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4th Sunday OF ADVENT

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

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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 19TH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

May God bless you all !!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

For December 18th~ December 26th

- Saturday** 5:00 p.m. † Bill Stout
- Sunday** 8:00 a.m. † John Thompson
10:00 a.m. † Joann Weiler
- Monday** 8:00 a.m. *Communion Prayer Service*
- Tuesday** 5:00 p.m. † Deceased Members of the Dunigan & Ziehr Families
- Wednesday** 8:00 a.m. † Bob & Angie Derezinski
{*School Mass*} 9:00 a.m. For All Parishioners
- Thursday** 8:00 a.m. † Jeannette A. Gross
- Christmas Eve (Friday)** 4:00 p.m. † Dan Peters
9:00 p.m. † Gerald Trzinski
- Christmas Day (Saturday)** 8:00 a.m. † Ed & Luella Ashbeck
10:00 a.m. † Norman Reichert
- Saturday** 5:00 p.m. For All Parishioners
- Sunday** 8:00 a.m. † John Montag
10:00 a.m. † Holy Mary, please protect and preserve our country.

CHRISTMAS & NEXT WEEKEND’S MINISTERS ~ DEC. 25TH & 26TH

Servers : *Need 2 Volunteers*

Christmas Eve/Day Lectors: *Need Volunteers (contact Karen Shirek)*

Weekend Lectors:

- Sat. 5:00 p.m. Phil Hartley
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Mike Ruesch
10:00 a.m. Pat Springer

Christmas Eve/Day Eucharistic Ministers: *Need Volunteers*

Weekend Eucharistic Ministers:

- Sat. 5:00 p.m. Ann Ruesch, Darrel Anderson, Diane Wanta, **Need 1 Volunteer**
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Chris & Kathy Strobe, Jon & Sue Byom, Tom Voelker
10:00 a.m. Joe & Sharon Nalbach, Sue Sopa, **Need 1 Volunteer**

Christmas Eve/Day Musicians:

- Fri. - 4:00 p.m. Karen Shirek /Becky G. & Traditional Choir
- Fri. - 9:00 p.m. Sue Glinski & Ann Hartley
- Sat. - 8:00 a.m. **Need Volunteers**
- Sat. - 10:00 a.m. Joanie Moscinski & John Sweeney Jr.

Weekend Musicians:

- Sat. 5:00 p.m. Becky Gudelis & Meredith E./ Janice B.
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Joanie Moscinski & Carol Saramandich
10:00 a.m. Sue Glinski & Ann Hartley

Christmas Eve/Day Ushers: *Need Volunteers*

Weekend Ushers:

- Sat. 5:00 p.m. Anthony Bielski, Lance Schroeder, Greg Hellner
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. Phil & Mary Misna, Richard See
10:00 a.m. Ken Apfelbeck, Carl Weinfurter, **Need 1 Volunteer**

Weekend Video Taping: Donna Filter

READINGS

Dec. 19th ~ Dec. 26th

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

- Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
- Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
- Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
- Friday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/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 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
- Saturday: *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 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52



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. Patric 1-608-317-3514.**

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



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

COMMUNAL PENANCE

Wednesday, December 22 nd	Holy Rosary Sigel	6:30 pm
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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.



Dec. 24th ~ Christmas Eve Vigil

3:45 pm ~ Music Prelude by the Choir

Masses~ 4:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Dec. 25th ~ Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, December 21st** after the 5:00 pm Mass.

Parishioners that have ideas or concerns they would like the Council to address, please email Scott Sigourney at : scottsigourney@yahoo.com



DATES & EVENTS



2021 PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

A special reminder : For your financial records, contributions made & received by the parish office ON / BEFORE Sunday, December 26th, will be documented as 2021's contributions.

Contributions received AFTER Tuesday, December 28th, will be credited towards 2022's parishioner contributions. Please help us make this a 'smooth transition', and enable us to provide you with accurate & timely contribution statements in January.

Thank You!

2021 SR. RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

Religious give thanks. "THANK YOU" hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister regarding the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection.

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 or mailed to the Parish Office.



PARISH LIFE

EARLY BULLETIN PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Information of meetings & events need to be sent to the Parish Office BEFORE 12 Noon on **Tuesday, December 21st** for the Weekend of ~ **JANUARY 1/2nd**

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 as usual 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	\$	Cans	\$
Boxes	\$	Mass Intentions	\$

2021 - 22 DAA CAMPAIGN

As of November 16th, 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 12, 2021

Due to early holiday publication deadline, financials weren't readily available

This applies to Stewardship Tithing, Haiti Twin Parish, & DAA 2021 ~ 2022

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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2021 - 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

CHRISTMAS BREAK (Dec. 22- Dec. 29)
Classes begin again on: Jan. 5, 2022

CONFIRMATION

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



There will be
NO SCRIP SALES
the weekends of
(Dec 25/26 & Jan 1/2).

DECEMBER SCRIP NEWS

Monday, December 20th Scrip Hours will be 9-noon,
Tuesday, December 22nd 9-1, and
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND 9-NOON.

The Scrip Office will be CLOSED for Christmas Break, *Thursday, December 23rd—Friday, December 31st* and reopen with normal hours *Monday, January 3rd* .

Fleet Farm—Local has increased their percentage from 5% to 10% for the following dates: **December 6th-December 19th!**
There are also \$100 denominations for Fleet Farm!

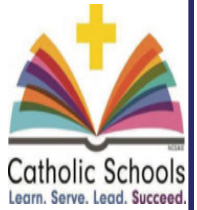


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Mission Statement: to inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition.



From the desk of Mrs. Fochs:

We, at Assumption Catholic Schools, wish you a very Merry Christmas with family and friends, old and new. Thank you for joining us at our Christmas Concerts. Your support of Catholic Schools is very important to who we are and how we teach our children to take care of our community



HELP NEEDED

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.

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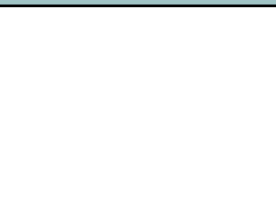


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