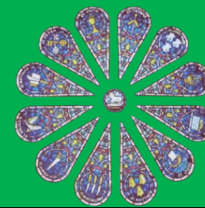




St. Vincent de Paul Parish

2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 25th, 2023

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: 8:00 am

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

Wednesday: 5:30 pm

Thursday: 8:00 am

Friday: 8:00 am

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



*So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.
Matthew 10:31*

First Reading - Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah expresses confidence that the Lord will protect him.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 69:8-10,14,17,33-35

God responds to the prayers of those in need.

Second Reading - Romans 5:12-15

Sin came into the world through one person; so salvation came through one person for many.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:26b, 27a

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord;
and you also will testify.

Living the Word This Week

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

Share your faith by taking some action that supports the dignity of all human beings: write to a legislator, feed the homeless, support women in crisis pregnancies, etc.

Next Mass at OLSD

Sunday, July 2nd at 10:15 am



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

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9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Email: info@stvincentschool.org

Website: www.stvincentschool.org

Facebook, Instagram & YouTube: @SVS.Wheeling

SAVE THE DATES



June 30

SVS Adopt a Student Program
Paper Applications Due to School Office

July 20

SVS Summer Pool Party!
Benwood Park from 5pm-9pm. Contact the school to RSVP

July 31

Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP and FACTS)
Phase 2 will close on July 31

August 11

SVS PSA Steak Fry
Sonneborn Shelter: 6pm-11pm. Purchase tix: www.svstickets.com

August 17

Welcome Home Night

St. Vincent

BINGO

is back!

BINGO - 6PM
DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM

Wednesday, June 28th
Wednesday, July 12th
Wednesday, July 26th
Wednesday, August 9th
Wednesday, August 23rd

St. Vincent Parish Center

Undeniably YOU
in **YELLOW & BLUE**

St. Vincent de Paul Parish School

Enrolling new students in
Preschool - 8th Grade



↑ WV HOPE Scholarship
and financial aid available

For More Information
Contact the School Office
(304) 242-5844

SVS STEAK FRY

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SVS PARENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (PSA)

AUGUST 11, 2023 | SONNEBORN SHELTER
6PM-11PM | ADULTS ONLY

INCLUDES STEAK, POTATO, SALAD,
DESSERT, BEER, AND POP/WATER
BRING YOUR OWN SETTINGS, UTENSILS, & SEASONINGS

ADVANCE SALE TICKETS RECOMMENDED

CASH/CHECK: \$25/PERSON
VENMO @SVSWARRIORS: \$26/PERSON
ONLINE AT SVSTICKETS.COM &
CARD/APPLE PAY: \$28/PERSON

CALL OR EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION
(304) 242-5844 | PSA@STVINCENTSCHOOL.ORG



Parish Information

Liturgy and Minister Schedule

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 25th, 2023

Greeters for June 24th & 25th

5:00pm - Jeff Klosinski & John Bartsch / **9:00am** - Cynthia Dimmey & Nancy Georges / **11:30am** - Paul Newmeyer & Nancy Freeman

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass Intentions</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>
Saturday, June 24th <i>*Vigil</i>	8:00 am *5:00 pm	+ Loretta Weatherholt + Nancy Riser	Tom McFadden	Bread: Wally McMasters Cup: Dave Soloninka & Tom McFadden
Sunday, June 25th	9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Dick Hohman + Leo Bartsch Sr.	Richard Oswald Lori Buchanan	Bread: Matt Koval Cup: Susie Koval & Lynn Hetzel Bread: Judy Stadler Cup: Karen Bates & Jarett Kuhns
Monday, June 26th	8:00 am	+ CMA	<u>ALTAR SERVERS (Weekend Masses)</u> Logan Buchannan, Charleigh Carr, Georgia Carr, Riley Chiazza, Claire Connley, Mallory Connley, Emma Dean, Ava Dominquez, Eleanor Hortet, Lydia Koval, Landon Kazemka, Billy Looney, Ivan Lopez-Prianti, Sarai Macias, McKenzie Looney, Luke Minor, Angelene Ricci, Austin Schwanker, Ava Thomas, Emma Thompson, Justin Wilson	
Tuesday, June 27th	5:30 pm	+ William "Dean" Bishop		
Wednesday, June 28th	5:30 pm	+ Mary Lou Andrich		
Thursday, June 29th	8:00 am	+ Mary Lou Andrich		
Friday, June 30th	8:00 am	+ Mary Lou Andrich		

Greeters for July 1st & 2nd

5:00pm - Jeff Klosinski & John Bartsch / **9:00am** - Matt & Susie Koval / **11:30am** - Lisa Armstrong & Gwen Porter

Saturday, July 1st <i>*Vigil</i>	8:00 am *5:00 pm	+ Richard Wiczorkowski + Mary Lou Andrich	Dave Soloninka	Bread: Nancy LaBrosse Cup: Vickie Joseph & Tom McFadden
Sunday, July 2nd <i>*OLSD</i>	9:00 am 10:15 am 11:30 am	+ Eleanor Bandi + Mary Lou Andrich + Betsy Queen	Dennis Beiter Heather Mazeroski	Bread: Marilyn Delbrugge Cup: Mary K Bell & Jarett Kuhns Bread: Judy Stadler Cup: Karen Bates & Maria Minor

My courageous Lord, You endured so much ridicule and harsh treatment but never allowed it to deter You from Your divine mission of love. Please free me from all fear and give me courage when I face the injustices of life to trust that You will right every wrong in the end. Jesus, I trust in You.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M - JUNE 26TH - Gn 12: 1-9 / Ps 33: 12-13. 18-19. 20 AND 22 / Mt 7: 1-5

T - JUNE 27TH - Gn 13: 2. 5-18 / Ps 15: 2-3A. 3BC-4AB. 5 / Mt 7: 6. 12-14

W - JUNE 28TH - MEMORIAL OF SAINT IRENAEUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Gn 15: 1-12. 17-18 / Ps 105: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9 / Mt 7: 15-20

T - JUNE 29TH - SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

DAY: ACTS 12: 1-11 / Ps34: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 / 2 Tm 4: 6-8. 17-18 / Mt 16: 13-19

F - JUNE 30TH - Gn 17: 1. 9-10. 15-22 / Ps 128: 1-2. 3. 4-5 / Mt 8: 1-4

S - JULY 1ST - Gn 18: 1-15 / Lk 1: 46-47. 48-49. 50 AND 53. 54-55 / Mt 8: 5-17

S - JULY 2ND - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 4: 8-11. 14-16A / Ps 89: 2-3. 16-17. 18-19 (2A) / Rom 6: 3-4. 8-11 / Mt 10: 37-42

Prayer & Worship

Prayer List, Gospel Reflection & Question of the Week



Please Pray for:

Charles Ballard, Jim Baller, Barb Bennett, Patricia Bock, Marsha Boissy, Steven Bonenberger, Mary Kay Britt, Bill Childers, Theresa Comer, Gerald Cook, Holly Custer, Allison Dunlap, Melissa Hipkiss, Joe Holly, Frederick Jaquay, Flavia Langan & Family, Ray Laudermilt, Marcia Laughlin, Dave Mallery, Brandt Mazerowski, Dale Naegele, Mike Perring, Jenna Russell, Paul Russell, Bobby Schinkovec, Addison Stephens, Joe Tankovits, Marlene Trischler, Glen Ullom, Lynn Uraco, John Wagner, John Walt, Ryan and Krystyn Wamsley, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, Ann & Charlie Wolfe, Dylan Wolfe, Jacob Wolfe, All Homebound, Sick and Shut-Ins

Background on the Gospel Reading

We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us

Why is the Holy Mass both a sacrifice and a sacrament?

Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during the Last Supper as a sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering.

As a sacrament, the Holy Eucharist is an outward sign in and through which we meet Jesus who shares his life of grace with us. In this Sacrament of the Eucharist, we do meet Jesus the risen Lord who comes to us under signs of bread and wine to nourish and strengthen us for our journey through life. By the words of consecration, Christ is made present again through the "transubstantiation" of the bread and wine into Christ's Body and Blood. As a sacramental meal, the Eucharist is a foretaste of the eternal banquet of "the Lamb that was slain" (Revelation 5:12).

The Eucharistic celebration is also a sacrifice because in the Holy Mass, the same Jesus Christ who offered himself on Calvary now offers himself on the altar. According to the Council of Trent, the Mass is a true and proper sacrifice which is offered to God. The Calvary sacrifice is reenacted on the altar in an unbloody way using signs and symbols.

By the words, "Do this in commemoration of me" (Luke 22:19; I Corinthians 11:24), Christ made the apostles priests. Moreover, He decreed that they and other priests should offer His Body and Blood. St. Paul told his converts in Corinth, "Every time, then, you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Parish Ministries

Religious Education, Councils & Committees, Announcements

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS

We are still in need of a few more Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for **5:00 pm Mass on Saturdays** and **11:30 am Mass on Sundays**.

Contact the Parish office if you are interested in serving on either of these ministries.

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 Dmarch** at **304-238-6534** to sign up.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are in need of volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy of the Word during the **9:00 am Mass on Sundays**.

If you are interested please speak with **Derek Dimmey** or contact him via email at **ddimmey@stvincentschool.org**

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.

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**.

COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

Altar Society Chairs: Jim Baller and Mary K Bell

Building & Property Chair: Bob Smith

Development Committee Chair: Libby Reasbeck

Finance Council Chair: Larry Bandi

Pastoral Council Chair: Joann Drnach

SVS School Advisory Board: Anne Ricci

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.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

Please make sure to pick up your Church envelopes as you leave after Mass. They are located in the vestibule of Church.

If you can take any other envelopes to family members or neighbors, that would be greatly appreciated.

If you can't find your envelopes, please call the Parish office and we will get a box ready for you.

Thank you!

PARISH PICNIC MEETING

There will be a Parish Picnic Meeting on **Thursday, July 6th** from **6:30 pm to 7:30 pm** in the Youth Room.

Anyone interested in helping with this year's Parish Picnic is invited to attend!

Attendance for June 17th & 18th

5:00pm - **103** / 9:00am - **122** / 11:30am - **110**

Total Attendance: - 335

Offertory for June 17th & 18th

SVDP: **\$3,486** / OLSD: **\$640** / WeShare: **\$1,804.63**

Total Collection - \$5,930.63

**Upcoming Second Collection, July 16th - Catholic Communication Campaign
and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUAL PARISH SUPPORT!

Parish Outreach

Service Organizations

OLSD ALTAR SOCIETY

BAKE SALE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thank you to **Jim and Connie Baller** for all of their hard work on organizing the OLSD Bake Sale!

Thank you to everyone that assisted in any way by helping to:

set-up and clean-up,
bake delicious goodies
and work the bake sale!

MISSA CANTATA

(Traditional Latin Mass)

Our Lady of Seven Dolors Church, Triadelphia, WV.

Sunday, July 16th @ 4:00 pm

Dinner / Social will follow Mass.

Pizza and beverages / **\$3 per person.**

Consider bringing a dessert or cold sides to share.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Catholic Charities of Wheeling is in need of volunteers who can deliver meals to the homebound in the greater Wheeling area.

Meals are picked up at the Neighborhood Center around 10:00 a.m. and delivery is done within an hour or two. No need to enter homes, meals can be left at the door. Volunteers can work in pairs.

This is a great service to our community and the commitment level is up to you!

If interested, please contact **Tracey Dickerson**, Volunteer Manager, at **(304) 232-7157 ext. 2004** or email at **tdickerson@ccwva.org** for more information.

ST. JOHN'S BEREAVEMENT GATHERING

Grief from a Faith Perspective:

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 June 26th.

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, June 20th at 6:15 pm** in the Caveney Room.

(We are attending Mass at 5:30 pm and meeting after Mass.)

Did You Know?

All money that is collected in our poor boxes goes to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Bed Ministry

The St Vincent de Paul Society, is in need of usable beds, size queen and smaller. Also we need blankets and sheets. We are most in need of twin blankets and queen sheets. We are in great need of young people willing to help carry beds into homes. Thank-you,

Donate Riesbeck's Points

An easy way to donate to the St Vincent de Paul Society is when you shop at Riesbecks, consider donating your points to the St Vincent de Paul Society. We use the points to purchase hygiene and cleaning items for our neighbors in need. At the check out, put in the SVdP Society telephone number, **304-242-8868**.



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival



PARISH YEAR
JUNE 11, 2023 - JULY 17, 2024

Thursday, July 6th 6-10 pm

Friday, July 7th 5-11 pm

Saturday, July 8th 5-11 pm

*Live Music
LineUp*

Thursday:
Brother Randall and Friends
Taylor Jo and the
Copper Creek Band

Friday:
New Age Adenas
MSM

Saturday:
Hoard & Jones
Eli and the Mojo Kings

**50/50
Basket Raffles
Games
Live Music
BINGO**



Parish Outreach

Community Events & Announcements

BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, on **Tuesday, July 11th** from **11:00 am to 4:00 pm** in the Marist Centre / Parish Hall. Appointments are needed. Schedule online at www.redcrossblood.org or call **1-800-RED CROSS**.

Use the code **MARIST** when registering.

Maximize your donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type **O**, **B-** or **A-** donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Rocky Railway Vacation bible School
July 17th - 20th / 9:00 am - 12:00 pm / Grades K-5
Elm Grove United Methodist Church
125 Kruger St., Wheeling, WV. / 304-242-1206

WANT TO LEARN A NEW CRAFT?

Come and learn how to create beautiful projects / Easy and portable / Take it with you anywhere.

English paper piecing (Sewing fabric around a paper piece)

You will have confidence the very first night.

4 week class starting on July 20th.

Cost is **\$25**, per person and includes all supplies needed.

Young, old, men or women, all are welcome.

Wonderful class as a mother / daughter night out.

For more information and to sign up please contact **Michele McFadden** at **304-280-5863**.
Happy Stitching!

FOOD HANDLERS CLASS

The Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department will provide a Food Handlers at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, on **Monday, September 25th** at **4:00 pm** in the Marist Centre / Parish Hall.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

Emmaus Ministry and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are offering a day-long, spiritual retreat for grieving parents, on **Saturday, October 14th, 2023**. It will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, at 2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003.

Any grieving parent whose child of any age has died by any cause, no matter how long ago, is welcome to attend. The cost is **\$25 for an individual** and **\$40 for a couple**. The day will go from **9:30 AM to 7:30 PM**, and lunch and dinner will be provided. For more information and to register, please go to www.emfgp.org or call **(800) 919-9332**.

CCHS FOOTBALL DISCOUNT CARDS

CCHS Football Discount Cards are now available!

Great discounts are available and you will be supporting many of our local businesses!

Discount cards are still a bargain at only \$10 each!

See a player, coach, parent or contact the school to get yours now!

Supplies are limited and cards always sell out, so don't delay, get your today!

CCHS Football Discount Cards

On Sale Now!

\$10.00 each

See any football player, coach or stop by the CCHS Main Office to purchase yours now!

Parish Outreach

Community Events & Announcements



SVDP PARISH FESTIVAL 2024

Mark your calendars! St. Vincent de Paul Parish
is bringing back our **Parish Festival!**

Friday & Saturday, June 7-8, 2024

The next festival planning meeting will be held on **August 3, 2023** at **6:30 pm** in the Marist Center.

Please consider helping with the Parish Festival as a Planning Committee Member or Volunteer!

MARIST CENTRE / PARISH HALL RENTAL

Did you know that our Marist Centre / Parish hall is available to rent for Baby Showers, Wedding Showers, Birthday Parties, Family Reunions, Community Events and more?

For more information, pricing and rentals agreements, please contact Susie Newmeyer in the Parish Office at 304-242-0406.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS

Calling all single Catholics! **August 25th - 27th, 2023** - Join 400+ singles coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 22nd National Conference for Single Catholics at St. John's Resort, in Plymouth, MI OR participate virtually and engage with others via the online socials and small group discussions.

This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles (of all ages). The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, fellowship and more. (If joining us in-person, use the promo code (**PARISH23**) when you register to get \$50 off! Discount for the first 50 sign ups nationwide to use this code.) Visit **NationalCatholicSingles.com** for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call **512-766-5798**.)

More about the Event:

The National Conference for Single Catholics (NCSC), which takes place in a different part of the country each year, will be held at St. John's Resort in Plymouth, MI, August 25th - 27th.

The conference is organized by Anastasia Northrop, a longtime promoter of St. John Paul II's work and message. She has taken to heart the Church's call to a New Evangelization and ministers in particular to single Catholics (of all ages). Her conferences have been welcomed in thirteen dioceses across the United States, with support from the local ordinaries and bishops of neighboring dioceses. The conference normally draws 400 - 500+ attendees from over 40 states, as well as internationally. Ms. Northrop was graciously invited by both the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Diocese of Lansing to hold the event in Michigan this year! She is excited to work with these dioceses and to be hosting the conference once again in the Midwest.



Quo Vadis Retreat

Priestfield Pastoral Center
12pm June 26th - 1pm June 29th


Prayer Ropes Course
Kayaking Discernment
Camp Fires Games
Priestly Olympics

Opportunities for
Charitable and Spiritual
Works of Mercy

Boys from 6th to
8th Grade are
welcome!



**WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE
WHEN YOU GROW UP?**
(REGISTER AT WVPRIESTS.ORG)



The Perfect Love and Knowledge of God

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” Matthew 10:29-31

It’s comforting to know that the All-Powerful God of the Universe knows every detail about our lives and is deeply concerned about every single detail. He knows us infinitely better than we know ourselves and He loves each one of us more deeply than we could ever love ourselves. These facts should give us much peace.

Imagine the truth contained in this Scripture above. God even knows how many hairs we have on our head! This is stated as a way of emphasizing the depth of intimacy by which God knows us.

When we can come to the realization of the Father’s perfect knowledge of us AND His perfect love of us, we will be in a position to put our complete trust in Him. Trust in God is only possible when we understand Who we are trusting. And when we do begin to more completely understand Who God is and how much He cares about every detail of our lives, we will more easily entrust to Him those details, allowing Him to take control of all.

Reflect, today, upon these basic truths of God’s perfect knowledge of us and His perfect love. Sit with those truths and ponder them. As you do, allow them to become the basis of an invitation from God to let go of your own control of life in favor of His control. Try to make an act of total surrender to Him and you will begin to discover the freedom that comes with this surrender.

Father in Heaven, I thank You for Your perfect knowledge of every detail of my life.

I thank You, also, for Your perfect love. Help me to trust in this love and to trust in Your daily invitation to surrender all.

I do surrender my life to You, dear Lord. Help me to surrender more fully this day.

Jesus, I trust in You.

Themes for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The readings for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A are a call to trust in God. Although our circumstances can be unsettling or frightening, God is always caring for us. The first reading Jeremiah trusts in the Lord even though he is being plotted against. The psalm expresses hope that God will hear our prayers in times of distress. The second reading reminds us that Jesus rescued us even though we are sinners. And in the gospel, Jesus tells us “Fear no one” and that we are loved and cared for by God.

Perseverance in the face of opposition: The first reading from Jeremiah portrays the challenges and opposition that the prophet faced in fulfilling his calling. Despite the persecution, Jeremiah remained steadfast in his faith and trust in God. This theme encourages believers to persevere in their faith, even when confronted with adversity or opposition.

Trust in God’s faithfulness: Jeremiah exemplifies unwavering trust in God’s faithfulness and protection, recognizing God as a “dread warrior.” This emphasizes reliance on God’s strength during difficulties. The Gospel stresses trust in God’s providential care, assuring disciples of His awareness and urging trust in His guidance, care, and protection.

Redemption and salvation: The second reading for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A delves into the concept of redemption and salvation. It discusses how sin entered the world through Adam, leading to death and separation from God. However, through the gift of Jesus Christ, redemption is offered, and believers can be reconciled with God. This theme emphasizes the transformative power of Christ’s sacrifice and the opportunity for new life and salvation.

Fear and courage: The Gospel reading from Matthew addresses fear and courage in the context of proclaiming the message of Christ. Jesus reassures His disciples not to fear those who oppose them but to trust in God’s providence and protection. This theme encourages believers to overcome fear and rely on the courage that comes from faith in God.

God’s care for individuals: The Gospel reading further emphasizes the value that God places on each individual. Jesus affirms that God’s care extends even to the smallest details of His creation. This theme reminds believers of their worth in God’s eyes and reassures them of His intimate knowledge and care for them.

Parish Information

Weekly Calendar & Upcoming Events

SVDP - A LOOK AHEAD...

Sunday, June 25th	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Small Group (Drnach), 10:30 - 11:30 am
Tuesday, June 27th	Stitching Group (McFadden), 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, June 28th	Small Group (Mazzzocca), 6:00 - 8:00 pm Small Group (McKeets), 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Friday, June 30th	Rosary (Mazzzocca), 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Sunday, July 2nd	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

UPCOMING SVDP SOCIAL EVENTS!

OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

Saturday, July 8th after 5:00 pm Mass
Live Entertainment / Childrens Games & Activities

TRIVIA NIGHT:

SVDP Parish will be hosting a Trivia Night on **Friday, July 14th** at **6:30 pm** in the Marist Centre
Teams up to 8 people. **\$10 per person**
Flyers are available in the Vestibule.

ST. VINCENT'S 50/50 RAFFLE

Tickets are now available!

Winner will be drawn on St. Vincent's Feast Day
September 27th, 2023

September 17th, Tournament of Games!

October 1st, Quarter Auction

October 21st, Euchre Tournament

November 12th, Spaghetti Dinner

December 16th, Cookie Sale

December 31st, New Year's Eve Dinner / Dance

SAVE THE DATE



Our **Parish Picnic** will be held on

Sunday, September 10th

at the Sonneborn Shelter atop Wheeling Park.

There will be a Parish Picnic Meeting on Thursday, July 6th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Youth Room.

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