



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

The Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020

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

Anointed Ones

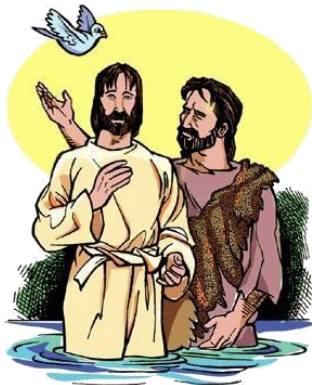
Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b); Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17. The baptism John performed was a sign of the new era to come, but John himself could not bring about that new era. That power belonged to God's Son. Recognizing this, John does not want to baptize the one who is so much greater than he, but Jesus insists. Despite the power he has, Jesus acts humbly. He enters into solidarity with the sinners he has come to save.

By submitting to John's baptism, Jesus "fulfills all righteousness" — that is, he carries out God's plan of salvation, a plan foretold in passages such as in our First Reading. God speaks through Isaiah to declare that he will grasp the hand of his servant, whom he has chosen for a special purpose. In the Second Reading, we again hear this language of election as Peter speaks of Jesus as God's anointed one.

In the ancient world, priests, prophets, and kings were anointed to show that God chose them for that role. The title *Christ* is from the Greek word for "anointed one." *Messiah* is the Hebrew term. The descent of God's Spirit upon Jesus and the words pronounced by God at Jesus' baptism reveal that Jesus is God's chosen one.

At our Baptism, we were incorporated into Christ's Body, empowered by God's Spirit, and anointed to act like Christ as priests, prophets, and kings. God calls us to worship, to proclaim the Gospel, and to work alongside his Son until he brings about the fullness of his kingdom.

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Serving the Catholic Community since April 9, 1836

• Mass Intentions •

Monday, January 13 St. Hilary

6:30 am Bob Young ☩

Tuesday, January 14

6:30 am Lenore Wells ☩

Wednesday, January 15

6:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the
Alphonse and Irene Stoverink Family

5:15 pm Joan Phillips ☩

Thursday, January 16

6:30 am Jeanette Seger ☩

8:00 am Jan Summers ☩

Friday, January 17 St. Anthony

6:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the
Arthur Overmann Family

8:00 am Daniel Overbey (living)

Saturday, January 18

6:30 am Geraldine Warren ☩

5:00 pm Bill Loos ☩

Sunday, January 19

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the
Joe and Vicki Moschner Family

9:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the
Lester Fornkohl Family

10:45 am George Renick ☩

3:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Parish Family
(Bilingual)

• Prayer Requests •

Please remember **Kevin Johnson**, the hospitalized, the homebound, the sick of the parish and those who care for them.

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Our Baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service. The bishop's pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "... there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism that people place their gifts, their resources — their selves — at God's service in and through the Church."

Congratulations to Bishop Edward Rice as he celebrates the ninth anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination and Installation on January 13.

Secular Franciscan Order

Second Sunday of Each Month • 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Saint Francis Medical Center • St. Agatha Room

The Secular Franciscan Order is laity following the Rule St. Francis wrote, approved by the Pope, to support one another in living a simplified life - from Gospel to Life from Life to Gospel. Come and see! Contact Anita Tygett at 573-335-1538.

Eucharistic Minister Workshop for New and Current Ministers

If you have not attended one of the recent Eucharistic Minister Workshops and are currently an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Minister) or would like to serve as an Extraordinary Minister, please attend the upcoming workshop. It will be held in the Church on Wednesday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m. All current Eucharistic Ministers are requested to attend to be refreshed on the requirements and a few minor adjustments. The workshop will identify the main responsibilities of Eucharistic Ministers before, during, and after each Mass. Those who bring Communion to the homebound, hospitals, and nursing homes are still required to attend a workshop, even if you do not assist at Mass! Contact Father Brian if there are any questions!

St. Gerard Circle

Attention all mothers of young children: St. Gerard Circle's next monthly meeting is on Thursday, January 16, at 6:45 p.m. in the lower meeting room. The group will welcome parishioner, Theresa Elfrink, to speak about her experiences of raising children in the faith!

Please come to find out about all the exciting spring events coming up, for example: Lenten Retreat, Spring book club, Mother's Day service project, couples date night, and family fun events! Please contact Bridget Wengert for more information at 816-805-3707 or follow St. Gerard Circle's Facebook page.

NDRHS Placement Test - January 18

The Notre Dame Regional High School Placement Exam for the Class of 2024 is scheduled for Saturday, January 18, at 8:15 a.m. All eighth graders interested in taking the exam should report to Notre Dame at 8:00 a.m. Please bring two #2 pencils and a calculator. Administration, faculty, and staff will be present to answer questions for parents or give tours of the building. Students or parents interested in Notre Dame should call the school office (573-335-6772) for information.

Extend mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

May They Rest in Peace

Sympathy is extended to the families of:

William Brost, father of Kyle Brost; and

Pat Farrar, a member of the St. Vincent Parish family.

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



Baptismal Prep

Parents and godparents are required to attend a baptismal preparation class before a child is baptized in the Catholic faith. The next class is scheduled for Sunday, January 19, at 4:30 p.m. and will be held in the upper meeting room. Please contact the parish office to register for the class and to fill out a baptismal registration form.

Ultreya

Ultreya will be held at St. Ambrose Parish, Chaffee, on Saturday, January 18. Morning prayers will be prayed in the Church at 9:00 a.m. followed by grouping, refreshments, and socializing in the parish center. Guardian Angel Cursillistas will host this event. Don't forget to bring a friend!

Roses for Life

Next Sunday, January 19, is Rose Sunday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #11205. "Roses for Life" will be available in the church pews at all weekend Masses. Adults are asked to take a rose, fill in your name/address, and return it after Mass at one of the church exits. The roses will be sent to representatives in Missouri and Washington, DC, to show support for the "Right to Life."



Nine Days for Life

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Live novena, Nine Days for Life, Tuesday, January 21 - Wednesday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more! Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com!

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,
SEMO Catholic Man Night on Facebook or 573-837-2556

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

• The Week Ahead •

Monday, January 13

7:15 am St. Vincent de Paul Society

7:00 pm Prayer Ministry

Tuesday, January 14

8:00 am Confirmation Prep (SVS)

Wednesday, January 15

8:00 am Confirmation Prep (SVS)

8:00 am Ugly Quilt Ministry
(8:00 - 11:00 am)

9:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

10:00 am Mass at Heartland Care

9:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour

4:00 pm Centering Prayer

5:45 pm PSR

6:00 pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6:30 pm RCIA

6:30 pm Eucharistic Minister Workshop

Thursday, January 16

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

1:00 pm Thursday Afternoon Bible Study

6:45 pm St. Gerard Circle

Friday, January 17

9:00 am Friday Morning Bible Study

Saturday, January 18

7:00 am Men's Cursillo Group

9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables
(9:00 am - 12:00 noon)

3:30 pm Confession

6:00 pm Prayer Ministry

Sunday, January 19

8:30 pm Prayer Ministry

9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:45 am Rite of Acceptance

4:30 pm Confirmation Prep (High School)



Readings - January 19, 2020

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 • 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

Collection - January 5, 2020

Collection	\$ 28,478.50
E-Tithing	\$ 5,082.00
Total	\$ 33,560.50
Weekly Budget	\$ 31,450.00
Year-to-date Difference	\$ 628.14

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

• Ministries •

Saturday, January 18 • 5:00 p.m.

Servers Addison Craig, Charlie West, Elle West
Lectors Tedd Powers, Don Kaverman
Eucharistic Ministers Tim Coad, Nancy Glosemeyer, Jim Govreau, Judy Hanschen, Mike Hanschen, Sue Kaverman, Ken Kiefer, Shane Sinn, Jim Welk, **Volunteer**
Sacristans Barbara Hagler, Virginia Sander
Hospitality Jill Bruenderman, Lisa Church, Laura Powers, **Volunteers**
Musician Tom Wencewicz

Sunday, January 19 • 7:30 a.m.

Servers Donna Kielhofner, Kande Oliver, Kate Prost
Lectors Michelle Prost, Gail Overbey
Eucharistic Ministers Pat Brase, Norm Hayden, Luke Miget, Joshua Sander, Susan Todt, Michael Wozniak
Sacristans Trish Buelow, Jan Kelley, Vince Kelley
Hospitality Mary Boos, Millie Hinkle, Robert Janota, **Volunteers**
Musicians Lenny Kuper, Jenny Schade

Sunday, January 19 • 9:00 a.m.

Servers Jackson Debrock, Silvia Schallberger, Abbie Wilmarth
Lectors Denise Trampier, Bobby Dean
Eucharistic Ministers Peggy Berryhill, Alan Essner, Alex Harold, Diana Harold, Jean Hillman, Ben Pfau, Hugh Protzel, Bonita VanGennip, Jerry Welker, Ginny Wene
Sacristans Mary Kay McCrate, Monica Pfau
Hospitality Toni Arnold, Marilyn Bell, Judy Cantoni, Phil Cantoni, Jean Hillman, Pat Hillman, **Volunteer**
Musicians Parish Choir

Sunday, January 19 • 10:45 a.m.

Servers Nicholas Dial, Madeline Hendrickson, Judd Thoma
Lectors Stone Cook, Addie Cook
Eucharistic Ministers Duva Arpin, Sherry Clark, Allen DeYong, Susy Gutierrez, Vicki Kim, David Palmer, Tim Powderly, Kyle Thoma, Lester Wells, Amy Young
Sacristans Joyce Gibbar, Ken Gibbar
Hospitality Katie Bunselmeyer, Maria Gates, Lori Powderly, Rebekah Schnurbusch, Jeri Spence, Anita Toole, **Volunteer**
Musician Dale Haskell

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study

The New Testament: A Bible Study Course: The Thursday Afternoon Bible Study will be held on **Thursdays from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.** in the upper meeting room of church. **The study will begin January 30 and run through March 26.** After a fascinating general introduction to the New Testament, you will take a fresh look at the Pauline epistles beloved to be the earliest texts. **Format:** Father Nicholas King, S.J. teaches through DVDs with group discussion to follow. **To register, phone 335-7667 or 335-1538.**

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:

- **Monday, February 10**, 6:30 p.m., St. Vincent de Paul, Cape
- **Saturday, March 7**, 9:00 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Cape
- **Wednesday, April 15**, 6:00 p.m., St. Ambrose School, Chaffee
- **Wednesday, May 6**, 6:00 p.m., St. Denis School, Benton

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 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 pulldown menu, select 'Springfield-Cape Girardeau'. Follow the online prompts, completing the Code of Conduct and your information for a background screening.

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! 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.

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.

Discipleship - Small Group Ministry

The parish had a very successful start for the Discipleship study sessions this past Fall. There were approximately 19 groups and more than 150 participants. The Discipleship Small Groups will resume soon with new topics and materials. Parishioners will have the option of staying in current groups or forming new groups. This is open to all parishioners regardless of whether you participated in the Fall sessions. Sign-ups will be available both on our website and by paper in the gathering space at the help desk. Watch the bulletin for additional information about how you can be involved in Discipleship.

Job Opportunities

Principal Opening - St. Francis Xavier School, Sikeston, has an opening for the position of Principal for the 2020-2021 school year. All interested parties must be a practicing Catholic in good standing, be living his/her Catholic faith and a moral life, have experience of teaching in a Catholic School, and preferably have some administrative experience or working towards a degree in Administration. If interested, please contact Father David Dohogne at 573-471-2447 for an application.

Elementary Teacher - Immaculate Conception School, Jackson, is accepting applications for elementary teachers for grades 6-8 Math, including Algebra. For more info, please contact Michele Campbell, Principal, at 573-243-5013 for mcampbell@icsjackson.edu.

Thank You

On behalf of Birthright, I would like to thank all of you for your generous donations this Christmas season **and** throughout the entire year. I am in awe of the gifts that you donate to help us support and love our moms and their babies. I wish I could share the joy that we receive in gifting these items to our mommas. Blessing our moms with these much needed items offers us the opportunity to love, to be the hands of God, to serve as we are called to serve. Blessings to all of you for supporting this ministry of love and life.



Kim Sellers

Birthright Director

Food for the Fathers A Ministry Opportunity

Each Tuesday Food for the Fathers, a parish ministry, will supply a warm meal for three priests. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please sign up at <http://signup.com/login/entry/67699625678106404>. You will need to enter your email address but will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com. If you don't like the choices listed, change your selection to include an entrée and two side dishes (no desserts, please!). Choose the date you would like to provide the meal. SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Then, on the date chosen, deliver the meal between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. to the rectory.

If you prefer not to sign up online or have questions, please contact Beverly in the parish office at 335-7667 and she can sign you up.



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.

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.

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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.

The right to life is the first among human rights.

POPE FRANCIS

• Upcoming Events •

25th Annual St. Joseph Home and School Trivia Night

Saturday, January 25, 2020

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Play begins at 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish Center
Scott City, Missouri

*Admission \$12.50/person with a
minimum of 8 players per team
Soft drinks and snacks included*

*To reserve a table,
call 573-264-2600 (school)
or 573-837-6218 (Jane)*

Sausage Breakfast Sunday, January 26, 2020 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

St. Augustine School Gym
Kelso, Missouri

*Menu includes
pork sausage, scrambled eggs,
biscuits and gravy, pancakes,
fruit cocktail*

Goodwill donation

Breakfast Sunday, February 2, 2020 7:30 - 11:00 a.m.

St. Ambrose Parish Center
Chaffee, Missouri

*Menu includes
whole hog sausage, eggs,
biscuits and Gravy*

*Adults \$7.00, Children \$3.00,
under five free*

Sponsored by St. Ambrose Men's Club

Trivia Night Friday, February 21, 2020 Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Play begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Immaculate Conception
Parish Center**
Jackson, Missouri

*Admission \$15/person
Tables consist of up to eight players
Outside food and drink allowed
Must be 21*

*Tables must be reserved in advance
by emailing
amberknippen@gmail.com*

Notre Dame Regional High School News

Junior Cheer Camp: The Notre Dame Cheerleaders will be hosting a Junior Cheer Camp for girls in grades 2-5 on January 13, 14, and 16. The ND Cheerleaders will teach campers cheers and a cheer dance. The campers will perform at half-time during the girls varsity game on Thursday, January 16. Cost is \$40 and includes camp, snacks, t-shirt, and the camper's entrance to the ND girls game. Register online by January 8 at <http://bit.ly/NDCheer>.

Winter Extravaganza: The Notre Dame Regional High School Winter Extravaganza presented by Saint Francis Healthcare System will take place on Saturday, January 25, 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight. The Extravaganza will be held at the Drury Plaza Convention Center. This year's theme is XGAMES Aspen 2020. You can enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, Downtime (band from St. Louis), a live auction, and more!

The individual ticket price is \$75, tables of 10 are \$700, and VIP tables of 10 are \$1,400. Additional details and tickets are available online at notredamehighschool.org/winter or by calling 573-335-6772.

Gentle Woman

Immaculate Conception Parish, Jackson, invites all ladies seventh grade and older to "Gentle Woman: Understanding the Power and Strength Within the Female Body," presented by Melissa Coello, CNM, of New Horizons OBGYN, on Saturday, February 1, at 9:00 a.m. This presentation covers the marvelous design and function of the female body and reproductive system, the impact of artificial hormones on the woman's body, and fertility awareness/cycle charting. The presentation will be in IC's Fellowship Room (church basement). A light breakfast will be provided. Contact Meg with questions at 573-579-2188 or icyouthspirit@gmail.com.

Welcome to St. Vincent de Paul

If you would like to register for the parish, change your address, or simply have questions, please fill out the form and place it in the collection basket. You may also mail it to the parish office at 1913 Ritter Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. Please free to contact parish office staff anytime during regular office hours, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. You may email the parish office at contactus@svparish or call 335-7667. A parish registration form is available at <http://www.svcape.com/Parish/>.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

- ☐ I am new to Cape Girardeau. ☐ I am new to St. Vincent de Paul Parish.
☐ I have been attending St. Vincent Parish and would like to register as a member.
☐ Please change my address to the one shown above.
☐ I would like to sign up for Faith Direct.
☐ I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.
☐ I would like to register my child/children for Parish School of Religion.

St. Vincent de Paul Youth Ministry

Youth Commitment Form

*the 2020 Diocesan Youth Conference allows Catholic youth
and youth leaders from the whole Diocese
to celebrate being Catholic!*

*Speakers Carrie Ford, Father Stephen Gadberry,
Paul J. Kim and music from the House Band
and Tony Melendez make the weekend a Hit!*

Friday, March 27 to Sunday, March 29

**Leave St. Vincent de Paul on Friday at 3:30pm
Back home in Cape at St. Vincent de Paul
on Sunday at 5:00pm**



Complete and return this form to confirm your spot at NYC!

The conference will be held at the West Plains Civic Center in West Plains, Missouri.

The cost for the conference is \$300.

This includes transportation, a t-shirt, registration, rooms, and meals for the weekend.

This form and an *initial, non-refundable deposit of \$100* is due on **March 2, 2020**.

The remaining *non-refundable payment of \$200* is due by March 25, 2020.

(If needed, \$200 can be requested through the St. Vincent de Paul Youth Endowment Fund.)

Due **March 2, 2020**: \$100 deposit and the Youth *Commitment Form* Due

Due **March 25, 2020**: The remaining \$200 payment or grant request from
St. Vincent de Paul Youth Endowment

Please deliver all commitment forms to the Parish Office or mail to:

**St. Vincent de Paul Parish
Attention: NYC
1913 Ritter Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO 67301**

FOR OFFICE ONLY

Date _____

Amount _____

Check # _____

Please make all checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul Parish

For more information, contact Father Brian at fatherbrian@svparish.com or 573-335-7667.

2020 Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference

Please Print Clearly

Teen Name _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone # _____ T-Shirt Size _____ Current Grade _____

Requested Roommates* (A) _____ (B) _____

(Two youth to a room) **This is a request. It does not guarantee these will be your roommates.*

Email address to receive all NYC related correspondence

Teen Email _____ Teen Cell # _____ Carrier _____

Parent Email _____ Parent Cell # _____ Carrier _____

Do you receive texts? _____ Yes _____ No Parent/Guardian Signature _____

For more information about this conference, go to **www.ncyc.info**



THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Ordinary Time The Ministry of Jesus

The cycle of readings for Sundays and weekdays reflects the wisdom of the Catholic Church. During Ordinary Time we are led steadily through the ministry of Jesus, teaching by teaching, story by story. On Sundays we also work steadily through a letter of the New Testament. The entire first half of our liturgical celebrations are thus grounded on the life of Christ and the teaching of the Apostles. The wisdom of having such fixed readings is this: we do not get to decide what we hear from God. We do not get to ignore some aspects of Jesus' ministry and concentrate our attention on others. We do not get to skip a letter that makes us uncomfortable. We are challenged and consoled, chastened and uplifted, by the entirety of the Gospel. In the weeks ahead, listen for what God is speaking to you. You may hear something new, something you would never have heard on your own.

Saturday, January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul

Those of us who were baptized as infants might yearn for a moment such as St. Paul's in which God becomes suddenly, dramatically, and unmistakably present. We should remember, however, that Paul's new faith came from somewhere. He knew what Christians believed. His familiarity with Christ was the basis for his conversion. Those of us who were raised with the knowledge of Christ may also have experienced moments of wonderful transcendence in our journey toward God, but those moments came from somewhere: they arose from our daily study, prayer, and effort to live more faithfully as God's children. *Today's Readings: Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Mark 16:15–18.*

Sunday, February 2 Presentation of the Lord

On the Feast of the Epiphany, we heard a story from Matthew's Gospel account in which Gentiles, represented by the Magi, followed a star's light to pay homage to the infant Jesus. The word *epiphany* comes from the Greek word meaning "to reveal." Luke's Gospel contains a different story of an epiphany. He tells how Simeon, guided by God's spirit, praises God for allowing him to see the Christ child, God's instrument of salvation. His famous prayer, the *Nunc Dimittis*, is part of the Church's Night Prayer.

The liturgy for this feast day includes a blessing of candles. Your parish may invite you to bring a candle to be blessed or to take one after Mass. Set this candle in a suitable place in your home. Take a moment to light the candle and pray each evening, repeating the words of Simeon and praising God for revealing his light and glory to you. *Today's Readings: Malachi 3:1–4; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2:22–40.*

Monday, February 3 St. Blaise

In the Gospel reading for today, Jesus shows such power over evil that people are frightened of him. Our Lord shares this extraordinary power with his Church. As we celebrate the Optional Memorial of St. Blaise today, we celebrate the healing, protection, and peace that comes to us from God. If you do not know anything about St. Blaise, do a little research about him. Thank God for the many ways and the many people who reveal his saving love. *Today's Readings: 2 Samuel 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13; Psalm 3:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; Mark 5:1–20.*

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