

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

**December 7, 2014**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Pastor:** Rev. Paul Treacy

**Parochial Vicar:**

Rev. Michael Barsness

**Deacon:** Larry Lawinger

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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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**Principal:** Kathleen O'Hara



- John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me."

*Mk 1:4, 6-7a*

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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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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

There will be Masses to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on **Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 am and 7 pm.** *(This is a Holy Day of Obligation.)*



## Welcome to the Family of God

**Baptized on September 7, 2014**

**Noah Bell,**

son of Diane Moukouri

**Baptized on September 21, 2014**

**James David,**

son of Eric & Laura Espeseth

**Anson Glenn,**

son of Jessica Pudlick

**Baptized on November 16, 2014**

**Evelyn Alice,**

daughter of Blake & Emily Aydt

**Madeline R.,**

daughter of Rob & Liz Choiniere

**Camden Ray,**

son of Jamison & Leslie Kohout

**Rebecca Marie,**

daughter of John & Anne Phelps

**Caleb Wayne,**

son of Paul & Sarah Sorensen

**Isla Julaine,**

daughter of  
Brandon & Amy Valerius



## GIVING TREE GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED BY NOON THIS SUNDAY!

ALL PRESENTS must be brought back to the church and put under the GIVING TREE **before Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at NOON.** We start to deliver the gifts at that time.

If you are unable to bring them back, or have any questions, please call Laura & Matt Kenney at 763-416-9386.

**Thank you so much for your support.**

## 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](mailto:jacquieokoh@saintvdp.org)



## DID YOU MISS THE 2014 REDISCOVER: CATHOLIC CELEBRATION? ORDER THE EVENT TALKS TODAY!

Listen to the ones you missed or order the talks for your friends and family! Talks are available on MP3 on thumb drive, MP3 via internet download, and CD. To purchase the complete conference set or an individual talk go to: [www.saintjoe.com/rediscover](http://www.saintjoe.com/rediscover) or call (800) 526-2151.

**The Rediscover Hour:** Please join us every Friday morning at 9 am on Relevant Radio 1330 AM. The Rediscover: Hour is a production of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis in cooperation with Relevant Radio. The Rediscover: Hour is rebroadcast Saturday evening at 6 pm, and Sunday morning at 9 am.



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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 7, 2014:

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8  
 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15  
 Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/  
 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

An invitation to Adoration in Jesus' own words:  
*"You, My child, seek Me always  
 in the Eucharist. It is there for you, for everyone.  
 Don't be reticent. Come simply.  
 Give thanks with joy in your heart. Love simply.  
 Everything is so simple with Me."*  
 —from He and I, by Gabrielle Bossis



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**

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

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR DEC. 8—DEC. 14, 2014

Monday	8:00 am	† Peter Phenow
	7:00 pm	Parishioners
Tuesday	8:00 am	† Ed Greninger
Wednesday	8:00 am	Chris & Erin Mammen
Thursday	8:00 am	† Neal Hansen
Friday	8:00 am	† David Laubach
Saturday	5:00 pm	† Lee Gresser
Sunday	7:30 am	† Josephine Laubach
	9:00 am	Parishioners
	11:00 am	† Harold & Dolores Hensel



## LITURGICAL ROLES

### MONDAY, DEC. 8 (IMMAC. CONCEPTION)

8:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul School	
7:00 pm	Clara & Eoin Keran, Lauren & Alex Bergman	<b>SERVERS</b>

8:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul School	
7:00 pm	Barb Pierce & Judy Randall	<b>LECTORS</b>

8:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul School	
7:00 pm	Carol Hammer, Rebecca Keran, Dorothy Malone, Clair Coughlin, Linda Berscheit, Mary Jo Gagner, Dawn Lewandowski, Kathleen Pomerleau	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>

### SATURDAY, DEC. 13 & SUNDAY, DEC. 14

5:00 pm	Fr. Barsness	
7:30 am	Fr. Treacy	
9:00 am	Fr. Treacy	
11:00 am	Fr. Barsness	<b>PRESIDERS</b>

5:00 pm	Resound	
7:30 am	Laurie Murphy	
9:00 am	Devotion	
11:00 am	Sincerely His	<b>MUSICIANS</b>

5:00 pm	Cristin Curwick, Kyleigh Olmstead, Maggie Grossman	
7:30 am	Chris & John Hadzima	
9:00 am	Katelyn Gasperlin, Clara & Eoin Keran	
11:00 am	Katie Adams, Anja Thornton, Elizabeth Duerr	<b>SERVERS</b>

5:00 pm	Betty Bartos & Mary Nelson	
7:30 am	Barb Pierce & Tom Heltemes	
9:00 am	Amy Gasperlin & Chuck Sawicky	
11:00 am	Judy Randall & Chris Dykhoff	<b>LECTORS</b>

5:00 pm	Tom & Nancy Moorman, Sandy Wheeler, Russ Nelson, Mark & Barb Curwick, James & Jen Vettel	
7:30 am	Cathy Hadzima, Gloria & Larry Krynski, Dale Van Vreede, Shirley Ostendorf, Anton Jochim	
9:00 am	Jay & Judy Jacobi, Todd & Carol Conrad, Paul & Sharry Gasperlin, Joel Salzer, Brad Rosch	
11:00 am	Shirlann Biser, Lorena Carter, Jim Miller, Laura Zaldivar, Mary Jo Gagner, Kevin Landman, Margaret Schauer, Patty Sexton	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>

5:00 pm	Ursula Godin	
7:30 am	Ted & Bunny Dargis	
9:00 am	Shirley Homan	
11:00 am	Carol Gottschalk	<b>WELCOME CENTER</b>

5:00 pm	Diane & Jennifer Hilger	
7:30 am	Suzanne Thurler & Virginia Thurler	
9:00 am	Joan Hansen & Sharon Callinan	
11:00 am	Terri Leeds & Barb Gaulke	<b>GIFT SHOP</b>





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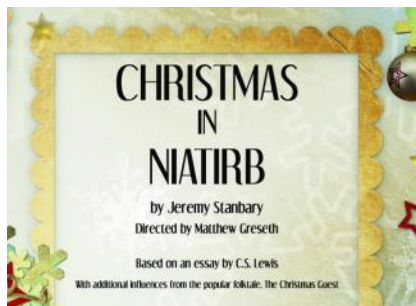


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## OPEN WINDOW THEATRE PRODUCTION

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](http://openwindowtheatre.org). Open Window Theatre is a Catholic theatre located near the Basilica of St. Mary at 1313 Chestnut Ave.

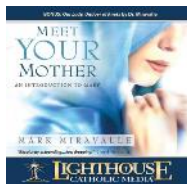


## INSPIRING AND INFORMATIVE CATHOLIC CD'S

Still only \$3 each!

One of the titles is: "Meet Your Mother: An Introduction to Mary"

Ever wonder why so many people pay so much attention to Mary, the Mother of Jesus? In this talk, Dr. Mark Miravalle covers all the major Church teachings about the Blessed Mother.



## ALL ARE WELCOME! SVDP BOOK CLUB

The *Christmas Box* by Richard Paul Evans will be discussed **this Thursday** December 11<sup>th</sup> in the West Meeting Room at 9:30 am.



*"This tiny treasure will cause you to rejoice in the blessings of the season while stirring up a childlike vigor as old profundity is revealed anew. In a season often shrouded in selfishness and materialism, Evans reminds the reader that the only way that we can genuinely love one another is by accepting the greatest gift of love ever given--that of a Father who 'so loved His children that He sent His son, that we might someday return to Him.'"*

--Jill Heatherly - Amazon review.

See [www.saintvdp.org/groups/Bookclub](http://www.saintvdp.org/groups/Bookclub)

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### ■ Adult/Teen:

In order to celebrate the spirit of Christmas, what area of your life do you need to make straight?



### ■ Child: What one activity will you do this week to prepare room in your life for God?

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

—From *Lectionary Link* by Harcourt Publishers

## Advent Adult Retreat "Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness"



Spend some time with God this Advent.

Fr. Robert Barron (on DVD) discusses "Finding the Center", "Knowing You Are a Sinner", and "Your Life is Not About You" as the three paths to holiness.

For men and women,  
**Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to Noon,**  
 in the East Meeting Room, free will offering.

Register at the Parish Office or contact Chuck Pratt at 763-425-2210 or [charlespratt@saintvdp.org](mailto:charlespratt@saintvdp.org). If calling to register, please make certain to leave your phone number. **Registration deadline is Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.**

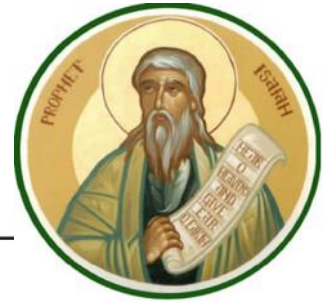


## FINAL SCRIP ORDER BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

It's time! This is your last chance to order Scrip gift cards and have them arrive in time for Christmas gift giving or Christmas shopping!



Our next order date is **Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**. Place your order online and remit payment to the school office or via Presto Pay by the 9:00 AM deadline. Remember that a new Participation Agreement is required prior to your first order of the school year. Additional Scrip information is available on our website. Questions? Email us at [scrip@saintvdp.org](mailto:scrip@saintvdp.org) or leave a message at 763-425-2981 ext. 114.



Q  
A

*How were the prophets able to predict the coming of Jesus, the Messiah?*

The first reading for the Sundays of Advent is taken from Old Testament prophetic literature (with the exception of the reading from Samuel on the Fourth Sunday of Advent in Cycle B). These passages, along with most other prophetic literature, weren't intended as predictors of Jesus' birth, life, and mission.

It is unfortunate that prophecy is commonly understood as predicting the future. A more accurate way to understand prophetic literature is to see it as addressing social, political, and religious issues of the day. By taking on the mind and heart of God, prophets call people to more faithful covenant living. Modern-day prophets such as Gandhi, Martin Luther King, or Dorothy Day do the same.

So there are no predictions of Jesus in the Jewish Scriptures; rather, what we have is the reinterpretation of prophetic texts by followers of Jesus who understood these texts in a new light as a result of their Jesus experience and belief. The original texts, written at a specific time to address specific issues, were later reinterpreted and understood to contain other meanings.

The process continues to our own day as we strive to apply the Scriptures to our twenty-first-century faith reality. This is what makes the Bible a living text through which God continues to speak. Let us listen with open minds and hearts.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### ATTENTION ALL GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYERS:

Girls Basketball Tryouts will take place on **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



### CROSS FOOD DRIVE

St Vincent de Paul School's Student Council recently conducted a food drive for CROSS. Over 3000 non-perishable items were collected from our school families.

Mrs. Morri's 4th grade classroom collected the most items, and received a prize for their classroom. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.



### ADVENT PROGRAM: CARRIERS OF THE LIGHT

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

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







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## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration coming soon.**

### **UPCOMING JR. HIGH EVENTS:**

**Faith & Fitness:** Join us once a month for a fun social event! Faith & Fitness is a program that runs in conjunction with EDGE. Come play games, be active, and spend time with friends. On Faith & Fitness nights EDGE will be from 5:00-7:00 pm. *Upcoming night: This Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> (NOTE CHANGE IN DATE!)*

**Girls Group:** A group for current 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Spend time with other young ladies in discussion, prayer, and social time. We will cover everything from body image and social media, to gossip and relationships.

This group will meet from 3-4 pm this Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **SENIOR LUNCH REMINDER**

Our next senior lunch is coming up on Tuesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be served at 12:00 pm for \$10.00. *(Note the slight price increase for this month's Christmas celebration).*

RSVP to the parish office at 763-425-2210, **this Monday through Friday only, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>.**



### **GIFT SHOP SALE!**

The gift shop is having a sale this weekend at the Christmas Bazaar. **Stop in and see many items at 50% off.**

Don't forget to pick up advent candles and check out our collection of advent wreaths.



*Our Parish Gift Shop Now Accepts Credit Cards!*

### **ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE SIGN UP**

For over 23 years this has been a great way to meet fellow parishioners, get great exercise, and continue a wonderful tradition here at St. Vincent de Paul. All skill levels are welcome, ages 18 and over. The league is played on 2 courts in the school gym on Friday nights, generally from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, beginning in early January through April.



You can sign up via e-mail or by phone, but we have an **absolute FINAL deadline of this Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**, so that we have time to finalize rosters. Contact Mike or Claudia Price at 763-425-4606, or best at [mlcaprice@comcast.net](mailto:mlcaprice@comcast.net), if you have any questions.

### **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.

**KC Rosary:** There is a rosary prayed every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the cry room, led by the Knights of Columbus. Plan to attend whenever you can.



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**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE BULLETIN IS MONDAY AT NOON.**



**NOVEMBER 30, 2014  
(WEEK 22)**

	Current	Year-to-Date
Sunday General Collection	\$20,277.73	\$764,819.65
Automatic Withdrawal & Online Giving	\$15,468.90	
Christmas Donations	\$50.00	
Children/Youth	\$53.68	\$1,021.82
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>\$35,850.31</b>	<b>\$765,841.47</b>
Major Repair & Replacement Fund-Collection	\$548.50	
Automatic Withdrawal & Online Giving	\$545.00	
<b>Total Support for Major Repair Fund</b>	<b>\$1,093.50</b>	<b>\$18,163.75</b>

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



## Stewardship

AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

*a way of life*

At all the Masses recently, we recognized our gifts as coming from God and committed to various areas of Stewardship. If you did not turn in your forms, please do so either in the Parish office, in the collection basket or by mailing them in. We want everyone to share their time, talent and treasure that will bless our parish.

**DON'T FORGET,  
YOU CAN SIGN UP ONLINE AT [www.saintvdp.org](http://www.saintvdp.org)!**

Thank you for your consideration  
and thank you for making Stewardship a way of life  
at St. Vincent de Paul.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR — 8 AM**

12:30 pm Baptisms/Sanctuary

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:45 am Advent Prayer Service/Education Ctr Gym

7:00 pm Resound Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:00 pm Elementary FF Classes/Education Ctr

6:00 pm FF Level 3 Advent Retreat/Cafeteria

6:00 pm FF Advent Wreath Lighting—  
FF Levels 1 & 4/Adoration Chapel

6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting/W Mtg Rm

6:30 pm KC Rosary/Cry Room

8:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary Back

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

1:00 pm Sharing & Caring Hands

5:00 pm EDGE Youth Group/E Mtg Rm

5:00 pm Elementary FF Classes/Education Ctr

5:00 pm FF Level 3 Advent Retreat/Cafeteria

5:00 pm FF Advent Wreath Lighting—  
FF Levels 1 & 4/Adoration Chapel

6:15 pm Freedom Choir Rehearsal/Church

6:45 pm Elementary FF Classes/Education Ctr

6:45 pm FF Level 3 Advent Retreat/Cafeteria

6:45 pm FF Advent Wreath Lighting—  
FF Levels 1 & 4/Adoration Chapel

7:30 pm LIFE Night Youth Group/E Mtg Rm

7:30 pm Devotion Choir Rehearsal/Church

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 am Poster Contest/E Mtg Rm

9:30 am SVDP Book Club/W Mtg Rm

7:00 pm RCIA/E Mtg Rm

7:00 pm Singcerely His Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

4:00 pm Winterblast Mtg/E Mtg Rm,  
Gathering Space, Sanctuary, W Mtg Rm

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00 am Breakfast with Santa/Regan Hall,  
Cafeteria, Classroom 100

9:00 am Adult Advent Retreat/E Mtg Rm

3:30 pm Confessions/Chapel

6:15 pm Singles Ministry Potluck/E Mtg Rm

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00 am Sunday Pre-school/Education Ctr

11:00 am Sunday Pre-school/Education Ctr

## MG HISTORY CENTER OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:margaretkoss@saintvdp.org)



## CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

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

- ✚ Mathias—cleaning up
- ✚ Evan—helped my friend at school to get his backpack and coat on
- ✚ Jenny—cleaned the bathroom
- ✚ Nolan—helped a kid at school with a bully issue
- ✚ Gabrielle—I prayed the Rosary
- ✚ Libby—practice for First Confession
- ✚ Alexia—pray to God

## 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: Sean Olmstead at 763-712-5457, Robert Moreland at 763-557-0874, or Tom Heltemes at 763-425-2314.

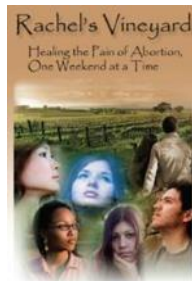


[www.saintvdp.org/parish/groups/knights](http://www.saintvdp.org/parish/groups/knights)

## PROJECT RACHEL—MEN & WOMEN

Men experience many of the same painful emotions as women after abortion, but they often mistakenly believe their feelings are unwarranted. Without an outlet, men may feel withdrawn, depressed or emotionally volatile. The pain of abortion affects all involved, both women and men. We can help.

Contact Project Rachel for confidential individual referrals. 651-291-4515 or e-mail: [respectlife@archspm.org](mailto:respectlife@archspm.org).



## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Our schedule for the month of December has changed because of Christmas.

We will pack food on:

- Tuesday morning, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:30 AM
- Friday evening, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 PM

The food you pack will keep a child someplace in the world alive for another day! Amazing thought! Give a kid a meal for Christmas.

Come join our teams, meet new friends, have a good time and feel good about your volunteer efforts. **We are in need of new volunteers all the time.**

FMSC is located at 401 93rd Ave NW, Coon Rapids just off of 610 across the river. Contact Duane Crosland at 763-441-8683 or at [dcrosland@aol.com](mailto:dcrosland@aol.com).



## PLEASE PICK UP YOUR FUNERAL LUNCH DISHES

In an effort to keep the empty dishes out of the coat room, we have placed empty dishes in the small kitchen located behind the coat room.

Please pick up your dish in a timely fashion so as to keep the "collection" of dishes to a minimum. Again, thank you for your continued support in our funeral lunch ministry. Your time and talent are greatly appreciated!

## 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







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## PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Danny Kroll,  
 Darlene Gross,

Darlene Loeffler, Mary Setzler, Veronica Smude,  
 Bob Burks, Cole McDonough, Sylvia Ditter, Alfred Smith,  
 Jerien Okoh-Tisch, Ryan Lyndfors, Kathleen Bluhm, Mitchell Swirtz, Paul Costabilo, Steve Kane,  
 and Ed Kauffman.

## PRAYER REQUEST LINE CONTACT PEOPLE

**DAILY — 8 AM TO 9 PM:** Jackie McDonough at (763) 425-7297

**EVENINGS, WEEKENDS:** Anna Duffy at (763) 323-8018

**Please Note:** When we receive a request to place an individual on the prayer list in the bulletin, we will do so for a time period of four weeks. After four weeks, if prayers are still needed for that person, we ask that you call the office and request that their names remain on the list. Thank you for your understanding.

## SHARING AND CARING HANDS IS THIS WEEK

Our parish group will be preparing and serving a meal this Wednesday. **Once again we appeal to our generous bakers to provide us with cookies for the dessert.** Please deliver them to the church office by 10 am on Wednesday—thank you so much!!



## SINGLES MINISTRY POTLUCK

We have a potluck every 2nd Saturday of each month in the East Meeting Room from 6:15 pm – 8:30 pm. Please bring something to share.



**All singles (new/intending members) are welcome!** For more information, please contact: Leslie Bender at 763-425-0412; E-mail: benfamacad@hotmail.com or call Okey Anyanwu at 763-425-2210, Ext. 417.



## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Please pray for our parishioner

† Richard DeSchepper.

Please also pray for

† Anthony Greenwood.

*Eternal rest grant unto them,  
 O Lord, and let perpetual light shine  
 upon them. May the souls of all the  
 faithful departed, through the  
 mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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## Parish Staff

To contact a staff member by phone, call the parish office at 763-425-2210, then dial the extension.

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<b>Cemetery Information</b>	Call Parish Office	763-425-2210	

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