

From Our Pastor

What is the opposite of Christmas? Instead of rejoicing in the coming of Jesus to the world, it's the drab joylessness of never having God in our lives.

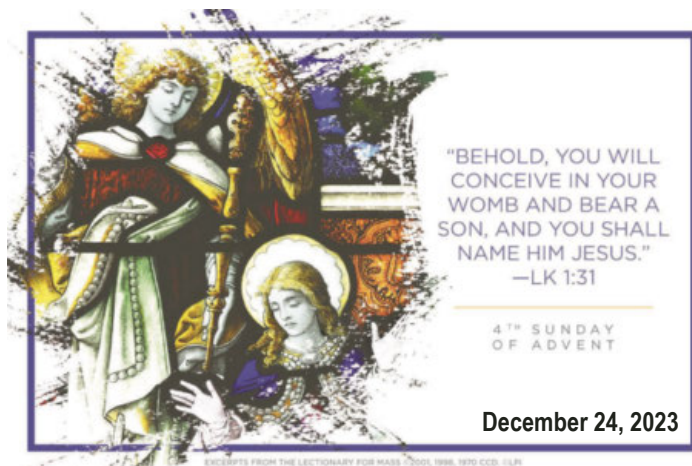
What happens when Christmas goes opposite? Everything gets flaky and fruitcakey. Instead of silent nights, for instance, we get riotous, calamity-filled days. Instead of children nestled all snug in their beds, we have old people ousted agitatedly from their graves. Instead of God resting merry gentlemen, we get the devil upsetting grouchy ladies. Instead of Rudolph's shiny red nose, we just get his lusterless brown rump. Instead of joy to the world, we get grief in our narrow, self-centered, closed-in-upon-ourselves existence.

I don't even want to think about what people would do with their stockings instead of hanging them by the chimney with care.

We at St. Vincent de Paul are here for you at Christmas and all year long. Our every prayer and all our efforts are offered so that we all can know more fully the gift of God, through Jesus, in our lives.

Jesus comes to us here every day in Word and Sacrament. O come all ye faithful. O don't do the opposite and go away unbelievers. Jesus made His home among us at Christmas.

We're grateful for all who make their home with Him at 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.

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24

at 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, & *10:00 PM

Monday, December 25

at 7:30 AM, *9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

*Mass with incense



St. Vincent de Paul Ornament

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

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.



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



Another successful Christmas Bazaar has drawn to a close. We are full of gratitude for the incredible dedication and support from everyone involved. Together, we've exceeded our goals for this event.

Our heartfelt thanks extend to every volunteer who poured their time and energy into creating over 16,000 delectable treats—cookies, Rosettes, and Krumkake—stocking our bake sale with delights that enchanted all who attended. To those who worked tirelessly during the Bazaar, some even taking on double shifts to ensure seamless operations, your dedication did not go unnoticed. Thank you.



The St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen staff is the backbone of our bakery, thank you for making our bake sale possible and for spending additional hours baking breads, coffee cakes and thousands of little extras, we truly appreciate all your efforts. Thanks to those who brought amazing and thoughtful baskets for our exciting raffle. Thank you also to the crafters whose creative contributions always add a touch of magic to our event. The unique and captivating items were truly a highlight for our attendees.

Thanks to the office staff for your support and creativity, and the behind the scenes efforts you contribute to ensure things run smoothly all weekend.

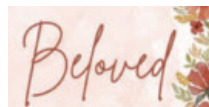
And most of all thank you for supporting the Christmas Bazaar. In 2023 our fundraising contributed \$10,000 to St. Vincent de Paul Faith Formation, \$3000 in scholarships for college education, \$2000 to St. Vincent de Paul Youth Ministry, \$2000 to the St. Vincent de Paul Blessings fund, as well as contributions to six additional charities. Thank you, this has truly been a team effort, and each member is vital to our success.

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.



SHARE THE WONDERS OF HIS LOVE WITH THOSE IN NEED.
Bring new unwrapped items to be offered at the January 6th & 7th Masses celebrating

The Feast of the Epiphany

Suggested New Baby Items:

Onsies, Blankets, Sleepers, Infant Toys, and Rattles

All donations will go to local organizations in need.

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:
Mondays at 6 AM & Saturdays at 4 PM**

Mass Intentions for December 24-31

Sunday	4:00 PM	† Bud & Margaret Printy
	6:00 PM	† Bob Burks
	*10:00 PM	Parishioners
Monday	7:30 AM	† James Kolstad
	*9:00 AM	† Anna Maria Zaldivar
	11:00 AM	† Tin Nguyen
Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Robert Chupurdia
Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Greg Ward
Thursday	8:00 AM	The Herrity Family
Friday	8:00 AM	† Herbert & Regine Douvier
Saturday	5:00 PM	† Martin Schirmers Family
	7:30 AM	† Harold Jesh
	9:00 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	11:00 AM	† Bette Wills

* Mass with Incense

Readings for this Week

Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/ Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18
Friday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Next Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 for Christmas.

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

The Dec. 31 bulletin deadline has passed.
The **early deadline** for the Jan. 7 edition is this Friday, Dec. 29 at Noon.

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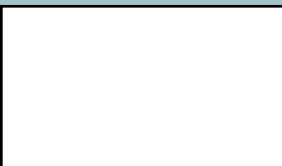
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