

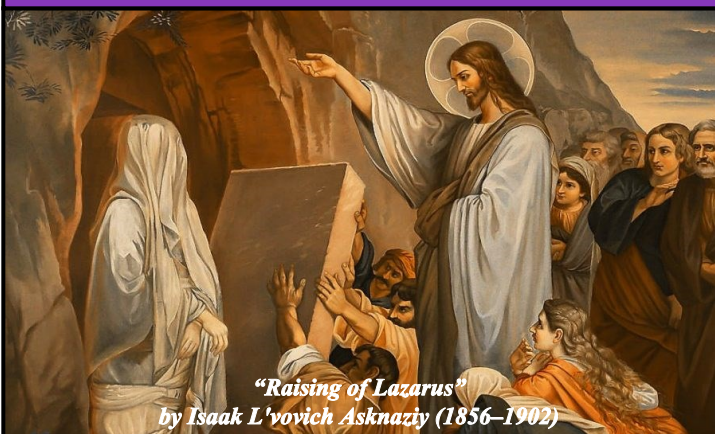


# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003



## The Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 26th, 2023



### **First Reading** - Ezekiel 37:12-14

God will open the graves and restore the people of Israel.

### **Responsorial Psalm** - Psalm 130:1-8

With the Lord is forgiveness and mercy.

### **Second Reading** - Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit of God dwells in you.

### **Gospel Reading** - John 11:1-45

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

### **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>Sunday, March 26th</b>	<b>Warrior Mass, 11:30 am</b>
<b>Monday, March 27th</b>	<b>Rosary, 8:45 am</b>
<b>Thursday, March 30th</b>	<b>School Mass, 9:45 am - 5th Grade Leads</b>
<b>Friday, March 31st</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross, 9:15 am</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).

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, commonly known as confession, or the Sacrament of Penance, is open to children who are also preparing to receive their first Holy Communion. The importance of becoming sensitive to right and wrong and making responsible choices begins at an early age.

In preparation for their First Holy Communion, the 2nd Grade class from St. Vincent's School and PSR had their First Reconciliation on Thursday, March 16th.

Please keep them in your prayers as they lead up their holy sacrament of initiation.



# Parish Information

## Liturgy and Minister Schedule

### The Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 26th, 2023

#### 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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Saturday, March 25th	8:00 am 5:00 pm	+ Anthony & Ruth Witt All the People of the Parish	Wally McMasters	Tom McFadden
Sunday, March 26th <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Tom Brookover + Bill Gibson	Larry Bandi Richard Oswald	Denny Beiter Susie Newmeyer
Monday, March 27th	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	
Tuesday, March 28th	5:30 pm	+ William "Dean" Bishop		
Wednesday, March 29th	5:30 pm	+ Lori Kohler		
Thursday, March 30th <i>*School Mass</i>	8:00 am *9:45 am	♥ Living Members of the Purcell, Smith and Dmarch Families + William "Dean" Bishop		
Friday, March 31st	8:00 am	+ Janet Ullom		

#### Greeters for April 1st & 2nd

5:00 pm - Jeff Klosinski & John Bartsch / 9:00 am - Tammy & Trenton Rosenthal / 11:30 am - Paul & Susie Newmeyer

Saturday, April 1st	8:00 am 5:00 pm	+ Witt & Brookover Families ♥ Living Members of the Purcell, Smith and Dmarch Families	Tom McFadden & Vickie Joseph	Nancy LaBrosse
Sunday, April 2nd <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>*OLSD</i>	9:00 am *10:30 am 11:30 am	+ Chuck Delbrugge  + Sue Hohman + Sharon Willming Basham	Dorothy Dudzik & Mary K Bell  Heather Mazeroski & Lori Buchanan	Leo Boissy  Susie Newmeyer

*My merciful and passionate Lord, You command me, in love, to come forth from all sin.  
 And when I respond, You command that the effects of my past sins be removed.  
 Please free me, dear Lord, from all that binds me, so that I will be set firmly on the glorious road  
 of virtue that leads to eternal joy. Jesus, I trust in You.*

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**M - MARCH 27TH** - DN 13: 1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 OR 13: 41C-62 / Ps 23: 1-3A. 3B-4. 5. 6 / JN 8: 1-11

**T - MARCH 28TH** - NM 21: 4-9 / Ps 102: 2-3. 16-18. 19-21 / JN 8: 21-30

**W - MARCH 29TH** - DN 3: 14-20. 91-92. 95 / DN 3: 52. 53. 54. 55. 56 / JN 8: 31-42

**T - MARCH 30TH** - GN 17: 3-9 / Ps 105: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 / JN 8: 51-59

**F - MARCH 31ST** - JER 20: 10-13 / Ps 18: 2-3A. 3BC-4. 5-6. 7 / JN 10: 31-42

**S - APRIL 1ST** - EZ 37: 21-28 / JER 31: 10. 11-12ABCD. 13 / JN 11: 45-56

**S - APRIL 2ND** - PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - PROCESSION: MT 21: 1-11.

MASS: Is 50: 4-7 / Ps 22: 8-9. 17-18. 19-20. 23-24 / PHIL 2:6-11 / MT 26: 14 - 27: 66



PRAY



FAST



GIVE



# Prayer & Worship

## Gospel Reflection & Prayer List

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

### Congratulations

to our SVS and PSR 2nd grade students  
**Savannah Baker, Kate Conley, Claire Connelly,**  
**Emma Contraguerro, Nadia Dorman,**  
**Eleanor Hortert, Alaina Kolb, Amelia Wolen,**  
**and Kameron Zegarsky**  
who made their First Reconciliation  
on Thursday, March 16th.

### Condolences and Prayers



to the family of:  
**Linda Stocke**  
who was laid to rest on March 21st.

### HOLY MOMENT BOOKS

There are **Holy Moment Books** available in the vestibule. These are our gift to all of you!  
Please take a copy and we hope you enjoy reading it.

### *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 Mazeroski,*  
*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. Jeeson**, or the **Parish Office** to make arrangements.

**MARRIAGE:** Engaged couples should contact **Fr. Jeeson**, 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. Jeeson**, 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 **4:00-5:00 pm**. Please call **Joann Drnach** at **304-238-6534** to sign up.

### **Attendance & Offertory for March 18th & 19th**

5:00pm - 116 / 9:00am - 129 / 11:30am - 112 **Total Attendance: - 357**  
**SVDP: \$6,238.30 / OLSD: \$635.00 / WeShare: \$2,191.56 / Total Collection - \$9,064.86**

### **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 - \$85*

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*

### **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.

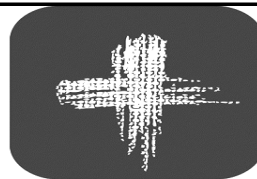
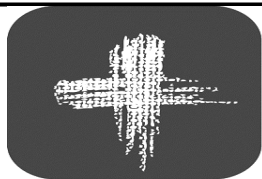
See the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

Nomination cards are available in the vestibule.

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

# 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

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we may be at different points along the way: wailing with the women in our sorrow, in the grip of death like Lazarus, wondering at the possibility of faith like the disciples, or facing a hard road ahead. Christ engages us from the painting directly: I am the Way; follow me to the fullness of life. 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-5-of-lent-cycle-a/>

## HOLY WEEK



### *Palm Sunday*

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



### *Holy Thursday*

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



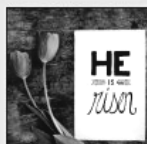
### *Good Friday*

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



### *Holy Saturday*

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



### *Easter Sunday*

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.

## 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!

Final Fish Fry of the Lenten Season from **11:00 am** through **5:30 pm** at the OLSD Church Hall!



**March 31st**



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



# Lenten Season

## Question of the Week & Spiritual Exercises

### Why does the church cover the crucifixes and statues during Lent?

Before Vespers of Saturday preceding Passion Sunday [i.e. the 5th Sunday of Lent] the crosses, statues, and pictures of our Lord and of the saints on the altar and throughout the church, with the sole exception of the crosses and pictures of the Way of the Cross, used to be covered with a violet or purple veil, not translucent, nor in any way ornamented.

However, it is noted that the statue of St. Joseph remained uncovered, if outside the sanctuary, during the month of March, which is dedicated to his honor. The crosses remained covered until after the solemn denudation of the principal crucifix on Good Friday. It probably derives from a custom, noted in Germany from the ninth century, of extending a large cloth ("Hungertuch") before the altar from the beginning of Lent in order to remind the people that it was Lenten season. The statues and pictures retained their covering, no matter what feast may occur, until the Gloria in Excelsis of Holy Saturday. Crosses are unveiled after the Good Friday ceremonies. All other images are unveiled shortly before the Mass of the Easter Vigil.

Of course, this practice is no longer mandatory in the Novus Ordo, but it is certainly permitted. After the Second Vatican Council there were moves to abolish all veiling of images, but the practice survived, although in a mitigated form. The practice is now observed only if the Episcopal conference should so decide. Still in many churches in Europe, crosses and statues are veiled now and will remain veiled for two full weeks. The practice was intended to remind us that we have entered the solemn Holy Week, and our **attention should be concentrated only on the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus**. In other words, helps us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption.

### 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 26 - April 1   <a href="http://www.usccb.org">www.usccb.org</a>						
Sunday March 26th	Monday March 27th	Tuesday March 28th	Wednesday March 29th	Thursday March 30th	Friday March 31st	Saturday April 1st
<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26	Pray for the souls of those who have died who have no one to pray for them.	"Penitential practices take many forms: apologizing to an injured party, healing divisions within our families, fasting ..., or graciously accepting the menial tasks of life. The purpose of penance is not to diminish life but to enrich it." Link: <a href="#">Penitential Practices for Today's Catholics</a>	Consider ways that you can become more involved with the National Eucharistic Revival:  Link: <a href="#">Get Involved: How Will You Respond? (eucharisticrevival.org)</a>	Learn about Welcome Circles (Welcome Circles   USCCB) and what you can do to welcome migrants and refugees.  Link: <a href="#">Welcome Circles   USCCB</a>	"Faith is a doorway through which we, like the saints and mystics before us, may enter into a deeper perception of the mercy and love manifested in and through Christ's sacramental presence in our midst. While one thing is seen with our bodily eyes, another reality is perceived through the eyes of faith." The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church, no. 21	April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Say a prayer for victims and survivors of abuse:  Link: <a href="https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/resources/upload/Bilingual-PC.pdf">https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/resources/upload/Bilingual-PC.pdf</a>

# **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!**

The Knights of Columbus 504 Council is packaging 60,000 meals on **April 15th** to fight world hunger, including those affected locally.

If you or your group wishes to be among the 120 volunteers working that day, or if you are unable to volunteer but wish to donate to help purchase food and supplies, please contact Tom Burke at **tburke1038@aol.com**

or call/text **(304) 281-6640** for more details.

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES' NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER**

#### **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!

Please contact **Betty** at **bsimeth@ccwva.org** or at **304-232-7157** if you are able to assist.

#### **OLSD CEMETERY CLEAN UP**

On **Monday, April 3rd**, we will begin cleaning up the Cemetery at OLSD.

If you have anything on a grave that you want to keep, please make sure you remove it before then.

Thank you!





# **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 - *benefits the Camp.*

#### **April**

**April 1** - Calendar fundraiser begins - *benefits campers & counselors.*

**April 16** - Little Caesars fundraiser ends.

**April 30** - Calendar fundraiser ends, all sales due back to the parish.

#### **May**

**(TBD)** - Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser - *benefits the Camp.*

**May 1** - The week Little Caesars' orders are delivered.

**May 31** - 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  
[StVincentSummerCamp@gmail.com](mailto:StVincentSummerCamp@gmail.com)

### **VIRTUS TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

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!**

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

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

Invite someone to rediscover their faith:

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/rediscovering-the-faith/index.cfm>

# Parish Information

## Weekly Calendar & Upcoming Events

### *SVDP - A LOOK AHEAD...*

<b>Sunday, March 26th</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), 10:30 - 12:00 pm
<b>Monday, March 27th</b>	<b>Mass on Monday's during Lent</b> - 5:30 pm
<b>Tuesday, March 28th</b>	<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 29th</b>	<b>Small Group</b> (Mazzocca), 6:00 - 8:00 pm <b>Small Group</b> (McKeets), 6:00 - 8:00 pm
<b>Thursday, March 30th</b>	<b>School Mass</b> , 9:45 am <b>RCIA Meeting</b> , 6:30 - 8:00 pm
<b>Friday, March 31st</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>Sunday, April 2nd</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	<b>PSR</b> , 10:15 - 11:15 am (All Meeting Spaces) <b>Small Group</b> (Dmarch), 10:15 - 11:15 am

### **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 on 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.  
The sign-up sheet is located in the vestibule.



### **HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **Palm Sunday Masses:**

**Saturday, April 1st** - Mass at 5:00 pm  
**Sunday, April 2nd** - Mass at 9:00 am and 11:30 am

#### **Holy Thursday:**

**April 6th** - Mass at 6:00 pm

#### **Good Friday:**

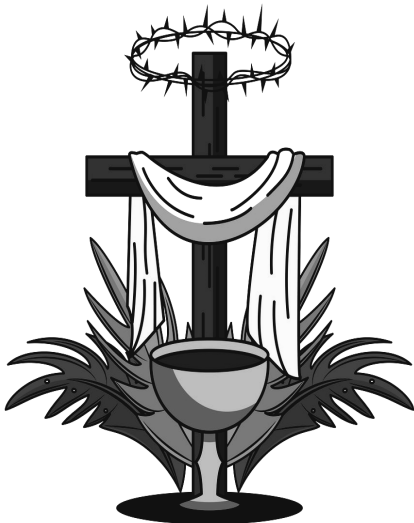
**April 7th** - Stations of the Cross will be at OLSD at 3:00 pm  
**April 7th** - Mass at 6:00 pm

#### **Holy Saturday:**

**April 8th** - Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm

#### **Easter Sunday:**

**April 9th** - Mass at 9:00 am and 11:30 am



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