



# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

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**Bulletin Deadline – Tuesday Noon**



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

- Lk 3:16

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Confessions - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday Mass - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Deanery Mass - St. Lawrence - 5:00 p.m.

## WEEKDAYS

Monday – Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday - 5:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday – 8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday – 8:00 a.m. Mass

**Mission Statement:** *We, the people of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, are called by the Spirit to be Christ to one another & an expression of His love as a faith-filled community. We believe that: God has called us to a covenant relationship with Him to live lives of justice & charity. Love of God & neighbor is essential to our faith. The gift of Baptism in Christ calls us to be His disciples & gives us the power to do God's work. We have a responsibility to worship, proclaim, educate, & serve.*

# GOSPEL REFLECTION...



**DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

*May God bless you all !!*

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

*For December 11<sup>th</sup>~ December 19<sup>th</sup>*

- Saturday** 5:00 p.m. † Bill Hahner
- Sunday** 8:00 a.m. † Andy & Tom Devine  
10:00 a.m. † Lana Siegel
- Monday** 8:00 a.m. *Communion Prayer Service*
- Tuesday** 5:00 p.m. *Communion Prayer Service*
- Wednesday** 8:00 a.m. **No Mass**  
{*School Mass*} 9:00 a.m. Holy Mary, please protect and preserve our country
- Thursday** 8:00 a.m. **No Mass**
- Friday** 8:00 a.m. **No Mass**
- Saturday** 5:00 p.m. † Bill Stout
- Sunday** 8:00 a.m. † John Thompson  
10:00 a.m. † Joann Weiler

## NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTERS ~ DEC. 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup>

### Servers :

- Sat. 5:00 p.m. **Need 2 Volunteers**
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. **Need 2 Volunteers**  
10:00 a.m. **Need 2 Volunteers**

### Lectors:

- Sat. 5:00 p.m. Barb Anderson
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Ron Race  
10:00 a.m. Nancy Sheker

### Eucharistic Ministers:

- Sat. 5:00 p.m. Sue Droste, Herb Weiland, Jean Worzella, **Need 1 Volunteer**
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Viola Thompson, Mary Weaver, Lisa Borre, Nancy Mischnick  
10:00 a.m. Allan & Sue Glinski, Joan Severin, **Need 1 Volunteer**

### Musicians:

- Sat. 5:00 p.m. Becky Gudelis & Katie Medina
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Joanie Moscinski & Bob Elliott  
10:00 a.m. Karen Shirek /Becky G. & Traditional Choir

### Ushers:

- Sat. 5:00 p.m. Jeff Joosten, Jerry Worzella, **Need 1 Volunteer**
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Don Drewiske, Carol Studzinski, Bill Borre  
10:00 a.m. Jaime Fischer, Don Kempen, **Need 1 Volunteer**

**Greeters:** *No Greeters needed at this time*

**Video Taping:** Scott Sigourney

## READINGS

*Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>*

### Responsorial Psalm

*Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

### Readings for the week of December 12, 2021

- Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
- Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
- Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



# SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**Pre-Baptism Sessions** - Call Mary Jo Sigourney, 715 - 572 - 9748 for more information.

**Baptisms** - The Sacrament of Baptism for infants can be celebrated during the 8:00 a.m. or the 10 a.m. Mass. Please call the parish office at least 2 weeks ahead of time to make arrangements, 715 - 423-2111.

**Communion to the Homebound** - Anyone who is homebound and wishes to receive Holy Communion on Sunday, please notify the rectory 715/423-2111 or **Linda Millner at 715 - 421-2353** by Thursday, if possible. **Volunteers needed.**

**Confessions** - Saturday 4:00 p.m.

**Emergency Sick Calls** - Any emergency sick calls should be referred to **Fr. Schaller 715 - 423 - 1351.**

**Eucharistic Adoration – The Marian Center for Peace**, Mother of America Chapel, invites and encourages *all deanery parishioners and others* to spend time with Jesus, truly present, in the Eucharist in the chapel. The chapel is open 24 hours daily except during the Easter Triduum. Bishop Callahan decreed the Marian Center for Peace as a Private Association of the Faithful in the Diocese of La Crosse. Located at 241 Apricot St, Wisc. Rapids on the grounds of Saints Peter and Paul parish.

**Marriages** - Please contact the parish where you intend to be married at least six months before proceeding with your marriage plans to reserve the date and to set up a meeting with the priest or deacon. To register for the **Marriage Prep Retreat** contact **Mary Jo Sigourney at 715-572-9748** or **stvinred@gmail.com.**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - consists of people who wish to prayerfully create shawls in which to enfold other people in need by it physically, mentally or emotionally. If you knit or crochet and would like to join this ministry, please contact **Karen Weinfurter at 715 - 424-1774.**

**Rides to Mass** - We are in need of volunteers willing to offer fellow parishioners (who may be physically challenged, or unable to drive) a ride to Church. Contact the **parish office** if you would be able to volunteer.

**St. Vincent de Paul Prayer Chain - Need Prayers?** Contact **Sandy Anderson, 715-421-5958** or **Sherry Squires, 1-715-284-1677.** They will get word to the other members of the chain.

**The Neighborhood Table** - During COVID-19 pandemic, all meals are on a to-go only basis by reservation on Thursdays from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm (unless otherwise noted), distributed at the United Methodist Church, 441 Garfield Street, Wisc Rapids. To reserve a meal, go to **www.theneighborhoodtable.org**

**Visits to Homebound** - Our parish Justice & Peace Committee volunteers are anxious to make visits to parishioners in extended care facilities, nursing homes or confined to their own homes. If you, or someone you know, would like a visitor contact **Ann Ruesch, 715-423-6339** evenings. **Volunteers needed.**

**Wisconsin Rapids Community Media** - St Vincent de Paul records a Mass that is aired at **WRCM** on Wednesdays at 10:00 am and Sundays at 4 p.m. You may view these recordings on Solarus ch 3, Charter ch 985, and **www.wisconsinrapidscommunitymedia.com** (streaming tv).

## DATES & EVENTS



### COMMUNAL PENANCE

DATE	PARISH	TIME
Sunday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	S. S. Peter & Paul Wis. Rapids	1:00 pm
Tuesday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sacred Heart Nekoosa	6:30 pm
Wednesday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	St. Joachim Pittsville	6:30 pm
Thursday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Lawrence Wis. Rapids	6:30 pm
Thursday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Vincent de Paul Wis. Rapids	6:30 pm
Wednesday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Holy Rosary Sigel	6:30 pm



**Livestreamed Masses**

St. Vincent de Paul Parish will be live streaming the **4pm Christmas Eve Mass** on December 24th. There will be a prelude of music by the Traditional Choir beginning at 3:45pm with Mass to follow.

## HOLIDAY Mass Schedule

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Eve Vigil  
 3:45 pm ~ Music Prelude by the Choir  
 Masses~ 4:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Day  
 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses for Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> will follow the usual schedule (Sat~ 5pm / Sun. 8 & 10 am)

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

We are currently accepting donations for **Christmas Flowers**. If you wish to donate to the fund, please use the envelope in your Offertory Collection packet, or simply enclose your contribution in an envelope marked **"Christmas Flowers." Donations are due by Friday, December 17th.**



## DATES & EVENTS

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>:** Council Christmas Party at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria. Social starts at 2:45 pm with Chowder at 3:15 pm and bingo starting at 4:15 pm. Please call Bill Plante at (715) 421-1698 by December 10th for reservations.

### WR SERRA CLUB ~ VOCATIONS

**December 17<sup>th</sup>:**

Mass 8:00 AM ~ S.S. Peter and Paul  
Board Meeting 11:15 AM  
Lunch Meeting 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM @ SSPP

On **Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>,**

**Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church**  
750 10th Avenue South, Wisconsin Rapids,

will host the **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** celebration beginning at:

- 4:00 pm Confessions offered in English & Spanish
- 5:30 pm Las Mañanitas Serenade / Procession  
Flowers, Candles, Hymns and Veneration of the Sacred Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 6:00 pm Spanish Mass with Reverend John Swing and Deacon Tom Anderson
- Following Mass, the celebration will continue with an ethnic meal in the school cafeteria.



### 2021 SR. RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

Support aging religious. Our second collection today is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for years for small stipends. Today, many of them do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps pay for medications, nursing care and other needs for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

**Envelopes are available in the pews, in the Gathering Space, and at the 13<sup>th</sup> St. entrance.**

## PARISH LIFE

### EARLY BULLETIN PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Information of meetings & events need to be sent to the Parish Office **BEFORE** 12 Noon on **Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** for the Weekend of ~ **DECEMBER 25/26<sup>th</sup>**

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

The parish office will be open **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** on **Mondays and Tuesdays** until a new secretary/bookkeeper is hired. The office will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 am - 3 pm.

The **SERENITY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** is seeking a compassionate person to facilitate monthly sessions at St. Vincent dePaul Parish. Training and materials will be provided. For more information, please contact **Terri Sersch at 715/424-5338 or tsersch@wctc.net**

### HAITI COLLECTION

### HAITI UPDATE:

Envelopes	\$ 342	Cans	\$ 98.49
Boxes	\$ 8	Mass Intentions	\$ 10

### 2021 - 22 DAA CAMPAIGN

As of November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Theme / Mission : That they are one as we are one**

*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we pray that the Diocesan Annual Appeal gives us the grace to carry out Your mission to worship You, teach the Catholic faith, and serve the needs of the human person. We ask for these gifts, through the intercession of our Holy Mother, Mary, and Her ever faithful spouse, Saint Joseph. Amen.*

**GOAL** **\$ 84,180**

TOTAL PLEDGED & RECEIVED \$ 22,495 26.72 % of GOAL

AMOUNT RECEIVED AT DIOCESE \$ 20,165 23.95 % of GOAL

NUMBER OF DONORS 67 10.58 % of Active Parish Households

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 5, 2021

Electronic Giving 12/1/21	\$ 4,307.00
Adult Envelopes	\$ 6,475.00
Offertory Plate	\$ 463.00
Children's Basket	\$ 0

**TOTAL** **\$ 11,245.00**

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## GRADES 1-9 /December Class Schedule

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### ◆ December 15th

#### CONFIRMATION

Next Confirmation Class: **Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**



#### DECEMBER SCRIP NEWS

Thank you to our many Scrip vendors and volunteers that participate in our program. Please consider supporting our local business during this holiday season. Also, please read on for important Scrip news leading into this busy season!

\*\* The Scrip Office will be stocking additional cards again this holiday season. Cards will be available beginning Thursday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> and may include: American Eagle, Bath and Body, Best Buy, Dick's Sporting Goods, Olive Garden, Panera, Scheel's, and Ulta.

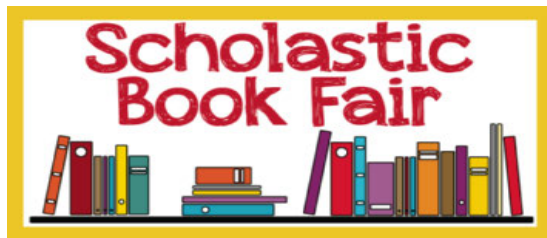
\*\* Rustic Redefined has added \$100 gift cards in addition to the \$25 gift cards already present in the office! Thank you Jodi!!

#### HELP WANTED

#### PARISH BOOKKEEPER/ SECRETARY

The parish is in need of a qualified person to fill the position of bookkeeper/secretary. This is a part time position with a certain amount of flexibility.

The ideal candidate would have the following qualifications: Good typing and computer skills, experience in basic accounting & bookkeeping procedures, record keeping, patience, discretion, and a willingness to learn the details of everyday parish operations. Resumes and letters of application can be addressed to Darrel Anderson's Attention at [Darrel.d.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:Darrel.d.anderson@gmail.com) or mailed to the Parish Office.

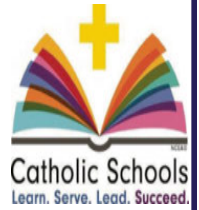


St. Vincent de Paul School will be holding their book fair December 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Great for stocking stuffers and our book lovers!  
Please follow pandemic protocols.



#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

**Mission Statement:** to inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition.



#### From the desk of Ms. Bruley:

#### ACS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

**Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm**

ACS / Immanuel Lutheran Christmas Band Concert at AHS ~ \*bake sale before and after the concert

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022 @ 6:30 pm**

OLQH Christmas Concert (in the Church)



## WANTED: Substitute Teachers

### Have you thought about becoming a Substitute Teacher for Assumption Catholic Schools?

- Pick and choose when and where you work
- Anyone with a college degree is eligible
- Perfect for retirees and recent graduates
- A positive Diocese of La Crosse background check is required

If interested, please contact the school(s) listed below or ACS Central Office at 715-422-0904 for an application packet.

- Our Lady Queen of Heaven Elementary (K-2) 715-422-0980
- St. Vincent De Paul Elementary (3-5) 715-422-0960
- Assumption Catholic Middle School (6-8) 715-422-0950
- Assumption Catholic High School (9-12) 715-422-0910

## WANTED: Custodial Help

Do you have a couple hours or more that you would like to fill? We are looking for custodial help at each of our buildings. Please contact any of the school offices if you are the person we are looking for. Come and play with the kids. It's good for your soul.

SLEEC-JoAnn Wendels 715-422-0990  
[jwendels@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:jwendels@assumptioncatholicschools.org)

OLQH-Shelley Bruley 715-422-0980  
[sbruley@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:sbruley@assumptioncatholicschools.org)

SVDP-Pam Fochs 715-422-0960  
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