



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
Service • 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.
First Friday 8:00 a.m.
Saturday 6:30 a.m.

Confessions

First Friday of month 12:00 noon
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
or by appointment

**"Now, Master, you may let
your servant go in peace,
according to your word,
for my eyes have seen
your salvation,
which you prepared
in sight of all the peoples,
a light for revelation to the
Gentiles, and glory for your
people Israel."** LUKE 2:29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 31, 2023

The first Sunday after Christmas, on the liturgical calendar, celebrates the Holy Family. Pope Leo XIII instituted this feast in 1892 as a reminder 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.

Consecration to the Holy Family

Composed by Archbishop William Lori

O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill
your mission as our redeemer.

We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary, you are the mother of our savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him
in the peace and joy of your home.

We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,
and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work.

We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open
to the gift of new life.

Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.

Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work,
and generous toward those in need.

May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us!



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Serving the Catholic Community since April 9, 1836

• Mass Intentions •

Monday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

6:30 am Jessica Diane LeGrand ☩

9:00 am Don Kapfer ☩

Tuesday, January 2

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

6:30 am Living and Deceased Members
of the Tony Biondini Family

Wednesday, January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

6:30 am Geneva Viox ☩

5:15 pm Brian Meier ☩

Thursday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:30 am Judy and Homer King ☩

8:00 am Tom Wencewicz ☩

Friday, January 5

St. John Neumann

6:30 am Dan and Gail Overbey (living)

8:00 am David and LaDeva Enderle ☩

Saturday, January 6

St. André Bessette

6:30 am Leonard Jansen ☩

5:00 pm Wayne "Gus" Felty ☩

Sunday, January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Parish Family

9:00 am Clarence and Jettie Henson ☩

10:45 am Patty Glastetter ☩

3:00 pm Living and Deceased Members
(Bilingual) of the Felix and Hilda Scherer Family

• Prayer Requests •

Please remember the sick, the hospitalized, and those who care for them. Pray also for homebound St. Vincent parishioners.



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Question: What is Bishop Edward Rice's motto? He celebrates his priestly ordination on January 3.

Answer: You can find the answer in next weekend's bulletin.

Coming Soon!!! Alpha #2

February 21 - May 8, 2024

[http://www.facebook.com/
AlphaStVincent](http://www.facebook.com/AlphaStVincent)

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "... do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit."

New Assignment for Father Alexander Sutachan



After 2½ years of being St. Vincent's Associate Pastor, Father Alex is taking on the challenge of being the new Administrator of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Fredericktown. He begins his assignment on Wednesday, January 17, the Memorial of St. Anthony of the Desert. While Father Alex will be in Fredericktown on a full-time basis, you may continue to see Father Alex in the parish from time to time because of his responsibilities as Chaplain at Notre Dame Regional High School. During these next six months, it will be time of transition for Father Alex as he begins his new assignment for the Diocese. In addition to this assignment, Bishop Rice has relieved Father Rick, Pastor, of the responsibilities as being the Administrator of St. Michael Parish. However, Father Rick will serve as "mentor" for Father Alex in his new adventure. May God continue to bless Father Alex in the good work he has begun as a priest!

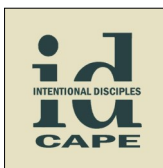
Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule

New Year's Day, Monday, 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.

A Note from Bishop Rice: Please note that since **January 1** falls on Monday in 2024, it is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation, though it retains its liturgical rank as a Solemnity. While the faithful are not obligated to attend Mass on this day, they are still strongly encouraged to attend Holy Mass to celebrate this Mystery of Faith regarding the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Young Adult Disciples Night

On **Thursday, January 4**, i.d.Cape (young adults) will host their monthly Disciples' Night at the old convent. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.; a meal will be served at 6:15 p.m. followed by a live-streamed talk. All young adults in their 20's and 30's are invited. See the event on Facebook or email IdCapeinfo@gmail.com for more information. Please RSVP for the meal. Come and bring a friend!

"I am a shield to you: Your reward shall be very great." If you feel God is offering you the gift of a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life, contact Father Alex Sutachan at 573-335-7667 or email fatheralex@svparish.com.

May She Rest in Peace

Sympathy is extended to the family of
Delphia Callahan, mother of Kevin Callahan.

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



First Friday Schedule of Prayer

All are invited to attend First Friday devotion on **January 5, 2024**. Please choose any of the prayer opportunities below, or you can attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament anytime throughout the day for quiet prayer time. Here are prayer opportunities:

- 6:00 a.m. Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 6:30 a.m. First Friday Mass
- 7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 8:00 a.m. First Friday Mass
- 12:00 noon Confessions from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
- 3:00 p.m. Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 5:15 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



It is of particular importance to begin, or renew, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the spirit of reparation of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. The practice of the nine First Fridays is a particularly powerful way to do this. Jesus gave this devotion as a way of offering reparation to Him and consoling His Sacred Heart. Reparation is the way a person makes amends for a wrong done. Take full advantage of the means that are given by showing love for Jesus and His Sacred Heart. For more information, go to www.simplycatholic.com/how-to-observe-first-fridays-and-firstsaturdays/.

• The Week Ahead •

Monday, January 1

Happy New Year!

Tuesday, January 2

Wednesday, January 3

- 8:00 am Ugly Quilts
- 10:00 am Mass at Chateau Girardeau
- 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour
- 6:00 pm RCIA

Thursday, January 4

- 9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables (9:00 - 11:00 am)
- 9:30 am Communion Service at Arbors/Auburn Creek
- 5:30 pm Centering Prayer
- 6:00 pm i.d.Cape

Friday, January 5

- 7:00 am Adoration
- 12:00 pm Reconciliation
- 5:15 pm Benediction

Saturday, January 6

- 9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables
- 3:30 pm Reconciliation
- 6:15 pm Youth Epiphany Party

Sunday, January 7

- 9:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 6:00 pm Parish Take Back Sunday

*In observance of the New Year,
the parish office will be closed
Monday, January 1, 2024.*

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Congratulations to ...

*Bishop Edward Rice as he
celebrates the 37th Anniversary
of his Priestly Ordination
on January 3, 2024.*

Readings - January 7, 2024

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

Collection - December 24, 2023

Collection	\$ 33,988.48
E-Tithing	\$ 24,291.00
Total	\$ 58,279.48
Weekly Budget	\$ 34,200.00
Difference (7-1-23 to 12-24-23)	\$ 31,478.00

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




Scan
to RSVP

Attention all youth
in 6-12th grades, join us!

EPIPHANY PARTY

Questions: email Tiff @
stvcapeyouth@gmail.com

Sat Jan 6th, 2024
6:15 - 8:00 @ Old Convent
Food Provided

Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC)

Stay up to date in this new year by becoming a member of MOCAN - the Missouri Catholic Advocacy Network. MOCAN helps to advance the common good by protecting the unborn, assisting the poor, and promoting quality education for all school children. To become a member of MOCAN, go to www.mocatholic.org/take-action/missouri-catholic-advocacy-network-mocan or to www.mocatholic.org for more information. This would be a good "New Year's Resolution" to start in 2024. Membership is free.

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EXTEND MERCY TOWARDS OTHERS
SO THAT THERE CAN BE NO ONE IN NEED
WHOM YOU MEET WITHOUT HELPING.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

*Catholic calendars for the year 2024
are available in the gathering area.
Thank you to Ford and Sons Funeral
Home for making these calendars
available.*

Take Back Sunday with the Rosary



Do you want to join in good food and conversation? How about adding simple prayer time also? Come to "Take Back Sunday" here at the St. Vincent de Paul lower meeting room on **Sunday, January 7, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** The parish will provide the meat and your family is asked to bring a potluck food item to share. Please bring your own drink of soda or water. After good food and conversation, the Rosary will be prayed. You can then go home in a spirit of peace ready for the new week. Please RSVP by calling the parish office at 573-335-7667 or by emailing contactus@svparish.com.

Women's Council Meeting

The next St. Vincent de Paul Council of Catholic Women gathering will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2024**, in the lower meeting room of church. ***Due to New Year celebrations, the January meeting will be held the second Monday of the month.*** Diane Himmelberg will giving a presentation on her adventure on the Camino de Santiago! All women of the parish are invited!



Born of the Spirit Seminar

"As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, . . .

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire"

Luke 3:16



St. Joseph Catholic Church

604 Sycamore Street
Scott City, MO 63780

Wednesday evenings

Beginning January 10, 2024

630pm - 830pm

(six consecutive Wednesdays - except Ash Wednesday)

PLEASE REGISTER BY JANUARY 5th

For more information, or to register by phone or

email, contact Laurie Essner at:

Cell: (573) 270-3724

Email: laurieessner@gmail.com

Admission: FREE

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St. Augustine Catholic Church, Kelso, MO
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Scott City, MO

SCAN to REGISTER



NDRHS Incoming Freshman Placement Test

The Notre Dame Regional High School Placement Test for the class of 2028 is scheduled for **Saturday, January 13, 2024**. This test is one of several criteria used to assess a student's current math abilities and assure student success in our mathematics curriculum. Eighth graders interested in taking the exam should report to Notre Dame at 8:00 a.m. The event should conclude by 10:00 a.m. Students need to bring two #2 pencils and a calculator.

During the test, incoming freshman parents can enjoy coffee and donuts with the Home and School Board for the Morning Mingle. Principal Tim Garner will meet with parents about next steps toward enrollment.

Please register online at www.notredamehighschool.org/placementtest/. If you cannot attend on this date, please contact the Counselors' Office at 573-335-6772, ext. 327 for the availability of future testing dates.

Attention: Catholic Men

You are invited to the Southeast Missouri



Wednesday, January 17, 2024 • 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

St. John Henry Newman Center • Cape Girardeau, Missouri

An evening of Adoration, Confession, and a Manly Meal with discussion
To plan for food, please RSVP to SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com,
or "SEMO Catholic Man Night" on Facebook or text 573-275-5214.



All married couples and religious who previously took part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend are invited to a community meeting on **Sunday, January 21, 2024, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 316 S. Spanish Street, Cape Girardeau. If planning to attend, RSVP to Alicia Schumer at 573-225-8776. Please bring your dialogue journal.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Make a New Year's resolution to keep your marriage a priority. Sign up now as space is limited. For more information or to apply, go to www.me.org, or call Terry and Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Upcoming dates include ...

- **February 2-4, 2024 • St. Peters, Missouri**
- **March 15-17, 2024 • Drury Inn, Cape Girardeau, Missouri**
- **April 5-7, 2024 • St. Peters, Missouri**

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 here at St. Vincent is scheduled for **Sunday, January 21, at 4:30 p.m.** and will be held in the upper meeting room. Contact the parish office to register and to fill out a baptismal registration form.



**TIME TO
GROUP UP!**

**GATHER 6 to 10 of YOUR
FRIENDS, FAMILY,
NEIGHBORS**

**Eucharistic Revival
Small Groups starting
late January 2024**



more info to follow



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Discipleship Committee

Saint Gerard's Circle

Saint Gerard's Circle is a ministry for mothers of young children in the St. Vincent de Paul Parish. (Public, private, homeschool, and not in school yet mommas are all welcome!) The goal is to provide friendships and support within the parish, a Catholic foundation for children, a continuation of spiritual guidance for members and families, and to encourage community involvement.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m.** in the lower meeting room. The program for the evening will include a Prayer Meditation and Yoga with Megan McCall. Additional details can be found on the St. Gerard Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/saintgerardcircle.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Wednesday, January 24, 2024
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

DePaul Center

1919 Ritter Drive • Cape Girardeau

To schedule an appointment,
call 1-800-REDCROSS

(1-800-733-2767)

or visit RedCrossBlood.org
and enter: StVincent

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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 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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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.

Notre Dame's Winter Extravaganza

Notre Dame Regional High School invites you to support the Winter Extravaganza presented by Saint Francis Healthcare System. The Extravaganza will take place on **January 27, 2024**, at the Drury Plaza Convention Center from 5:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. "Escape to the Mediterranean" is the theme and Dr. Zhivegas will be the entertainment! Dress is cocktail attire.

The gala supports Notre Dame's operations including the technology budget, ensuring faculty, staff and students stay equipped and current in a quickly-changing environment. Everyone in the school benefits from the funds raised! Notre Dame had a record-breaking year at the Winter Extravaganza in 2023 raising over \$130,000 gross. This year, the goal is to again raise \$130,000. With the support of parents, alumni and friends, this challenge can be met. Purchase tickets and sponsorships at www.notredamehighschool.org/winter.

Harvesting Our Tears grief support



- faith based
- 8 sessions
- peer support
- confidentiality

If you could use support in your grief journey, call Gerry Strohmeyer @ 573.270.3786 for more information

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 feel 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/>.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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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. |

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Preparations are underway for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebrations. The event includes a special Mass with Bishop Edward M. Rice, followed by a reception with light hors d'oeuvres, cake, and punch. Couples who will or have celebrated their **1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, or 50+** anniversary anytime during 2024 are cordially invited to attend with their families. These occasions enable us to celebrate and affirm the great gift of married love within our families and communities. Please make plans to attend!

Mass will be celebrated at the following times and locations:

- Sun., Feb. 4, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., St. Mary Cathedral, Cape Girardeau
- Sat., Feb. 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield

Each couple will receive a Marriage Anniversary certificate from Bishop Rice. Those celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage will receive an Episcopal Blessing and a special gift from the Bishop.

Couples are requested to pre-register for one of these two events so that food and gifts may be ordered in advance. Please register no later than January 19, 2024, by completing an online registration form at www.dioscg.org. For more info, contact the Office of Family Life at 417-866-0841.

NDRHS Bowldog Bash

If you have spare time on **Friday, February 2**, come throw down some strikes at West Park Lanes for Notre Dame Booster Club's Bowldog Bash! This fun night is for teams of four bowlers ages 21+. The cost is \$50 per bowler and includes two games, shoes, food and drinks. The format is two games (best ball) and a roll off game for top teams. Only 22 lanes will be available!

Registration begins and food will be served at 6:00 p.m. Bowling begins at 6:30 p.m. Register by contacting Jeff Graviett at jeffgraviett@cape.org or call 573-335-6772, ext. 116. This event is sponsored by the Notre Dame Booster Club. Thank you for supporting Notre Dame Athletics!

Job Opportunities

St. Vincent de Paul School is accepting applications for a **part-time after school care worker**. Applicant must be a high school graduate. Contact the St. Vincent School office for an application. Please call 573-334-9595.

Notre Dame Regional HS is seeking applicants for a **cook position** in the school's cafeteria. The position would be from 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. when school is in session. Pay is based on experience and skill level, and a benefits package is available. On the job training is available.

Email a resume, or arrange to pick up an application, by emailing Joan Dunning at joandunning@notredamecape.org.



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2024 DYC

Into the Deep

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 @ 6PM – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 @ 5:30PM
VIETNAMESE MARTYRS RETREAT CENTER
CARTHAGE, MO

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 @ 6PM – SATURDAY, APRIL 20 @ 5:30PM
PINECREST CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER
FREDERICKTOWN, MO

All Catholic teens in 7th–12th grade are invited to DYC: Into the Deep.

DYC: INTO THE DEEP IS A CONFERENCE WITH A RETREAT FEEL LED BY YOUNG ADULTS WHO ARE SHARING THEIR PERSONAL FAITH EXPERIENCE WHILE TEACHING ABOUT LIVING A LIFE IN CHRIST. TEENS WILL PARTICIPATE IN FUN GAMES, SPIRITUAL EXERCISES, PRAYER, DISCUSSION, AND MORE.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY
OF THE WEEK OF THE CONFERENCE



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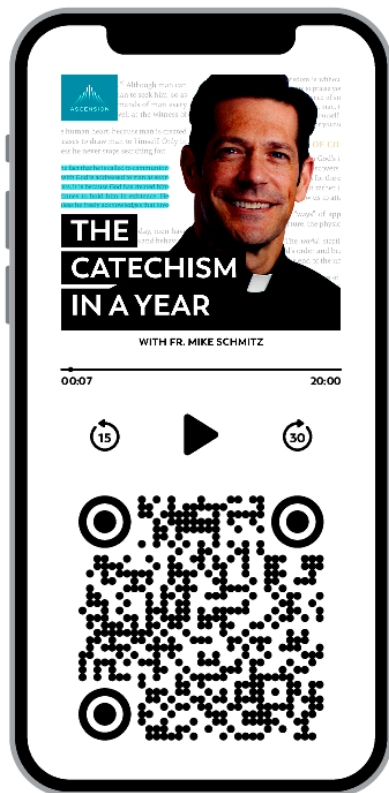
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Pope Francis I 3/19/2013 Rome, Italy <i>*Deceased Popes</i>	2 Most Rev Edward Rice 1/8/1987 06/1/2016 as Bishop <i>*Deceased Bishops Spg/CG</i>	3 Deacon Walter Biri 6/28/2008 Jackson, MO <i>*Cardinal William Baum</i> 7/23/2015	4 All Seminarians of Diocese 1st Thursday Adoration Guardian Angel <i>Pray for Religious Vocations</i>	5 Fr John Friedel 12/27/1986 Our Lady of the Lake <i>*Msgr Philip Bucher</i> 2/27/2012	6 Fr Glenn Eftink 10/1/1993 St Joseph <i>*Fr Thomas Doyle</i> 10/11/1965
7 Deacon James Darter 6/28/2013 New Madrid, MO <i>*Fr Jerome Eschbacher</i> 4/3/2003	8 Fr Joseph Kelly 6/12/2015 Guardian Angel <i>*Fr James McKenna</i> 5/1/1987	9 Fr Emmanuel Konyeaso 8/14/2010 St Marie du Lac <i>*Msgr Raymond Off</i> 1/2/2021	10 Fr Thomas Reidy 5/27/1967 Immaculate Conception <i>*Fr Valentine Reker</i> 2/23/1987	11 Deacon David Farris 6/29/2013 Poplar Bluff, MO <i>*Fr Leo Schmeizle</i> 7/17/1994	12 Fr Allan Saunders 9/12/1986 St Mary Cathedral <i>*Fr Sidney Stocking</i> 6/19/1957	13 Fr Joseph Stoverink 5/26/2017 St John Vianney <i>*Fr John White</i> 1/8/1976
14 Msgr Normand Varone 6/7/1975 Retired <i>*Fr Thomas Allen</i> 1/29/2000	15 Deacon Rob Huff 6/29/2013 Cape Girardeau, MO <i>*Msgr Sylvester Bauer</i> 8/30/2013	16 Fr Vincent Bertrand 6/6/1987 The Catholic Center <i>*Fr Thomas Geraghty</i> 5/17/1966	17 Fr Oliver Clavin 6/6/1970 Retired <i>*Fr James Holmes</i> 10/21/1990	18 Fr Samson Dorival 4/6/1997 St Benedict <i>*Fr Justin Monaghan</i> 4/26/2020	19 Fr Patrick Nwokoye 6/7/2002 Holy Trinity <i>*Fr Roger Leveillee</i> 5/6/2003	20 Fr Rahab Isidor 7/28/2006 St Lawrence <i>*Msgr John Westhues</i> 1/18/2008
21 Fr James Unterreiner 12/18/1970 St Joseph Mission <i>*Fr William Winkelman</i> 1/2/1991	22 Fr Pompeyo Tan 4/1/1985 St Joseph <i>*Fr William Krudwig</i> 12/12/2011	23 Deacon Thomas Shumer 6/29/2013 Cape Girardeau, MO <i>*Msgr Thomas Brady</i> 5/5/1960	24 Fr David Miller 11/27/1981 Retired <i>*Fr Wilfrid Curran</i> 3/30/1969	25 Fr Peter Mordiniec 6/13/1970 Retired <i>*Fr Thomas Donnelly</i> 2/1/1987	26 Fr Laurent Okitakatshi 7/16/2017 Catholic Campus Min CG <i>*Msgr Edward Eftink</i> 3/8/2021	27 Deacon Daniel Vaughn 5/24/2014 Ridgedale, MO <i>*Fr William Huggins</i> 3/18/2018
28 Fr Jose Antoney Thundathil 5/12/1988 Sacred Heart <i>*Fr William Rockford</i> 3/31/1988	29 Fr Scott Sonnenberg 6/24/2002 Sacred Heart <i>*Fr Charles Schmalle</i> 8/15/1958	30 Fr Randy Tochtrop 11/29/1996 Immaculate Conception <i>*Fr James Seyer</i> 10/26/2013	31 Fr Francisco Gordillo 8/5/2015 Sacred Heart <i>*Fr Alois Stevens</i> 9/27/1994	1	2	3
4	5	Pray for our Priest's of the Springfield-Cape Girardeau Diocese *Pray for all Deacons of the Diocese In fulfillment of Our Blessed Mother's Request to pray for our Priests Pray for Souls In Purgatory <i>Italicized Name * Deceased</i> Bold - Living Priest/Deacon Date of Ordination Parish Location <i>Sponsored by St Ann's PCCW</i> <i>Guardian Angel Parish, Oran, MO</i>				

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

Please pray for a priest each day ...

Let us show our love and appreciation for our priests by praying each day for a particular priest living and deceased. The calendar on the back lists a different priest for each day of the month.

Prayer Suggestions ...	Mass	Rosary	Fasting	Novena
Holy Hour	Eucharistic Adoration	Other Devotions		

Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal them. Guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Let Us Pray For:

The Holy Father

Fill him with your grace, Lord Give them peace, Lord

Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops

Priests who are old

Give them your gifts, Lord

Diocesan Priests

Never leave them, Lord

Priests in Seminary work

Give them your wisdom, Lord

Priests in hospital work

Give them constancy, Lord

Priest who are ill

Heal them, Lord

Priests in danger

Deliver them, Lord

Priests who are weak

Strengthen them, Lord

Priests who are poor

Relieve them, Lord

Priests who are zealous

Help them, Lord

Priests who want to love you

Enkindle their hearts, Lord

Console them, Lord

Priests who are worried

Sustain them, Lord

Priests who are young

Impel them for your glory, Lord

Priests who are alone

Accompany them, Lord

Missionary Priests

Protect them, Lord

Priests who are preachers

Enlighten them, Lord

Priests who direct souls

Instruct them, Lord

Parish Priests

Give them prudence, Lord

Religious Priests

Make them perfect, Lord

Priests most in need

Carry them, Lord

Priests who have died

Bring them glory, Lord

On all the Church, militant and suffering Lord, Have mercy

For all Priests:

Give them Your wisdom, Lord Give them virtue
Give them patience and charity Give them obedience and kindness
Give them a burning zeal for souls

Give them respect for their dignity

Give them a great love for Mary Give them rectitude and justice
Give them the gift of counsel Give them strength in their labors
Give them peace in their sufferings
Give them an intense love for the Eucharist
Give them loyalty to the Holy See and their Bishops

Let them be the light of souls Let them be the salt of the earth

Let them be other Christs Let them be holy in body and soul

Let them practice sacrifice and self-denial

Let them enkindle hearts with the love of Mary

May they be men of prayer May faith shine forth in them

May they be concerned only for the salvation of souls

May they be faithful to their priestly vocation

May their hands know only how to bless

May they burn with love for You and for Mary

May all their steps be for the glory of God

May the Holy Spirit possess them and give them his Gifts in abundance

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (*name of priest*), act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead, and guide him always. Correct, enlighten, and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul, take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with Yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving, pray in him and through him. Let him live in You and keep him in this intimate union always. Amen.

O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (*name of priest*). Amen.

Let us Pray

O God Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are the soul and life of the Church. Hear the prayers we offer for priests. We ask this through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, their protector and guide. Amen.

This Week ...

Mary, Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1

According to the Scriptures, Mary reflects in her heart on all the amazing events surrounding the birth of her child. As we move from one calendar year to the next, we are invited to reflect with gratitude on the gifts given to us as well as look forward to the new year with hope, faith, and trust in the abiding presence of Emmanuel. This time of the year, when traditionally New Year's resolutions are made, is also the perfect time to make spiritual promises. Ponder how you hope to grow in your relationship with the living Christ in the coming year. *Today's readings: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21.*

Saints Basil and Gregory

Tuesday, January 2

St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen were fourth-century contemporaries, both born to parents who were named saints and both blessed with siblings who became saints. Through their writings, they made important contributions to how the Church understands the mystery of the Trinity. Their articulation of Jesus as fully human and fully divine shaped the language of the Nicene Creed we profess every Sunday at Mass. *Today's readings: 1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 1:19-28.*

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday, January 3

The Church reserves today as an optional memorial dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. The name Jesus, (in Hebrew, *Yeshua*) means "Savior." St. Paul urges all Christians to keep holy the name of Jesus, *"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth"* (Philippians 2:10). *Today's optional memorial readings: Philippians 2:1-11; Psalm 8:4-9; Luke 2:21-22.*

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday, January 4

Born in 1774, Elizabeth Ann (Bayley) Seton was by the age of twenty-nine a widowed mother of five children. In her grief she discovered the Catholic faith and received the call to form a new religious order. In starting her first Catholic school for poor girls, Elizabeth founded the Catholic parochial school system that still thrives today. Elizabeth was canonized in 1975 as the first person born in the United States to be named a saint. Today the Sisters of Charity serve in communities around the world following the inspiration of their founder, Mother Seton. *Today's readings: 1 John 3:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9; John 1:35-42.*

Saint John Neumann

Friday, January 5

Born in 1811, John Neumann emigrated from Bohemia to New York to care for the spiritual needs of European immigrants. As a young priest he entered the Redemptorists and was subsequently named the bishop of Philadelphia. In just seven years, he built eighty-nine Catholic churches, hospitals, orphanages, and almost one hundred schools. He organized the first diocesan Catholic school system in the United States and is remembered to this day as the patron of sick children and immigrants. *Today's readings: 1 John 3:11-21; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; John 1:43-51.*

The Twelfth Day of Christmas

Saturday, January 6

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil of Christmas and concludes on Monday, January 8, with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Throughout the season we celebrate the birth of Christ into our hearts, our lives and our world, and commemorate that Jesus comes to save us and lead us to eternal light. Listen to the Christmas carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas," originally written to convey the essential elements of the Christian faith during centuries of religious persecution. *Today's readings: 1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mark 1:7-11.*

Sunday, December 31

Bless Family Life

Today's readings: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; or Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; or Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40.

On the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church honors Jesus' earthly family, offering encouragement and a model to all families. By sending Jesus to enter the world through a human family, God takes on all the messiness that comes with family life. God shows us tangibly that God desires to be close to us in our everyday living, in our closest relationships, and in the life in our homes. Families are called the hearth of the domestic church because it is within our families that we are first formed in faith and nurtured in love. In both the trials and joys of family life, we learn how to strive for holiness.

Today marks the exact midpoint in the Christmas season. We continue to recall what befell the holy family as they welcomed the infant Jesus during their stay in overcrowded Bethlehem; they were visited by the most unexpected guests and went to great extremes to protect their newborn child.

The Feast of the Holy Family offers us an opportunity to reflect upon the holiness in our primary relationships. Today's second reading from the Letter to the Colossians gives us a blueprint for household living. Read it with loved ones and together prayerfully discern some resolutions for the new year.

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