From Our Pastor

The Super Bowl is this weekend. Sports are very important to us. We put a lot of heart and soul into them. Yet, as much as we care about sports, it just never feels quite right to pray to God that our team would win.

Hall of Fame quarterback Fran Tarkenton once recounted how the Vikings always used to pray before their games. He wrote, *"The prayer was always pretty much for the same thing: Let there not be any injuries, let everybody play a good game – anything except to win the game. No one ever asked to win the game, probably for fear that God would punish us for asking. After this moment of devotion, the team would all shout in unison, 'Now let's go kill those S.O.B.'s!'"*

It's worthwhile speculating how God might react after a prayer like that.

A Christian research firm once polled Americans and asked, "Does God care who wins the Super Bowl?" Eighty-eight percent of respondents said, "No." Really? I happen to believe that God cares profoundly about everything. Besides, if God doesn't care who wins, why should we? Or maybe God cares more about who loses. Blessed are those who mourn.

Or maybe our prayers are better spent on the performers in the halftime show. In any case, it's always good and praiseworthy to consider what best reflects God's glory and to order our hearts to that. I'm cheering and praying for you – Go Team St. Vincent de Paul!

2nd Collection This Weekend

Our second collection this month will be for our St. Vincent de Paul School "Blessings Fund". This fund helps to provide financial assistance to families at our school.

Please use your designated 2nd Collection Envelope included in your envelope packets or mark your donation as 2nd Collection.

Congratulations to these girls & boys who each won 1st place in their age division in the recent Basketball Free Throw Contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus!

9-Year-Old **Hayley Goese**	9-Year-Old **Rob Skalicky**
10-Year-old **Claire Grismer**	10-Year-old **Sawyer Gould**
11-Year-Old **Teagan Miller**	11-Year-Old **James Zimmerman**
12-Year-Old **Bennett Keir**	12-Year-Old **Nolan Skomsoyvog**
13-Year-Old **Alexis Brands**	13-Year-Old **Landon Paxton**
14-Year-Old **Kendall Umberger**	14-Year-Old **Will Tipton**

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.

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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

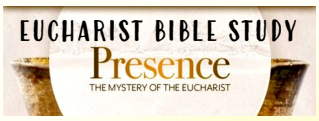
9100 93rd Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN, 55445

Masses

Monday-Friday at 8 AM

Saturday at 5 PM

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



Join us on Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30 PM in Regan Hall on Feb. 26, March 5 and March 12.

Led by Fr. Mike, with guided videos by nationally renowned speakers such as Chris Stefanik, Matt Fradd, Scott Hahn, and Edward Sri, we will explore the Eucharist as the "source and summit" of the Christian life, the crescendo of the entire story of salvation. Register online at saintvdp.org by Noon on Monday, February 20. No homework. No cost ($10 free will offering suggested). Questions? Contact the Parish Office.

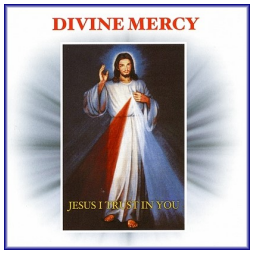
Adoration for Vocations Holy Hour

Tuesday, Feb. 14 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Adoration Chapel at St. Vincent's

This is a Holy Hour where we focus our prayer and time with Christ for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life as well as spiritual support for the existing vocations. Come join us as we "pray to the Lord of the harvest."

CCW News

Please come to our **CCW Meeting on Feb. 21 at 7 PM** in the Community Room. Terri Leeds will be at our meeting to introduce us to St. Faustina and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. She has a special love for this upcoming Lenten Devotion.



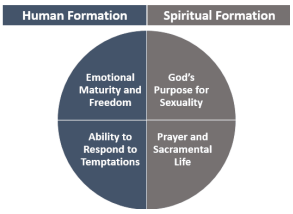
Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM Wednesdays in the Church during Lent (March 1 thru April 6)

Please call Terri Leeds at 763-370-3777 with questions or to order the book Divine Mercy in My Soul, Diary of Sister M. Faustina Kowalska (*Large Print Edition*) for $15.95. All parishioners are welcome. Questions? Call Virginia Smith 763-425-5212.

Attn. Fathers with Sons 10-17 Years Old

Our sons need someone to guide them in living lives free of pornography. Freedom to Love wants to help you be that person for your son. Freedom to Love is offering an online course that will help you guide your sons to live a life free of pornography and the sexual sin that comes with it.

Fathers will learn practical strategies and methods to help their sons:



- Overcome Temptations to View Pornography
- Grow in Prayer to Strengthen Their Will
- Access the Grace of the Sacraments to Grow in Chastity
- Grow in Emotional Maturity and Freedom

Course starts Sunday, February 26 and advance registration is required. Learn more at freedomtolove.org.

Knights of Columbus Thanks

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all those who attended the January Sausage, Gravy, and Biscuit Breakfast. The Knights will be donating $1,000 to the SVDP School Scholarship Fund.

Lenten Fish Dinners

Friday, February 24 — 5:00-6:30 PM
(Tickets sold through Noon on Wednesday, Feb. 22)

Friday, March 24 — 5:00-6:30 PM
(Tickets sold through Noon on Wednesday, Mar. 22)

Join us for one or both of our upcoming Lenten fish dinners hosted by the Knights of Columbus! Each dinner will include pan-fried tilapia with tartar sauce, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, dinner roll, and dessert. Tickets are $12.00 per plate and must be purchased in advance online or by calling the Parish Office.

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 with questions at nicholechang@saintvdp.org.

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.

Please help us to fill these urgent hours:

Thursday at 1 AM & 4 AM; Saturday at 2 AM, Noon, & 11 PM

Readings for this Week

Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/ Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/ Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/ Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/ Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Mass Intentions for February 13-19

Monday	8:00 AM	† Doreen Schaefer
Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Marvin Langston
Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Dolores Sokolowski
Thursday	8:00 AM	† Charles Steffen Sr.
Friday	8:00 AM	Lorenzo Cerda & † Gloria Salazar
Saturday	5:00 PM	† Sylvia & Harold Belisle
Sunday	7:30 AM	Parishioners
	9:00 AM	† Jim & Dianne Gustafson
	11:00 AM	† Elsie Waletzko

Parish Office Hours

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

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