

From Our Pastor



Never mind the groundhog. On February 2, we as Catholics celebrate something far more meaningful. It is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the

Temple. It is also designated as a Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life – during which we pray for those consecrated to God by vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Too often, when people pray for an increase of vocations in the Church, they are thinking, “Especially for more priests!” Priests are without question necessary, but we must never overlook the tremendous impact religious sisters have had on our world. The two saints who have been most influential to my spiritual life have been St. Teresa of Ávila and St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

It can be argued that, in the last century, Sister Lucia of Fatima turned back tyranny by inspiring the world to pray for the conversion of Russia. St. Teresa of Calcutta demonstrated to the world what it means to be Catholic. Mother Angelica founded EWTN which became a voice for the faith worldwide.

An ad recruiting women to join the Sisters of the Presentation states, “We offer you no salary; no recompense; no holiday; no pension, but much hard work; a poor dwelling; few consolations; many disappointments; frequent sickness; a violent or lonely death.” Still, many women answer this call and come to know the deepest joy that Jesus offers.

Daughter of St. Paul, Sister Theresa Aletheia Noble, once wrote, “One thing you need to know about nuns is that most of us look way younger than our age. People have been searching for the fountain of youth since the beginning of time, and it’s been right under our noses.”

Spend some time with any religious sister, past or present, and you will beg God for more. Let prayers for vocations to the consecrated life be habit forming. Then, no matter what the groundhog says, we can have a glorious new springtime in our faith.



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.

CONTACT

Online: saintvdp.org

E-Mail: General: churchinfo@saintvdp.org

Prayer Line: prayerrequests@saintvdp.org

Parish Office: (763) 425-2210

School Office: (763) 425-3970

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Weekdays: 7:30 AM &

Saturdays: 3:30-4:15 PM or call to schedule an appointment.

Baptisms: Please call the office at 763-425-2210.

Matrimony: Please call the office at 763-425-2210.

WORSHIP

Location

9100 93rd Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN, 55445

Masses

Monday-Friday at 8 AM

Saturday at 5 PM

Sunday at 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM

Discover
THE ONE THING
Necessary

THISWEEK

An Inspiring Talk
A Prayerful Encounter
A Practical Challenge

This event
will be held in
the main Church.

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**“There is need of
only ONE thing.”**

Luke 10:41-42

Date: Wed, February 1st

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

Location: St. Vincent de Paul

Coffee & Company This Sunday



We will be hosting Coffee & Company gatherings of parishioners after all Sunday Masses on Jan. 29. Please join us in Regan Hall after Mass for good company and light refreshments.

SVDP Ladies' Event with Bunco

This Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 7 PM in Regan Hall



All ladies of the parish are welcome for an evening of fellowship, fun, snacks, and beverages! Please RSVP on our parish website (not required but helpful for planning).

Catholic Schools Week Reflection



There are about 6,000 Catholic schools in the United States with just over 1.6 million students enrolled. Thank you for being one in a million and believing in Catholic school education, whether you are a school parent or a parishioner. The children at St. Vincent de Paul are brought up in partnership with their parents to be living disciples. Our parish and school children are not meant to be like the rest of the world, influenced by society. They are meant instead to influence society with their faith, values, and love for God. Our school is thriving with teacher retention, parent and community involvement, academic achievement, enrollment, and above all, knowledge of truth. Our guiding theme this year is "Let love be sincere" and we celebrate this by loving truly and being sincere in our words and actions. Catholic Schools Week is a terrific time to pause and give thanks to God for the gift of Catholic education through our prayers. Please continue to pray for the efforts and success of our beloved Catholic school, and we will pray for you, our beloved parishioners.

Thank you for all the ways you support us.

In Christ who strengthens us,
Maggie Dawson, Principal of SVDP Catholic School

Ladies Card-Making Event



Monday, Feb. 6 from 9:30-11:30 AM in the Community Rm

Please join us for a "Trifecta" of 3 good things: Daily Mass, monthly Coffee Social, and a card making session! We are making cards for our special friends at our local Care Centers! We have cards in mind and hoping to make 25 cards. Hope to see you then! Questions? Call Joyce at 763-420-5745 or Shirley at 763-420-7759.

Variety Show Tickets on Sale

Saturday, Feb. 11 starting at 6 PM, come out for a night of delicious food (*pasta buffet*) and varied entertainment provided by your fellow parishioners. Tickets are only \$25 each for this one-of-a-kind evening out! Buy tickets online now at saintvdp.org/variety-show.



Please pray for the souls of...

† Agnes Davidson † Larry Ostendorf
† Lawrence Bjork

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

2023 Northwest Metro MobilePack

February 22 -25: Register or donate on saintvdp.org. In 6 years this event has packed an AMAZING 7,465,953 meals!! Contact Nichole if you have questions at nicholechang@saintvdp.org.

Readings for this Week

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Mass Intentions for Jan. 30 – Feb. 5

Monday	8:00 AM	† Kathleen Ulrich
Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Nicholas Petroski
Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Arlene & Bonnie Przybilla
Thursday	8:00 AM	Margaret Haller
Friday	8:00 AM	† Rinny Zahler
Saturday	5:00 PM	† Frank & Elaine Killian
Sunday	7:30 AM	† Chuck Katzke
	9:00 AM	Parishioners
	11:00 AM	† Larry Gleason

Our Gifts of Gratitude



For this Fiscal Year (FY) Ending June 30, 2023
- showing December 2022 donations

Sunday and Holy Day Contributions

OFFERTORY

Includes envelopes/plate/electronic giving

	Current Year Budget	Current Year ACTUAL	Prior Year ACTUAL
December Giving	\$268,202	\$281,287	\$316,360
Holy Days	\$4,457	\$8,161	\$3,356
Total Giving for December	\$272,659	\$289,448	\$319,716
<i>Monthly vs. Budget/Prior Year</i>	<i>\$16,789</i>		<i>\$30,268</i>
FY 2023 through December	\$1,137,964	\$1,188,409	\$1,203,557
<i>Monthly vs. Budget/Prior Year</i>	<i>\$50,445</i>		<i>\$15,148</i>

Special Collections in December

Parish Charity Fund \$6,073

Thank you!

The **deadline** for bulletin articles is Monday at Noon

Parish Office Hours

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