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OF LENT
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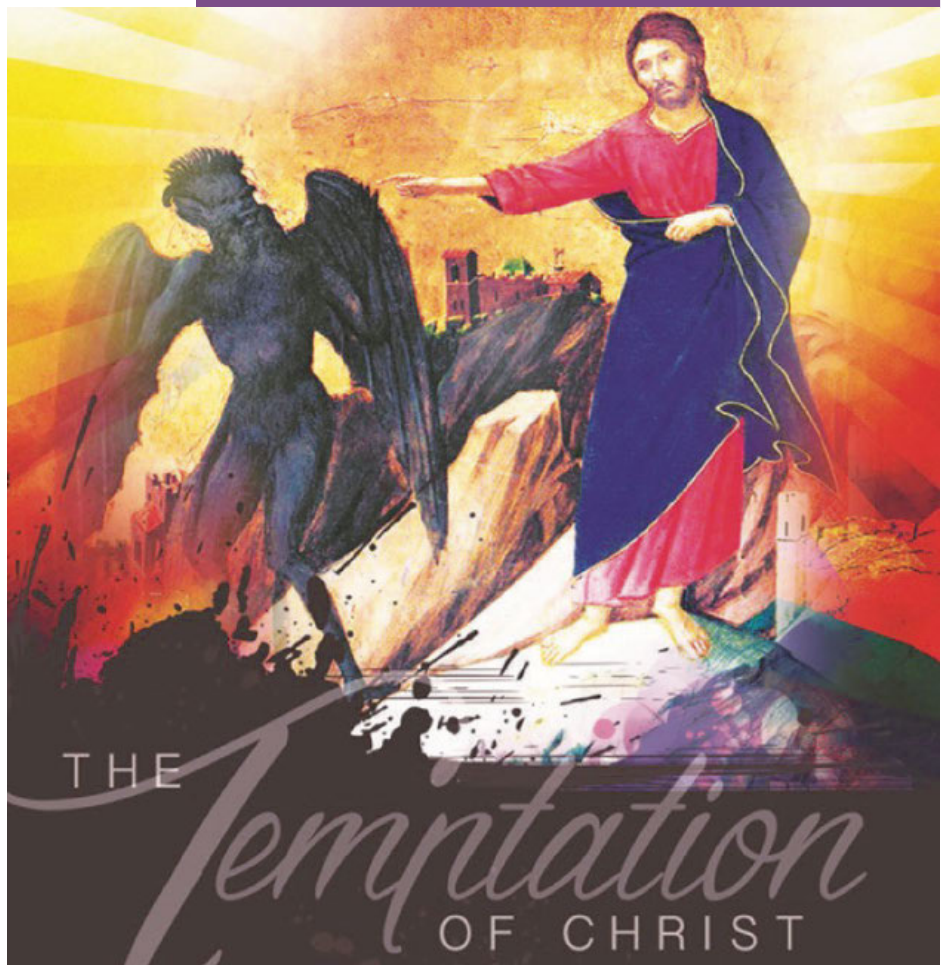
Bulletin Deadline – Monday ~ 3pm

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



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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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...



FEBRUARY 26TH
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: **“He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.”** Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word “fast” means to “hold firmly.” We still use it that way when we say, “I held *fast* to my original decision.” We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. **“Man does not live by bread alone,”** he says, **“But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”** Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

— Father John Muir

May God bless you all !!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

FOR FEBRUARY 25TH ~ MARCH 5TH

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	† Joan Severin
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	† John Thompson
	10:00 a.m.	† Karen Feenstra
Monday	8:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Prayer Service</i>
Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	† Therese McDonald
Ash Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	† Nick J. & Helen Schill
{ <i>School Mass</i> }	9:00 a.m.	† Garth Sigourney
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	† Marvin Klawikowski
Friday	8:00 a.m.	† Dave Goetz
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	† Carol Bowen
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	† Joe Andraska
	10:00 a.m.	† Dick Matsch

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTERS ~ MARCH 4TH & 5TH

Servers :

Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Need 2 Volunteers
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Need 2 Volunteers
	10:00 a.m.	Sue Sopa, Need 1 Volunteer

Lectors:

Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Sue Wiater
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Kathy Strope
	10:00 a.m.	Need Volunteer

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Darrel Anderson, Diane Wanta, Sue & Jon Byom
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Dennis Pribbenow, Jean Drewiske, Tom Voelker Need 1 Volunteer
	10:00 a.m.	Mary Wolosek, Need 3 Volunteers

Musicians:

Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Sue Glinski & Anne Hartley
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Joannie Moscinski & Carol Saramanich
	10:00 a.m.	Becky Gudelis & The Traditional Choir

Ushers:

Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Jeff Joosten, Anthony Bielski, Need Volunteer
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Don Drewiske, Richard See, Mark Mischnick
	10:00 a.m.	Ken Apfelbeck, Vivian Haefs, Need Volunteer

Greeters:

Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Gordon & Cindy Konietzki
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Bill & Lisa Borre
	10:00 a.m.	Vivian Haefs & Marcia Schmidt

Video Taping: Kevin Noska

READINGS

Feb. 26th ~ March 5th

Responsorial Psalm

*Be merciful, O Lord,
for we have sinned.*

Readings for the week of February 26, 2023

Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



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**.

 **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**.

 **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.

 **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: 3/20/23**.

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.

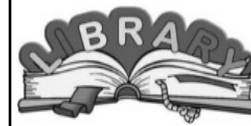
“FOCUS Neighborhood Meals” is located at 2321 W. Grand Ave. Meals are served every **Thursday from 4:30- 6:00 pm**. Doors open at 4:15 & meals are in-house only (no take out).

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



There will be Stations of the Cross here @ St. Vincent de Paul Parish 20 minutes prior to all of the weekend Masses during Lent beginning the weekend of February 25-26 through April 1-2. All are invited to attend and participate in this special Lenten devotion.



Are you looking for ways to strengthen your faith and develop a closer relationship with God this Lenten season? Have you ever wondered “What is the significance of the 40 days of Lent?” Check out the suggested reading in the books on display in the Parish library. If you like movies, the library has copies of **“The Ten Commandments”** and **“The Passion”** on both DVD and Blu-Ray 4K.



PARISH	DATE	TIME
St. Joseph Adams	Thursday, March 2 nd	6:30 pm
Sacred Heart Nekoosa	Sunday, March 12 th	1:00 pm
St. Lawrence Wis. Rapids	Tuesday, March 14 th	6:30 pm
OLQH Wis. Rapids	Wednesday, March 15 th	6:30 pm
St. Vincent de Paul Wis. Rapids	Thursday, March 16 th	6:30 pm
St. Philip Rudolph	Thursday, March 16 th	6:30 pm
S.S. Peter & Paul Wis. Rapids	Sunday, March 19 th	1:00 pm
St. Alexander Port Edwards	Thursday, March 23 rd	6:30 pm
St. Joachim Pittsville	Wednesday, March 29 th	6:30 pm
Holy Rosary Sigel	Wednesday, March 29 th	6:30 pm

DATES & EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thursday, March 9th: Council Officer's meeting at Our Lady Queen of Heaven cafeteria starting at 6:30 pm with the Council Meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

Saturday, March 11th: Council 1558 bowling at State Tournament in Weston.

Monday, March 13th: Fourth Degree meeting at Our Lady Queen of Heaven at 7:00 pm.

March ? : Memorial Mass - Date & Time TBA

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ASSUMPTION'S FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Registration is open to all (boys & girls) grades K-12.

Participants do NOT have to be enrolled in an ACS school to join. All are welcome.

5-on-5 play will be combined into the following grade groupings:
K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, 6th-8th grade, & 9th -12th grade.

All games played on OLQH football field.

Game Dates: Sat., April 15, Sat., April 22, Sat., April 29, Sat.
May 6, Sat., May 13, Sat., May 20

Game Times: K-2 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. / 3-5 from 10:00-11:00
a.m. / 6-8 from 11:00-12:00 p.m. / 9-12 from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00 (Those registered by March 24th will receive a t-shirt). To register please email: Coach Rayles at irayles@assumptioncatholicschools.org

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.

PARISH FINANCES

THANK YOU!

The parish family of St. Vincent de Paul would like to extend a big "THANK YOU" to **EARL AND VIVIAN HOEFS** for their generous donations to the parish. Earl and Vivian donated a new washing machine for the church basement that is used by both parish and school. They have also purchased a wood cabinet for the "Good Shepherd Meeting Room" that will be used for storage. **Thank you Earl and Vivian and may God Bless you always!**

Custodian Needed

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



"INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT CAMPAIGN"
2022 - 2027
(As of 1-17-23)

TOTAL PLEDGED & RECEIVED	\$ 496,185.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED AT DIOCESE	\$ 158,268.06
PERCENT OF GOAL PLEDGED:	96%
NUMBER OF DONORS	171
GOAL	\$ 515,000.00
Amt. Needed to Reach Goal:	(18,815.00)

HAITI COLLECTION UPDATE:

Envelopes	\$ 155.00	Cans	\$ 77.43
Boxes	\$	Mass Intentions	\$

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday ~ February 19, 2023

Electronic Giving (2/15/23)	\$ 1,052.00
Adult Envelopes	\$ 4,359.30
Offertory Plate	\$ 401.00
Children's Basket	\$ _____
Total	\$ 5,812.30

DATES & EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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March Schedule

- March 1 ~ Grades 1 - 8 / 6:00-7:10 pm
- March 1 ~ Grade 9 / 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- March 8 ~ Grades 1 - 8 / 6:00-7:10 pm
- March 15 ~ Grades 1 - 8 / 6:00-7:10 pm
- March 15 ~ Grade 9 / 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Confirmation Class Schedule

March 5 (Sunday) ~ 6:30 - 7:45 pm

March 19 (Sunday) ~ 6:30 - 7:45 pm

****Confirmation Rehearsal ~ April 12**

**** CONFIRMATION ~ April 15 ~ 12:00**

ACS Employment Openings

- **Saint Vincent de Paul - contact Pam Fochs**
pfochs@assumptioncatholicschools.org 715-422-0962
*Grade 3 teacher (2023-24 start)
*Paraprofessional and child care (2023-24 start)
- **Our Lady Queen of Heaven - contact Shelley Bruley**
sbruley@assumptioncatholicschools.org 715-422-0982
*Custodian – start June 2023 possibly sooner
- **ACS Food Service - contact Joe Anne Cephas**
jcephas@assumptioncatholicschools.org 715-422-0922
*MS/HS cook immediate start
- **St. Lawrence Early Childhood Center - contact JoAnn Wendels** jwendels@assumptioncatholicschools.org 715-422-0990
*4K teacher for the WRPS 4K site at SLECC (2023-24 start)
- **Assumption Catholic Middle and High Schools contact Jimmy Lynch** jlynch@assumptioncatholicschools.org 715-422-0913
*MS / HS Interventionist – special education (2023-24 start)
- **System Wide** – Substitutes for classrooms, offices and more – contact Melissia O'Brien, 715-422- 0907
mobrien@assumptioncatholicschools.org for a packet.

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 Mrs. Fochs

What Parents Say About Assumption Catholic Schools

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Assumption Catholic Schools Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year- Opened February 1st

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Mrs. Kerry Meinel 715.422.0901 kmeinel@assumptioncatholicschools.org

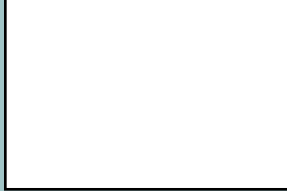
Wisconsin Parental Choice Program: Did you know that your child could attend ACS tuition-free? The application period is February 1st – April 15th. Visit www.dpi.wi.gov/choice for more information and the online application.

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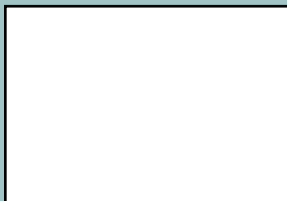
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