

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

KNOW and celebrate our Catholic Faith,

LOVE God and our neighbor,

SERVE as disciples of Jesus Christ.



WORSHIP

Location

9100 93rd Avenue North
Brooklyn Park, MN, 55445

Masses

See inside (pg. 2) for the
Christmas/Weekend Mass Schedule.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Weekdays: 7:30 AM
Saturday: 3:30-4:15 PM

Or call to schedule an
appointment.

Baptisms:

Call the office at 763-425-2210.

Matrimony:

Call the office at 763-425-2210.

There will
be no
Confessions
offered this
Saturday,
Christmas Day.

CONTACT

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saintvdp.org

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(763) 425-2210

School Office
(763) 425-3970

From Our Pastor

I saw an old Far Side comic strip. It showed a wolf giving flowers to a sheep. The caption said, "Inevitably their affair ended: Howard worried excessively about what the pack would think, and Agnes simply ate the flowers."



It's ridiculous to think that a wolf and a sheep could ever set aside their old ways and live together in love. Yet one of the Christmas prophecies from the prophet Isaiah foretells:

"The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them" (Isaiah 11:6).

I pray for this gift of Christmas for us all. It's not ridiculous to think that we all should be living together in love better. That has been the hardest part

of these past two years — how divisive, skittish, distrustful, and inimical we have been to one another. With a little child, the infant Christ, to lead us, we all can grow to be less sheepish and less wolf-like. Merry Christmas!



The early bulletin deadline for the Jan. 2 edition has passed.

Christmas Day Schedule Notes

There will be no Confessions or 5 PM Mass on Saturday, December 25.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8 AM – 3 PM & Friday: 8 AM – Noon

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 24, and Monday, December 27 for the Christmas holiday and on Friday, December 31 for the New Year's holiday.

We're Hiring—Food Service Manager



We have an immediate opening for a Food Service Manager to direct and manage all of the food service activities including the use of the main kitchen, school cafeteria and Regan Hall. Please contact John Williams for more information at johnwilliams@saintvdp.org.

UPDATE
YOUR CONTACT INFO



Let's Stay in Touch!

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 email us at churchinfo@saintvdp.org

so that we can update our records. This also helps the church save money on postage. Thank you!



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Mass Obligations this Weekend

With December 25 falling on a Saturday this year, Catholics have 2 Mass obligations on Christmas weekend. Please attend 1 Mass on either Christmas Eve or Christmas Morning, and 1 Mass on Sunday, Dec. 26.

Come let us Adore HIM

Christmas Eve, December 24
4:00 PM (2nd Mass in Regan Hall), 6:00 PM, 10:00 PM
The Christmas Eve Mass will be recorded and posted online Friday evening through Noon on Christmas Day.

Christmas Day, December 25
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM (no 5:00 PM Saturday evening Mass)

Sunday, December 26 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM
The 7:30 AM Mass will be recorded and posted mid-morning. It will remain posted until 8:00 AM on Monday, December 27th.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Friday, December 31 at 5:00 PM & Saturday, January 1 at 9:00 AM

Feast of the Epiphany BRING BABY ITEMS TO DONATE
Saturday, January 1: 5:00 PM
Sunday, January 2: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

All Masses will be radio broadcast into the parking lot on 91.7 FM.

Holy Day this Coming Week

Masses on Friday, Dec. 31 at 5 PM & Saturday, Jan. 1 at 9 AM



The feast days of Mary mark the mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. On the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we take a moment as we start our new year to honor our Blessed Mother, who in her

"yes" to God brought our Savior into the world to redeem us.

Since this Holy Day falls on a Saturday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Come
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HIM



What a great gift we have received... Jesus coming to earth to live with us.

Emmanuel—"God with us"!

He became poor by leaving the glory of heaven to come down as a little baby so that he could give us the best gift ever. The gift of himself! He wanted to remain with us on earth so he left us his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist. He is **really present** there and waiting for each one of us to come to him so that he can shower that love and grace on us.

How can we show our appreciation for so great a gift? We do this by returning his love and desiring to be with him. The best way to do this is to spend time with him in adoration. For me, what may have started out to be a weak commitment has changed to become an hour that I absolutely do not want to miss.

The Lord has shown me over and over again his unconditional love. He wants me to be honest, to surrender my problems to him, and let him fill my heart with peace. He is helping my faith to grow and to trust in him.

I like to think of the church as a hospital for sinners and the Adoration Chapel as the intensive care unit. He can heal my wounds and bring me to spiritual health. He shows me his unconditional love and mercy each week.

I thank God that he did not let me remain orphaned but stayed on earth in the form of the Eucharist to be my Savior, restorer, and friend. This gratitude is the best response for so great a gift.

For some of you there may be various reasons that are holding you back from making this commitment of spending an hour each week with him. One reason could be that you already have so many commitments and are stressed out so you think you can't find the time. I invite you to prioritize your life as you make your New Year's resolutions. We are on a quest for heaven—"In everything you do, put God first..." Prov. 3:6.

Know that this hour will be the best hour of your week and it will help you fulfill all your other obligations in peace. The adoration chapel is open 24/7 so you should be able to find an hour that will work for you. Also know that most hours have a prayer partner that can cover for you in the event of your needing to miss an occasional time. We also have subs for this purpose.

Another reason may be feelings of unworthiness. Even if you feel that way Christ feels even more compassion for you. He wants to show you his love and forgiveness. You will bring him great joy by humbling yourself and coming to him in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

You may have other questions that you would like answers to before you commit to an hour. I would be glad to talk with you and help in any way I can.

I invite you to come see for yourself the blessings the Lord has in store for you and to show your love and appreciation for his great gift to you!! To sign up for an hour you can login to saintvdp.org/perpetual-adoration or call me, Joanne Newman at 763-420-4089. Blessings of peace in 2022!!!



Mass Intentions for Dec. 27—Jan. 2

Monday	8:00 AM	Linda Zahler
Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Ginny Dwyer
Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Chris Bruno
Thursday	8:00 AM	† Danny Bonham
Friday	8:00 AM	† Harold Jesh
Friday	5:00 PM	<i>(Holy Day Vigil)</i> † Bette Wills
Saturday	9:00 AM	<i>(Holy Day)</i> Parishioners
	5:00 PM	<i>(Sunday Vigil)</i> Parishioners
Sunday	7:30 AM	† Arnold & Myrtle Trombley
<i>(Epiphany)</i>	9:00 AM	† Barb Gaulke
	11:00 AM	Tyler Corwin

Pre-Baptism Class



**Tuesday, Jan. 4 from
7-8:30 PM in the Community Rm**

Registration is required (call the office) and babysitting is not available. We recommend attending before the birth of your child. Both parents are required to attend. Parents are encouraged to attend for each child and are required to attend if it has been 5 years or longer since attending. *Note: Godparents must be practicing Catholics who are confirmed, one male and one female, and at least 16 years of age.*

Readings for this Week

Friday:	<i>Morning:</i> 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Saturday:	<i>Vigil:</i> Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 <i>Night:</i> Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 <i>Dawn:</i> Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 <i>Day:</i> Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

ADULT ACTIVITIES

RAMSEY+



FINANCIAL PEACE
University

MONDAY EVENING SESSIONS
6:30 – 8:00 pm

West Meeting Room in the Church

STARTS ON January 10, 2022 → **ENDS ON** March 7, 2022

Registration:
<https://www.fpu.com/1144097>

Cost is based on the Ramsey Plus household membership and can vary from \$59.99 to \$129.99 depending on the length of membership you select. Questions? Call Norm Olafson at 763-762-7411.

Dave Ramsey's
Financial Peace
UNIVERSITY

Knights of Columbus Membership



Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism are the basic principles of the Knights of Columbus. If you sign up before December 31, 2021, the first year dues are FREE. 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. New members are always welcome! Find more information at kc9139.mknights.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



**Upcoming weekends are
Feb. 11-13, 2022 and May 6-8,
2022, both in Buffalo, MN.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend and learn the tools needed to keep your marriage strong. The emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. It's not a retreat, nor a marriage clinic, nor group sensitivity. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian marriage, and a time for you and your spouse rediscover each other and together focus on your relationship. For more information, call Brent & Tracy Chessen at 612-756-8720 or visit twincitieswwme.org.

FAMILY & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Thank you for attending the Christmas Bazaar!



It was wonderful to see everyone again, to talk to you and laugh with you.

The CCW Christmas Bazaar Committee would like to thank our volunteers who spent hours making the Bazaar possible for all of us. We would like to thank the kitchen staff, who led us through all the tasks to make sure the Slice of Heaven Bakery was fully stocked, and our delicious lunch was served on Saturday.



The music makes our Bazaar special, and we would like to thank the musicians who lifted our spirits with the sounds of Christmas. The talent of our many crafters is outstanding and we would like to thank them for bringing such a variety of items to St. Vincent's.



We would also like to thank the office staff who helped us in many ways to make the Bazaar successful.

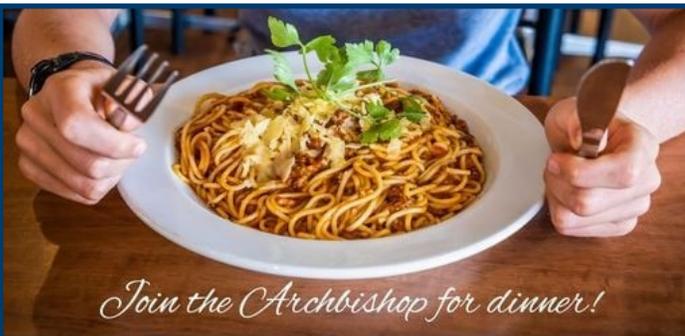
If you love the Bazaar, join us on the CCW Christmas Bazaar Committee! It's a great way to meet new people and form friendships with the women in the parish.



Free and Family-Friendly Media



Entertaining movies, enlightening programs, inspiring talks, and a great selection of popular eBooks—all just a click away! It's EASY and FREE to Register! Visit formed.org and click the "Sign Up" button, then select "Sign up as a Parishioner". Type in our parish name and select our location from the list, and then create an account by typing in your name and email address.



Join the Archbishop for dinner!

Operation Andrew Dinner

Operation Andrew Dinner

January 17 from 6- 8 PM

St. Joseph Hall - Archdiocesan Catholic Center at 777 Forest Street in St. Paul

RSVP is required before January 14.

Complete the online form at www.10000vocations.org/operation-andrew-dinner.html.

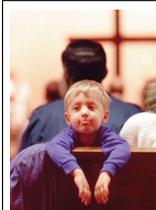


Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and Father David Blume, Director of Vocations, invite men ages 16 and older, who are discerning the priesthood, to come for

dinner and conversation that will include vocations testimonies on Priesthood and Religious life.



To the Parents of our Youngest Parishioners:



God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.



Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar.

Quietly explain the parts of the liturgy and actions of the priests, deacons, altar servers, choir, etc.



Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. The presence of children is a gift to the church, and they remind us that our church is growing.



During those times when they just need to move their legs, the Community Room is available with a monitor streaming the Mass. This allows you to continue to participate in the Mass while giving your child some room to move.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration



To sign up or to be a sub, login to saintvdp.org/perpetual-adoration, or call JoAnne Newman at 763-420-4089.

Sunday: 1 AM, Noon, 8 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM
 Monday: 6 AM, 8 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, Noon, 4 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM
 Tuesday: 6 AM, 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 PM
 Wednesday: 11 AM, 3 PM, 7 PM, 10 PM
 Thursday: 11 AM, 6 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM
 Friday: 6 AM, 7 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 8 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM
 Saturday: 10 AM, 11 AM, Noon, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM

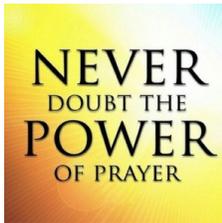
Please note these urgent hours to fill:

Sunday at 1 AM:
 Saturday at 3 PM



Parish Prayer Line

Prayer is the cornerstone of our faith. It is our communication with our Lord and God. We have several avenues for parishioners to use to be supported in prayer and to pray for the needs of others.



Chapel List - There is a book in the Chapel for individuals to write down prayer concerns. People visiting the Chapel on their own, or as part of Perpetual Adoration, are encouraged to pray for those petitions entered in the book.

Petitions - If you are experiencing a serious medical problem, you may call the parish office and request to be included in the prayers. The request should be received by Noon on Friday to be considered for that weekend's Masses.

Parish Sick List - If you have a serious or potentially life-threatening illness, you may call the parish office and ask that your name be placed on the Parish Sick List that is included in the bulletin. Your name will remain on the list for 4 weeks. If you wish, you may extend that time by calling the office at the end of 4 weeks. This list is limited to parishioners.

Prayer Request Line Ministry - We have many parishioners involved in the Prayer Request Line Ministry. Prayers may be for anyone, or any needs. Only first names will be used, except when someone has died. You don't need to include a name with a prayer—you can simply list a person as a friend, relative, or by the need/situation. However, to respect others' privacy when requesting a prayer for someone else, please ask their permission first, especially if you are going to use their name. Health problems, relationships, family conflict, safe travel, marriage, comfort for the dying, emotional support, housing, legal issues and spiritual guidance are some of the needs that we pray for.

- Email your prayer requests to prayerrequests@saintvdp.org or call the parish prayer request line at 763-762-7400.
- To become a member of the **Prayer Line Team**, go to saintvdp.org, click on the blue button called "Prayer Request", and then fill out the online form on the resulting page.

Prayer Request

Prayer requests are passed on to the Prayer Line Team by e-mail or telephone.

When you receive your list of prayer requests, you pray as it fits into your day. Please keep prayer requests confidential.

Our Gifts of Gratitude



For this Fiscal Year (FY) Ending June 30, 2022
 - showing the month of November 2021
 and the Fiscal Year Period July 1–November 30
Sunday and Holy Day Contributions

OFFERTORY	Budget	Current Year	Prior Year	Prior Year
	FY 2022	ACTUAL FY 2022	ACTUAL FY 2021	vs. This Year ACTUAL
November 2021				
Week #1		\$20,836	\$19,764	\$1,072
Week #2		\$18,887	\$20,691	(\$1,804)
Week #3		\$20,277	\$13,343	\$6,934
Week #4		\$36,668	\$23,939	\$12,729
Holy Days		\$1,037	\$3,131	(\$2,094)
Online/ACHE/CC		\$73,458	\$57,804	\$15,654
November Total	\$178,359	\$171,163	\$158,230	\$12,932
July 1 - November 30	\$813,784	\$883,041	\$757,111	
Vs. Budget / Prior Yr	\$69,257	< * >	\$125,929	
Special Collections in November				
Zanewood		\$6,997		
Zanewood—Donations for Food		\$8,679		
Total:		\$15,676		

Find a Mass—Wherever you Roam!

MassTimes.org makes it easy to search for a Mass when you travel. They provide worship times, church locations, contact information, website links, and maps. The site includes many international locations. This is a FREE ministry.

Don't sell your vehicle... Donate it!



Donate it to the Osseo/Maple Grove Knights of Columbus. We will provide a tax deductible receipt.



We are looking for cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Call Paul Greninger at 763-425-7316.

Secure Drop Box at the Parish



If you need to use our secure drop box at the parish, you can find it to the left of the front doors of our Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support of our parish and its ministries!

Gift Shop Schedule for Jan. 1 & 2

5:00 PM Joy R. & 1 Volunteer Needed
 7:30 AM Virginia T. & Joni M.
 9:00 AM Kathleen P. & Samara T.
 11:00 AM Shirley M. & Cindy P.