that you attend the class before the birth of your child.

MATRIMONY:

Arrangements should be made one year in advance.



Call the parish office for more information at 763-425-2210.



LITURGICAL ROLES

SATURDAY, DEC. 5 & SUNDAY, DEC. 6

5:00 pm Fr. Michael Barsness
 7:30 am Fr. Paul Treacy
 9:00 am Fr. Paul Treacy
 11:00 am Fr. Michael Barsness

PRESIDERS

5:00 pm Resound
 7:30 am Krista Cassidy
 9:00 am Devotion
 11:00 am Exaltation

MUSICIANS

5:00 pm Peter Gartner, Patrick Newman, Adam Schaust
 7:30 am Dmitri Shpak, Drew Blake, Matthew Mroska
 9:00 am Anna Rose Becicka, Ryan Anderson, Amber McGee
 11:00 am Anja Thornton, Payton Morris, Nathan Ward

SERVERS

5:00 pm Abbey Holscher & Tom Heltemes
 7:30 am Dale Van Vreede & Barb Pierce
 9:00 am Lana Jones & Lee Halbur
 11:00 am Kevin Landman & Pat Gleason

LECTORS

5:00 pm Judy Carman, Jay & Kathy Frazer, Jennifer Holscher, Dawn Lewandowski, Russ & Mary Nelson, Jennifer Newman
 7:30 am Donna Anderson, Jan Bierschbach, Tom Hanson, Larry & Gloria Krynski, Tom McMullen
 9:00 am Todd & Carol Conrad, Sara Mumma, Erika Novak, Nikolaus Rem, Kristi Rinehart, Brad Rosch, Kim Seibert
 11:00 am Mary Jo Gagner, JoAnn Lawinger, Jim Miller, Cindy Pikovsky, Judy Randall, Margaret Schauer, Jinessa Tietz, Laura Zaldivar

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm Ursula Godin
 7:30 am Janet Ardolf
 9:00 am Bill Souvignier
 11:00 am Carol Gottschalk

WELCOME CENTER

5:00 pm Mary & Russ Nelson
 7:30 am Donna Anderson & Donna Crimmins
 9:00 am Laura Perri & Bernie Souvignier
 11:00 am David Morris

GIFT SHOP



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FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

SVDP volunteers at FMSC twice monthly. We pack the fourth Tuesday of every month from 9:30 to 11:30 AM and the third Friday of every month from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Come join our teams, meet new friends, have a good time and feel good about your volunteer efforts. FMSC is located at 401

93rd Ave NW, Coon Rapids just off of 610 on the other side of the Mississippi River. We pack highly nutritional meals for the hungry children of the world. Contact Duane Crossland at 763-441-8683 or at dcros1@aol.com. We always need new volunteers!
www.fmsc.org

COMPUTER USERS—REGISTER YOUR E-MAIL

If you prefer e-mail and would like to help the parish save postage costs, go to www.saintvdp.org to sign up to receive electronic communications from our Parish and our School (instructions on the Home Page). You will receive a weekly e-mail update, such as the one pictured here.

Rest assured that we respect your privacy and have taken precautions to avoid spamming; your addresses will not be sold or displayed for any purposes other than St. Vincent Parish and/or School communications.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
 CATHOLIC CHURCH
 The Week of June 7, 2015

"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion." St. Maximilian Kolbe

This Sunday's bulletin has been posted on our website. You can view the current bulletin and issues from the past several weeks on our Church website.

Be Strong in Your Love

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

"While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take this; this is my body.' Celebrating the Eucharist, he was nothing new for the disciples. They shared bread and wine with their families and friends at this special meal every year as a part of their Jewish heritage. But when they were making preparations for this particular sacred supper, they did not know how different this meal was going to be.

On this night, Jesus changed the formula. Instead of having only the ancient words of the Passover prayers that his followers probably knew by heart, they heard these new, unexpected, and, frankly, quite dramatic words: 'This is my body... This is my blood.' Nobody had ever made such an unusual claim before. But this was more than a statement. It was a command. Not only did Jesus enlighten his disciples about the miracle taking place as the bread and wine became his body and blood, but he also ordered them to 'take it.' Being passive observers was not enough. Jesus wanted his followers to be personally involved in accepting and receiving his body and blood.

The gift of the Eucharist that Jesus instituted for all believers at that Last Supper is not just a sign or a symbol of Jesus' sacrifice. It is something that we are called to participate in. He has given us the instruction to take the eucharistic bread—his body hidden within it and to make it part of ourselves. Through this great sacrament, which we celebrate on today's Feast of Corpus Christi, we are able to be united, in a deeply mystical yet truly physical way, to our Lord and Savior.

This unique liturgy about the greatest gift in today's Mass from John Gossel.

"Whoever eats this bread will live forever."

Baptisms & Beyond Drop-Off
 June 6, 7, & 8
 Drop off your items for our annual rummage sale that is June 11-13. Find out more at saintvdp.org.

Baptisms & Beyond
 Running: Sale
 June 11 & 12: 8:00-6:00
 June 13: 8:00-1:00

Online Giving
 Take something off of your list this summer and www.saintvdp.org for Online Giving!

Vacation Bible School
 June 15-19
 Find out more at saintvdp.org.

SVDP Hits the Road
 Find out more at saintvdp.org.



PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Evan Steeves, Jim Holm, Diane Christiansen, Madonna Ruone, Betty Rumrey, Rich Grugal, Ed Kauffmann, Steve Kane, Alfred Smith, Sylvia Ditter, Cole McDonough, Bob Burks, Darlene Loeffler, Darlene Gross, Danny Kroll, and Rita Goth.

To submit prayers or become a member of the Prayer Line, go to saintvdp.org, click on "Be Involved", click on "Pray", then choose "Prayer Line" from the menu on the left.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ROSARY

Join fellow parishioners for the Rosary each morning in the Chapel at 7:30 AM. We will pray for a special intention specific to the dignity of life every first Friday.

On Friday, Dec. 4 we will pray for the homebound, aged, and those without families. If you are unable to attend, please remember our intention this month in your prayers.

CROSS FOOD DRIVE

Please, return your bags THIS WEEKEND with non-perishable food for our CROSS food shelf.

Thanks for your generosity!

"For I was hungry and you gave me to eat."

— Matthew 25:37

For more information, contact Okey Anyanwu at 763-762-7417 or via e-mail: okey@saintvdp.org.



May the Lord make you increase and abound in LOVE for ONE ANOTHER and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in HOLINESS before our God and Father at the COMING of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

I THESSALONIANS 3:12-13

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

EYEGASSES DONATION NEEDED:

If you have a pair of used eyeglasses to donate, please bring them to church. Place them in the box provided in the kiosk located in the Gathering Space in Church. These glasses will be donated to the Lions Club to be given to people in need. Thank you.



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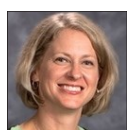
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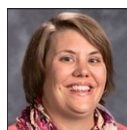
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ADVENT BEGINS THIS WEEKEND

Check out the kiosk in the Gathering Space for some materials for children, families and adults to help prepare spiritually for Christmas.

Please only one booklet/household. Free--compliments of your Faith Formation department.



PRE-BAPTISM SESSION

Baptisms for infants and young children under the age of seven are on the first and third Sundays of each month at 12:30 PM. Parents are always encouraged to attend the Pre-Baptism Session, which is required if it has been five years or longer since last attended. The Pre-Baptism Session is usually held on the first Tuesday of every month from 7-8:30 PM, in the East Meeting Room. **Our next session is on Tuesday, Dec. 1.**

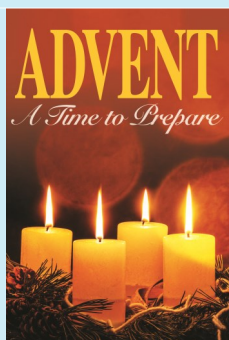


Registration is required for this session at the Parish Office (763-425-2210) and babysitting is not available. It is recommended that you attend the session before the birth of your child. Keep in mind that godparents must be practicing Catholics who are confirmed, one male and one female, and at least sixteen years of age.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

- **Adult/Teen:**
How can we prepare for the coming of the Lord Jesus?
 - **Child:**
Name some special days and events that you are waiting for.
- Please take some time today to discuss these questions or reflect on them in private prayer.

—From Lectionary Link by Harcourt Publishers



WHY THE RCIA DISMISSALS?

Starting on Nov. 22 and continuing until Easter, those adults seeking Baptism or full communion with the Catholic Church by participating in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will be leaving Mass after the homily.



Until the end of Mass, they spend time together in prayer, reflection and discussion of the Bible readings just proclaimed, as well as the homily, with the help of one of four facilitators. The dismissal, which is a practice of the early Church, is a wonderful time of preparation and anticipation for being received into full communion with The Catholic Church.

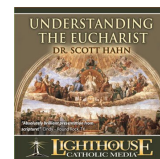
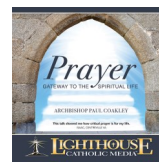
Congratulations, RCIA catechumens and candidates, on your commitment and your journey toward Easter.

NEW CD'S IN THE GATHERING SPACE DISPLAY BY THE WELCOME DESK

Still only \$3 each!

Some of the new titles include:

- **Living by Design, Not by Default: Using Technology as a Christian**
- **Prayer: Gateway to the Spiritual Life**
- **Understanding the Eucharist**



"LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE"

Open Window Theatre is a professional non-profit theatre in Minneapolis near the Basilica with a Catholic vision in the arts. Their next production is *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*, from Dec. 4-30. In this full-length dramatization, award winning playwright Joseph Robinette, faithfully recreates the wonderful world of C.S. Lewis' Narnia. Here is the heroic tale of love, faith, courage and giving; the life and death struggle for control of Narnia and the grandeur of the triumph of good over evil which has captivated audiences of all ages. After the show children can meet Father Christmas and receive a small gift. For tickets call 612-615-1515 or email boxoffice@openwindowtheatre.org.

ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS NOW AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

Our final Scrip order dates before Christmas are **THURSDAY, Dec. 3 and Friday, Dec. 11**. Please place your order online and make payment via Presto Pay or send a check to the School Office prior to the 9 AM deadline. However, you don't have to wait this long to start shopping! Sign up for Presto Pay and you can order Reloads or ScripNow! at ANY time! Check out www.shopwithscrip.com or contact us at scrip@saintvdp.org for information. A current Participation Agreement MUST BE ON FILE prior to your order submission. If you have not already done so, the agreement can be found at www.school.saintvdp.org/scrip-gift-cards.



SCHOOL NEWS

TOASTY TOES

NEW SOCKS ARE NEEDED FOR THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY'S

We are collecting new socks for The Basilica of St. Mary's Shoe Ministry, and our donations are down. Please get into the holiday spirit by giving new socks to people in need.

- Kindergarten through 5 grade students:
please bring men's socks
- 5th - 8th grade students:
please bring women's & children's socks



Please bring your donations to school by Friday, Dec. 11.

GREAT AMERICAN MAGAZINE DRIVE

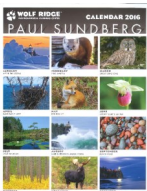
Our magazine drive is still underway. This sale allows us to do some extra things at our school. Participating online is by far the easiest and most efficient way to help. Go to www.gaschoolstore.com and enter **2639292** as our school code. Thank you for your support!!

2016-2017 ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS

We are currently accepting admission applications for kindergarteners for the 2016-2017 school year. There are openings in **several** other grades as well. Our school offers a nationally accredited K-8 program. Call the school office at 763-425-3970 for more information or to schedule a school tour.

WOLF RIDGE 2016—PLEASE HELP OUT OUR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS!

Our 8th grade class will be taking a spring field trip to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center. They are selling calendars as a way to fundraise and defer some of the costs of the trip. Please consider buying a calendar to help raise needed funds! For \$20.00 you receive a beautiful 2016 calendar, with photos taken by a local North Shore photographer. \$16.50 of the cost returns to SVDP to help with the field trip cost! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please make out a check to SVDP for \$20, and bring to school office. Buy as many as you wish—they make excellent Christmas gifts!!



ANNUAL FAMILY BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DEC. 12
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Ho! Ho! Ho! Come join us for a fun filled morning! Enjoy a yummy breakfast with Santa, Mrs. Claus and some of their favorite friends. It is a very special time to visit with Santa and share your Christmas wishes! The Elves would love for you to visit their gift shop for mom, dad, and grandparents. We are sure their prices will fit within your budgets and they will even help you wrap your presents! The cafeteria will be filled with many fun crafts! The North Pole mailbox will be on display so children can write their Christmas lists to Santa!

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children (3 and under are free). Purchase your tickets in the School Office or after Mass the weekends of Nov. 21-22, Nov. 28-29 and Dec. 5-6. Questions: Contact Sharon Huth at sahuth@embarqmail.com.

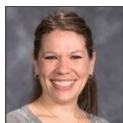
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

We are in need of adult volunteers and students in grades 5-8 who want to participate as Elves (Santa's helpers). If you have an interest in sharing your time and talents, please email Kari-Shane Davis Zimmerman at kdavis@csbsju.edu.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENT AND ALUMNI

Congratulations to former SVDP student **Bennett Fauteck** who was named MVP on the Osseo B Soccer Team. Congratulations also to former SVDP Royal **Eoin Keran** who was recently named Rookie of the year for the Champlin Park High School Cross Country Team.!!

Congratulations a to SVDP 5th grade student **Rachel Miller** for passing the MMTA Level 1 Piano Exams with a rating of "High Distinction". Students who participate in exams must demonstrate various keyboard, sight playing, and theory skills before a judge along with performing memorized repertoire. Rachel, your hard work paid off. We're proud of you!

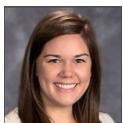


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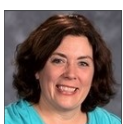


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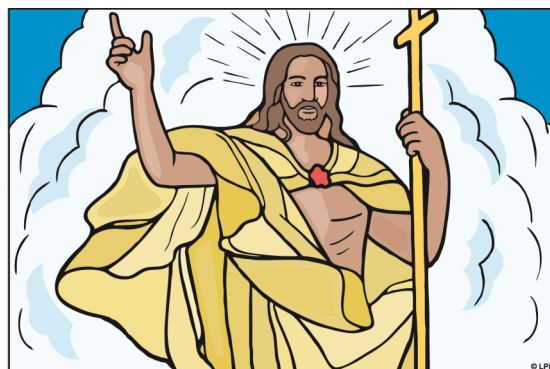
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The parish children's choir invites any kids in **grades 1-6** to join us for weekly rehearsals and once/month Mass. No music experience is required, just a love of singing!

Rehearsals are held in the West Meeting Room on Sundays from 10:00–10:45 am. Bring a friend or two - this informal, fun choir is a great way for kids to participate in Mass!

FREEDOM YOUTH CHOIR

Teens in **grades 7-12** are invited, welcomed, ENCOURAGED, to join the Freedom choir which rehearses Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:15 PM. We sing one Mass each month. No previous choir experience is required.



“People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” — Lk 21:26-28

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YOUTH MINISTRY



Youth Ministry responds to the needs of young people and provides opportunities to foster their relationship with God. Through worship, service, social, and learning experiences, Youth Ministry allows the young person to become an active member in the Catholic Church!

EDGE: Edge is for students who are currently in 7th and 8th grade and meets on Wednesdays in the East Meeting room from 5:00-6:00 PM.

Join us for games, speakers, gym nights, friends, and pizza (bring \$3.00 each time for dinner or bring \$30.00 to pre-pay for the semester).

LIFE Nights: Life Nights are for students who are currently in grades 9-12. We meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 PM (*note new time from other years) in the East Meeting Room. Join us for social time, games, activities, food, speakers, music, small group, and more!

If you are interested in being an adult leader for EDGE or LIFE Night, please contact Kelly Hayes.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

One of the best feelings you can experience this holiday season is knowing you helped someone else have a wonderful Christmas because of your generosity. Welcome to St. Vincent's 'GIVING TREE' program, which is celebrating its 25th year!



Families who need help with Christmas this year have a doll placed on the trees....

- If you take a doll off the GIVING TREE, please bring a gift back with the doll taped firmly to the wrapped present. PLEASE INCLUDE GIFT RECEIPTS!!!!
- Bring the wrapped present back to St. Vincent's and place it under the GIVING TREE by **Sunday, December 6 at NOON.**
- **Please buy the suggested gift or as close to it as possible!**
- If for some reason you are not able to get the present listed, **PLEASE** return the doll to the church and hang it back on the GIVING TREE.

If you do not care to go shopping, we will be glad to do the shopping for you! Just put your donation in an envelope marked, 'The GIVING TREE', and we will do the footwork for you.

ALL PRESENTS must be brought back to the church and put under the GIVING TREE **before Sunday, December 6 at NOON.** We start to deliver the gifts at that time. If you are unable to bring them back, or have any questions, please call Laura & Matt Kenney at 763-226-3253.

**Thank you so much for your support.
Have a great holiday season!**

ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

We are currently finalizing the Liturgical Schedule for the Masses from Dec. 1 through Feb. 29, 2016.

We are communicating updates via group e-mails. If you have not been receiving our messages, please contact Nikelle Morris immediately to update your information in our database at: ministrypreferences@saintvdp.org



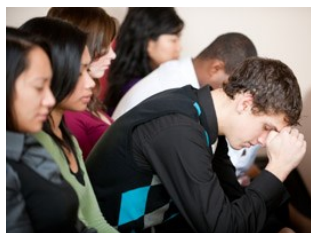
I Feel Good When
I Thank God!

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

Here are a few of the "offerings" from the children's envelopes received last Sunday:

- ✚ Nolan—I shared a donut with my brother Ben
- ✚ Harper—asking my little sister to play with me
- ✚ Mario—being nice to mommy
- ✚ Mia—I helped my teacher hold a book during story time with toddlers
- ✚ Zach—help dad rake leaves
- ✚ Hailey—dog sat
- ✚ Tyler—I donated food to our school food drive
- ✚ Sarah—I played with a new friend at recess

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IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE AT:
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CONTRIBUTE TO A TEEN'S CONFIRMATION EXPERIENCE!

Each year Level 10 Confirmation Students have the opportunity to attend an overnight weekend retreat.

While on the retreat, students hear talks from dynamic speakers, participate in the sacraments, play games, grow closer to their groups, pray, and have an impactful experience.

This year we have an increase in families that are in need of partial or full scholarships for our Confirmation Retreat. These retreats are a wonderful, life changing experience for St. Vincent de Paul Confirmation students. If you would like contribute financially to help make it possible for a student to attend, please consider donating to provide a partial or full scholarship for an individual student.

\$60.00 (partial scholarship)

\$120.00 (full scholarship)

Checks can be made out to St. Vincent de Paul and turned in to the Parish Office (Attn: Kelly Hayes).

We thank you for your prayer and financial support.



**THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIFT SHOP IS OPEN
BEFORE AND AFTER EACH MASS**

***Our Advent and Christmas items are
stocked! Please come in and take a look!***

Advent Calendars, candles,
Advent wreaths, and much more.

***We have great
stocking stuffers, too!***



***"Let the little
children come
to me."***

—Matthew 19:14

We want to welcome all families with young children to our parish, and make sure you are aware of opportunities for your family.

The Children's Chapel

This small room in the back of Church is a great place to be with your family and feel a part of the larger Church. The glass and sound system allows you to fully participate while giving a bit of space for them to be kids. There are also books to help keep them entertained.

Nursery

During the 9 AM Mass, the nursery (Community Room) will be open for all young children (6 months to 5 years). We will be following the same schedule as our Sunday school program, the Mini Vinnies (the schedule for this can be found at www.saintvdp.org/sunday-school).

Community Room

During the other Mass times (5 PM on Saturday, and 7:30 AM and 11 AM on Sunday) the Community Room will be open. This space is available to you for your children should they need a break from the large Church space or the Children's Chapel. We have added sound so that you will be able to hear the Mass as your child has a chance to stretch their legs, play with the toys that are there, and be able to move about as they need.



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MEMBERSHIP

We welcome you to our parish family! If you are interested in learning more about our church, or would like to join, please stop in at the parish office to register. You may also register at the Welcome Center before or after Mass or online at www.saintvdp.org. All adults, age 18 and older, should be registered.



**THE BULLETIN DEADLINE IS ON
ON MONDAY AT NOON.**

HELP US UPDATE OUR RECORDS

If you have moved, changed your phone number, name, or have a new e-mail address, please call the parish office at 763-425-2210 or send us an email at churchinfo@svdvp.org to inform us so that we can update our records. This also helps the church save money on postage. Thank you!



NOVEMBER 22, 2015 (WEEK 21)

	Current	Year-to-Date
Sunday Collection	\$19,965.75	\$732,851.76
Automatic Withdrawal & Online Giving	\$7,490.40	
Children/Youth	\$68.72	\$704.11
Total Support	\$27,524.87	\$733,555.87
Major Repair & Replacement Fund—Collection	\$262.00	
Automatic Withdrawal & Online Giving	\$195.00	
Total Support for Major Fund Repair	\$457.00	\$16,954.50

Thank you for your generous support!

FACILITIES CALENDAR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:30 am Rediscover Book Study/W Mtg Rm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:00 pm Elementary Faith Form. Classes/Education Ctr
 6:00 pm Elementary Family Faith Night/Regan Hall
 6:30 pm KC Rosary/Cry Room
 7:00 pm Pre-Baptism Class/Community Room
 7:00 pm KC Meeting/W Mtg Rm
 8:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary Back

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

5:00 pm Elementary Faith Form. Classes/Education Ctr
 5:00 pm Elementary Family Faith Night/Regan Hall
 5:00 pm Edge Jr. High Youth Group/E Mtg Rm
 6:15 pm Freedom Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
 6:45 pm Elementary Faith Form. Classes/Education Ctr
 6:45 pm Elementary Family Faith Night/Regan Hall
 7:30 pm LIFE Night Sr. High Youth Group/E Mtg Rm
 7:30 pm Devotion Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00 pm RCIA/Community Room
 7:00 pm Singcerely His Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
 7:15 pm Martha's Group/W Mtg Rm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

NO SCHOOL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

3:30 pm Confessions/Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

COFFEE & COMPANY IN REGAN HALL

12:30 am Baptisms/Sanctuary
 5:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Faith Form. Classes/Edu Ctr
 7:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Faith Form. Classes/Edu Ctr

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Must be a practicing Catholic and age 18 or older – these are the only requirements to join. Any man interested in learning more, please call: Bob Clark at 763-424-5509, Robert Moreland at 763-557-0874, or Tom Heltemes at 763-425-2314.

www.saintvdp.org/knights-of-columbus



KC ROSARY:

There is a rosary prayed every Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the Cry Room, led by the Knights of Columbus. Plan to attend whenever you can.