St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

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 6:30 a.m. Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Wednesday 6:30 a.m., 5:15 p.m. Thursday 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. Friday 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. Saturday 6:30 a.m.

Confessions

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021

Keeper of Promises

Father, you keep your promises to Sarah, to Hannah, to Elizabeth, to Mary, to your people Israel. You have promised to heal the world and fill it with your love like water fills the sea. Help us to wait in hope. Give us food for the journey that our eyes might see your salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confessions before Christmas

"Prepare the Way of Lord" by making a good Confession! This is the best gift you can give to yourself and your family during the days leading up to Christmas. Confessions will be offered on the hour starting on Saturday, December 18. ("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.

Saturday, December 18, at 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m. Sunday, December 19, at 12:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 22, at 12:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m. Thursday, December 23, at 12:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 p.m.

CCW Thanks You!

Thank you to all who supported the Council of Catholic Women bake sale last weekend! The parishioners of St. Vincent are very generous and supportive of the CCW not only at Christmas but throughout the year!

Mass Intentions •

Monday, December 20

6:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the Robert Gibson Family

Tuesday, December 21 St. Peter Canisius 6:30 am Lazar Ruga (living)

Wednesday, December 22

6:30 am Special Intentions of Adella Frank (living) 5:15 pm Elizabeth (Libby) M. Cates ↔

Thursday, December 23 St. John of Kanty 6:30 am Joyce Frees ⊕

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, December 24

Saturday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord			
8:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Family		
10:00 pm	Peace in the World		
12:00 pm	Living and Deceased Members		
(Bilingua)	of the Aceves Alaniz Family		

Sunday, December 26

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph		
7:30 am	Living and Deceased Members of the Lambert and Lorraine Drury Family	
9:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Family	
10:45 am	Living and Deceased Members of the Mattingly Family	
3:00 pm (Bilingua)	Salvador Reyes 🕆	

Prayer Requests

Please remember **Carl Diveley**, the sick, the hospitalized, and those who care for them. Pray also for the homebound of the parish.

In observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays, the parish office will be closed Friday, December 24, Monday, December 27, and Friday, December 31.

If you are a Liturgical Minister, the Christmas and New Year's Masses need your help! Please consider signing up for a ministry during the upcoming holiday Masses of Christmas, Holy Family (Sunday, December 26), New Year's, and Epiphany (January 2). he Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

Rosary Prayer Group

The Holy Rosary will be prayed this Sunday, December 19, at 1:30 p.m. inside the Old St. Vincent Chapel of Ease (downtown Cape).

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 21. The volunteers will carpool from the JC Penney parking lot at 8:30 a.m. If interested, please call Carol Simon at 314-440-4467.

Young Adult Tuesday Night Thrive

Feeling alone, restless, or unfulfilled in the Faith or in life in general? Longing for more? Come! Join young adult Catholics (ages 18-40) from a variety of parishes as together you can seek to thrive. Upcoming Sunday Scriptures will be read and their meaning for your own daily lives will be discovered. Find community and a better way forward. This will take place weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the old convent, 815 Caruthers Avenue, Cape Girardeau. Enter through the door facing the parking lot. Bring a snack to share if you'd like. For info, contact Carlee at <u>idCapeinfo@gmail.com</u>. Don't just live. Thrive!

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 needed include **new** heavy weight pajamas, warm outfits, sleepers, and long sleeve onesies (sizes o-3 and 3-6 months). Birthright is also in need of small fleece blankets (new and gently used), receiving blankets (new and gently used), diapers and pullups (all sizes), baby lotion and wash (15 oz.), bottles (4 and 8 oz.), Similac ProAdvanced formula, sippy cups, hooded towels, washcloths, baby hygiene items, small board books, small stuffed animals (new), teething toys, breastfeeding supplies (shields and storage bags), sanitary napkins, new or gently used). Also needed are gently used baby clothing for boys and girls (18 months - 4T). Your generosity is appreciated.

Christmas Novena at St. Mary Cathedral

Give yourself the gift of Peace and Joy by attending one or all of the Novenas leading up to Christmas. This Christmas Novena has been part of the tradition at St. Mary Cathedral for many years. The Novena continues this week starting at 7:00 p.m. each evening and ending on December 23. The Novena consists of beautiful chants, Advent songs, prayers leading to the wonder of Christmas. This is a wonderful way to prepare your family for the Christmas Season. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered after the Novena each evening.

May They Rest in Peace

Sympathy is extended to the families of:
Robert Yamnitz, brother of Melba Wilmarth;
Verna Boyd, mother of Janet Heady;
Kim Amschler, daughter-in-law of Viola Amschler and sister of Mike Renaud; and
Father Robert Landewe, brother of Bernard Landewe and a priest of the Springfield-Cape Girardeau Diocese.



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

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24 Christmas Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. • 6:00 p.m.

Please Note: Pews <u>may not</u> be reserved for Christmas Masses. Once pews are full, the upper meeting room and the parish center gym will be used.

> Midnight Mass 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25 Christmas Mass of the Dawn 8:00 a.m.

Mass of the Day 10:00 a.m. • 12:00 noon (Bilingual)

Please Note: There will be no Confessions or 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 25.

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.

Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule

(Solemnity but not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)

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

New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1 6:30 a.m. • 9:00 a.m.

The collection taken up at Masses on Mary, Mother of God will benefit Care Portal, a platform bringing the needs of children and families in crisis to the attention of local churches and their parishioners.

• The Week Ahead •

Monday, December 20 6:00 pm Council of Chairs

Tuesday, December 216:00 pmTuesday Evening Bible Study7:00 pmTuesday Night Thrive (Young Adult)

Wednesday, December 22 9:00 am Wednesday Women's Bible Study 12:00 pm Confession 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour 6:00 pm / 7:00 pm / 8:00 pm Confession

Thursday, December 23

9:00 amMaxine's Shareable Wearables
(9:00 - 11:00 am)9:00 amThursday Women's Bible Study9:00 pmConfession5:30 pmCentering Prayer5:00 pm/ 6:00 pm Confession7:00 pm/ 8:00 pm Confession

Friday, December 24

Saturday, December 25 *Merry Christmas!*

Sunday, December 26



• Readings •

Christmas (Vigil) Isaiah 62:1-5 • Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Matthew 1:1-25

Christmas (Night) Isaiah 9:1-6 • Titus 2:11-14 • Luke 2:1-14

Christmas (Dawn) Isaiah 62:11-12 • Titus 3:4-7 • Luke 2:15-20

Christmas (Day) Isaiah 52:7-10 • Hebrews1:1-6 • John 1:1-18

December 26, 2021 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 • 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Collection - December 12, 2021

Collection	\$19,654.00
E-Tithing	\$32,702.67
Total	\$52,356.67
Weekly Budget	\$31,450.00
Difference (7-1 to 12-12)	\$ 21,116.66

Thank you for being good stewards of God's gifts!

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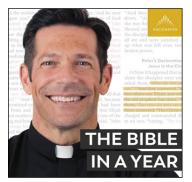
Employment Opportunities

St. Mary's Grade School, Cape Girardeau, is looking for a Principal for the 2022/2023 school year. Applicant should be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the church and have experience in Catholic Elementary Education, preferably with a Masters in School Administration. Contact Father Allan Saunders for an application.

St. Vincent de Paul School's After-School Care Program is in need of workers for the upcoming 2022 semester. The hours of operation are Monday - Friday 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., and the second Wednesday of the month 12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. The hourly pay is \$11.15. Partial days and all five days are needed. St. Vincent de Paul School resumes classes on January 3, 2022. Staff must complete VIRTUS training prior to start of employment. If interested, please email Casey Hinkebein at <u>chinkebein@svcape.eduk12.net</u>.

Required Minimum Distributions

If you have reached the age of 70^{1/2} and have an IRA, there are tax advantages you may wish to consider. Gifts made to charitable organizations will not be treated as taxable income and may result in a substantial tax benefit. Please contact Cheryl Oberhaus at the parish office for more information.



Discipleship Corner Great News!

Bible in a Year starts again January 2022! Reading the Bible could not be any easier than this!

Do something great for yourself in the new year! Join tens of thousands who listen to Father Mike Schmitz on his daily podcast: *The Bible in a Year*. Fr. Mike reads the passages followed by a short commentary/

explanation. Read the bible; learn salvation history; learn your faith. **Find "The Bible in a Year" with Fr. Mike Schmitz on your podcast app, OR** <u>https://ascensionpress.com</u> **OR on YouTube:** the Bible in a Year (with Fr Mike Schmitz).

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 - 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 <u>http://www.svcape.com/Parish/</u>.

Name	
Address	
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 I am new to Cape Girardeau. I am new to St. Vincent de Paul Pa I have been attending St. Vincent Parish and would like to register as a mem I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. I would like to register my child/children for Parish School of Religion. 	

Journeying through Advent

Nothing Impossible

"Nothing will be impossible for God." It is easy to be discouraged when confronting a struggle. People have cried out to God throughout salvation history, longing to heal the brokenness in their lives and in the world. God's solution came in a way beyond their comprehension: God coming to experience human life and thereby redeem it. Consider illustrating this Gospel passage or copying the Scripture. While you are reflecting, meditate on these words: "Nothing will be impossible for God." What are the seeming impossibilities in your life? Where might God provide solutions beyond your imagination? *Today's readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Luke 1:26-38.*

The Visitation

Tuesday, December 21

Monday, December 20

Imagine yourself alongside the newly pregnant Mary as she goes "in haste" across eighty miles of rough terrain, seeking out someone also experiencing a miraculous pregnancy. What did she see, hear, and think about as she was walking? We know that John the Baptist leapt for joy within his mother at the sound of Mary's voice. What do you think Elizabeth felt when John leapt for joy? *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.*

He Has Lifted Up the Lowly

Wednesday, December 22

Mary proclaims the Magnificat, her song of praise to God, in Luke 1:46-56. Copy the Scripture. Which words particularly speak to you? While reading the Scriptures, we see how God has acted in history. This can help us to see what God is doing today. How do you see God acting as Mary proclaims? *Today's readings: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8; Luke 1:46-56*.

Great Mercy

Thursday, December 23

In today's Gospel, the birth of John is described as "the Lord had shown his great mercy toward" Elizabeth. When have you experienced God's mercy? God kept the promise to Elizabeth, and in doing so, kept the promise of the prophets of old, that one would come who would prepare the way of the Lord. *Today's readings: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14; Luke 1:57-66.*

Nativity Scene

Friday, December 24

Laying out a Nativity can be a contemplative experience. If you have already set up a Nativity, spend some time sitting before it in silent prayer. What do you notice? Did you know that St. Francis of Assisi put together the first Nativity? Nativities have helped Christians to pray about the incarnation for hundreds of years. *Today's readings: Morning: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2 -3, 4-5, 27, 29; Luke 1:67-79.*

Joy to the World!

Saturday, December 25

Today we celebrate the incarnation, God becoming human that we might share in God's divine life. We might wonder why God would choose to become something so vulnerable as a new baby. Why would God want to enter into the human condition, with all its limitations? Why would God enter into a world with sadness and suffering, and death? He came to open the way to a new possibility: a kingdom marked by justice, peace, and life. God's love is more than anything we can imagine, and God's will is for us to live in that love. *Today's readings: Night: Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 ; Dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12; Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20; Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14.*

Sunday, December 19

Blessed Are You Who Believed

Today's readings: Micah 5:1-4a; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45.

In the season of Advent, we look to those who watched and waited for Jesus when he first came into the world. The people of Israel, who first heard the words of the waiting. prophets, were The prophets spoke God's Word to them and gave them hope. They described the one who would come and the kingdom he would bring. Micah says his greatness extends to the ends of the earth.

Mary waited for the messiah throughout her early life. But she waited for Jesus in a way unique to her. When she was invited to be part of this completely new thing God was doing, she said yes with her whole heart. And then she set out.

words Elizabeth's to Mary communicate something important. "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Mary is blessed because she knew that God was a keeper of promises. As we wait in hope, we can meditate on this truth. Take some time to think about what we hope for. We often worry about the conditions of the world. The weight of its brokenness can be hard to bear. But God keeps promises. In the words of the prophets and in the life of Jesus, a new possibility is revealed. Take some time today to meditate on the possibility of a world filled with God's love, governed by justice and peace to the ends of the earth.

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