From Our Pastor

I have saved, in my files, a story from a few years ago about a teenager in Ohio named Grant Kessler. Grant had just become an uncle. His sister had a baby girl. Grant was so excited



to meet his new niece, Carter Ray, that before he went to the hospital to visit her, he put on his best suit and tie.

Grant said he got dressed up because "first impressions matter" and he "wanted to show his respect." Grant wanted to show his newborn niece that she was loved and valued from the beginning. He commented, "When Carter is older, I wanted her to look back and look at those pictures of the day she was born and see the like, respect, and attention she was getting that day... I think me wearing the suit was a small part of that."

It was a little gesture, but it communicated something very significant and beautiful about the dignity of life and the joyful reverence that we should show to each individual life.

Sometimes it seems, with all the current debates and battles, that there is an epic world-wide and cosmic war taking place – regarding issues of life and other issues. Maybe so, but this is a war that will be won in little ways. A little shift of attitude, a simple act of love, one moment taken in wonder and awe – all can make the difference of a lifetime.

Show your loving respect for God's miracles of life. It will go a long way.

~ Fr. Dennis Zehren

We Are Hiring

After School Care Program Assistants

Contact Alannah Moran at alannahmoran@saintvdp.org.

Congratulations to Young Artists

The Knight of Columbus are proud to announce these winners of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster & coloring contest.

Our thanks to all who participated!



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Weekdays: 7:30 AM &

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Sunday at 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM

All weekend Masses will be radio broadcast into the parking lot on 91.7 FM.



Epiphany Blessings

A total of 494 baby items including blankets, onesies/sleepers, diapers/ wipes and infant toys as well as monetary donations were collected and brought to the Minneapolis Children's Hospital

and Sharing & Caring Hands. Thank you for your support!

Cana Celebration

Friday, Jan. 28 from 6:30—10 PM



AN INVITATION TO ALL MARRIED COUPLES
FOR A TIME OF RENEWAL

Prayer service to begin at 6:30 in the Church with dinner and dance to follow in Regan Hall

\$50.00 per couple. Registration forms are in the Parish office or register online at **saintvdp.org/cana-dinner** by this Tuesday.

January "Card Making" Event

Wednesday, Jan. 26 from 9-11:30 in the Comm. Room

It's January and "Baby it's Cold Outside!"

Let's gather for a fun morning making cards and "catching up."

Supplies and instructions provided! For more info,

call Shirley at 763-420-7759 or Joyce at 763-420-5745.



Northwest Metro MobilePack for FMSC is BACK for 2022, at a NEW LOCATION!!

MOBILEPACK™ We are excited to announce that FMSC is able to begin packing meals at MobilePacks

with safety measures in place for COVID. St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Maple Grove is hosting the Northwest Metro MobilePack from **February 23 - February 26, 2022**.

Registration is now open! Reserve your 2 hour shift online at: www.fmsc.org/volunteer-listing?mobilepack=2202-133EA

Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to make a difference in the life of the poorest of the poor.

Donations are also needed to pay for the food that is packed. We hope to pack over 270,000 meals to bring our total over 6 years to 7.57 million meals packed! To do so we need to raise \$70,000. Every dollar counts! \$175 feeds two children for a YEAR! Thank you for your generosity! Registration and donation

links will be on our homepage at: saintvdp.org.

Please note that 6th -10th grade Faith Formation youth already have a reserved spot to volunteer at the MobilePack.

Contact Nichole Chang at nicholechang@saintvdp.org with registration questions.

The deadline for bulletin submissions is Noon on Monday.



Electronic Giving

Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to make a donation to St. Vincent de Paul, or log on to saintvdp.org to set up recurring online giving.

CCW College Scholarships

Applications now being accepted for CCW College Scholarships for the 2022-23 School Year

Are you planning to attend college in the fall of 2022? Or are you a returning college student? The CCW is offering two college scholarships



in the amount of \$500 each. One scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior attending college in 2022-23, and one to a student already in college who is continuing their studies in the 2022-23 school year. Applications available online and at the parish office. Application deadline is Feb. 15, 2022.

Perpetual Adoration Urgent Hours

We are in urgent need of volunteers for these hours:

Sunday at 1 AM; Saturday at 3 PM

Even if you can only help once or a few times, it is appreciated! Please call JoAnne Newman at 763-420-4089 to sign up.

Mass Intentions for January 24-30

Monday	8:00 AM	† Michael Hince
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Javier Cerda & † Modesto Salazar
Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Roseanne, Patrick & Bridget Wrynn
Thursday	8:00 AM	† Mike Catton
Friday	8:00 AM	† Brian Aydt
Saturday	5:00 PM	† Agnes Trautt & † Helen Johnson
Sunday	7:30 AM	Parishioners
	9:00 AM	† Loretta & Ignatius Kroll
	11:00 AM	† Larry Gleason

Readings for this Week

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/

Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/

Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/

Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12,

13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a,

6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15,

16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf.

15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/

Lk 4:21-30

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8 AM - 3 PM & Friday: 8 AM - Noon

Gift Shop Schedule for Jan. 29 & 30

5:00 PM Joy R. & Deana V.

7:30 AM Nancy L. & 1 Volunteer Needed

9:00 AM Tom M. & Samara T.

11:00 AM Shirley M. & David M.



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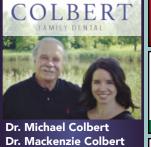
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