



# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

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NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
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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 - S.S. Peter & Paul - 6:00p.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



## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:10-11

**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 25<sup>TH</sup> THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas!

*May God bless you all !!*

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## FOR DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> ~ JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

<b>Sat. ~ Christmas Eve ~</b>	4:00 p.m.	† Deceased Members of the Gudelis & Pionke Families
	9:00 p.m.	For All Parishioners
<b>Sun. ~ Christmas Day ~</b>	8:00 a.m.	† Eileen Livernash
	10:00 a.m.	† Vincent & Berneice Murphy
<b>Monday</b>	8:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Prayer Service</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:00 p.m.	† Dorothy Whitaker
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 a.m.	† Virginia Ciaciura
{School Mass}	9:00 a.m.	† No School Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 a.m.	† Dorothy Whitaker
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 a.m.	† For All Parishioners
<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 p.m.	† Kathleen Kedrowicz
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	† Dorothy Whitaker
	10:00 a.m.	† Betty Lang

## NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTERS ~ DEC. 31<sup>ST</sup> & JAN 1<sup>ST</sup>

### Servers :

Sat.	5:00 p.m.	<b>Need 2 Volunteers</b>
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	<b>Need 2 Volunteers</b>
	10:00 a.m.	<b>Need 1 Volunteer</b>

### Lectors:

Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Phil Hartley
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Mike Ruesch
	10:00 a.m.	Nancy Sheker

### Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Darrel Anderson, Diane Wanta <b>Need 1 Volunteer</b>
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Dennis Pribbenow, Jean Drewiske, Tom Voelker
	10:00 a.m.	Mary Wolosek, Janet Santoski <b>Need 1 Volunteer</b>

### Musicians:

Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Sue Glinski & Ann Hartley
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Becky Gudelis & Bob Elliott
	10:00 a.m.	Joanie Moscinski & John Sweeney Jr.

### Ushers:

Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Anthony Bielski, Robbin Wedell, <b>Need 1 Volunteer</b>
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Don Drewiske, Phil & Mary Mlsna
	10:00 a.m.	Carl Weinfurter, Don Kempfen, <b>Need 1 Volunteer</b>

### Greeters:

Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Robbin Wedell
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Bill & Lisa Borre
	10:00 a.m.	Vivian Haefs & Marcia Schmidt

**Video Taping:** Donna Filter

## READINGS

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

## Responsorial Psalm

*Today, today, today is born  
our savior, Christ the Lord.*

### Readings for the week of December 25, 2022

Sunday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25. *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. *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 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21



## 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.

**Eucharistic Adoration – The Marian Center for Peace**, Mother of America Chapel, invites and encourages *all deanery parishioners* 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. Located at 241 Apricot St, Wisc. Rapids on the grounds of Saints Peter and Paul parish.

**Marriages** - Please contact the parish 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](mailto:stvinred@gmail.com).

**Knitting Group** **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - consists of people who wish to prayerfully create shawls in which to enfold other people in need of 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**.

**Prayer REQUESTS** **Parish Prayer Chain** - Need Prayers? ~Simply put your prayer requests in an envelope marked **"Prayer Request"** & place it in the Sunday Collection Basket or Boxes at the Church Entrances. All requests will be delivered to our Parish Prayer Chain Leader. Or you can submit a request by contacting **Sandy Anderson, 715-421-5958** or **Sherry Squires, 1-715-284-1677**. All prayer requests are confidential.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** *Wis. Rapids Deanery "Serenity" Grief Support Group* meets on the 3rd Monday of the month in the Gathering Space of St. Vincent de Paul Church from 1-2 pm. **Next Meeting: 1/16/23.**

**Send a Little Sunshine!** ~ Do you know a parishioner that could use some encouragement? Let our **"Sunshine Ministry"** send them a card. Contact (call or email) the St. Vincent de Paul Office and let us know.

**The Neighborhood Table** - Currently, all meals are on a to-go only basis by reservation on **Thursdays from 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm** (unless otherwise noted), distributed at the United Methodist Church, 441 Garfield Street, Wisc Rapids. To reserve a meal, go to [www.theneighborhoodtable.org](http://www.theneighborhoodtable.org). \*Reservations need to be made by **Noon** on Thursday.

**Wisconsin Rapids Community Media** - St Vincent de Paul records a Mass that is aired at **WRCM** on **Sundays at 4 p.m.** You may view these recordings on **Solarus Ch. 3; Charter Ch. 985**, and [www.wr-cm.org](http://www.wr-cm.org) (streaming t.v.)

## PARISH LIFE

### Custodian Needed

Our Parish is looking for someone new to take on the role of the **Church Custodian**. This is a part-time, paid position that involves grass cutting and snow removal on the sidewalks and entrances of the church and school. Interested parties can obtain more information by contacting the parish office. 715-423-2111.

### Sacristan Needed

Our Parish is looking for someone new to take on the role of church "Sacristan." This is a part-time, paid position that involves a variety of tasks, including preparing the church for weekend masses. Interested parties can obtain more information by contacting the Parish Office 715-423-2111.

*Thank You!*

A huge **"Thank You"**

goes out to all the wonderful bakers who



donated the many delicious goods for our **Annual CCW Christmas Bakesale** and **ALSO** to all the parishioners who purchased items and gave donations. Our sale was once again, a **HUGE SUCCESS!!**

*Joy TO THE World*

### Holy Moments

This Christmas Season the St. Vincent de Paul Council of Catholic Women is pleased to offer you a free copy of "Holy Moments" by Matthew Kelly. The books are located in the display case by the school entrance to church.



Holy Moments will draw out your soul-potential. They will show you what is possible when you collaborate with God - - including the incredible good you are capable of unleashing in the world.

Holiness has always been the solution to the problems facing the Church and the world. Unholiness has always been the root of the problem. Start the ripple effect of 'holy moments' in our parish community.

Be sure to pick up your copy.

## DATES & EVENTS



### December Scrip News

**NO SCRIP SALES** the weekends of  
**December 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>/January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Scrip sales will resume January 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>.

#### Additional Scrip Notes:

- 8th Street Escape is now Paradise Escape and is located in the former Becker Vision Building. Card denominations will be offered in \$25 and \$50 certificates with a 5% rebate.
- The Scrip office will be **CLOSED** for Christmas Break **Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>** and will reopen with normal business hours on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.



#### NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS

Monday: 9-noon

Tuesday: 9-1

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 11-6

Friday: 9-1

**Assumption Catholic Schools** is seeking a family to host a student from Vietnam beginning with the 2023-24 school year. The student who will be attending AHS in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade is the brother of 2019 graduate, Steve Tran. Steve would like this same wonderful experience for his brother. We are seeking a family who is willing to open their hearts and home to him. It could be for one year or through graduation. You will have an unforgettable experience and an international friend. The exchange students are good students. They pay tuition, have their own spending money and health insurance.

Please consider this wonderfully rewarding experience. You do not need to have a high school student to be a host family. You just need to provide a loving, supportive environment for the student to be successful.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact: Kerry Meinel, [kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org) 715.422.0901



## PARISH FINANCES



"INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT CAMPAIGN"  
2022 - 2027  
(As of 12-16-22)

<b>TOTAL PLEDGED &amp; RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 442,235.00</b>
<b>AMOUNT RECEIVED AT DIOCESE</b>	<b>\$ 124,075.86</b>
<b>PERCENT OF GOAL PLEDGED:</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>NUMBER OF DONORS</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$ 515,000.00</b>
Amt. Needed to Reach Goal:	(72,765.00)

### 2022 PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

**A special reminder :** All contributions for the 2022 calendar year must be received by the parish office **ON / BEFORE** **Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**



Contributions received **AFTER** the 26<sup>th</sup> will be credited towards 2023's parishioner contributions. Please help us make this a 'smooth transition', and enable us to provide you with accurate & timely contribution statements in January.



### HAITI COLLECTION UPDATE:

Envelopes	\$ 540.00	Cans	\$ 28.00
Boxes	\$ 21.00	Mass Intentions	\$ 10.00

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday ~ December 11, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$ 11,802.00
Offertory Plate	\$ 308.00
Children's Basket	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,110.00</b>

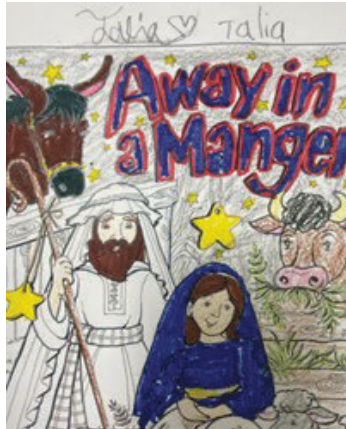




# DATES & EVENTS

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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*Merry Christmas*



### January Schedule

\* Classes begin again on January 4, 2023

### ACS Employment Openings

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL** contact Pam Fochs  
[pfochs@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:pfochs@assumptioncatholicschools.org) / 715-422-0962  
◆ Grade 3 teacher (2023-24 start)

**ASSUMPTION FOOD SERVICE** – contact Joe Ann Cephas,  
715-422-0922 / [jcephas@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:jcephas@assumptioncatholicschools.org)  
◆ Head cook St. Lawrence ECC

**ST. LAWRENCE ECC** contact JoAnn Wendels  
[jwendels@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:jwendels@assumptioncatholicschools.org) / 715-422-0990  
◆ 4K aide/paraprofessional PT mornings

**SYSTEM WIDE** – Substitutes for classrooms, offices and more – contact Michele Haas for a packet. 715-422-0904  
[mhaas@assumptioncatholicschools.org](mailto:mhaas@assumptioncatholicschools.org)

For teaching positions please send letter of interest, resume and 3 letters of reference to the associated contact. For all positions please contact the associated contact.



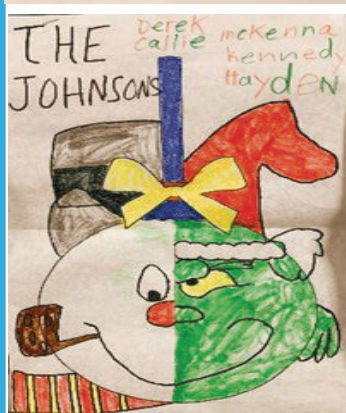
### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

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



*From the desk of Ms. Bruley:*

*Merry Christmas to everyone from the students and staff of Assumption Catholic Schools!*





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