

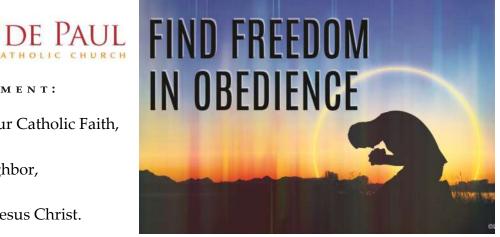


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9100 93rd Avenue North Brooklyn Park, MN, 55445

Masses

Monday & Tuesday at 8 AM Wednesday at 5:15 PM Thursday & Friday at 8 AM

Saturday at 5 PM Sunday at 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. at 7:30 AM Wednesday at 4:45 PM Saturday from 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.

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Meditation on this Week's Gospel

The Father Who Knows What You Want

A Gospel Reflection by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, ©LPi

It's easy to give your kid what he's asking for. It's hard to give him what he wants.



If a kid asks to eat an ice cream cone, there's nothing wrong with giving him one. But if he's grumpily demanding an ice cream cone at 7:45 in the morning, what he wants — whether he realizes it or not — is some protein and whole grains and a little encouragement to get him going on his day.

So you give him eggs and toast, and you watch him struggle to accept it. Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn't, but either way, you'll be here. You'll forgive him for whatever names he calls you and you'll put the healthy breakfast in the fridge, waiting for him when he's ready to eat it.

"Increase my faith." I've said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated, an acceptance of truth that is unshakeable. Easy faith — that's what I'm asking for, and lots of it, please.

But easy faith isn't faith at all, and faith that you aren't strong enough to hold will break your arms. And what God will never do is say, "Sure, kiddo, here you go," and pass off a false gift as the real thing, just to make us both feel good. He won't hand me something I'm not strong enough to hold.

That would be a classic lazy-father move. That would be an ice-cream-cone-at-7:45 a.m. move.

Instead, He watches carefully while I navigate the bumpy terrain of the spiritual life, ready to whisper directions in my ear. He holds his breath while the challenges of this world create deep grooves in my soul — and then He irrigates those grooves with the life-giving waters of grace, transforming them into valleys of consolation and respite.

Sometimes I call Him names. Sometimes I refuse what He's offering. It's not what I asked for, after all.

But it's what I want. Luckily, He knows that better than me.



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At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



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Monday Morning Mass Social



This Monday, Oct. 6 after the 8 AM Mass in the Community Room

Join us for coffee & treats after morning Mass.

2nd Collection Next Weekend

Our second collection for October is for Women's Care Center, which is a pregnancy resource center that is dedicated to restoring hope for women facing unplanned pregnancies. Women's Care Center provides free, confidential counseling, support and education for pregnant women, free pregnancy testing, and ultrasounds. Please use your designated 2nd Collection Envelope included in your envelope packets or mark your donation as 2nd Collection.

Coffee & Company Next Sunday



We will be hosting Coffee & Company gatherings of parishioners after all Sunday Masses on Oct. 12, hosted by the members of our Respect Life Group. Please join us in Regan Hall after Mass for good company and light refreshments.

Christmas... A Time to Remember

Orders due by Sunday, Oct. 26

As Christmas draws near, you may wish to remember your loved ones in a special way.

The Cemetery Committee is selling wreaths to place on the gravesite of your loved one. The wreaths are 25" Natural Balsam Fir with a red



bow, pine cones, and silver accent spray. The cost is \$45, which includes the stand and wreath,

placing the wreath on the gravesite, and discarding the wreath after Christmas. Order forms online or at the Welcome Desk. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 763-425-2210 or e-mail churchinfo@saintvdp.org.

Parish Office Hours

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

The deadline for the bulletin is Monday at Noon.



There is perhaps no more beautiful celebration than when parents bring their newborn child to the waters of baptism. Parents, godparents, family, and friends share in this sacrament with incomparable joy. For in baptism, we share in Christ's death and resurrection, and through the outward signs of water and oil, are made *children of God* and given the hope of eternal life with Him.

"The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope." Through our Lord Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. "Hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite not knowing what the future may bring." Because of this Christian hope, we can face the unknown trials of life with faith rather than fear.

We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."

Sadly, there is a devastating absence of hope today. We see this most profoundly in a sweeping disregard for human life in its most vulnerable forms and stages. Abortion and assisted suicide are products of

"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5:5

hopelessness and despair. Yet even amid the increasing attacks on human life, we know that the "storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death."

We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened. For "hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross."

Having been "buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death." Confident of God's presence within us, may we share the Gospel of Life with those most in need of hope, knowing that "the grace of God precedes and accompanies his people as they press forward firm in faith, active in charity and steadfast in hope."

Pope Francis, Spes non confundit, 20,

³ Ibid. 1

³ Pope Leo XIV, Vatican News, May 26, 2025: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/pope-leo-xiv-africa-day-pilgrimage-blessing-vatican-basilica.html.

Pope Francis, Spes non confundit, 25.

⁵ Ibid, 3.

o Ibid, 20.

^{*} Ibid, 6.

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Altar Server Training



This Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 5:30—7 PM

New and current altar servers are invited for this training and social.

The Altar Server ministry is open to those in 4th grade and up.

For more information and to RSVP to this training, please

contact Tony Freeman at tonyfreeman@saintvdp.org.

Readings for this Week

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/

Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: JI 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: JI 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/

2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Mass Intentions for October 6-12

Monday 8:00 AM † Robert & Derik Elmer
Tuesday 8:00 AM Melissa St. Clair & Family
Wednesday 5:15 PM † Robert Schiferli
Thursday 8:00 AM † Chris Bruno
Friday 8:00 AM † James Shrake
Saturday 5:00 PM † Joseph Wallek
Sunday 7:30 AM John & Eileen Fink
9:00 AM † Doreen Schaefer

11:00 AM Parishioners

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.

Help is urgently needed for: Thursdays at 11 PM; Saturdays at 2 AM, 2 PM, or 9 PM

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Pre-Baptism Class

This Monday, October 6 from 7-8:30 PM

Registration is required (call the office at 763-425-2210) for this class. 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 a session.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Moms Morning Out this Wednesday

Wednesday, Oct. 8 from 9:30—11 AM in the Comm. Room



Join us for fellowship and fun with other

SVDP moms. Free childcare and coffee are provided.
For information, contact Shannon.vanderheyden@gmail.com
or visit our Facebook Group by searching for:
St. Vincent de Paul Mom's Morning Out.

Grieving the Loss of a Loved One?

Mondays, beginning Oct. 13, from 7-8:30 PM in the West Meeting Rm

Mourning the loss of someone you love is never easy, but there is hope.

You are invited to join our "Seasons of Hope"

6-week support group this fall.

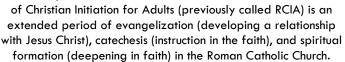
Each session will include a time for larger group discussion, followed by smaller breakout sessions to allow for a more focused and personal time of sharing with others who are experiencing a similar loss. Registration is required for planning purposes. Please contact Margaret Schauer at margaretschauer@saintvdp.org or at 763-762-7410.

OCIA Begin this Tuesday

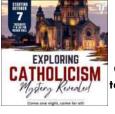
Tuesdays from 7-8:30 PM in Regan Hall starting Oct. 7

Sign up at **saintvdp.org/become-catholic** or contact Clare Catton at 763-762-7405 or clarecatton@saintvdp.org.

OCIA, which stands for the Order



Although it is primarily the process by which people become full members in the Roman Catholic Church, OCIA welcomes serious inquirers at all levels of knowledge, faith, and intent—in other words, you do not need to feel like you're ready to become Catholic before you begin OCIA. Ultimately, though, the process culminates in the reception of one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and full membership in the Catholic Church. The formal OCIA process begins in early October and ends a couple of weeks after Easter.



For instruction, we will be following two video series by the Augustine Institute, "The Search" with Chris Stefanick and "Symbolon: The Faith of the Church."

Our sessions are open to all parishioners to attend and deepen their faith, as we are all in the lifelong process of conversion.

ADULT ACTIVITIES (continued)

CCW Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 14 from 6:30-8 PM in the Comm. Rm

Not to miss: Fr. Ben Eichten will talk a little bit about himself and his journey,



plus a short business meeting. All women are welcome!

CCW Christmas Crafts

9:30 AM—Noon on the following Wednesdays in the Community Room

October 15, 22, and 29; November 5 and 12



Cooler weather is on its way and it is time to start making our Christmas Crafts for the Bazaar. We will be making ornaments, card holders, and some new things plus new ideas are always welcome.

Questions?

Call Joyce at 763-221-5135 or Shirleyat 763-670-6231.

Men of the Cross

Saturday, Oct. 18 at 7:30-9 AM in the Comm. Rm

We welcome all men over 18 years old to attend this gathering of Men of the Cross at St. Vincent's. You do not need to be a member of St. Vincent's or any other group. This meeting's discussion will be "Blessing Blockers". Bring your Bible if you wish and be prepared engage in fellowship with others. Beverages and light breakfast treats will be provided.

Mantle of Mary Group on Tuesday

Join our women's group focusing on prayer, formation, and fellowship, growing in holiness through devotion to our Blessed Mother. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 9-10:30 AM in the Community Room

beginning Oct. 7 and continuing through May. Questions? Contact Jean at 763-496-9369 or Shirlann at 612-859-7701.

St. Vincent's Book Club on Thursday

Oct. 9 from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Comm. Room

We will discuss The Heart Mender by Andy Andrews. "New York Times bestselling author Andy Andrews delivers an adventure set sharply against the warm waters and white sands of the Gulf of Mexico in WWII America. Saddened and unable to abandon her resentment toward the Nazi war machine that took her husband's life, Helen Mason is living a bitter, lonely existence. Betrayed and left for dead, German U-boat officer Lt. Josef Landermann washes ashore in a sleepy town along the northern gulf coast, looking to Helen for survival."

Please join us! New members are always welcome! We meet the second Thursday of each month. On Nov. 13 we will discuss The Women by Kristin Hannah.

Catholic Small Group for Fathers

Thursdays from 7-8:30 PM, starting Oct. 30

We meet twice a month from October through March at our parish. Cost is \$85. Register at www.canafamilyinstitute.com/ join-group. For more information, contact John and Anna Kreklow at annackreklow@gmail.com.

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This Sunday, Oct. 5 is Respect Life Sunday.

Please visit the Respect Life Table in the Gathering Space during the month of October.

Every Wednesday in October at 4:45 PM, the Respect Life Group will lead a Rosary prior to the evening Mass.

Next Saturday, Oct. 11 at Noon, join fellow parishioners and other Catholics across America to support the America Needs Fatima campaign. Our church will be one of the 22,000 rallies taking place around the world to spread the Fatima Message and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary to pray for the tragedies and sufferings of all life. We will be gathering on the west side of our church (across the street from Fair's Nursery). For more information, contact Pat Prasky at 763-245-7795.



"Every October, we consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death."

~ United States Council of Catholic Bishops USCCB)

FAMILY & YOUTH ACTIVITIES



MOTHER SON NIGHT

REGAN HALL & SVDP GYM 6PM OCT FLANNELS, FEASTS, & FUN

SIGN UP AT SCHOOL.SAINTVDP.ORG/MOTHER-SON-EVENT

Volunteers (including high school students seeking service hours) are needed for setup, games, cleanup, and lending items. Look for the signup at school.saintvdp.org/mother-son-event.

Cycle Charting: a Journey into Womanhood Sunday, October 12 from 1:30-3 PM in the Community Room

Developing into a woman spiritually, physically, intellectually, and emotionally begins with recognizing and celebrating that we are all created by God to be loved, respected, and valued by others and ourselves.

Come learn about your body, the natural rhythm of your cycles and how healthy charting can help you know your body and promote healthy care of your body throughout your entire life. Presented by Sami Conway, CFC.

The cost is \$20 per Mother/Daughter (\$5 per extra daughter).

This presentation is for girls 9-15 years old who have already begun their cycles AND an accompanying maternal figure present with them to take part in the presentation.

Sign up at saintvdp.org/intro-to-charting

Volunteer Doll/Ornament Cutters



Volunteers are needed to cut out the "ornaments" for the Giving Tree program. If you are interested in helping with this, please stop by the parish office during office hours and check out the supplies and

directions. Finished "ornaments" are due back by October 24. Thank you for your support of this program!

Sharing & Caring Hands This Week



We appreciate you generous bakers who kindly provide us with cookies for dessert at the shelter. Please deliver them to the parish office by 10 AM on Wednesday.

Blood Drive at St. Vincent de Paul



Thursday, Nov. 6 from 2:00-7:00 PM

Donate at a blood drive sponsored by the Osseo/Maple Grove Knights of Columbus here at St. Vincent de Paul.

You can sign up online at www.mbc.org/searchdrives. Enter sponsor code 0264.

Click on Schedule and follow the prompts to choose an open time slot. Or, use the QR code 🔣 at right to bring you right to the webpage and scroll down to choose an open time slot



that works for you. There are special time slots for Double Red Cell donations for eligible donors by clicking the DRBC tab. If you want to sign up but would rather not do it online, call Dick Montroy at 612-419-0419.

There is a short supply of blood in the community and spending 20 minutes of your time donating blood could save a life.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, October 19 from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM in the Education Center Cafeteria & Gym

French Toast, scrambled eggs, and sausage links,



with orange juice or milk and coffee. Your free will offering will benefit Women's Care Pregnancy Center.

Get your tickets by October 6

BIZAA Annual Fundraiser

Tuesday, Oct. 21 at the Osseo-Maple Grove American Legion Post 172

Happy Hour with Appetizers & Live Music from 5:30 - 6:30 PM includes 2 drink tickets! Dinner (3 Taco Options) and Program begins at 6:30 PM. Adults are \$75; Age 12 and under are \$30.

Info and registration at https://one.bidpal.net/africantaco.









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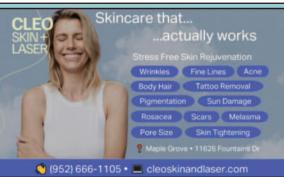


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