



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025**

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 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
3:00 p.m. (Spanish/English)

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule

Monday, December 8, 2025

6:30 a.m. • 8:00 a.m. • 12:10 p.m. • 6:00 p.m.



The money collected during the Masses on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will benefit the LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home of Southeast Missouri, a housing program for pregnant women which also provides healthcare and social services.

CCW Christmas Celebration

The St. Vincent de Paul Council of Catholic Women's Christmas celebration will be held in the lower meeting room on **Monday, December 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Mass of the Immaculate Conception. All women of the parish are invited! Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. If you wish to participate in a lively gift exchange, please bring a \$5 gift item. You may also bring a gift for Birthright. Needed items include NB layettes and outfits. For questions, call Judy McGuire at 812-236-1755 or Kathy Berkbighler at 573-587-5970. **Join in fellowship with the women of the parish to celebrate the Christmas season!**

Woman's Council Bake Sale

After all Masses next weekend, **December 13-14**, the Women's Council will host a bake sale. The items available will be packaged for gift giving. This is an excellent opportunity to pick up gift items for friends, co-workers, and service personnel. Please be generous and support the efforts of the Women's Council.



I AM BAPTIZING YOU WITH WATER FOR REPENTANCE,
BUT THE ONE WHO IS COMING AFTER ME IS MIGHTIER THAN I.
I AM NOT WORTHY TO CARRY HIS SANDALS.
HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE.

MATTHEW 3:11

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Serving the Catholic Community since April 9, 1836

• Mass Intentions •

Monday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the
Glen and Bessie Grojean Family

8:00 am Charles and Dorothy Glueck ☩

12:10 pm Mary Schultz ☩

6:00 pm Shari Landewe ☩

Tuesday, December 9

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

6:30 am Vera Rhodes ☩

Wednesday, December 10

Our Lady of Loreto

6:30 am Harold J. Werner Sr. ☩

5:15 pm Bernard Sander Jr. ☩

Thursday, December 11

St. Damasus I

6:30 am Living and Deceased Members of the
St. Vincent de Paul Women's Council

8:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the
Tony Biondini Family

Friday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 am Pat Brase ☩

8:00 am Curtis Keese ☩

Saturday, December 13

St. Lucy

6:30 am Henry Azuma ☩

5:00 pm George and Olivia Weber Family ☩

Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the
Bernard and Christine Jansen Family

10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul Parish Family

3:00 pm Kenny Haas ☩
(Bilingual)

• Prayer Requests •

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

Foster Care/ W.H.O. Christmas Project

If you are participating in the **Foster Care/Whole Health Outreach Christmas project** and have not returned your gift item, you are reminded to **return your tag and unwrapped gift to the gathering area this weekend or to the parish office by Thursday, December 11. If you purchased a gift card, please bring it to the parish office.** All gifts must be returned to the parish office by Thursday so they can be checked and recorded before additional shopping is done. In addition to the gift you may be giving, please pray for foster children, their families, and the foster families who care for them.

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

Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, began on Thursday, December 4. At each Novena the Rosary will be prayed along with special prayers of intercession to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Novenas take place at the following times in church:

Saturday, December 6, at 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 7, at 4:00 p.m. after the 3:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Monday, December 8, at 7:15 p.m. after the 6:00 p.m. Holy Day Mass

Tuesday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 12 - Mañanitas (Morning Praise) at 5:30 a.m.
with Mass at 6:30 a.m.

**Sunday, December 14 - Mass at 3:00 p.m.
and Fiesta after in the Parish Center gym
Everyone is Welcome!**



Drawing Close to Our Mother

Friday, December 12 • 6:30 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Church, Cape Girardeau

All are invited to a presentation on Our Lady of Guadalupe by Lili Robison and Judy Brown in Spanish and English. Come and draw near to Our Blessed Mother who carries the King of Glory in her womb. Come as families or individuals and learn of our Mother's love. For more information, contact Lili Robison at 573-450-1652 or Judy Brown at 314-596-1443.

Acercándonos Mas a Nuestra Madre Celestial

Viernes 12 Diciembre a las 6:30 pm

Iglesia de San Vicente de Paul

Todos están invitados a una presentación de nuestra señora de Guadalupe dada por Judy Brown y Lili Robison. Ven y acércate a nuestra Madre santísima que carga en su vientre el Rey de la Gloria. Vengan en familia o individualmente a aprender del amor de nuestra madre. Para mas información llamar a Lili Robison (573-450-1652) o Judy Brown (314-596-1443).

May He Rest in Peace

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Mark Pelts**, brother of Stephanie Martin.

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



Taizé Prayer Service

A Taizé service, meditative prayer with simple prayer-chants, will be held on **Monday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church**. Enjoy an evening of simple chants, a variety of musical instruments, prayer, candlelight, scripture, silence, and peace ... everything you need to get your heart ready to celebrate the season of Advent! All are welcome!

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, December 21, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.** and will be held in the upper meeting room of Church. Contact the parish office to register and complete a baptismal registration form.

Extending the Mission

- Building on the Cornerstone of Christ •

Total amount pledged	\$7,928,563
Matching gifts	250,000
	\$8,178,563
Percentage toward minimum target	117%
Number of families who have contributed	590
Number of registered families in parish	1,622
Percentage of registered families who have pledged	36%
Funds on hand needed to begin construction	\$3,500,000
Total amount of funds collected/deposited in bank	\$4,160,070
Percentage needed to begin construction	119%



Thank you for your generosity. If you have not contributed, please prayerfully consider how you might participate in extending the mission through a sacrificial pledge. Scan the QR code to confirm your pledge. For assistance, call the parish office at 573-335-7667.

Remember a Loved One at Christmas

During the upcoming Christmas season, you are welcome to honor a loved one while making a contribution toward Christmas decorations. An ornament in your loved one's honor will be placed on a Christmas tree and his/her name will be posted next to the tree. **Place your donation in the collection basket next weekend or return to the parish office by Wednesday, December 17, along with the following information.**

Name of loved one _____

Person making donation _____

Donation _____

• The Week Ahead •

Monday, December 8

7:15 am St. Vincent de Paul Society
5:00 pm Prayer Group (Hispanic)
7:00 pm Women's Council Party
7:15 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 am SV Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study
6:00 pm OCIA
6:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Wednesday, December 10

8:00 am Ugly Quilts
8:00 am SV Confirmation Class
9:00 am Mass at Veterans' Home
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour
6:00 pm Parish School of Religion
6:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Thursday, December 11

9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables (9:00 - 11:00 a.m.)
5:00 pm School Board
5:30 pm Centering Prayer
6:30 pm Cursillo Leader Meeting
6:30 pm Book Study (High School)
6:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Friday, December 12

5:30 am Mañanitas (Morning Praise)

Saturday, December 13

9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables (9:00 am - 12:00 noon)
3:30 pm Reconciliation
6:00 pm Women's Council Bake Sale

Sunday, December 14

9:00 am Women's Council Bake Sale
10:00 am Children's Liturgy
4:00 pm Fiesta

Readings - December 14, 2025

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 • James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Collection - November 30, 2025

Collection	\$ 14,539.00
E-Tithing	\$ 20,597.34
Total	\$ 35,136.34
Weekly Budget	\$ 35,100.00
Difference (7-1-25 to 11-30-25) -	\$ 42,782.59

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

• Contact Information •

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. • 6:00 p.m.

Midnight Mass

11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25

8:00 a.m. • 10:00 a.m. (Bilingual)

On Christmas, all parishes of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau will conduct a second 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

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31

5:15 p.m.

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1

8:00 a.m. • 10:00 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.

After-School Care Positions

St. Vincent de Paul After-School Care is looking for weekday workers for next semester. Hours are 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. with two, three, or five day options available. If interested, email svsoffice@svcape.eduk12.net, kglastetter@svcape.eduk12.net or call the school office at 573-334-9594.

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 573-335-7667. A parish registration form is available at <http://www.svcape.com/Parish/>.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

☐ I am new to Cape Girardeau.

☐ I have been attending St. Vincent Parish and would like to register as a member.

☐ I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.

☐ I am new to St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

☐ I would like to sign up for Faith Direct.

☐ Please change my address to the one shown above.

Cape Warming Center

As winter approaches, the **Cape Warming Center** is committed to providing a safe and warm place for those in need during periods of extreme cold. To ensure the safety and well-being of the community, the Center will open its doors under the following weather conditions: **when temperatures reach 32°F or below with precipitation, or when temperatures drop to 27°F or below without precipitation.**

When these conditions occur, the Warming Center will open at Grace United Methodist/Compass Church to offer a warm, dry, and safe environment for individuals seeking shelter from the winter weather. The church is on Caruthers by McDonald's (the "pumpkin patch" church). Hot beverages and basic support services will also be available.

There is a desperate need for volunteers to help keep the Warming Center going during these frigid days. If you are able to help, please sign up by using the following sign-up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/13576DA06A4CFE4C6A09-warming#/>.

Thank you,
Deacon Mark



Advent by Candlelight

Many Thanks

Thank you to all who attended Advent by Candlelight. It was a beautiful evening of inspiration to begin Advent more virtuously, seeking the presence of the Blessed Mother in the interruptions of the season.

Many thanks to Father Rick Jones for his unwavering support of this event, the parish staff for the assistance leading up to the dinner, and the planning committee for all their efforts.

Appreciation also goes to the Drury Southwest Foundation and the musicians for their contributions in making this a very special evening.



Holy Service

Outreach to the Poor Apostolate

On the Parish Feast Day in October, parishioners were invited to do charitable service for those in need. In evaluating the Feast Day, the Parish Council asked if more times could be available for outreach. In the spirit of the parish patron, St. Vincent de Paul, more chances to serve the poor, needy, and homeless will be offered in the area.

One opportunity will be helping at Catholic Social Ministries Food Pantry. **This Food Pantry Apostolate will begin on January 3, 2026, and will continue the first Saturday of each month.** Service times at the food pantry are 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. (Please arrive at 8:00 a.m. to receive your assignment and instructions.)

If you feel called to be a part of this Food Pantry Apostolate, please contact the parish office at 573-335-7667/ contactus@svparish.com. For more information, contact Hugh Protzel at 573-225-5741.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this new ministry in honor of St. Vincent de Paul!

Vincent's Vittles

Thank you to **Bobbi and David Palmer, together with some of St. Vincent's newest Catholics and other parishioners** for hosting **Vincent's Vittles** in November. A delicious traditional Thanksgiving meal was served and enjoyed by members of the local community and parishioners. Many thanks to all who provided delicious desserts and to those who helped in any way.

The next Vincent's Vittles meal will be on **December 27** and will be hosted by Community Partnership of Southeast Missouri. Plan to attend and invite a friend! If you as an individual or group would like to help with this rewarding community meal, please contact Deacon Mark.



Big changes are taking place for Camp Re-NEW-All 2026! With the purchase of the facilities at Camp St. Carlo (formerly Camp St. Vincent) in Fredericktown, Camp Re-NEW-All will be held in one location this summer! All youth currently in grades 4-8 are invited for a week of fun and faith-filled activities. **Camp Re-NEW-All registration will open on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.!** Registration will also be open for staff (high school and adult). Some age groups fill quickly so early registration is recommended to secure a desired date. Information can be found on the bulletin board in the gathering area or at <https://dioscg.org/youth-ministry/>. You may also download the Camp brochure for more info (<https://dioscg.org/wp-content/uploads/2026-Camp-Brochure.pdf>).

Have you ever wondered what it takes to be a Knight?

Father Marquette Council #11205 of the Knights of Columbus invites you to find out more about the organization. Call Steve LeGrand at 573-450-3174 or go to the website www.kofc.org for more information.



IS CATHERINE'S CUPBOARD ON YOUR GROCERY LIST?

Christmas Cards for Priests and Sisters

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

Father Francisco "Paco" Gordillo

Assumption Abbey
2860 State Hwy OO
Ava, MO 65608-0015

Father David Hulshof

Immaculate Conception Parish
3555 S. Fremont Avenue
Springfield, MO 65804-4237

Father Rahab Isidor

St. Lawrence Parish
PO Box 311
Monett, MO 65708

Father Vineesh Jose, OSB

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
844 S. Gregg Road
Nixa, MO 65714-7411

Father Bobby Manso

Congregation of the Mother
of the Redeemer
1900 Grand Avenue
Carthage, MO 64836

Father Charles Prost, CM

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

Father Milton Ryan, CM

Holy Trinity Parish
3826 Gilbert Avenue
Dallas, TX 75219

Father Brian Straus

St. Peter the Apostle Parish
812 S. Pearl Avenue
Joplin, MO 64801-4336

Father Alex Sutachan

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
304 W. Main Street
Fredericktown, MO 63645

Father Derek Swanson, CM

St. Vincent de Paul Parish
1010 W. Webster Avenue
Chicago, IL 60614

Sister Theresa Davey, OSU

2520 Saint James Rd.
Springfield, IL 62707-9736

Sister Susan Kienzler, OSU

9308 Sutton Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63144

Attention Married Couples



All married couples and religious who previously took part in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend are invited to a community meeting on the **second Sunday of each month from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** at the KC Hall, 316 S. Spanish Street, Cape Girardeau. If planning to attend, RSVP to Alicia Schumer at 573-225-8776.

Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** this year! Sign up now as space is limited. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry and Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. Encounters will be held **February 6 - 8, 2026, April 17 - 19, 2026, and June 12 - 14, 2026, in St. Peters, Missouri.**

Cursillo News

Cursillo means "a short course in Christianity." God calls you to grow in a relationship with Him. The Cursillo Movement is a wonderful way to rediscover your faith, to grow in community with other fellow Cursillistas and to help discover and fulfill life's purpose. The Cursillo is an opportunity for an encounter with oneself, with Christ, and with others. You are invited to attend a Cursillo weekend.

Upcoming weekends include: **Men's Weekend on February 26 - March 1, 2026, and Women's Weekend on March 19 - 22, 2026.** These weekends are at Pinecrest near Fredericktown. Members will get you there and get you home. For more information, call Dale Gerecke at 573-450-3335 or email dale@gereckelaw.com.

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 the parish office at 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.

Give the GIFT OF BOOKS – Give the GIFT OF OUR FAITH

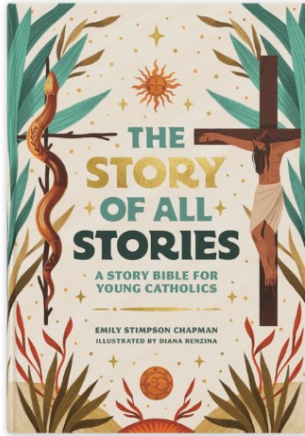
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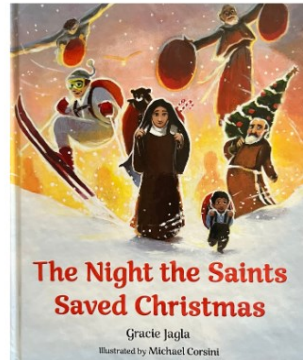
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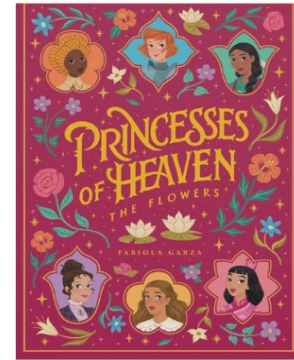


SHOWSTOPPER HERE!!

The Story of all Stories: A Story Bible for Young Catholics is **NOT** your typical book of bible stories. This recently published Bible is nothing short of phenomenal. Salvation History from Creation to the foretaste of Heaven in Revelation is told in narrative stories that are appropriate and easily understood for children of all ages. Emily Stimpson Chapman artfully narrates each story of the bible in a way that the youngest of children will love hearing and will captivate older children and teens! Adults who have read a few chapters of the bible and put it down also will appreciate this journey through the key stories of salvation history. At the end of each story are key points and key connections to help the reader understand connections between new and old testament. The illustrations alone captivate at first glance. This beautifully written Bible for Young Catholics should be in every Catholic home. Purchase from bookstore.wordonfire.org
Once the word is out, this treasure is sure to be a sell out.



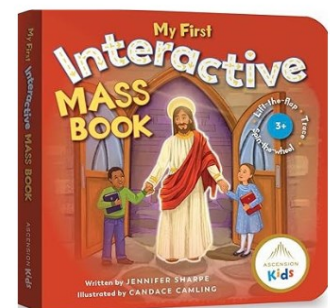
With beautiful illustrations and a memorable rhyme, ***The Night the Saints Saved Christmas*** is a delightful story for families to read on Christmas Eve. When Santa falls ill, the Saints kick it in gear to deliver presents worldwide. The story concludes with a touching reminder about the true meaning of Christmas. Warning: This story may inspire you to learn a little more about a few saints. A family book for all ages. Buy at Osvkids.com; amazon.com; Walmart.com



Princesses of Heaven is a picture book for young girls ages 3–8 written and illustrated by Disney artist Fabiola Garza. This breathtaking book shares the stories of St. Joan of Arc, St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Narcisa de Jesus, St. Lucy Yi Zhenmei, and St. Thérèse of Lisieux, presenting them each as a princess in heaven with a shining crown. Their stories of faith, hope, and love will inspire every girl to become a saint!
Buy at bookstore.wordonfire.org



Bless the Lord is an award winning, beautifully illustrated, board book for babies and toddlers featuring the Canticle of the Three Children found in the book of Daniel (3:57–88, 56). Introduce children to the beauty of praying Scripture through this song featured in the ancient Liturgy of the Hours.
buy at bookstore.wordonfire.org



My First Interactive Mass Book is a board book for small hands with colorful pictures and lift-a-flap features. Simple explanations and prayers of the Mass. For children ages 3 – 5 Buy at ascensionpress.com.

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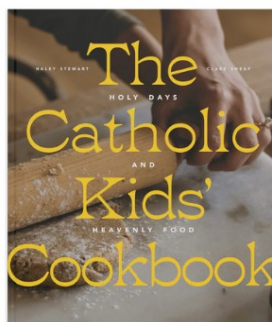
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many of these also can be found on amazon.com; target.com and walmart.com



Cooking with Kids: Holy Days & Heavenly Food introduces the Church's seasons and holy days with stories of saints and thirty-three recipes. Accompanied by gorgeous photos, sacred art, Scripture, and prayers, this charming cookbook for children ages 6-14 seeks to evangelize with the beauty of the Church's traditions and cultivate the domestic church.

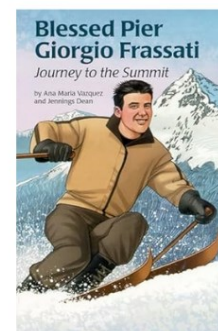
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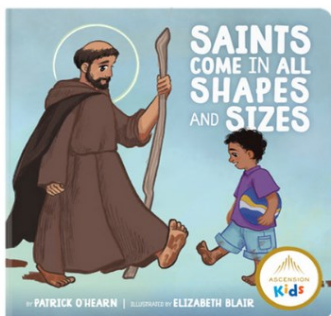
The Shepherd's Coat is sure to be a new family favorite.

This story, beautifully told by beloved spiritual writer Caryll Houselander, reveals deep spiritual truths through an encounter with Jesus and a reminder that what we do for the least of these, we do for him. With breathtaking illustrations by Jess Mason, this stunning book will be a favorite Christmas story for families to enjoy again and again. Buy at bookstore.wordonfire.org

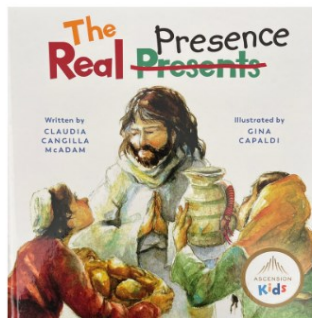


This book about our newly canonized Saint, Pier Giorgio Frassati will captivate children ages 8-12. Pier Giorgio lived only twenty-four short years, but he lived them to the fullest. His student escapades, prankster antics, athletic achievements, social justice activism, and dedication to helping the poor combine to make this amazing young man an avalanche of life. Kids will be able to relate to this adventurous young adult who became a saint.

Buy at Amazon.com



Saints Come in All Shapes and Sizes board book is fun way to introduce little ones to the idea that we are all called to be saints all while learning opposites and comparisons! Clever rhyme, charming illustrations, and simple in message, this book will be a favorite for your littlest saints in the making. Put this book in your toddler's hands during Mass. You will be bringing fewer Cheerios to church.



The Real Presence is a clever story of two young cousins living in Capernaum at the time of Jesus. They want Jesus to judge which of their families' crops is better—grain or grapes? When they find themselves in the Upper Room at the Last Supper with gifts of their harvests for Jesus, they discover something more important than their presents.

"Simple and beautiful, this imaginative tale takes children to the time of Jesus and introduces them to the gift of the Real Presence found in the Eucharist." Buy at Ascensionpress.com



Kids are obsessed with Carlo Acutis for good reason - he is the first millennial who was canonized a saint in September 2025. **Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint** tells the story of this teen who had a servant's heart and a profound devotion to the Eucharist. What a role model for all young people! Buy at osvatholicbookstore.com

Upcoming Area Events

Smoked Pork Steak Dinner

Sunday, December 7, 2025 • 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Eisleben Lutheran Church • 432 Lutheran Lane, Scott City

Smoked pork steaks, baked beans, potatoes, salad, dessert and drink

Adult \$14.00, Child (6-10) \$7.00, 5 and under free

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"Lighting the Way to Hope" Tree Lighting Event

Sunday, December 7, 2025

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal • Perryville

The Vincentian Marian Youth Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. A tree near the Shrine Church will be lit at 6:00 p.m. in honor of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Visitors who attend are asked to bring at least one non-perishable item for the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available along with a photo opportunity with the legendary and historic Saint Nicholas.

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"Beloved Daughter" Advent by Candlelight

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. • Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Presentation by Pattie Schneier at 7:00 p.m.

St. Maurus Parish Hall • Biehle, Missouri

Compliments of St. Ann's Ladies Sodality and St. Louis Archdiocese

RSVP by December 8 with number of guests by calling 573-788-2330

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Leopold PCCW 2025 Country Christmas Home Tour

Sunday, December 14, 2025 • 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

16950 Phlox Lane, Leopold • 8295 State Hwy N, Leopold
9576 Orchid Dr., Marble Hill • 9580 Orchid Dr., Marble Hill
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\$20 per person

Christmas Music • 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

St. John Church • Leopold, Missouri

Refreshments in Cafeteria following tours

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Apple Creek Men's Club Breakfast and Bake Sale

Sunday, December 14, 2025 • 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Parish Hall • 138 St. Joseph Lane, Apple Creek

Sausage, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, biscuits, gravy,
homemade coffee cake, fruit and beverage

Adult \$12.00, Child (5-12) \$5.00, 4 and under free



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Prayer of a Couple on the Anniversary of Marriage

We praise you, O God,
we bless you, creator of all things,
who in the beginning made man and
woman that they might form a
communion of life and love.

We also give you thanks for
graciously blessing our family life
so that it might present an image of
Christ's union with the Church.

Therefore, look with kindness upon us
today, and as you have sustained our
communion amid joys and struggles,
renew our Marriage covenant each
day, increase our charity, and
strengthen in us the bond of peace,
so that we may for ever
enjoy your blessing.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

~ USCCB ~

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

MATTHEW 3:2

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