



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.
Friday 6:30 a.m.
Saturday 6:30 a.m.

Confessions

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

*W*ishing you and your family
a blessed Christmas and
a New Year filled with
happiness and peace!

*Father Rick, Father Alex,
and the Parish Office Staff*

The Nativity of the Lord / December 25, 2021
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph / December 26, 2021



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• Mass Intentions •

Monday, December 27 St. John

6:30 am Jack Cracraft ☩

Tuesday, December 28 The Holy Innocents

6:30 am Frank Bucher ☩

Wednesday, December 29

St. Thomas Becket

6:30 am Rosemary Dallas ☩

5:15 pm Jerry Kamps ☩

Thursday, December 30

6:30 am Ann Cantoni ☩ Nathan Wibbenmeyer ☩

8:00 am No Mass

Friday, December 31 St. Sylvester I

6:30 am Richard and Doris Hagedorn ☩

8:00 pm No Mass

5:15 pm Alex Powderly ☩

Saturday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

6:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the
Notre Dame Class of 1964

9:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the
Father Jaku Bala Kumar Family

5:00 pm Amy Oliver ☩

Sunday, January 2 The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Parish Family

9:00 am Jack and Joan Johnson ☩

10:45 am Alex Powderly ☩

3:00 pm Poor Souls in Purgatory ☩
(Bilingual)

• Prayer Requests •

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



Blessings

to Jim and Teresa Tatum as they celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on December 26.

Livestreamed Masses

Each weekend, the Mass celebrated here at St. Vincent is livestreamed and available to view on the St. Vincent de Paul Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/svcape/>). The video is also available to view after Masses on the parish website (www.svcape.com). Most of the live feeds will be at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening Mass to allow for the longest viewing time.

Rejoice! The Word became flesh and dwells among us! Oh, come, let us adore him!

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.

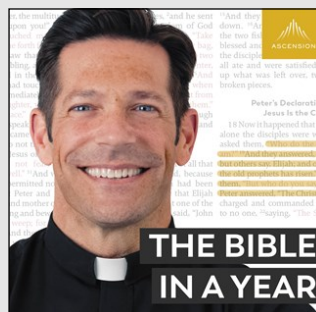
New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1
6:30 a.m. • 9:00 a.m.

CarePortal - Connecting You to the Child in Need

CarePortal is an online platform that brings the needs of children and families in our community to the attention of area church congregations. Our parish has been part of the **CarePortal** network for over two years. In the past year we have helped over 50 children who needed basic supplies such as beds, clothing, and food. Additional help was provided to families which included dressers, utilities, transportation, and other basic needs. The economic impact from our parish support over the last 12 months has been almost \$30,000.

The collection taken on January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, goes to our parish's **CarePortal** account thus providing additional funds to support children and families in need. Heartfelt thanks goes out to the many parishioners who have responded to requests. If you would like more information about **CarePortal** or would like to be a part of the network, please contact me by calling the parish office.

~ Deacon Mark



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 and 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 <https://ascensionpress.com>, or on YouTube: the Bible in a Year (with Fr Mike Schmitz).

If you have reached the age of 70½ 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.

May They Rest in Peace

Sympathy is extended to the families of:
Dolores Schlichting, mother of Debbie Schumer;
Carl Diveley, father of Dave Diveley; and
Willie Schetter, sister of A.J. Kluesner.



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

The first Sunday after Christmas, on the liturgical calendar, celebrates the Holy Family. Pope Leo XIII instituted this feast in 1892 to remind families of the sacredness of the family and to provide the laity with a model upon which to structure their own families. Today, let us pray for the grace to lead lives that imitate those of the Holy Family. As we prepare to leave the stable in Bethlehem let us turn our gaze to the house in Nazareth, for it was in the "ordinary" life of the Holy Family that "extraordinary" holiness was lived.

Families

God our Father, we first encounter you in the love of our families,
 and we give thanks for those who have loved us.
 Yet no earthly family is perfect. All need your grace.
 We pray especially for struggling families:
 for single-parent households,
 for absent parents and their children,
 for grandparents raising grandchildren,
 for foster parents and for orphans,
 and for those with no one left to care for them.
 Bring us into your one eternal family, a family filled with your peace.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collection for Disaster Relief

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, January 1-2, to assist those who were impacted by recent devastating tornadoes. You may also make your donation by going to the Faith Direct website. Please be generous and continue to pray for those individuals as they rebuild their homes, communities, and lives.

Epiphany House Blessing

Next weekend on the Feast of the Epiphany, the Discipleship Committee of St. Vincent De Paul will have an Epiphany House Blessing bag for each family to pick up. The bag will include blessed chalk, a family prayer service, and literature on the tradition of chalking your doors on Epiphany. Practicing traditions like chalking of the doors helps to live your Faith more concretely and serve as an outward sign of dedication to the Lord.

Women's Council News

Happy New Year! All women of the parish are invited as the St. Vincent Council of Catholic Women begin 2022 with a meeting on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the lower meeting room. The guest speaker will be from St. James AME Church and will share information about their warming center for this winter.

• The Week Ahead •

Monday, December 27

Tuesday, December 28

7:00 pm Tuesday Night Thrive (Young Adult)

Wednesday, December 29

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Thursday, December 30

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

5:30 pm Centering Prayer

Friday, December 31

Saturday, January 1

Happy New Year!

Sunday, January 2

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

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Readings - January 2, 2022

Isaiah 60:1-6 • Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Matthew 2:1-12

Collection - December 19, 2021

Collection	\$38,965.71
E-Tithing	\$ 1,452.00
Total	\$40,417.71
Weekly Budget	\$31,450.00
Difference (7-1 to 12-19)	\$ 30,084.37

*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 chinkebein@svcape.eduk12.net.



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

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

This Week at Home

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist **Monday, December 27**

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of St. John, apostle and evangelist. He and his brother were early disciples of Jesus and witnesses to the resurrection. He traveled to Ephesus, where he composed his Gospel and letters, and later wrote the Book of Revelation from the island of Patmos. It is traditional to bless wine and cider on the Feast of St. John. *Today's readings: 1 John 1:1-4; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1a, 2-8.*

The Holy Innocents **Tuesday, December 28**

When Herod massacred all baby boys under two years of age, he sought to eliminate the threat the messiah posed to his power. His horrific, violent act epitomizes a truth we know even today: those who benefit most from the world's brokenness and injustice will always oppose the transformation God has promised. The infant Jesus needed protection, protection God provided in the person of St. Joseph. The deaths of the children were profound violations of the law of God. God is the God of life. God raised the infants to be saints, that the profound injustice of their deaths might be transformed: from death to life, that is the way of our God. *Today's readings: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Matthew 2:13-18.*

Simeon: Waiting in Hope **Wednesday, December 29**

God had promised Simeon that he would not see death until he had seen the salvation of Israel. The child Jesus, not yet six weeks old, is brought to the temple to be dedicated to the Lord. What must it have been like for him to feel the fulfillment of the promise? What desires of your heart are you awaiting God to fulfill? *Today's readings: 1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Luke 2:22-35.*

Anna the Prophetess **Thursday, December 30**

Anna the prophetess "spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Israel." The hope that she has held onto has been realized before her eyes, and she cannot keep it to herself. She goes out into the world to be the bringer of the Good News, to bring hope. When we celebrate Christmas, we are making present the incarnation through which God continues to bring about a renewed world. Christians are to testify about our hope, just as Anna did. How can you share your hope today? *Today's readings: 1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Luke 2:36-40.*

Word Made Flesh **Friday, December 31**

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." The evangelist John tells us the cosmic significance of the birth of Jesus. Because John uses the language of philosophy and poetry, it can be hard to grasp what he means. But because he uses these elevated ways of speaking, it is possible to approach the inexplicable mystery that is contained in the incarnation. Read today's Gospel. What word or phrase sticks out to you most? Copy it and meditate on it as you pray this week. *Today's readings: 1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; John 1:1-18.*

Mary, the Holy Mother of God **Saturday, January 1**

"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Mary's central place in this great mystery of God dwelling among us led her to a place of contemplation. Though she was the one chosen to bring Jesus into the world, she did not have all the answers. Praying the Rosary, we have the opportunity to contemplate like Mary, deepening our reflection while our words proclaim the memorized prayers. Pray the Rosary today and ask Mary to help you to hold all these things in your heart. *Today's readings: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2:16-21.*

Sunday, December 26

All Families Are Made Holy

Today's readings: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52 or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52. Little is known about the life Jesus, Mary, and Joseph lived in Nazareth. From the time they returned from Egypt until the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, the only story that appears in Scripture about the family is the founding of Jesus in the temple. A close reading of this text shows that they were observant Jews and they went to Jerusalem each year for Passover. It also can be seen that they traveled with their extended family, so they had other significant relationships in their lives. They had regular family struggles. Mary asks, "Why have you done this to us?" She sounds like many mothers who are raising adolescents. Their family life is a model for ours, but it must have been very ordinary indeed.

Imagine what that can mean for us.

Jesus knows our hearts and our struggles because he lived them too. God entered into a family and set the family apart as a place of sanctification. The holy family makes all families holy. The family is an ordinary place filled with ordinary love, peace, mercy, justice, and forgiveness. It is a place to grow in holiness. This week, as you go about your routine, imagine how you are connected to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, across time and space, to their home in Nazareth. If you are preparing a meal or folding the laundry, you are doing holy work, just as they did.

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