

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 14, 2014

Third Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Rev. Paul Treacy

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Michael Barsness

Deacon: Larry Lawinger

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Wed: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Thur-Fri: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening—5:00 pm

Sunday—7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Daily Masses

Monday through Friday—8:00 am

Holy Day Masses

As announced

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday—7:30 am

Saturday—3:30-4:15 pm

Or call the parish office at (763) 425-2210 to schedule an appointment.

EDUCATION CENTER

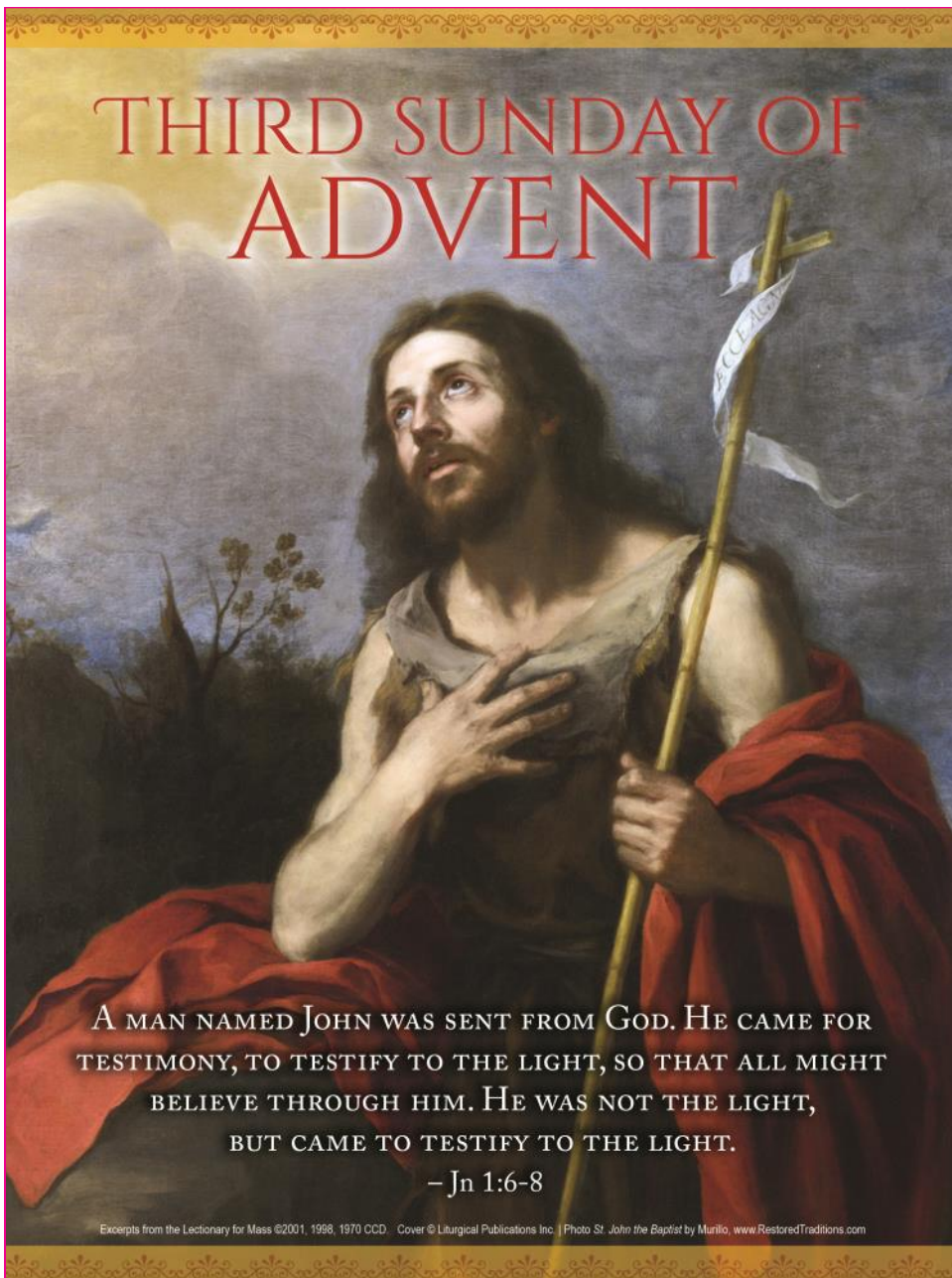
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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT, APPROVED BY THE PASTORAL COUNCIL IN MAY 2009:

Know
and celebrate our
Catholic Faith,

Love
God and our neigh-
bor,

Serve
as disciples of
Jesus Christ.



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NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE: JAN. 20-25, 2015

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20 -
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25
WASHINGTON D.C.



Registration is now open for the annual pilgrimage to the National March for Life. The fee of \$370 covers: Bus transportation to D.C. and tip; hotel; 7 meals; visiting D.C. landmarks; SFLA conference; National March for Life. (Pilgrims are responsible for up to 8 meals, mostly during the bus trip.) Group leaders and individuals can find more details at www.marchforlife.org, including registration information.

ARCHBISHOP'S RETREAT FOR MEN INTERESTED IN THE PRIESTHOOD – DECEMBER 19-21

Men interested in priesthood, between ages 18 and 40, are invited to a retreat from December 19-21, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. on Friday until noon on Sunday at the beautiful Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, Minnesota. Communal and private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and presentations by the Archbishop are designed to help participants discern their future vocation.



Contact the Vocation Office at 651-962-6890 or stpaulpriest@10000vocations.org

A referral from a priest or Religious is needed to register, and a \$75 fee is requested to offset the cost of room and board. No one will be turned away for financial reasons.



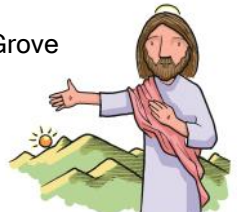
DON'T SELL YOUR VEHICLE—DONATE IT!

Donate it to the Osseo/Maple Grove Knights of Columbus. We will provide a tax deductible receipt. We are looking for cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Call Paul Greninger at 763-425-7316.

Welcome, New Parishioners!

NOVEMBER 2014

- John & Carole Windsperger, Maple Grove
- Leon & Mary Hiltner, Maple Grove
- James & Joyce Houlihan, Brooklyn Park
- Bryan & Elise Hartfiel, Brooklyn Park



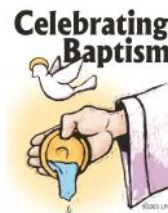
MEMBERSHIP

We welcome you to our parish family! If you are interested in learning more about our church, or would like to join, please stop in at the parish office to register.

You may also register at the Welcome Center before or after Mass or over the internet at www.saintvdp.org. All adults, age 18 and older, should be registered.

BAPTISMS:

1st and 3rd
Sundays at
12:30 pm.
Pre-Baptism
Class is re-
quired. Call
the
Parish office to register.
It is recommended that you
attend the class before the
birth of your child.



MATRIMONY:

Arrange-
ments
should be
made one
year in
advance.



Call the parish office for
more information at 763-
425-2210.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

As we journey through the last weeks of Advent, let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ by finding

time in our lives to spend in His presence in the Eucharist!

Adorers are needed for:

Sunday: 3 am, 7 am, 2 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm, 11 pm

Tuesday: 9 pm

Wednesday: 12 am, 8 am, 2 pm

Thursday: 8 am, 11 am, noon, 1 pm, 5 pm

Friday: 3 pm, 4 pm, 10 pm, 11 pm

Saturday: 3 pm, 10 pm

We are looking for a hourly coordinator for 11 pm. This requires approximately 10 minutes of phoning a week.

Please call JoAnne Newman at 763-420-4089 to sign up or to be a sub.



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LITURGICAL ROLES

FOR SATURDAY, DEC. 20 & SUNDAY, DEC. 21:

5:00 pm	Fr. Treacy	
7:30 am	Fr. Barsness	
9:00 am	Fr. Barsness	
11:00 am	Fr. Treacy	PRESIDERS

5:00 pm	Kim Family, Krista Cassidy	
7:30 am	Men's Schola	
9:00 am	Devotion	
11:00 am	Freedom	MUSICIANS

5:00 pm	Sarah Schirck, Peter Gartner, Maggie Grossman	
7:30 am	Dmitri Shpak, Daniel Steeves, Grace Blair	
9:00 am	Sophia & Charlie Baker, Jackson Carmon	
11:00 am	Anja Thornton, Austin Tigner, Brandon Huth	SERVERS

5:00 pm	Sara Messier & Lee Halbur	
7:30 am	Tom Mc Mullen & Tim Phenow	
9:00 am	Earl & Eileen Herzog	
11:00 am	Lisa Capistrant & Pat Gleason	LECTORS

5:00 pm	Betty Bartos, Judy Carman, Maxine Christenson, Kay Commers, Fred & Anna Glynn, Ann Schlangen, Jim Buechler, Maureen Daehn, Bob & Susan McCaffrey, Reuben & Natalie Przybilla, Andrew & Nicholas Rem, Dave Quady	
7:30 am	Donna Anderson, Bob & Dorothy Andrews, Leslie & Anyia Bender, Linda Berscheit, Steve Eiden, Les Eiden, Manuel & Marilyn Garcia, Cathy Hadzima, Anton Jochim, Mary Klingler	
9:00 am	John & Pam Baker, Todd & Carol Conrad, Clair Coughlin, Paul & Sharry Gasperlin, Tom & Sue Gorecki, Michael & Shelly Mattox, Amy Hagan, Rebecca Hall, Jennifer Holscher, Rebecca Keran, Dorothy Malone, Lavonne Martinez	
11:00 am	Shirlann Biser, Lorena Carter, Theresa Della Paolera, Carol Hammer, Mary Ellen Kubic, Kevin Landman, Jim Miller, Judy Randall, Margaret Schauer, Bart & Brenda Schultz, Laura Zaldivar, Nicky Witters, Lori Varecka	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm	Jean Vortheims	
7:30 am	Janet Ardolf	
9:00 am	Bill & Bernie Souvignier	
11:00 am	Gino & Julie Maccario	WELCOME CENTER

5:00 pm	Bob & Susan McCaffrey	
7:30 am	Marie Jochim & Nettie Phenow	
9:00 am	Bernie Souvignier & Pat Prasky	
11:00 am	Mary O'Hotto & Lorraine Boser	GIFT SHOP

Children's Christmas Choir



CALLING ALL CHILDREN!

Children in grades 2-6 are invited to join together to sing at the 11 am Mass on Christmas Day.

We will practice at 10 am and sing for Mass at 11 am. You don't need to be in a choir to participate in this Mass. We will sing our favorite Christmas Carols and have a fabulous time singing at Mass!

Children should wear their "Sunday Best" Christmas clothes.

Please contact Jacquie Okoh ASAP at: jacquieokoh@saintvdp.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 14, 2014:

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
 Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
 Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
 Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
 Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

MASS INTENTIONS FOR DEC. 15 — 21, 2014

Monday	8:00 am	† John W. McMullen
Tuesday	8:00 am	† Judith Spearance
Wednesday	8:00 am	† Richard Biksacky
Thursday	8:00 am	† Frank VonEnde
Friday	8:00 am	† Lillian Schommer
Saturday	5:00 pm	† George Burns
Sunday	7:30 am	† Cheri Bolin
	9:00 am	† Donald Driessen
	11:00 am	Parishioners



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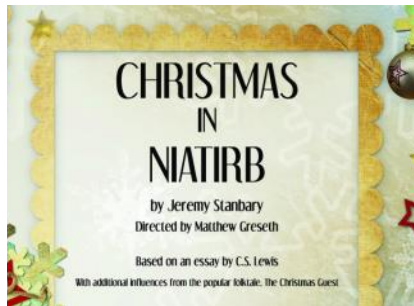


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OPEN WINDOW THEATRE PRODUCTION

Open Window Theatre presents *Christmas in Niatirb*, Dec. 5–30.

An astute and humorous look at the traditions of “Exmas” versus Christmas through the lens of the fictional inhabitants of the island of Niatirb (Britain spelled backwards). This original full-length play based on a little known essay by C.S. Lewis follows a young teenage girl in her surprising journey to move beyond the madness of the Exmas Rush and discover what Christmas is really all about. At stake is the very future of her family. Buy tickets at openwindowtheatre.org. Open Window Theatre is a Catholic theatre located near the Basilica of St. Mary at 1313 Chestnut Ave.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

- **Adult/Teen:** What example do you give others to help them recognize Jesus?
- **Child:** What will you tell others about Jesus this week?



Please take some time today to discuss these questions or reflect on them in private prayer.

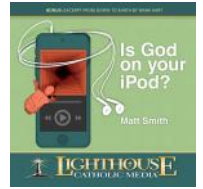
—From *Lectionary Link* by Harcourt Publishers

INSPIRING AND INFORMATIVE CATHOLIC CD'S

Still only \$3 each!

One of the titles is: “Is God on Your iPod?”

Is mainstream music bad for you? Can hit songs remind you of the things of God? Matt Smith discusses how we as Christians can judge all different types of music to determine whether or not it is going to lead us closer to The Good, The True and The Beautiful...which is ultimately closer towards God.



SVDP BOOK CLUB

SVDP Book club is reading Rome Sweet Home, a conversion story

by Scott and Kimberly Hahn. More information at www.saintvdp.org/groups/book-club.



SCHOOL NEWS

ATTENTION ALL GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYERS:

Girls Basketball Tryouts will take place this Sunday, December 14th from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. *There will be a mandatory parent meeting at 5:30 PM.* Please submit your completed registration forms to the school office.



ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

Monday, Dec. 15th in the Education Center Gym at 7:45 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ADVENT PROGRAM: CARRIERS OF THE LIGHT

Grades K-4 will be presenting **A Very Special Night** on Friday, December 19th at 12:30 PM in the church.

All in our community are invited to share in bringing the light of Jesus.



DAY OF PRAYER

Our school has been blessed with **MANY** angels.

Each month we honor our angels with a special day of prayer. Our families keep these angels in their daily prayers for that day.

The recipient of our December Day of Prayer is **Dave Whatmuff**. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and support. We are blessed to call you friend.

Q *Why is Luke's Gospel so prominent certain years in our Advent/Christmas Lectionary readings?*

A The Lectionary, the collection of Scripture readings used during our liturgical celebrations, is divided into a three-year cycle of Sunday readings, Years A, B, and C. Each year is devoted to selected readings from one synoptic Gospel. Year A relies on Matthew; Year B draws from Mark; and Year C focuses on passages from Luke's Gospel.

Only Matthew and Luke give us infancy narratives, accounts of the birth and early life of Jesus. While they agree on a number of details, the stories are very different, usually emphasizing the key theological themes and concerns of the authors. Luke has Mary and Joseph involved in a difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where there is no room for them to lodge. There in a stable Mary gives birth to Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah, and places him in a manger.

Whether the details are historically accurate or not, the story beautifully captures the theological intent of the author. For Luke, Jesus is the savior come for all people, most especially the poor, homeless, and marginalized. Jesus is their source of comfort, nourishment for their hungers, and support in time of need. What better way to portray that than to have Jesus experience the life of the poor from the very moment of birth. Modeling ourselves on Jesus, how are we attuned to the needs of the poor around us?

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - FEBRUARY 14



Women of all ages are invited to the Catholic Women's Conference sponsored by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis in partnership with WINE: Women In the New Evangelization.

February 14, 2015: 8 am - 2 pm (Doors open at 7 am for coffee, camaraderie & caramel rolls!) Lunch is provided.

On this beautiful Feast of Saint Valentine, the focus of the conference will be the heart: A Heart Drawn by Love: Sent on Fire. The event features keynote speakers Patti Schneier and Nancy Jo Sullivan, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Andrew Cozzens.

Cost: \$30 per person before January 19, 2015 (Early bird); \$40 per person after January 19. The event will be held nearby at Epiphany in Coon Rapids.

For more information or to register, please visit www.womeninthenewevangelization.com or call 651-291-4411.

GIFT SHOP NEWS

Clearance sale!

50% off on many items.

The gift shop is now carrying the very popular Fontanini nativity set. Hand painted figures that are made in Italy.



Kids love handling them and they don't break easily.

*Stop in and shop.
We now accept credit cards.*



FASTER THAN THE PASTOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

St. Vincent de Paul's Faster than the Pastor 5K and Little Lambs Mad Dash are looking for several new committee members.

Interested in serving our community in a unique, fun and dynamic way? In our 5th year, this committee is looking to bring additional vibrancy and energy to this year's event.

Please contact Race Director Pam Baker at: runforlife@comcast.net, or 612-940-3149.

Please join in our celebration of the Sacraments this Christmas:

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Individual)

Saturday	December 20	2 priests	1:00-3:00 pm
Saturday	December 20	2 priests	3:30-4:15 pm
Saturday	December 20	2 priests	6:00-8:00 pm
Sunday	December 21	2 priests	1:00-3:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
 4:00 pm * 6:00 pm * 10:00 pm


NOTE: There will be two Masses at 4 pm on Christmas Eve - one in the Church and one in Regan Hall.

Thursday, December 25 (Christmas Day)
 7:30 am * 9:00 am * 11:00 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 31, 2014 – 5:00 pm
 Thursday, January 1, 2015 – 10:00 am





CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

Here are a few of the "offerings" from the children's envelopes received last Sunday:

- ✠ Griffin—colored a picture for mom and dad
- ✠ Lauren—making a card for a little boy who has cancer
- ✠ Annika—chopped wood
- ✠ Nick—helped my brother and sister make a fort
- ✠ Sarah—I helped load Grandma's car after Thanksgiving
- ✠ Tyler—I supported my sister for her First Reconciliation
- ✠ Gabby—vacuumed the house for my mom and dad



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THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE DEC. 21ST BULLETIN HAS PASSED.



THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE DEC. 28TH BULLETIN IS THIS THURSDAY, DEC. 18TH AT NOON.



**DECEMBER 7, 2014
(WEEK 23)**

	Current	Year-to-Date
Sunday General Collection	\$27,726.88	\$806,380.26
Automatic Withdrawal & Online Giving	\$13,833.73	
Christmas Donations	\$455.00	
Children/Youth	\$65.30	\$1,087.12
Total Support	\$42,080.91	\$807,467.38
Major Repair & Replacement Fund-Collection	\$1,297.50	
Automatic Withdrawal & Online Giving	\$905.00	
Total Support for Major Repair Fund	\$2,202.50	\$20,366.25
Immaculate Conception Holy Day	\$2,570.10	

Thank you for your generous support of the ministries of St. Vincent de Paul!

COMPUTER USERS—REGISTER YOUR E-MAIL

If you prefer e-mail and would like to help the parish save postage costs, go to www.saintvdp.org to sign up to receive electronic communications from our Parish and our School (instructions on the Home Page). You will receive a weekly e-mail update, such as the one pictured here. Rest assured that we respect your privacy and have taken precautions to avoid spamming; your addresses will not be sold or displayed for any purposes other than St. Vincent Parish and/or School communications.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 8:30 am KC Breakfast/Regan Hall
- 9:00 am Sunday Pre-school/Education Ctr
- 11:00 am Sunday Pre-school/Education Ctr

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 7:45 am Advent Prayer Service/Education Ctr Gym
- 7:00 pm Resound Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 12:00 pm Senior Lunch/Regan Hall
- 6:30 pm KC Rosary/Cry Room
- 8:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary Back

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 5:00 pm EDGE Youth Group/E Mtg Rm
- 6:00 pm Harvest Festival Mtg/W Mtg Rm
- 6:15 pm Freedom Choir Rehearsal/Church
- 6:30 pm Elementary Catechist Meeting/Regan Hall
- 7:30 pm LIFE Night Youth Group/E Mtg Rm
- 7:30 pm Devotion Choir Rehearsal/Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 7:00 pm RCIA/E Mtg Rm
- 7:00 pm Singcerely His Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 12:30 am Advent Program/Sanctuary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 1:00 pm Confessions/Chapel
- 3:30 pm Confessions/Chapel
- 8:00 pm Confessions/Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 9:00 am Sunday Pre-school/Education Ctr
- 11:00 am Sunday Pre-school/Education Ctr
- 12:30 pm Baptisms/Sanctuary
- 1:00 pm Confessions/Chapel

NEW ONLINE CALENDAR!

Wondering what room a Bible Study is in?
 Or when the basketball game is?
 Or when Youth Group is over?
 Or just are curious why there are cars in the parking lot?

Check out our new online calendar!

On our homepage, there is a "calendar" link or go to:
calendar.saintvdp.org.

Take a look!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Week of August 21, 2014

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" MATTHEW 16:21-27

This Sunday's bulletin has been posted on our website. You can view the current bulletin and issues from the past several weeks on our saintvdp.org website.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Although Jews, Christians, and Muslims share a monotheistic faith, that is, a belief in the oneness of God, there is much that is vastly different among the three religions. A common expression used by many Arab Muslims is "Inshallah," a combination of the Arabic words "in" (the Arabic meaning "if God wills it"). The expression holds within itself the attitude that things will unfold because God permits them to happen. "We will see each other tomorrow, inshallah!" that is, God willing. There is a kind of a sense of fate in this attitude. Human action is ultimately dependent on divine permission.

The Gospel today takes a different approach. Jesus instructs his disciples that whenever you feel after him, you must "take up his cross, and follow me." He continues, "For whatever you wish to save his life, you will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? The disciple actually chooses the suffering that is part of human existence and enters on the will of God to live in his life. He realizes that what is right for... the will of God, the disciple finds true happiness, which allows those who seek such happiness directly in trying to gain the whole world.

Christianity has always been an active religion. We believe that we cooperate with God's grace in performing God's will. Christians do not shrink from promoting the common good and seeking forward as well as their faith. When we act in the

Know & Celebrate our Catholic Faith

Faith Formation Registration is open! Register before the end of the day on Friday, August 29th.

RCIA Registration interested in the Catholic faith? The next RCIA Class begins on September 15th. Contact Christy@stvp.org for more information.

Virtual Training September 15, 6:00 - 9:00 PM All members who work with children in our Parish are required to go through this training. Register Christy@stvp.org for more information.

MG HISTORY CENTER OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY DECEMBER 14TH, 1:00—4:00 PM

View the antique cutter sleigh, country parlor and toys - some 40-50-100 years old.

9030 Forestview Lane (by the Public Works building). FREE to attend.



WARM UP WITH THOUGHTS OF SUMMER!

Registration information is available on-line NOW through March 13th for the **ALL PARISH "Royal Kids" 2015 Summer Care Program**. Visit the parish website, click; school, click; afterschool program, click; summer care

If you have any questions, please contact: margaretkoss@saintvdp.org

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Must be a practicing Catholic and age 18 or older – these are the only requirements to join. Any man interested in learning more, please call: Bob Clark at 763-424-5509, Robert Moreland at 763-557-0874, or Tom Heltemes at 763-425-2314.



www.saintvdp.org/parish/groups/knights

MOMS MORNING OUT SEEKING CHILDCARE HELP

We are looking for 1-2 people to provide childcare in the nursery during meetings this year. Our meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month beginning September through April from 9:30-11:30 am. If you are interested, please contact Rebecca Keran at: stvdp_pmo@yahoo.com. Virtus training is required.

ONLINE GIVING

We are excited to announce that we now provide Online Giving – a convenient and safe way to make one-time or recurring offertory contributions.



Getting started is easy – just visit www.saintvdp.org and click the **Online Giving** link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into St. Vincent de Paul's bank account. All with a click of a button. No need to find the envelope and write a check on Sunday - it is all done for you!

Registering is easy!

Go to www.saintvdp.org
Click on "Online Giving Link"
Click on "Create New Account"

Your contributions fund ministries and help us to *Know, Love and Serve the Lord* in our community. When you sign up for online giving, you are providing a predictable income for our Parish.

CONSIDER THIS:

Donate appreciated stock: You can give appreciated stock to your church and/or charity and benefit greatly. If you've held it for more than one year you may take a charitable tax deduction for the market value of the stock, and neither you nor the church/charity has to pay capital-gains taxes when the stock is sold.



The combination can result in a bigger deduction (and more tax savings) for you and a bigger gift for the charity than if you sell the stock, pay the taxes, and donate the net proceeds.

YOUTH MINISTRY



**WE WANT YOU
TO JOIN US AT YOUTH GROUP!**

Grades 7-8 come to **EDGE** Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00 pm in the East Meeting Room
Grades 9-12 come to **LIFENight** Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm in the East Meeting Room



MEN'S & WOMEN'S RETREATS FOR SR. HIGH STUDENTS:

Men's and women's only retreats provide us a unique opportunity to talk about chastity, leadership, accountability, discipleship, and friendship in a targeted way for "just the girls" and "just the guys." During the weekend we will hear talks, discuss, pray, relax, play football, spend time outdoors, dance, play, talk, and grow closer to others and God. For the women - with just the girls. For the guys - with just the guys. **Men's & Women's retreat will be held on Friday January 23rd – Saturday, January 24th. Registration coming soon.**

GRIEF TO GRACE PROGRAM - JANUARY 11-16

"Grief to Grace Healing-the Wounds of Abuse" is a spiritual program for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual, or spiritual abuse. It is appropriate for anyone who has endured sexual abuse, rape, incest, or other forms of traumatic violation in childhood or adolescence. It is also appropriate for anyone who has been abused by clergy. Grief to Grace invites participants to journey through this retreat program in the name of love. Dr. Theresa Burke, founder of Rachel's Vineyard retreats for healing after abortion, composed the program and will serve as the facilitator for this retreat.

Visit www.griefftoGrace.org for more information about this upcoming retreat in our area. To request an application, contact: info@griefftoGrace.org or call 610-203-2002.

Please reserve your spot now as space is limited.

FIRST SATURDAY SERIES AT THE CATHEDRAL

The First Saturday Mornings of Recollection at the Cathedral of Saint Paul are mini-retreats in accord with Our Lady's instruction at Fatima, designed to foster greater devotion, understanding, and living out of the Gospel of Christ in the world.



- 8:00Mass
- 8:30Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*light refreshments are served in Hayden Hall on the lower level*)
- 9:10Rosary (*led by the Mothers of Priests of the Archdiocese*)
- 9:30First Conference
- 10:00Private Prayers, Confession and Adoration
- 11:00Second Conference
- 11:45Benediction



January 3, 2015:
Sister Mary Juliana, O.P., Principal of St. Croix Catholic School in Stillwater, MN

1. Mary, the Model Disciple
2. Surrender to the Holy Spirit



February 7, 2015:
Mother Mary Clare, ACJ, Superior General of the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus, New Ulm, MN

1. Transforming the Temporal Order
2. Living for Heaven



March 7, 2015:
Dr. Denis McNamara, Assistant Director and Faculty Member, Liturgical Institute, Mundelein Seminary / University of Saint Mary of the Lake

1. Church Architecture: Sacrament of the New Heaven and the New Earth
2. Pillars of the Church: Decoration, Ornament and the Wedding Feast of the Lamb



May 2, 2015:
Sarah Christmeyer, Co-Developer and Author, Great Adventure Bible Study from Ascension Press

1. Facing Trials: Trusting God
2. Accepting Trials: Grounds for Joy!

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PRAYER REQUEST LINE CONTACT PEOPLE

DAILY — 8 AM TO 9 PM: Jackie McDonough at (763) 425-7297
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HITS THE ROAD...

Our parish Outreach ministry will take parishioners on the road beginning January through May 2015. This new program highlights the Eucharistic message of going into and beyond our immediate communities to become the "Jesus" we receive daily and weekly at Mass.

When we hit the road this new year, we will be visiting the following organizations and communities being supported by Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD):

- Tuesday, January 27th: Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en Lucha
- Saturday, February 21st: Catholic Charities Higher Ground
- Tuesday, March 24th: Elpis Enterprises
- Saturday, April 25th: Hmong American Farmers Association
- Tuesday, May 26th: East Side Neighborhood Development Co.

Please, consider joining us for some or all of these local immersion trips, which are meant to affirm our presence not just as a church IN the community, but a church FOR and WITH the community in the spirit of our patron saint - St. Vincent de Paul.

For more information, please contact Okey Anyanwu at the parish office: (763) 425-2210, Ext. 417 or e-mail: okey@saintvdp.org