

From Our Pastor



I know a woman whose birthday falls on Dec. 25. She says that her family always takes special care, in the wake of all the attention that Christmas receives, to ensure that her birthday does not get neglected or slighted. The family makes a special point of having a birthday celebration for her that is distinct from their celebration of Christmas. With Christmas falling on a Monday this year, we Catholics have a similar challenge. The Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Day come in quick succession – but are both separate and important celebrations. The question arises – “Since Christmas falls on a Monday, if I go to Mass on Christmas Eve (Sunday), does it count for both the Sunday and the Holy Day of Obligation?” No, there is no “2-for-1” deal. This means that you must attend one Mass at a time and day that could be considered the 4th Sunday of Advent (Saturday evening thru Sunday evening) and you must attend another at a time that could be considered Christmas (Sunday evening thru all day Monday). It does not matter what Mass is being said, i.e. what prayers, readings, and songs are used, it is the day and time that is important.

In a nutshell, here are your 3 options:

- 1) Saturday evening (fulfills 4th Advent) and any Sunday Evening/Night or Monday (fulfills Christmas).
- 2) Sunday Morning (fulfills 4th Advent) and any Sunday Evening/Night or Monday (fulfills Christmas).
- 3) Sunday Evening/Night (fulfills 4th Advent) and a different Sunday Evening/Night or Monday (fulfills Christmas)

If you're still confused, call the parish office. We have people on staff who are like Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. They are good at guiding people through the fog and will explain it all for you. See you soon and then again!

Christmas Mass Schedule



Next weekend we will follow our usual schedule for Masses on Saturday night (5 PM) and Sunday morning (7:30, 9, 11 AM). Then we'll celebrate Christmas Masses as follows:

Sunday, December 24
at 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM and *10:00 PM

Monday, December 25
at 7:30 AM, *9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

*Mass with incense

Coffee & Company This Sunday

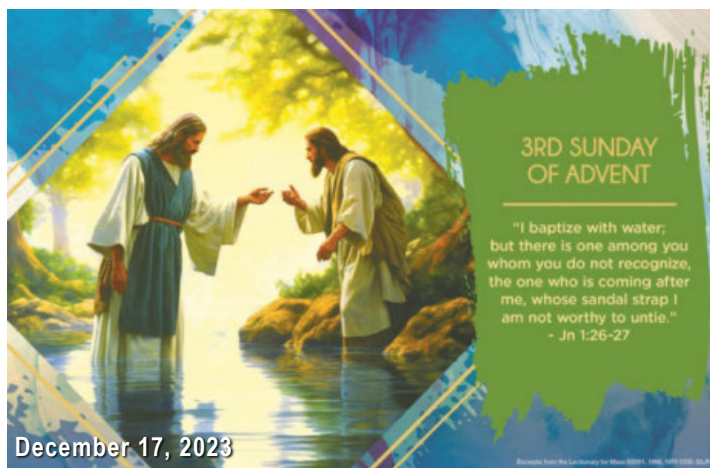


We will be hosting Coffee & Company gatherings of parishioners after all Sunday Masses.

Please join us in Regan Hall after Mass for good company and light refreshments. We will also be celebrating the recent ordinations of Deacon Michael McGinty and Deacon Patrick Spencer. Please join us!



*Photos by Dave Hrbacek, The Catholic Spirit



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KNOW and celebrate our Catholic Faith,
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Parish Office: (763) 425-2210

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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

Feed My Starving Children

Tuesday, Dec. 19 from 11:30 AM—1:15 PM

We pack at the Coon Rapids site located at 401 93rd Ave NW. After packing at FMSC you are invited to join us for lunch in downtown Osseo. If interested and available contact Joy Reinhart at reinhartj@gmail.com or Duane Crosland at dcrosland@aol.com and they can get you pre-registered.

Christmas Family Support

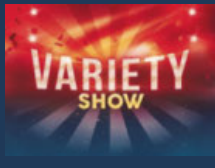
We have some desperate families on our waiting list for Christmas Help.

So, if you or your family missed the Giving Tree program or would like to do more for a family in need this

Christmas, please contact Okey Anyanwu at the parish office: okey@saintvdp.org or call 763-762-7417.



SVDP is having a Variety Show on Saturday, Feb. 10 with the theme of "Color by Number".



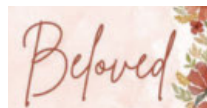
Do you have a color or number-themed musical number, stage act, magic trick, dance routine, or some other talent you'd like to share with the SVDP community? Consider sharing your talent and having fun on stage with others. We will have 'try out's' in early January with very little time commitments for the show to follow. Musical accompaniment will be provided for rehearsals and the show if needed. Questions? Contact Tony Freeman in the parish office.

Beloved Series for Girls in Grades 6-12

Sundays: January 14, 21, and 28 from 12:00-1:30 PM in the Community Room

Discover what it means to be a beloved daughter of God! This 3-week series is open to any girls in 6th-12th grade. Register at <https://forms.gle/vVTMXyeQfXzdPi1BA>.

Questions? Contact Caitlin at caitlingiles@saintvdp.org.



Small Groups for Moms & Couples

YOU are invited to join "The Temperament God Gave You" small group for moms and couples

Do you want to better understand yourself, your spouse and your children? Do you desire strong friendships with other moms and couples just like you? Knowing your God-given

temperament will help you become a better spouse, parent and friend. Join us for "The Temperament God Gave You: A Catholic Small Group for Parents of Young Children." We'll meet twice a month between January and May at our parish.

There will be a women's group and a couples group. The cost for the women's group is \$55 and the couples group is \$75.

Register at www.canafamilyinstitute.com/join-group. Contact Anna at annackreklow@gmail.com for information.



Extra Confession Opportunities

During this Advent time of preparation, we are offering extra opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- Wednesday, December 20 from 5:00-7:00 PM (2 priests)
- Saturday, December 23 from 2:00-4:15 PM (2 priests)

St. Vincent de Paul Tree Ornament

Visit our Gift Shop before or after Mass to find the new, limited edition solid brass St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree Ornament and other great gifts!

This keepsake is a tribute to the love of our parish, and a 100% fundraiser for the Church. Each ornament is blessed by Fr. Mike. A wonderful gift for Christmas or any upcoming celebration!

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 this urgent hour:

Mondays at 6 AM

Mass Intentions for December 18-24

Monday	8:00 AM	† Frank Von Ende
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Armed Forces Members
Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Regina & Edward Davis
Thursday	8:00 AM	† Michael Von Ende
Friday	8:00 AM	† Sister Clare Mary
Saturday	5:00 PM	Parishioners
Sunday	7:30 AM	Parishioners
	9:00 AM	† Lester & Lenore Willert
	11:00 AM	† James & Dacia Ward

Readings for this Week

Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday:	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Friday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Next Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Parish Office Hours

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

The Dec. 24 bulletin deadline has passed.
The **early deadline** for the Dec. 31 edition is this Wednesday, Dec. 20 at Noon.

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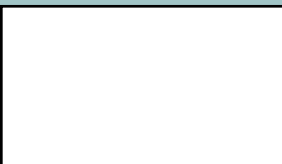
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