

Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Parish

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Fort Wayne, IN 46825
(260)489-3537 ext. 3
saintv.org

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." - Luke 1:35

From Our Pastor



Joy to the world! We rejoice in Christ's birth, that God is made visible to us in the flesh! In the days ahead, we continue to celebrate the Birthday of birthdays---of the One Who is the Divine Giver in our shared humanity of every good gift. We join Blessed Mary and Joseph, the angels and shepherds, and Christians across the centuries and around the world in ceaseless adoration of the Lord Jesus as our New-born King.

Just as the Holy Family had to travel some distance that first Christmas, we welcome all of those who are visiting St. Vincent's in these days, especially for the first time. You are the Lord's gift to us, and we invite you to find in our Parish your spiritual home.

Special thanks to each member of our parish staff, maintenance crew, our exceedingly adaptive music ministry, and the many volunteers whose countless hours of work---so much of it unseen, behind the scenes---have prepared so well for a beautiful beginning to our Christmas festivities.

It is important to note that our celebration of Christmas is just beginning---it cannot be restricted to simply one day! We actually observe in the Church the first eight days of Christmas (known as the Christmas Octave---December 25 to January 1) as a single, uninterrupted celebration of Christmas Day.

On behalf of all the Priests of St. Vincent's---as well as our seminarians, including those staying at the rectory---thank you profoundly for all of the gifts, prayers, and other expressions of friendship you have extended to us in these past days. From the whole St. Vincent's staff, may your Twelve Days of Christmastide continue to be merry, blessed, and bright!

In St. Vincent's love of Christ,
Fr. Daniel Scheidt

P.S. These days of Christmas provide the perfect opportunity to spend time in the peaceful quiet of our Oratory of St. Mary Magdalene to pray. Adoring the Lord in the Holy Eucharist gains us special access to the gift that Mary and Joseph beheld at the first Christmas. The Oratory at the corner of Auburn and Wallen is open from 5AM-10PM every day, and by electronic fob for those committing to a holy hour during the nighttime and early morning hours. Registering for a fob can be done through the parish office.



Antiphons for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon
Skies, let the Just One come forth like the dew,
let him descend from the clouds like the rain.
The earth will open up and give birth to our Savior.

Communion Antiphon
Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and his name shall be called Emmanuel.



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25th *[The Nativity of the Lord]*
9:00 am (S)(i) (SC) † Peter Tue Tran
11:00 am (i) (Ch) † Lucille Garwood

Tuesday, December 26th *[St. Stephen]*
6:30 am (SC) † Members of the Kelker & Brennan Family
8:15 am (S)(i) (Ch) † Jeffrey & Jason Devall

Wednesday, December 27th *[St. John, Apostle & Evangelist]*
6:30 am (SC) † Mary Virginia Roesler
8:15 am (S)(i) (Ch) † John Sandor

Thursday, December 28th *[The Holy Innocents]*
6:30 am (SC) † Thomas Kelker
8:15 am (S)(i) (Ch) † Therese Yankowiak

Friday, December 29th *[5th Day within the Octave of Christmas]*
8:15 am (S)(i) (Ch) † Antonia McCune
5:30 pm (Or) INT Uche & Maria Ijomanta 30th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, December 30th *[6th Day within the Octave of Christmas]*
8:15 am (S)(i) (Ch) † Jerry Patterson
5:00 pm (Ch) † Sharon Hensler

Sunday, December 31st *[The Holy Family]*
7:00 am (Ch) † Andy & Mary Filler
9:00 am (S)(i) (Ch) † Gladys Stark
11:00 am (i) (Ch) INT For The Parish
1:30 pm (Ch) † Richard Freygang
5:00 pm (Gym) † Thomas Baron

Ch: Church | SC: Spiritual Center Chapel | Or: Oratory
(S): streamed | **[SM]**: Sensory Friendly | **[SchM]**: All School Mass
(i): Incense may be used

Masses streamed *at SAINTV.ORG, Facebook and YouTube (8:15 AM Monday - Saturday and 9 AM Sunday)*

If you have health concerns, you are encouraged to attend those Masses with fewer parishioners attending. (5PM on Saturday, and 7AM and 5PM on Sunday).

1:30 PM Sensory-Friendly Mass Info

The 1:30 pm Sensory-Friendly Mass at St. Vincent's provides a safe, comfortable, and stigma-free setting for children and adults with sensory challenges, mental illness, or any kind of disability to feel engaged and experience Mass in a meaningful way.

Readings of the Day

https://bible.usccb.org/

Reconciliation

Wednesdays — 4:30—5:30 pm in the Church confessionals
Saturdays — 8:45—9:45 am in the Church confessionals

Hospital Visits & Homebound

Let us know if you have a family member in the hospital who would like a visit from a priest or would like to be contacted by a homebound minister to receive Communion. (489-3537 ext. 3)

Church Office

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM
Saturday 4:30-5 PM | after 5 PM Mass-6:30 PM
Sunday after 7 AM Mass - 12:30 PM

The Church Office will NOT be open during Mass!

SCRIP (Church Office Sales)

No SCRIP sales December 23-December 31

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin articles should be sent to bulletin@saintv.org by Monday at 9:00 am, the week before you would like it to run. Special deadlines for holidays will be listed in the bulletin.

Parish Calendar

Monday, December 25th
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26th
Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27th
4:30 pm **NO Confessions** *(Due to the Octave of Christmas)*

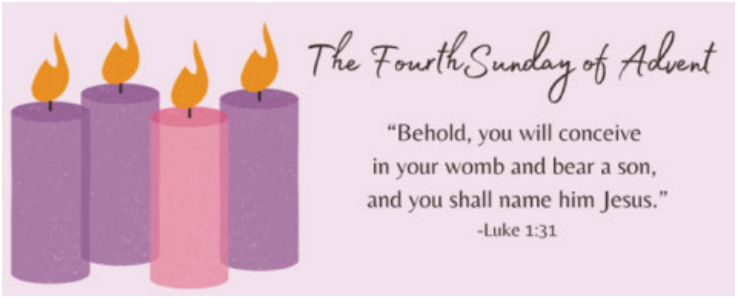
Thursday, December 28th
7:30 pm AlAnon *[SC Room G (#4)]*

Friday, December 29th

Saturday, December 30th
Church Office Closed
8:45 am **NO Confessions** *(Due to the Octave of Christmas)*

Sunday, December 31st
Church Office Closed

(#) indicates Door # | SC - Spiritual Center | LC - Life Center



Incense may be used at these Liturgies:

Christmas Eve—December 24
6:30 PM, 11:00 PM

Christmas Day—December 25
9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Octave of Christmas—December 26-30
8:15 AM

The Holy Family—December 31
9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Mary, Mother of God—January 1
9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

The Epiphany of the Lord—January 7
9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

We use an incense which is hypoallergenic.

Wedding Banns

"Let us pray for our sons and daughters of St. Vincent's as they prepare for their wedding day."

III **Kevin Deatrick & Susan Beeber**

II **Vijayanth Tummala & Molly Brunner**

High School Ministry

SaintV.org/highschool
YM@saintv.org
Encounter • Form • Send

Sunday, December 24 & 31: Christmas Break!

Sunday, January 7: Outpouring—Move His Heart
6:00—8:00 pm | Life Center
Everyone in the parish is invited for a Night of Praise & Worship, and Prayer. This evening is open to all! We will have light refreshments starting at 6. The ministry night will begin at 6:30. Bring a friend and come pray with us.

Middle School Ministry

SaintV.org/middleschool
MiddleSchoolMinistry@saintv.org
Mondays, 6:45—8:30 pm

Merry Christmas!!! From all of us at Edge, we wish you and your family and Merry and Blessed Christmas.
Edge will resume on January 15th, 2024!

Family Faith Formation

SaintV.org/grades-1-6
DebbieBlackburn@SaintV.org

Family Faith Formation Calendar

Families Living Faith Sessions

Sunday, **January 7** - 3:00—4:30 pm in the Church.
Wednesday, **January 10** - 6:00—7:30 pm in the Church.

Sunday Preschool
NO Preschool December 24 & 31—Christmas Break!
January 7 — during 9:00 am Mass in St. Vincent School.

Be a Saint, Apply to Bishop Dwenger Now!

Bishop Dwenger High School new student enrollment is open for the Class of 2028! Now through January 15, all students can apply to become a Saint! Continue your Catholic education by attending Bishop Dwenger. Founded on the four pillars of Academic Life, Spiritual Life, An Active Life, and A Life of Service, all students are taught be "Citizens of Two World" by embracing a college preparatory curriculum rooted in the Catholic Faith. Join the Class of 2028 today by going to bishopdwenger.com & Menu button (top right) & Admissions & New Student Application. All applications are completed online through the link provided on the page. In honor of the school's 60 th Anniversary, the registration fee is waived through February 1. If you have any questions regarding Admissions or want to learn more about what Bishop Dwenger has to offer, contact the Admissions Coordinator, Cindy Johnson at 260-496-4703 or at cjohnson@bishopdwenger.com.

Baptismal Preparation

Attendance at two Baptismal Preparation Sessions is required before your child is baptized. Baptismal Preparation Sessions are valid for 3 years and must be repeated as necessary. You may attend Session II before Session I, if necessary. Each session will begin at 7:00 pm. It is recommended that both parents attend before the birth of your child so that there will be no delay in setting a date for the baptism once the baby is born. Godparents, too, are welcome. At least one parent must be Catholic and at least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic. Parents must be registered in the Parish. Please call the Church Office (489-3537 ext. 3) or register online at saintv.org/Baptism.

Session I (*Christian Parenting*):
January 11 or January 25
(Spiritual Center A—Door #2)

Session II (*Baptismal Rite*):
January 18
(Parish Library)

There are no Baptismal Prep Classes in the month of December

Formed.org—
Catholic Content All in One Place.

Did you know that St. Vincent's has a parish wide subscription to Formed.org? Formed.org has a wealth of Catholic content, including movies, programs, audio and e-books. It's easy and FREE to register!

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3. Enter your name and email
4. Enjoy and share with others in our local community!





THIS WEEK'S COMMUNITY IN CHRIST PARTNER IS:

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St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry is in need of:

- **Hamburger-Helper Type Meals**
- **Pasta Sides**
- **Dry Potatoes**
- **Ketchup**
- **Syrup**
- **Canned Soups**
- **Canned Vegetables**

Thank you to the Edge teen group for the hundreds of Christmas shoebox gifts that will bring joy to many children in the community. St Mary's Church, Queen of Angels and the Ewell Wilson Center all received the many gifts the teens put together and wrapped. We hope the Christmas experience was truly rewarding for everyone. Thank you!

Create a Legacy of Hope

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society invites you to join them in building a Legacy of Hope by praying for the success of their capital campaign. Funds will help to serve more families, promote self-sufficiency, and create equity for those in need by making improvements to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store downtown. Learn more and donate at svdpsfw.org. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ by helping those most vulnerable in your community.

Knights of Columbus Raise $1,200 for Women's Care Center

The St. Vincent Knights of Columbus thank our parishioners for supporting our recent breakfast, enabling a $1,200 donation to the Women's Care Center in Fort Wayne. The center offers free counseling, support, and education for pregnant women, serving 30,000 annually from 34 centers. Our next breakfast is on Sunday, **February 4**, 2024, in the parish hall during Catholic School's Week and the parish grade school open house. Save the date and join us from 8:00—11:00 am; proceeds from the February breakfast will support the school.

Jesus and the Eucharist Video Series

In preparation for the Eucharist Congress next July, there is a 7-part video series available called "Jesus and the Eucharist." Anyone who would like to view it on their own, with some friends, or as part of a small Christian community, can find all of the videos and free resources at www.eucharisticrevival.org/formation-resources. This is a great opportunity to grow in our love for our Eucharistic Lord!

Financial Peace University Sessions

Are you looking forward to a happy new year…or are you feeling stressed out, tied down or fed-up over money issues? Ever wonder what it would be like to live totally debt free? Do you want greater control over your hard-earned dollars? And do you desire to give generously to the church and to those in need? St. Vincent de Paul is offering the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University (FPU) 9-week class beginning **January 4, 2024**. FPU is a proven approach that has allowed millions of people to manage their money more effectively to become debt free, save for a rainy day, plan for college and retirement, and pay off their mortgage early! Join us at 6:30 pm starting Thursday, January 4, 2024. The cost to register is $79.99. This provides access to all class materials and more! You may sign-up online at: https://www.fpu.com/F00D6D or contact Bob & Cheryl at 260-438-3310 or cheryl.sedlmeyer@comcast.net.

Changes in Schedule This Season

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:
Saturday, December 23 through Tuesday, December 26
Saturday, December 30 through Monday, January 1

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Sunday, December 24)
MASS SCHEDULE:
Sat. 5 PM (Vigil), 7 AM, 9 AM & 11 AM
NO 1:30 pm Sensory Friendly Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE (Sunday, December 24)
MASS SCHEDULE:
4 PM (Church), 4 PM (Gym), 6:30 PM & 11 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY (Monday, December 25)
MASS SCHEDULE: 9 AM & 11 AM
NO 6:30 AM Mass, NO 8:15 AM Mass

NO CONFESSIONS
Wednesday, December 27 & Saturday, December 30
(*due to the Octave of Christmas*)

NO SCRIP SALES
Saturday, December 23 and Sunday, December 24
Saturday, December 30 and Sunday, December 31

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Monday, January 1)
MASS SCHEDULE: 9 AM & 11 AM
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)
NO 6:30 AM Mass, NO 8:15 AM Mass

Liturgical Ministers are Still Needed

We are in need of Greeters, Ushers, Servers, Sacristans, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist at Christmas and New Year's Masses. Please use MSP (or email ministryschedule@saintv.org) to volunteer for any unfilled positions.
THANK YOU for your ministry to our parish!

Early Bulletin Deadlines

The upcoming holidays bring early printing deadlines! Please note the following bulletin article deadlines. All submissions need to be sent to **bulletin@saintv.org** no later than **9:00 AM** on the due date.

For Weekend of:	Articles Due On:
January 6/7, 2024	**Wednesday, December 27**
January 13/14, 2024	Monday, January 8, 2024 (return to normal deadlines)

St. Vincent's Knights in Our Community

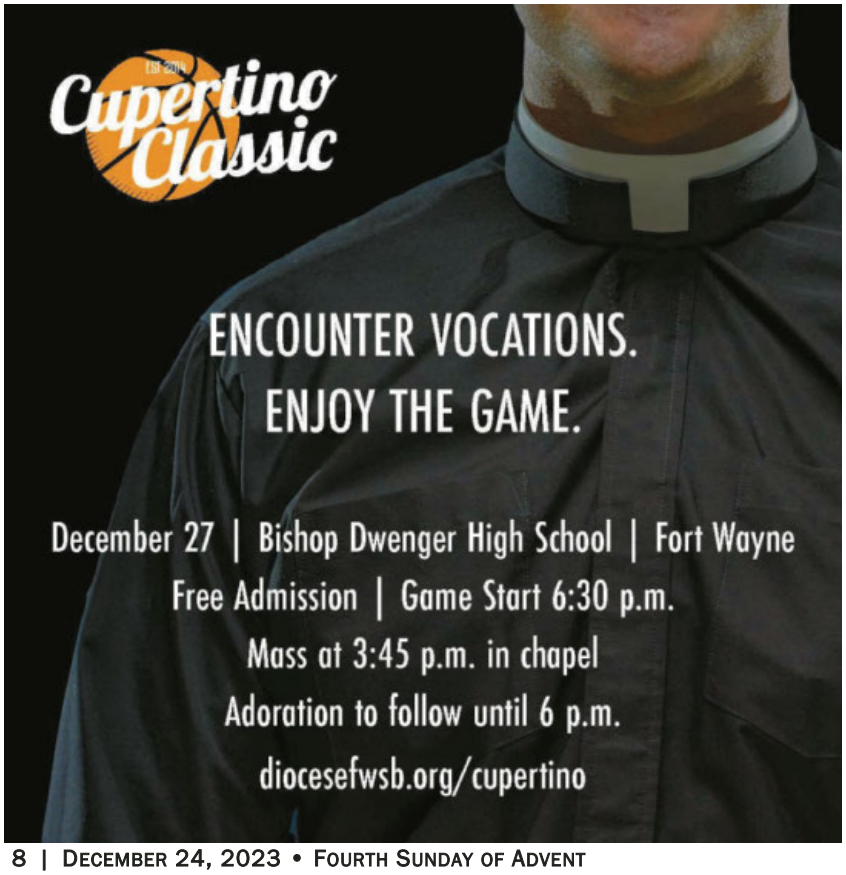
The St. Vincent K. Of C. Council and Ladies Auxiliary, along with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, adopted two families this Christmas. Council members generously contributed, enabling us to provide gifts for the families. The Ladies Auxiliary took charge of purchasing and wrapping the gifts, and together we delivered joy to the families. If you would like to be a part of our organization, open to all men 18 and older in the parish, visit saintv.org/knights for more information.











Theology on Tap Winter 2024

Young people in their 20s and 30s are invited to the Winter 2024 Theology on Tap Series titled "Light in the Darkness." The series is set to explore mental health and the Catholic tradition, love and intimacy, finances, truth, and evil through engaging speakers from the community. The weekly series runs every Tuesday from **January 16 through February 13**. The event takes place at 2Toms Brewing Company, located at 3676 North Wells Street. Doors, food, and cash bar open at 7:00 pm. Weekly talks begin at 7:30 p.m. Come for the food and drink, explore your faith, and invite a friend. Check out the speaker line-up and more info at diocesefwsb.org/tot-fw.

Andrew Dinner for Young Men Inquiring About Priesthood

Young men ages 16-35, are invited to come hang out and find out more about seminary and the priest hood! Questions such as 'How do I discern?" and 'What is seminary like?' will be addressed. The dinner will be at St. Vincent's on Thursday, **January 4, 2024**. The evening will start with Holy Hour in the church at 5:00 pm and follow up with dinner and discussion from 6:00-8:00 pm. Please RSVP by **December 27** by calling 260-422-4611 or visit: diocesefwsb.org/discern-priesthood.

Carpenter's sons— Minor Home Repair Ministry

If you feel the calling, the Carpenter's sons work every Tuesday doing minor home repairs in the community. In light of the SVdP Society's mission "to alleviate poverty by offering hope, as well as, help to all through the guidance of the Holy Spirit", we try to serve low income homeowners throughout the city. Projects include construction of wheelchair ramps for NeighborLink, repair of doors, stairs, handrails, toilets, faucets, decks, and many other items. If you want to join the SVdP Society call Mark at 260-414-6109.

Kingdom Builders is Hiring

Kingdom Builders in hiring a Development Director! This part-time position propels Kingdom Builders as we build an army of adorers. We're seeking a trust-worthy, organized lover of Jesus, who is tech-savvy and passionate about building and maintaining relationships. Are you ready to build the Kingdom in the heart of every woman? Contact us for details at: secretary@buildingthroughhim.com

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule

To volunteer for an open position, request a sub, or update your profile, visit saintv.org and click on "**Ministry Scheduler**" under the "Parish" tab. (St. Vincent's MSP Web Identifier: SaintV)

December 30/31	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 7 AM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM	Sunday 5 PM
Greeters	S. Quinto J. Qunito	M. Collins C. Garcia	C. Adams N. Fidler **NEEDS FILLED** M. Nixon	K. Harber K. Roesler R. Waltmire T. Waltmire	A. Borne J. Zehring
Ushers	P. Alber L. Bracho H. Fairchild **NEEDS FILLED**	L. Franck J. Freiburger C. Hoffman T. Neu	M. Makarewich T. McComb D. Miller J. Roy B. Woodcox	M. Ijomanta S. McBride **NEEDS FILLED** C. Reith D. Roy	D. Carey A. Ladowski **NEEDS FILLED** **NEEDS FILLED**
Lead Server	J. Schiffli	J. Moran	S. Bauer	**NEEDS FILLED**	**NEEDS FILLED**
Servers: Crucifer, Book, Candle Bearers	R. Quinto F. Sokolich M. Schenkel K. Schenkel	E. Moran M. Moran A. Moran A. Pham	A. Kaufman C. Wirges C. Wirges M. Hudecek J. Hudecek **NEEDS FILLED**	C. Linder I. Nielson M. Nielson H. Brinker C. Brinker **NEEDS FILLED**	**NEEDS FILLED** H. Witchey A. Strzelecki K. Schreck E. Strzelecki **NEEDS FILLED**
Lectors	J. Weigand (1) C. Berkshire (2)	T. Coonan (1) D. Fech (2)	T. Schuerman (1) J. Harlan (2)	A. Torres (1) C. Ehinger (2)	M. Trout (1) E. Watson (2)
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	R. Dimke T. Felts E. Koors W. Magda Sr. B. Neu T. Nierman-Wyckoff J. Spadafora M. Spadafora S. Sustek	J. Anderson B. Coolman V. Luetzelschwab L. Schanbacher	B. Brunner **NEEDS FILLED** M. Ehlerding D. Ewing N. Fidler L. Fox L. Kaufman M. Trego	D. Arnold A. Arnold M. Crummey J. Dusseau T. Fean K. Fean A. Nieuwlandt B. Nieuwlandt J. Rahrig	E. Davis T. Lapsley T. Maciejewski K. Moran **NEEDS FILLED** K. Schreck A. Watson G. Witchey
Sacristans	R. Dimke	L. Schanbacher	B. Hunnicutt	K. Parr	M. Schafer

St. Vincent de Paul Parish - Church

Church Office (8:30 am - 4:30 pm, M-F) ..... **(260) 489-3537 (ext. 3)**
Mailing Address.....1502 E Wallen Rd, Ft. Wayne, IN 46825
E-Mails ..... church@saintv.org / bulletin@saintv.org
Pastor ..... Rev. Daniel Scheidt
Parochial Vicar ..... Rev. Polycarp Fernando
Parochial Vicar ..... Rev. Brian Isenbarger
Parochial Vicar ..... Rev. Eustace Okorie
Pastoral Associate..... Michael Dopp (ext. 207)
Pastoral Associate..... Jessica Hayes (ext. 224)
Pastoral Associate..... Cindy Black (ext. 208)
Pastoral Associate..... Solitaire Hile (ext. 230)
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Director of Music..... Nick Bobay (ext. 210)
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Facilities ..... Joshua Bratten (ext. 217)
High School Youth Director..... Emily Oberley (ext. 4001)
Middle School Youth Director ..... Lindsay Lushis (ext. 4230)
Youth Ministry Office ..... Caleb Perkins (ext. 4228)
Parish Bookkeeper ..... Melanie Rohloff (ext. 202)
Parish Secretary..... Holly Dailey (ext. 206)
Parish Secretary..... Daniel Kiefer (ext. 243)
Receptionists..... Sheila Burns (ext. 201)/Julie Ceckowski (ext. 266)
RCIA for Children ..... Sarah Falbe (ext. 201)
Prayer Line ..... Laurie - 755-0816 / Mary - 483-4369

St. Vincent de Paul Parish - School

A Catholic education for children (grades K-8)
School Office (7:15 am-3:15 pm, M-F)..... **(260) 489-3537**
Mailing Address.....1720 E Wallen Rd, Ft. Wayne, IN 46825
School Principal..... Zachary Coyle
School Assistant Principal..... Nicole Suvar
School Office..... Janice Bobay | Heather Strzelecki (ext. 213)
School Attendance Line ..... Julie Ware (ext. 214)
School Kitchen ..... Andy Dailey (ext. 220)
School Secretary ..... Jane Christensen (ext. 212)
Scout Lodge 489-1763
SCRIP Office..... scrip@saintv.org | 489-3537 (ext. 234)

Mass Schedule:

Weekends:

Saturday: 5 PM
Sunday: 7 AM | 9 AM(S) | 11 AM | 5 PM
1:30 PM Sensory-Friendly Mass

Week Days:

Monday-Thursday: 6:30 AM [Spiritual Center] & 8:15 AM(S)
Friday: 8:15 AM(S) & 5:30 PM [Oratory]
Saturday: 8:15 AM(S)

(S) Mass is streamed on SAINTV.ORG, Facebook & YouTube

Streamed Masses are open to the public AND livestreamed via the internet. By virtue of your attendance at these Masses you give St. Vincent de Paul Parish permission to have your image incidentally appear in these livestreams and recordings thereof. We will not focus or concentrate on individual worshipers out of respect for your privacy, but cannot preclude your incidental appearance in the background or in wide angle shots of the Sanctuary. Should you have a good and valid reason your image cannot appear in these livestreams, please visit the Church Office for advice on places to sit that will not appear on camera.

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Oratory of St. Mary Magdalene (1711 E Wallen Rd)
Unlocked 5AM - 10PM | You may sign up for weekly adoration at **saintv.org/Adoration**.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation: See page 3 (Church Alcoves & Confessionals)

Baptism: Sunday, following the 11 AM Mass.
Baptismal catechesis is required prior to baptism.
Please call the Church Office (260-489-3537 ext. 3).

Matrimony: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the date of wedding.

Sick and Communion Calls: Please keep us informed of the sick and homebound, particularly when there is a serious illness.

Catechumenate

We welcome persons interested in embracing the Catholic faith. Please call the church office (260-489-3537 ext. 3).

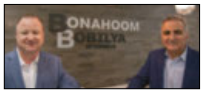
New Parishioners: Visit the Church Office to register.

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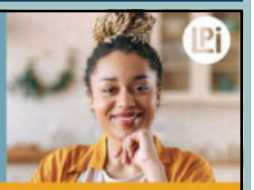
Let me help you check off your bucket list items.

Kyle E Farmer – Parishioner
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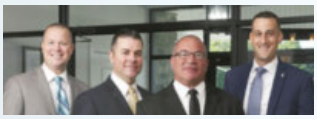
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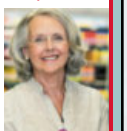
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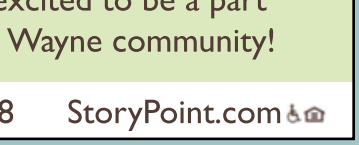

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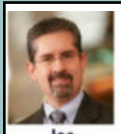
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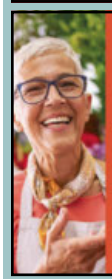
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