



# St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 15, 2019**

## **Parish Mission**

We are one Church: loving Jesus, serving Jesus, and sharing Jesus.

## **Parish Vision**

We are a vibrant Catholic church serving a diverse community in a safe and welcoming environment where we care for all people along their faith journey.

## **Core Values**

Discipleship • Hospitality  
Serving • Worship

## **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m.,  
3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

## **Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m.  
Wednesday 5:15 p.m.  
Thursday and Friday 8:00 a.m.

## **Confessions**

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
or by appointment

## *Come What May*

Today's Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11. On this Gaudete Sunday, we rejoice that we will soon celebrate the Incarnation. Our excitement increases as schools let out, Christmas parties begin, and stores ramp up their bargains. With so much going on, the joy of Christmas might feel effortless, but our readings remind us that true joy comes from commitment and perseverance.

St. James urges us to be patient and steadfast in our faith despite whatever unkindness or injustice assails us. It is easy to be joyful when things are going well; it shows true faith to remain uplifted when life gets hard. The prophet Isaiah knows this, too. He prophesied that God would bring back those who were forced to leave their homes because of war. Any who wish to share in this glorious future, however, must remain strong and steadfast for the long journey home.

For John the Baptist and others, remaining steadfast in joyful hope meant accepting that God's plan of salvation was unfolding differently than they thought it would. Although Jesus revealed God's compassion, in other ways he was not the messiah they wanted. Some people were even offended by Jesus. It took effort for people to set aside their expectations and receive Jesus with joy.

This Sunday we ask ourselves what could steal our joy away, and we recommit ourselves to being strong, patient, and steadfast in faith, come what may.

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## • Mass Intentions •

### Monday, December 16

6:30 am Stella Prost ☩

### Tuesday, December 17

6:30 am Jerry Priest ☩

### Wednesday, December 18

6:30 am Deceased Members of the  
Homer Schnurbusch Family  
5:15 pm Dennis Roseborough ☩

### Thursday, December 19

6:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the  
Margarita Alaniz Lira Family  
8:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the  
Sylvester Glastetter Family

### Friday, December 20

6:30 am Marvin and Ruth Ann Urhahn ☩

### Saturday, December 21

Saint Peter Canisius

6:30 am Gideon and Anne Barr (living)  
5:00 pm Joe Kaverman ☩

### Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Gary Pewitt ☩  
9:00 am Collin McGuire ☩  
10:45 am Vilet Robert ☩  
3:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Parish Family  
(Bilingual)

## • Prayer Requests •

Please remember the **Mike McFarland family**, the hospitalized, the homebound, the sick of the parish and those who care for them.

*We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."*

**The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 1:30 p.m. this Sunday, December 15, inside Old St. Vincent Church - Chapel of Ease (downtown Cape).**

## NDRHS Annual Concert

The Notre Dame Regional High School Annual Concert, Men's, Treble, and Select Choir performance will take place at 7:00 p.m. this Sunday, December 15, at Old St. Vincent Church. All are invited to this performance. Alumni choir members are encouraged to attend and participate in the "finale."

## SEMO Food Bank

The St. Vincent de Paul Council of Catholic Women will pack food boxes at the SEMO Food Bank in Miner, Missouri, on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. The women will carpool from the JC Penney parking lot at 8:30 a.m. If you are interested, please call Carol Simon at 651-0764.

## Foster Care/ W.H.O. Christmas Project

Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts for the Foster Care Christmas project. **If you would like to help, gifts will be wrapped in the lower meeting room on Wednesday, December 18, beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

In addition to the gift you may be giving, please pray for foster children, their families, and the foster families who care for them.



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*Birthday Blessings to Father Brian  
as he celebrates his birthday  
on Thursday, December 19.*

## Confessions before Christmas

"Prepare the Way of Lord" by making a Confession! This is the best gift you can give to yourself and to your family during these days leading up to Christmas. Confessions will be offered on the hour starting on Friday, December 20. ("On the hour" means that the priest will be in the confessional starting at the top of the hour and remain there for 10 minutes. If no one is there, the priest will leave and return at the next hour.) Below are the times for confessions.

Friday, December 20, at 12:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 21, at 12:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 22, at 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.

Monday, December 23, at 12:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.

**A volunteer is needed to wash, dry, and press the corporals, purificators, and towels used during weekly Masses. Right now this commitment would only include the fifth weekend of the month (four times a year). If you are interested in this ministry, please call the parish office at 335-7667.**



## May They Rest in Peace

Sympathy is extended to the families of:  
**Neltha Wills**, mother of Russell Wills;  
**Harold Kesterson**, stepfather of Butch Smiley; and  
**Guadalupe Rodriguez**, mother of Martin Rodriguez.

*May they and all the souls of the faithful departed,  
 through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## Family Grand Ultreya

Celebrate the Advent season with the first ever Family Grand Ultreya beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 21, at St. Ambrose Parish, Chaffee. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the parish center. There will be activities for the small children while the adults share in a group reunion. You are asked to bring a food item to share in the potluck brunch. Reach out to fellow Cursillistas whom you haven't seen for a while and come share some Christmas joy in this family celebration.

## Christmas Decorating

Decorating the church for Christmas will take place on Sunday, December 22, after the 3:00 p.m. Spanish Mass. Individuals will be needed to carry trees from the basement as well as climbing ladders. Any help will be appreciated! For information, contact Diana Harold at 573-382-0281.



## Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve**  
 4:00 p.m. • 6:00 p.m. • 11:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day**  
 8:00 a.m. • 10:00 a.m. • 12:00 noon (Bilingual)



**Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day)**

**New Year's Eve, December 31**  
 5:15 p.m.

**New Year's Day, January 1**  
 8:00 a.m. • 10:00 a.m. • 12:00 noon (Bilingual)

*On Christmas, all parishes of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau will be conducting a collection to help fund the education of seminarians and help to meet the needs of retired priests. This is an opportunity to show gratitude for those who have and those who will serve the diocese. You are asked to use Faith Direct or the envelope in your envelope packet.*

## REMEMBER A LOVED ONE AT CHRISTMAS

During the upcoming Christmas season, you are welcome to honor a loved one while making a contribution toward Christmas decorations. An ornament in your loved one's honor will be hung on a Christmas tree in the gathering area and his/her name will be posted next to the tree. **Place your donation in the collection basket next weekend or return to the parish office by Monday, December 16, along with the following information.**

Name of loved one \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \_\_\_\_\_ Person making donation \_\_\_\_\_

## • The Week Ahead •

### Monday, December 16

6:30 pm Harvesting Our Tears  
 7:00 pm Prayer Ministry

### Tuesday, December 17

8:00 am Confirmation Prep (SVS)  
 7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

### Wednesday, December 18

8:00 am Confirmation Prep (SVS)  
 9:00 am Gift Wrapping (Foster Care)  
 10:00 am Mass at Heartland Care  
 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour  
 4:00 pm Centering Prayer  
 5:45 pm PSR  
 6:30 pm RCIA

### Thursday, December 19

9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables  
 (9:00 - 11:00 am)

### Friday, December 20

9:00 am Friday Women's Bible Study  
 12:00 pm Confession  
 5:00 pm / 6:00 pm Confession  
 7:00 pm / 8:00 pm Confession

### Saturday, December 21

7:00 am Men's Cursillo Group  
 9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables  
 (9:00 - 12:00 noon)  
 12:00 pm Confession  
 3:00 pm / 4:00 pm Confession  
 6:00 pm Prayer Ministry  
 6:00 pm / 7:00 pm / 8:00 pm Confession

### Sunday, December 22

Prayer Ministry after Masses  
 9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 4:00 pm Christmas Decorating  
 5:00 pm / 6:00 pm Confession  
 7:00 pm / 8:00 pm Confession

## Readings - December 22, 2019

Isaiah 7:10-14 • Romans 1:1-7  
 Matthew 1:18-24

## Collection - December 8, 2019

Collection	\$ 18,954.00
E-Tithing	\$ 25,480.67
Total	\$ 44,434.67
Weekly Budget	\$ 31,450.00
Year-to-date Difference	-\$ 40,521.43

**Please be a good steward of God's gifts  
 by using Faith Direct or by using  
 your contribution envelope.**



## • Ministries •

### Saturday, December 21 • 5:00 p.m.

**Servers** Addison Craig, Brayden Ward, **Volunteer**  
**Lectors** Don Kaverman, Virginia Sander  
**Eucharistic** Tim Coad, Stephen Fenwick,  
**Ministers** Nancy Glosemeyer, Jim Govreau,  
 Sue Kaverman, Pat McDonald,  
 Tedd Powers, Shane Sinn, **Volunteers**  
**Sacristans** Gene Heuring, Judy Heuring  
**Musicians** Cheryl Oberhaus, Mike Kohlfeld

### Sunday, December 22 • 7:30 a.m.

**Servers** Donna Kielhofner, Jacob Mahnke,  
 Kande Oliver  
**Lectors** Gail Overbey, Wayne Unterreiner  
**Eucharistic** Pat Brase, Del Elfrink, Norm Hayden,  
**Ministers** Joshua Sander, Susan Todt,  
 Michael Wozniak  
**Sacristans** Jan Kelley, Vince Kelley  
**Hospitality** Judy Cantoni, Phil Cantoni,  
 Bridget Wengert, Matt Wengert  
**Volunteers**  
**Musician** Tom Wencewicz

### Sunday, December 22 • 9:00 a.m.

**Servers** Abigail Michael, Lillian Michael,  
 Abbie Wilmarth  
**Lectors** Laura Delgado, Michelle Prost  
**Eucharistic** Peggy Berryhill, Sara Edgerton,  
**Ministers** Carol Glueck, Alex Harold, Diana Harold,  
 Patricia Heisserer, Ben Pfau,  
 Tim Powderly, Chuck Prost, Hugh Protzel  
**Sacristans** Katie Michael, Robert Michael  
**Hospitality** Marilyn Bell, Barbara Hess,  
 Lori Powderly, **Volunteers**  
**Musicians** Lenny Kuper, Jenny Schade

### Sunday, December 22 • 10:45 a.m.

**Servers** Peter Dittmer, Thomas Dittmer,  
 Charlotte Spence  
**Lectors** Michael Kim, Vicki Kim  
**Eucharistic** Duva Arpin, Ralph Hendrickson,  
**Ministers** Tom Higgins, Vicki Kim, David Mueller,  
 Lyn Mueller, David Palmer,  
 Stephen Slaten, Amanda Strohmeier,  
 Kyle Thoma  
**Sacristans** Joyce Gibbar, Ken Gibbar  
**Hospitality** Kari Beussink, Jill Bruenderman,  
 Katie Bunselmeyer, Sherry Clark,  
 Maria Gates, Linda Gosche, Lyn Mueller,  
 Jeri Spence, Amy Young  
**Musicians** Lenny Kuper, Casie Mills

## Christmas Gifts for Birthright

If you wish to share with a Birthright baby during this Christmas season, gifts will be collected in the gathering area at all Christmas Masses. Most items collected will be used in layettes given to mothers just before their babies are born. **Items most needed are new sleepers (sizes 0-3 and 3-6 months) and baby bottle brushes.** Birthright is also in need of new onesies, outfits, and pajamas (sizes 0-3 and 3-6 months), small fleece blankets, receiving blankets, baby quilts, baby afghans, bibs, burp cloths, diapers (size 3-6), baby lotion and wash (15 oz.), bottles (4 oz. slow flow), Enfamil formula, sippy cups, hooded towels, washcloths, baby hygiene items, small board books, small stuffed animals, teething toys, pacifiers, breastfeeding supplies, feminine hygiene pads, new or gently used maternity clothing (XL-XXXL), and nursing bras. Baby clothing should be for boys or girls. Your generosity is appreciated.

## Christmas Cards for Priests, Sisters, Seminarians

As you write your Christmas cards this year, remember the priests, sisters, and seminarians who served St. Vincent Parish in the past.

### Father Milton Ryan, CM

Holy Trinity Parish  
 3826 Gilbert Ave.  
 Dallas, TX 75219

### Father Charles Prost, CM

Saint Catherine Laboure Parish  
 9740 Sappington Road  
 St. Louis, MO 63128

### Father Derek Swanson, CM

St. Vincent de Paul Parish  
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 Los Angeles, CA 90007

### Father David Hulshof

Our Lady of the Lake Parish  
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 Branson, MO 65616

### Father Rahab Isidor

St. Lawrence Parish  
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 Monett, MO 65708

### Father David Baunach

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### Sister Susan Kienzler, OSU

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*If you would like to take up the offertory gifts at one of the weekend Masses in the upcoming months, please contact Debbie Wells at the parish office or email her at [stvincentcares@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentcares@gmail.com).*



**Need a last minute Christmas gift?** Appliqued snowman pillows, handmade by the parish office staff for the Christmas Bazaar, are available for purchase. The cost per pillow is \$20 or two for \$35. Stop by the parish office to do your Christmas shopping!

## Seminarian John Hawks

John Hawks, the seminarian who has been at St. Vincent in residence since September, is finishing his stay at the parish. This Friday, John will go to his home in Doniphan, Missouri, for the Christmas holidays. In January, he will return to Cardinal Glennon College for his final year in College Seminary. The parish thanks John and wishes him well as he continues his studies and his discernment for the priesthood for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau! If you see John around this week, wish him well and assure him of your prayers.



## 47th Annual March for Life

You are invited to attend an amazing pro-life pilgrimage by accompanying hundreds of thousands of marchers in the nation's capital on January 24, 2020. Organized by the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau's Voice for Life lay apostolate, a bus will leave at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, from St. Vincent De Paul Church, Cape Girardeau. The mission of Voice for Life (VFL) is to support life from conception to natural death. It promotes awareness and conducts advocacy campaigns in accordance with Catholic teaching on life issues. For information, contact Kathleen Keese, [kkeese@charter.net](mailto:kkeese@charter.net) or 573-986-3320.

### Attention: Adult Catholic Men

You are invited to the Cape Girardeau-area



**Thursday, January 23, 2020 • 6:30-9:00 p.m.**

**St. Vincent de Paul Parish • Cape Girardeau, Missouri**

An evening of Adoration, Confession, and a Manly Meal with discussion.

To help plan for food please RSVP to [SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com](mailto:SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com),  
SEMO Catholic Man Night on Facebook or 573-837-2556

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**If you are interested in helping with this event,  
please contact Tony Buehrle at 573-979-5013.**

## Virtus Sessions

The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children is the adult safe-environment program being offered by the Diocese of Springfield-Cape. The Diocese requires all adult employees and volunteers who have substantial contact with children to attend. Upcoming sessions include:

- **Saturday, January 11**, 9:00 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Cape
- **Monday, February 10**, 6:30 p.m., St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Cape
- **Saturday, March 7**, 9:00 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Cape

Check availability for additional dates/locations on the VIRTUS website. To attend a seminar you must pre-register with your full legal name. **Pre-registration is necessary:** Go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and click on the yellow link labeled 'Registration' (you may either view a list of sessions or begin the registration process). To register for a specific session, select 'Begin the Registration Process'. From the pull-down menu, select 'Springfield-Cape Girardeau'. Follow the online prompts, completing the Code of Conduct and your information for a background screening.

## Celebrating the Sacraments Celebrando los Sacramentos

**Marriage:** Please contact the parish office at least **six months** in advance. (If you have been married before, an annulment may need to be done first.)

**Matrimonio:** Por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial por lo menos con **seis meses** de antelación. (Si usted ha estado casado antes, una anulación del matrimonio puede necesitar ser hecha primero.)

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**Baptism:** Your family needs to be registered in the parish for three months prior to the baptism. It is necessary to schedule baptismal preparation classes six weeks prior to your child's baptism. Taking the baptism class prior to birth is encouraged! Contact Deacon Mark Kiblinger at the parish office (573-335-7667).

**Bautismo:** Es un requisito ser inscritos en la parroquia por lo menos 3 meses antes de bautizar. También los padres tienen que celebrar la santa misa cada fin de semana. La clase de preparación para el bautismo para padres y padrinos es cada último lunes del mes. Favor de comunicarse con Padre Rick una semana antes al 573-335-7667.

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**Holy Orders and Consecrated Religious Life:** Would you like to talk about how to be a Priest, Permanent Deacon, Religious Brother or Religious Sister? Come to a gathering on the last Thursday of each month for snacks and discussion about this way of life. For more information, call Father Rick at the parish office (573-335-7667) or email him at [stvcapadre@gmail.com](mailto:stvcapadre@gmail.com).

**Orden Sagrado y vida religiosa consagrada:** ¿te gustaría hablar de cómo ser sacerdote, diácono permanente, hermano religioso o hermana religiosa? Ven a una reunión el último Jueves de cada mes para algunos bocadillos y discusión sobre esta forma de vida. Para más información, llame al Padre Rick en la oficina parroquial (573-335-7667) o [stvcapadre@gmail.com](mailto:stvcapadre@gmail.com).

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**Anointing of the Sick:** If you are going to the hospital for a planned surgery, please call the parish office so this Sacrament can be celebrated with you.

**Unción de los enfermos:** Si usted va al hospital para una cirugía planificada, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para que este Sacramento pueda ser celebrado con usted.

## • Job Opportunities •

**Regional Director** - Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri is searching for a high-performing community leader to serve as Regional Director for the southeast region. If you are mission-focused and passionate about serving the vulnerable in our communities, please visit [www.ccsomo.org/employment](http://www.ccsomo.org/employment).

**Diocesan Superintendent of Schools** - The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau has an opening for Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2020. The diocesan school system includes 23 elementary and 3 high schools. Requirements: Practicing Catholic, advanced degree in Educational Administration, certifiable in State of Missouri, and experience in Catholic school administration, preferably on a diocesan level. Ability to promote Catholic mission of the schools is a high priority. Must also be willing to travel throughout the diocese. Competitive salary, excellent health benefits, and retirement based on diocesan guidelines. Send cover letter and resume to Janet L. Smith, Chancellor, 601 S. Jefferson, Springfield, MO, 65806. You may also call 417-866-0841 or email [jansmith@dioscg.org](mailto:jansmith@dioscg.org) to request an application packet.

**High School Principal** - The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau is seeking a principal for Notre Dame Catholic High School in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, effective July 1, 2020. Qualified applicant must be an Active Catholic, have Missouri principal certification, have a Master's degree in School Administration (or be working towards it) with 3-5 years of Catholic school experience. Administrative experience preferred.

Please contact Anne Buckley at the Catholic Center, 417-866-0841, [abuckley@dioscg.org](mailto:abuckley@dioscg.org) to request an application packet.

## Youth Ministry News

### Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC)

The Springfield-Cape Girardeau Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry invites **all** high school students to the **DYC 2020** which will be held March 27-29, 2020 in West Plains, Missouri! **Put it on your calendars now!** The theme this year is **"RISE"**. The keynote speakers for the conference will be Paul J. Kim, Carrie Ford, and "American Ninja Warrior" - Father Steven Gadberry. Also, the St. Vincent's house band will be returning! Bishop Rice expects to be with the diocesan youth for the entire weekend, along with several priests, deacons and the beloved seminarians. More information and a registration packet will be available in early 2020. For more info, contact Father Brian or Father Rick.

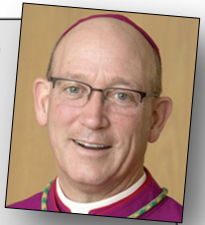
### Ignite Youth Conference

All 8th grade students are invited to attend the **Ignite Youth Conference** on Saturday, March 28, at the West Plains Civic Center in West Plains, Missouri. This **one day** event will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude after Mass with Bishop Rice at 5:00 p.m. Lunch is included. Just like last year, St. Vincent de Paul will have a chartered bus to go to the conference. Registration information will be coming in early January, 2020! For more info, contact Father Brian or Father Rick.

### Steubenville STL Mid-America Youth Conference

Save the date, **July 10 - 12**, for the 2020 Steubenville Youth Conference in Springfield, Missouri. Registration information will come in early January, 2020! For more info, contact Father Brian or Father Rick.

*Do you know when Bishop Rice first considered becoming a priest? Thirteen of the St. Vincent high school youth learned this fact as they spent the Second Sunday of Advent with Bishop Rice at the Regional Catholic Youth Gathering. Over 100 Catholic area youth and adult mentors were present at St. Mary Cathedral Parish. After Mass, celebrated by the Bishop, a meal was provided by the Knights of Columbus. A town hall style meeting was held where questions were asked of Bishop Rice as all present got to know him better. After the meeting, a friendly minute-to-win-it competition was held. Special thanks to Bishop Rice, St. Mary's Youth Group leaders, and the Knights of Columbus for making this event possible.*



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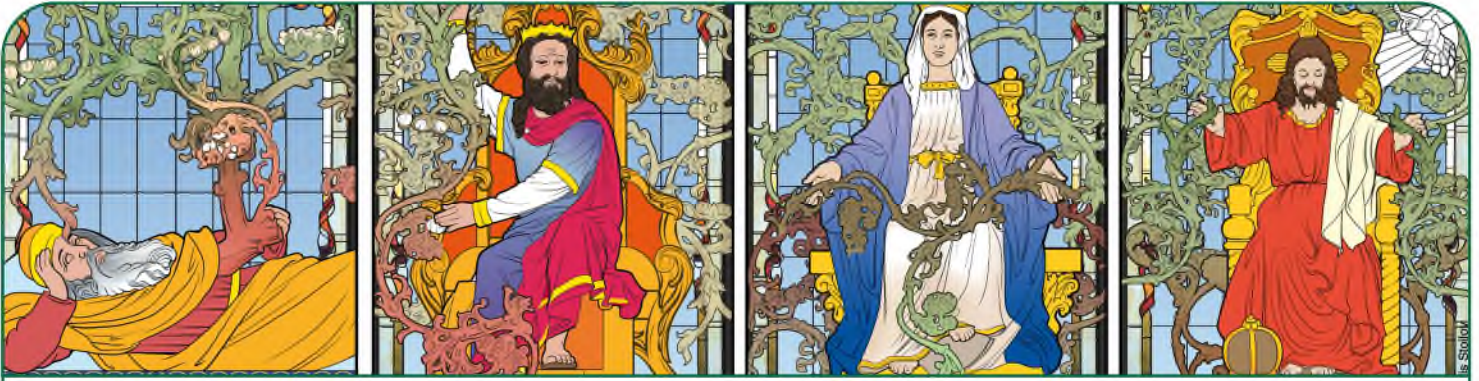
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Find the parish on Instagram at [stvincentcapegirardeau](https://www.instagram.com/stvincentcapegirardeau)







## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, December 16

#### Speaking Truly

Balaam, who was not an Israelite, was called upon by a foreign leader to curse God's people. Instead, Balaam blesses Israel. Despite what others want, Balaam obeys God. Despite challenges to his authority, Jesus also persists in proclaiming God's word. Make a list of people who have bravely spoken God's word in the face of opposition. Reflect on what they teach you about staying true to God's word. *Today's Readings: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Matthew 21:23-27.*

### Tuesday, December 17

#### Jewish Savior

Judah was one of the twelve tribes of ancient Israel. Because it was the only tribe to survive a series of foreign attacks, other nations came to refer to the region this tribe inhabited as Judea and to its people as Jews. In his genealogy of Jesus, Matthew is careful to show that Jesus is both Jewish and of the tribe of Judah. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises to his people. The Catholic Church's use of the O Antiphons highlights Jesus' Jewish roots. List the O Antiphons and pray with them until Christmas. *Today's Readings: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Matthew 1:1-17.*

### Wednesday, December 18

#### The Ultimate Salvation

While prophesying that God would save his people, Jeremiah refers to the people's enslavement in Egypt and then to the invasion of Assyria centuries later. During both of these times God's people experienced enslavement and suffering. When the angel appears to Joseph, he announces that Jesus will save all people from the greatest of all enslavements: sin and death. Make a paper chain and hang it on your tree as a reminder of the bondage from which Christ has freed us. *Today's Readings: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-25.*

### Thursday, December 19

#### Conceptions

We might not know the story of the wife of Manoah, but Zechariah definitely would have heard of her. He also would know the stories of Sarah and Hannah, two other women in the Old Testament who unexpectedly conceived a child. Despite knowing such stories from his own religious heritage, Zechariah questions Gabriel's prophecy. Help people to celebrate God's gift of life by bringing donations to a local pregnancy center or by volunteering at a shelter for women and children. *Today's Readings: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25.*

### Friday, December 20

#### Trust

King Ahaz did not want to ask for a sign because a sign would require his doing something that would probably cost him. God asks Mary to do something that will also significantly change her life, but she obeys. Nothing like this had ever happened in the history of her people, yet Mary entrusts herself to God's extraordinary plan. Surprise someone with an unexpected act of kindness today as a way of sharing God's wondrous goodness. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 1:26-38.*

### Saturday, December 21

#### Leaping for Joy

Our hearts leap for joy at the Incarnation, as we hope they'll leap again for joy at our Lord's return in glory. All of the readings for today remind us that our God in whom we place our hope and trust will work wonders in our lives. Read both options for the First Readings, then compose your own joyful song of praise to God. *Today's Readings: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1:39-45.*





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