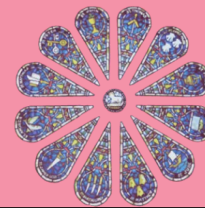




# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003



## The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) - March 19th, 2023



"Healing of the Blind Man by Jesus Christ"  
by Carl Heinrich Bloch (1834-1890)

### **First Reading** - 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a

Samuel is sent to anoint David as king.

### **Responsorial Psalm** - Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

### **Second Reading** - Ephesians 5:8-14

The Ephesians are told to live as children of light.

### **Gospel Reading** - John 9:1-41

Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

### **Parish Office Hours:**

Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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### **Liturgy / Holy Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday:** 9:00 am / 11:30 am

**Monday:** 5:30 pm

**Tuesday:** 5:30 pm \**Adoration 10:00 am to 5:30 pm*

**Wednesday:** 5:30 pm

**Thursday:** 8:00 am / 9:45 am (*School Mass*)

**Friday:** 8:00 am \**Stations of the Cross 9:15 am and 6:00 pm*

**Saturday:** 8:00 am / 5:00 pm (*Vigil*)

\* *Rosary 30 minutes prior to each Mass*

\* *Reconciliation every Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm*

\* *Reconciliation 1st Saturday of the Month after morning Mass*

\* *10:30 am Mass at OLSD 1st Sunday of the Month*

### **Next Mass at OLSD**

Sunday, April 2nd at 10:30 am

### **Councils & Committees:**

**Pastoral Council Chair:** Joann Drnach

**Finance Council Chair:** Larry Bandi

**Building & Property Chair:** Bob Smith

**Development Committee Chair:** Matt Padden

**SVS School Advisory Board:** Anne Ricci



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish School

*Education for Your Child's Mind, Body, & Soul*



127 Key Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003  
(304) 242-5844

**Jarett T. Kuhns, M.Ed., Principal**

**Julie Peroni, Assistant Principal**

**Tracy Thomas, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant to the Principal**

School Year Office Hours: Monday through Friday  
7:45 am - 3:45 pm

Email: [info@stvincentschool.org](mailto:info@stvincentschool.org)

Website: [www.stvincentschool.org](http://www.stvincentschool.org)

Facebook, Instagram & YouTube: [@SVS.Wheeling](https://www.facebook.com/SVS.Wheeling)

## SVS - A LOOK AHEAD...

<b>Monday, March 20th</b>	<b>4th Grading Period Begins</b> <b>Rosary, 8:45 am</b> <b>Spring Uniform Begins</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 21st</b>	<b>April Lunch &amp; Water Forms Due</b> to School Office
<b>Thursday, March 23rd</b>	<b>School Mass, 9:45 am - 5th Grade Leads</b> <b>3rd Qtr. Awards Immediately Following Mass</b> <b>PT Conferences and 3rd Grading Period Report Cards, 6:30 pm</b>
<b>Friday, March 24th</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross, 9:15 am</b> <b>7th Grade Dress Down Day, \$1</b>
<b>Saturday, March 25th</b>	<b>Greenbacks Dinner &amp; Auction, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm</b>

### 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR JOB OPENING--3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL TEACHER

St. Vincent de Paul Parish School in Wheeling, WV is seeking qualified and energetic candidates to teach and lead the 3-year-old preschool program in the 2023-24 school year. A bachelor's degree, relevant experience, or an appropriate combination of education and experience is required. The successful candidate will emerge as an individual of faith and expertise who truly desires the best for his or her students, works collaboratively as a member of a cohesive team, and can assist the school in advancing its mission through effective instructional practices. To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, and list of 3 professional references to principal Jarett Kuhns at [jkuhns@stvincentschool.org](mailto:jkuhns@stvincentschool.org).

### 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR JOB OPENING: PS-8 MUSIC TEACHER

St. Vincent de Paul Parish School in Wheeling, WV is seeking qualified and energetic candidates to instill a love of learning through music in Preschool through 8th grade students in the 2023-24 school year as well as direct age-appropriate winter and spring productions. A bachelor's degree, relevant experience, or an appropriate combination of education and experience is required. The successful candidate will emerge as an individual of faith and expertise who truly desires the best for his or her students, works collaboratively as a member of a cohesive team, and can assist the school in advancing its mission through effective instructional practices. To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, and list of 3 professional references to principal Jarett Kuhns at [jkuhns@stvincentschool.org](mailto:jkuhns@stvincentschool.org).

## Greenbacks

Dinner & Auction

**Saturday, March 25th**

*St. Vincent de Paul Parish Center*  
6 - 10pm

**Honoring the Savage Family**

**Raffle Tickets**

**\$20 each**

1st Drawing- \$2,000  
2nd Drawing- \$2,000  
3rd Drawing- \$2,000  
4th Drawing- \$2,000  
5th Drawing- \$2,000

**6TH DRAWING**

**\$10,000**

**Silent Auction**

Thousands of dollars in Silent Auction items!

**Dinner Tickets**

**\$40 single or \$70 couple**

Dinner prepared by *Chef Adam Luise*

Raffle and dinner tickets can be purchased at the Parish or School Office.

# Parish Information

## Liturgy and Minister Schedule

### The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) - March 19th, 2023

#### Greeters for March 18th & 19th

**5:00 pm** - Jeff Klosinski & John Bartsch / **9:00 am** - Tammy & Trenton Rosenthal / **11:30 am** - Nancy Freeman & Heather Mazeroski

<b>Saturday, March 18th</b>	8:00 am 5:00 pm	+ William "Dean" Bishop + Sharon Willming Basham	Vickie Joseph	Wally McMasters
<b>Sunday, March 19th</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Jenuzzo, Josephine, & Jerry Ammirante + Nancy Riser	Denny Beiter Gwen Porter	Susie Koval Susie Newmeyer
<b>Monday, March 20th</b>	5:30 pm	+ William "Dean" Bishop	<b><u>ALTAR SERVERS (Weekend Masses)</u></b> Logan Buchannan, Charleigh Carr, Georgia Carr, Riley Chiazza, Mallory Connley, Emma Dean, Ava Dominquez, Lydia Koval, Landon Kazemka, Billy Looney, Sarai Macias, McKenzie Looney, Luke Minor, Angelene Ricci, Austin Schwanker, Ava Thomas, Emma Thompson, Justin Wilson	
<b>Tuesday, March 21st</b>	5:30 pm	+ William "Dean" Bishop		
<b>Wednesday, March 22nd</b>	5:30 pm	+ Eddie Comer		
<b>Thursday, March 23rd</b> <i>*School Mass</i>	8:00 am *9:45 am	♥ Living Members of the Purcell, Smith and Drnach Families + Chuck Stocke		
<b>Friday, March 24th</b>	8:00 am	♥ Living Members of the Purcell, Smith and Drnach Families		

#### Greeters for March 25th & 26th

**5:00 pm** - Jeff Klosinski & John Bartsch / **9:00 am** - Cynthia Dimmey & Nancy Georges / **11:30 am** - Derek & Madelyn Reed

<b>Saturday, March 25th</b>	8:00 am 5:00 pm	+ Anthony & Ruth Witt All the People of the Parish	Wally McMasters	Tom McFadden
<b>Sunday, March 26th</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Tom Brookover + Bill Gibson	Larry Bandi Richard Oswald	Denny Beiter Susie Newmeyer

*Jesus, Light of the World, You came to dispel the darkness caused by original sin.  
 You came to heal our blindness and open the eyes of our souls to Your true Light.  
 Please open my eyes so that I may see, and give me the courage I need to profess my faith in You  
 and worship You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.*

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**M - MARCH 20TH - SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** 2 SM 7: 4-5A. 12-14A. 16 / Ps 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27 AND 29 / ROM 4: 13. 16-18. 22 / MT 1: 16. 18-21. 24A OR LK 2: 41-51A

**T - MARCH 21ST** - Ez 47: 1-9. 12 / Ps 46: 2-3. 5-6. 8-9 / JN 5: 1-16

**W - MARCH 22ND** - Is 49: 8-15 / Ps 145: 8-9. 13CD-14. 17-18 / JN 5: 17-30

**T - MARCH 23RD** - Ex 32: 7-14 / Ps 106: 19-20. 21-22. 23 / JN 5: 31-47

**F - MARCH 24TH** - Wis 2: 1A. 12-22 / Ps 34: 17-18. 19-20. 21 AND 23 / JN 7: 1-2. 10. 25-30

**S - MARCH 25TH - SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD** Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10 / Ps 40: 7-8A. 8B-9. 10. 11 / HEB 10: 4-10 / LK 1: 26-38

**S - MARCH 26TH** - Ez 37: 12-14 / Ps 130: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8 / ROM 8: 8-11 / JN 11: 1-45



**PRAY**



**FAST**



**GIVE**

# ***Prayer & Worship***

## ***Gospel Reflection & Prayer List***

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

### **PASTORAL VISITS**

During this Lent, Fr. Jeelson will be available to visit the sick and shut-ins:

- to administer the anointing of the sick,
- to hear confessions,
- or to take communion.

Please call the parish office to schedule a visit.

### **HOLY MOMENT BOOKS**

There are **Holy Moment Books** located in the vestibule. These are our gift to all of you!

Please take a copy and we hope you enjoy reading it.

### **LIVING THE WORD THIS WEEK**

***How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?***

Read Chapter Seven of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults to grow in your knowledge of Jesus Christ: <https://www.usccb.org/sites/default/files/flipbooks/uscca/files/assets/basic-html/page-105.html#>



### ***Please Pray for:***



*Jim Baller, Barb Bennett, Patricia Bock, Mary Kay Britt, Bill Childers, Gerald Cook, Holly Custer, Allison Dunlap, Melissa Hipkiss, Joe Holly, Frederick Jaquay, Ginny Johnson, Flavia Langan & Family, Ray Laudermilt, Marcia Laughlin, Dave Mallery, Brandt Mazerowski, Harold H. Miller, Mike Perring, Connie Pietranton, Jenna Russell, Paul Russell, Isaac Salva, Bobby Schinkovec, Nancy Shalvey, Addison Stephens, Marlene Trischler, Glen Ullom, Lynn Uraco, Ryan and Krystyn Wamsley, Harald Wiesner, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, Ann & Charlie Wolfe, Dylan Wolfe, All Homebound, Sick and Shut-Ins*

If you would like to add friend or loved one to our prayer list, please contact the Parish Office at (304) 242-0406.



# ***Prayer & Worship***

## ***Religious Education & Announcements***

### **SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM:** If you would like to have your child Baptized, contact **Fr. Jeelson**, or the **Parish Office** to make arrangements.

**MARRIAGE:** Engaged couples should contact **Fr. Jeelson**, or the **Parish Office** preferably six months prior to the desired wedding date.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Individual reception of the sacrament can be arranged by contacting **Fr. Jeelson**, or the **Parish Office**. Anyone who is anticipating surgery is encouraged to request this sacrament prior to entering the hospital.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**PSR:** Classes meet every Sunday from **10:15 - 11:15 am**. For more details, contact **Derek Dimmey**.

**RCIA:** Classes meet on **Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm** in the Youth Room. Contact **Cynthia Dimmey** at **304-650-5857** or **cdimmey2015@icloud.com** for more information.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

During the **9:00 am Sunday** liturgy, **Pre-K through 2nd Grade** parishioners (*those that have not yet received first communion*) will be invited to be dismissed before the first reading and will return before the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

We will be taking Mass Intentions for any Mass. If you would like to offer a Mass for a loved one or for your intention, please contact the Parish Office.

The offering for any Mass on weekdays is \$10.  
For Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation \$20.

### **COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION**

The Commemorative Mass Association - "CMA" is a means for parishioners and friends to honor their loved ones with a total of 18 Masses throughout the year. The Masses are said on the **First Friday of each month** as well as on **Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, the Feast of the Assumption, All Souls Day, and Christmas Day**.

The annual cost is **\$50.00** and you may add multiple deceased family members. Contact the parish office at 304-242-0406 for more information or to register your deceased loved ones.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Tuesdays from 10:00 am - 5:30 pm.**

Helpers are needed for Eucharistic Adoration, especially between the hours of **1:00-2:00 pm** and **4:00-5:00 pm**. Please call **Joann Drnach** at **304-238-6534** to sign up.

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Pastoral Council Elections will be held the weekend of **May 6th and 7th, 2023**.

Four people need to be elected to the council.

See the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

Nomination cards are available in the vestibule.

Cards can be returned in the collection basket or the Parish Office.

### **Attendance & Offertory for March 11th & 12th**

5:00pm - 117 / 9:00am - 116 / 11:30am - 109 **Total Attendance: - 342**  
SVDP: \$3,175 / OLSD: \$615 / WeShare: \$1,327.20 / **Total Collection - \$5,117.20**

### **Second Collection Update - March 11th & 12th**

*Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund - \$1,076*

### **Upcoming Second Collection - April 6th & 7th**

*Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land*

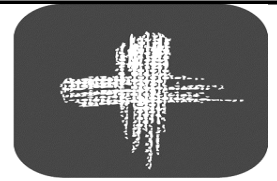
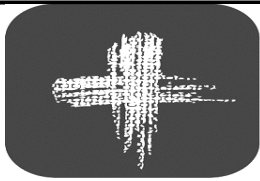
When writing checks for any collection, please make all checks payable to **St. Vincent's Church**.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUAL PARISH SUPPORT!**

*\* Copies of the Parish 2022 Financial Report are available in the Vestibule and on the Church Bulletin Board*

# Lenten Season

*Journey With Us*



## LENT

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

**FASTING DAYS:** include **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** (one full meatless meal is permitted), and meatless Fridays during Lent (fish and shellfish are permitted).

**THE THREE PILLARS:** of Lent are **prayer, fasting** and **almsgiving**. In addition to fasting, many also choose to abstain from other comforts during Lent.

**HOLY WEEK:** begins with **Palm Sunday**, April 2nd, a celebration of Christ's triumphant return to Jerusalem.

**EASTER TRIDUUM:** begins with **Holy Thursday**, on April 6, at Sunset, signaling the end of the Lenten season.

## LIVE LENT BOOK STUDY

A Lenten Study is planned for each Tuesday during Lent. The book "**Live Lent**" by Sr. Theresa Rickard O.P. will be our guide and reference. Facilitators are Bryan & Maria Minor and Dave Soloninka.

We will meet from **6:15 pm to 7:15 pm** in the Youth room of the Marist Center, beginning on **Tuesday, February 28th**.

*We always focus on giving things up for Lent. But what better way to enrich your Lenten season than by doing something extra for God and yourself.*

Please contact Dave Soloninka if interested at  
**304-780-1692** (call or text)

## RESOURCES FOR YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

We enter into this fourth Sunday of Lent with the words of Samuel I telling us that, "not as man sees does God see." At Mass, we then hear the story of Christ healing the blind man at the pool of Siloam. Use the resources on this page to further deepen your knowledge and appreciation of Lent.

Click on the link below to open.

<https://www.lovolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/len/arts-and-faith-for-lent/cycle-a/arts-and-faith-week-4-of-lent-cycle-a/>

## THE SCRUTINIES

The Gospel passages in Cycle A for the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent are from the Gospel of John. We've used them for centuries to prepare people who wish to be baptized. When a local community has people preparing for baptism, these readings become part of a ritual called The Scrutinies.

These readings help us to scrutinize Jesus. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we also look more closely at the sin in our lives and confess our need for God's savior.

## RECONCILIATION SERVICE

A Reconciliation Service will be held at St. Vincent's Parish on **Thursday, March 23rd at 6:00 pm**.  
4 priests will be available to hear confessions.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK AFTER MASS

Anointing of the Sick will be available at St. Vincent's Parish the last weekend of March after all Masses

**Saturday, March 25th** after **5:00 pm** Mass  
**Sunday, March 26th** after **9:00 am** Mass  
**Sunday, March 26th** after **11:30 am** Mass

## MONDAY MASS DURING LENT

Mass will be celebrated at St. Vincent's Parish **each Monday at 5:30 pm** during Lent

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at St. Vincent's Parish **each Friday** during Lent at **9:15 am (school)** and at **6:00 pm**.

On **Good Friday**, Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at Our Lady of Seven Dolors Mission at **3:00 pm**.

## OLSD ALTAR SOCIETY LENTEN FISH FRY!

Fridays during Lent from **11:00 am** through **5:30 pm** at the OLSD Church Hall!



**March 24th**

**March 31st**



Eat in, Carry Out, and local Delivery available.  
Call **304-547-5342**



# Lenten Season

## Question of the Week & Spiritual Exercises

### Why should we tithe?

*Is there any biblical stipulation on tithing? What % (percentage) of a family's income?*

**Biblical basis of stewardship by tithing:** Both the Old and the New Testaments are full of references to tithing to the Lord. The practice of tithing is rooted in the Old Testament and was reinforced by the teaching of Jesus and his apostles and the example of the early Christians. The tithe was basically a requirement of the Mosaic Law by which all Israelites were to give 10% of everything they earned and grew, to the tabernacle.

Genesis 14:18-20: Abraham first gave a tithe offering as a spontaneous thank you to God. / Genesis 28:22: Jacob makes a pledge to return one tenth of everything he has to the Lord. / Leviticus 27:30: *"All tithes of the land, whether in grain from the fields or in fruit from the trees, belong to the LORD, as sacred to Him."* / Malachi 3:10: *"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and try me in this, says the LORD of hosts: Shall I not open for you the floodgates of heaven, to pour down blessing upon you without measure?"* (Cfr also Num 18:26; Deut 14:24; 2Chr 31:5).

Jesus encouraged the generous sharing of our blessings with others: *"Give and gifts will be given to you"* (Luke 6:38). / St. Paul exhorts the Christians in Corinth to contribute "what they can afford" to support the ministry of the Church. (1Cor 16:1-4). / The early Christian community took Jesus literally when he told the rich young man to sell all he had and give it to the poor. The early Church practiced it as evidenced in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:45): *"they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need,"*.

Theologically, tithing is an act of thanksgiving to God by which we are helping our own brothers and sisters in the parish community. Besides, it is a source and means of additional blessing from God.

### LENTEN ACTIVITIES & SPIRITUAL EXERCISES!

- Attend one extra Mass per week.
- Spend at least 30 minutes in Eucharistic adoration per week.
- Go to confession at least once during the season of Lent after making a good examination of conscience.
- Make a decision to read some Scripture every day during Lent.
- Attend the Stations of the Cross each Friday during the Season of Lent. If you have children, bring them!
- Pray the Rosary often during Lent. If you've never done a family rosary, begin doing it.
- Lenten fasting and abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and all Fridays of the lent are days of abstinence.
- Works of mercy for lent: Find a local homeless shelter, soup kitchen, or crisis pregnancy center, and volunteer some time there throughout Lent. Visit someone who is sick at home, in the hospital or at a nursing home.
- Pray each day during Lent for the intentions and health of the Holy Father. Pray each day for your bishop and all the bishops of the Catholic Church, for your priests and deacons, for the millions of Christians suffering under persecution.
- Almsgiving: Help someone make their life better.
- Refocus your priorities for lent: If you are married, it would be an awesome Lenten idea to spend some special, focused time with your spouse, strengthening your marriage. Start praying together or make praying together a more frequent occurrence. Spend some focused time together with each of your children, or your siblings, or your parents.

### Daily Inspiration for Your Lenten Journey | March 19-March 25 | [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

Sunday March 19th	Monday March 20th	Tuesday March 21st	Wednesday March 22nd	Thursday March 23rd	Friday March 24th	Saturday March 25th
<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Ephesians 5:8	<b>Solemnity of St. Joseph</b> This year, this celebration is transferred from March 19 to March 20. "Joseph, who is a carpenter from Nazareth and who trusts in God's plan for his young fiancée and for himself, reminds the Church to fix her gaze on what the world deliberately ignores." Pope Francis, Audience, November 17, 2021	As Lent reaches its halfway point, recommit yourself to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to purify your heart for the Paschal feast.	"Witnessing to gospel values helps to transform our culture. Our culture is in great need of justice and charity, virtues that cannot be achieved without grace and openness to conversion."  <u>Link: <a href="#">Penitential Practices for Today's Catholics</a></u>	"The Christian family is called to radiate God's love to the world. When the world sees a joyful family, it sees God working in history."  <u>Link: <a href="#">Called to the Joy of Love</a></u>	Pray for vocations to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and the consecrated life.	<b>Solemnity of the Annunciation</b> Today is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, celebrating the incarnation of Christ in Mary's womb. It's a great day to pray the Hail Mary.

# Parish Outreach

## Organizations & Charities

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you would like to attend a meeting, call **Mary Lou Kent** at **(304) 242-1019**. The next meeting is **Tuesday, March 21st at 6:15 pm** in the Caveney Room. *(We are attending Mass at 5:30 pm and meeting after Mass.)*

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Outreach in 2022

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul - St. Mary's Conference, Elm Grove has had a busy and productive year of service in 2022. We were able to help **1019 individuals** and we made **310 home visits** (a hallmark of our Society.) Society members and friends, all lay volunteers, gave a reported **939 hours of service** and an estimated **3,000 driving miles** to assist the Society in its work.

We were able to give **\$39,239 in assistance** to those we serve - anyone in need, for whatever reason, in our local community area. Our bed ministry also continues to be successful. With beds donated by hotel/motel operations, college/university sources, individual donations and beds purchased directly with donations, we provided **171 beds** to families in need. We were able to accomplish this with the much appreciated help of our volunteer truck drivers and their families and friends. This has been a way to encourage young people to become involved in service.

We continue to reach out to other local parishes for financial assistance and prospective members. We have had four new members join the Society this year! In accordance with our Rule and with the help of WV and National trainers, we provided an Orientation and training session for them and as a refresher for current members. We now have **13 active members** and **5 associate members**.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's outreach depends upon volunteers and donations. The Church community has always been generous in providing both. Poor box collections, Thrift Store distributions, Grants, individual donations, and member contributions make up the bulk of our financial resources. Over ninety-six per cent of the funds we receive goes directly to those we serve! The remainder is used to maintain our phone line, liability insurance and for other supplies. The services we provide include food vouchers to Riesbeck's, rent and utility assistance, personal care and cleaning supplies, gasoline for transportation, beds and linens, emergency assistance and other services to empower those in need.

We deeply appreciate the on-going support of our community! Be assured of the gratitude and prayers of our Society members and those we serve. We ask that you continue to be a part of our Society through your prayers and financial donations. If you feel called to join the Society, you would be most welcome!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS

#### **BABY BOTTLES / CHANGE FOR LIFE**

Please fill bottles with donations / loose change and return to the Parish on **Palm Sunday**.

All proceeds from this collection are donated to **The Gabriel Project**

which provides all necessary assistance for mothers in need, including pregnant mothers.

Your support with this project is greatly appreciated.

#### **40 CANS FOR LENT**

The Knights of Columbus 504 Council is sponsoring the annual 40 Cans for Lent. Please donate non-perishable food items in the blue bin in the back of Church. All donations will benefit the clients at the 18th Street Center. The Knights of Columbus thanks you for your generous support.

#### **HELP NEEDED FOR FOOD PACKING EVENT!**

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**C.C.N.C. is looking for volunteers to deliver meals!**

Volunteers are urgently needed to deliver meals to individuals receiving this service. It would be greatly appreciated if you could support and help us!

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# **Parish Outreach**

## ***Trainings, Announcements & Events***

### **ST. VINCENT'S YOUTH MINISTRY**

St. Vincent's Summer Camp scheduled for

**Sunday, June 18th**

through

**Saturday, June 24th, 2023!**

Registration is now open at [svscamp.com](http://svscamp.com)

We have several fundraising events scheduled to help defray the cost of St. Vincent's Summer Camp. Please consider supporting our fundraising efforts!

#### **March**

**March 12** - Little Caesar's pizza kit sale begins (fundraiser for Camp.)

**March 31** - Little Caesars fundraiser ends.

#### **April**

**April 1** - Calendar fundraiser begins (fundraiser to benefit campers & counselors.)

**April 30** - Calendar fundraiser ends, all sales due back to the parish. (Sales applied directly to individual fees, and any remainder benefits Camp.)

#### **May**

**(TBD)** - Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, bonfire, and counselor/parent meeting.

**May 28** - All Camp forms and fees due.

#### **June**

**June 3** - Chipotle dine-to-donate @ the Highlands.

**June 18** - Bus departs St. Vincent's for Camp in Huttonsville, WV.

**June 24** - Bus returns to St. Vincent's.

For more information, please contact

[StVincentsSummerCamp@gmail.com](mailto:StVincentsSummerCamp@gmail.com)

### **VIRTUS TRAINING**

If you plan on volunteering for the Parish, School or any Ministry here at St. Vincent's and have not yet completed your Virtus training; please go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) to complete the requirements.

If you need any assistance, please contact the Parish Office.

### **ST. JOHN'S BEREAVEMENT GATHERING**

*Grief from a Faith Perspective:*

If you or someone you know has lost a loved one and may benefit from a gathering for those grieving, please join us at **6:00 pm** on the **last Monday of each month** at St. John's Fellowship Hall in Benwood, WV.

Call St. John's parish at **304-232-6455**

Next gathering will be **March 27th**

### **SVDP UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS!**

#### **TRIVIA NIGHT:**

SVDP Parish will be hosting a Trivia Night on **Friday, April 21st at 6:30 pm** in the Marist Centre!

Come have fun while testing your skills at trivia!

\$10.00 per person

Up to 8 people per team / table.

Flyers are in the vestibule.

Please take a copy of the flyer and form a team.

Reservations need to be in by **Friday, April 14th.**

#### **PAINT-N-SIP:**

SVDP Parish will be hosting a Paint-n-Sip on **Sunday, May 7th from 2:00 - 4:30 pm** in the Marist Centre!

#### **GOLF SCRAMBLE:**

SVDP Parish will be hosting a Golf Scramble on **Sunday, June 25th (2:00 pm tee time)** at Oglebay's Crispin Course!

#### **OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL:**

SVDP Parish will be hosting an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social on **Saturday, July 8th** after the **5:00 pm Mass** in the Church Court Yard!

### **RETURN OF THE ST. VINCENT'S FESTIVAL!**

The St. Vincent's Festival will make it's return in the summer on 2024!

An organizational meeting is scheduled for

**Wednesday, April 19th at 6:00 pm**

in the Marist Centre.

Committee Members and Volunteers Needed!

**PROCEEDS FROM ALL SOCIAL EVENTS  
WILL BENEFIT OUR CHURCH!**

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# Parish Information

## Weekly Calendar & Upcoming Events

### SVDP - A LOOK AHEAD...

<b>Sunday, March 19th</b>	<b>Church Choir Rehearsal</b> , 10:00 - 11:00 am (Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel) <b>PSR</b> , 10:15 - 11:15 am (All Meeting Spaces) <b>Small Group</b> (Dmarch), 10:15 - 11:15 am
<b>Monday, March 20th</b>	<b>Mass on Monday's during Lent</b> - 5:30 pm
<b>Tuesday, March 21st</b>	<b>Prayer Shawl Group</b> (Kreitzer), 1:00 to 3:00 pm (First and Third Tuesday of each Month) <b>Small Group</b> (LaBrosse), 2:00 - 3:30 pm <b>Bell Choir Rehearsal</b> , 4:15 - 5:15 pm (Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel) <b>Stitching Group</b> (McFadden), 5:00 - 7:00 pm <b>"Live Lent" Book Study</b> (Minor & Solononka), 6:15 - 7:15 pm
<b>Wednesday, March 22nd</b>	<b>Small Group</b> (Mazzocca), 6:00 - 8:00 pm <b>Small Group</b> (McKeets), 6:00 - 8:00 pm
<b>Thursday, March 23rd</b>	<b>School Mass</b> , 9:45 am <b>Reconciliation Service</b> , 6:00 pm (4 priests will be available to hear confessions.) <b>RCIA Meeting</b> , 6:30 - 8:00 pm
<b>Friday, March 24th</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> , 9:15 am <b>OLSD Fish Fry</b> , 11:00 am - 5:30 pm <b>Rosary</b> (Mazzocca), 4:00 - 5:00 pm <b>Stations of the Cross</b> , 6:00 pm
<b>Saturday, March 25th</b>	<b>Greenbacks Dinner &amp; Auction</b> , 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
<b>Sunday, March 26th</b>	<b>PSR</b> , 10:15 - 11:15 am (All Meeting Spaces) <b>Small Group</b> (Dmarch), 10:15 - 11:15 am

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK AFTER MASS

Anointing of the Sick will be available at St. Vincent's Parish the last weekend of March after all Masses



**Saturday, March 25th after 5:00 pm Mass**

**Sunday, March 26th after 9:00 am Mass**

**Sunday, March 26th after 11:30 am Mass**

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRED CUP TO BE REINSTATED!

The reinstatement of the distribution of the Sacred Cup to the faithful who wish to receive it will be **effective April 6, 2023**. This date is most appropriate as it is Holy Thursday, when we recall that our Lord Jesus first gave the Church this precious gift of His Body and His Blood at the Last Supper.

If you would like to receive the Precious Blood, **please sign up!**

That will help us to know how much wine is to be consecrated.

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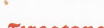


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