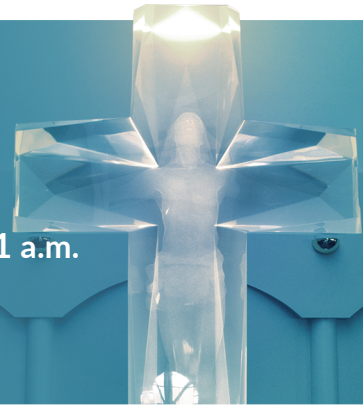




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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 p.m. • Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.



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December 8, 2024

2nd Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners,

We begin our journey with Saint Luke from Bethlehem to Jerusalem. "Then the Shepherd's return, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them." Luke 2:20

This verse will be my theme for Advent and Christmas which is a perfect theme that will lead us to our Parish Mission, February 23 through the 26th, on evangelization.

The shepherds returned, they glorified and praised God, for all that they had heard and saw. This is a great summation of evangelization, sharing our faith. During this Advent season it's important for us as Catholics, to share our faith. We have some wonderful opportunities to do so.

One of the opportunities will be to go to Mass on the holy day of obligation of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Monday, December 9th.

These Holy Days interrupt us! Sometimes they even surprise us! But they allow us to evangelize, showing our family members, coworkers and friends how important our faith is. We go to church not only on Sunday, but on other days. We practice our faith not only on Sunday, but every day.

Please be sure to mark your calendar for Monday, December 9, we have Mass at noon and at 6 PM. I look forward to seeing you there so that we can glorify and praise God for all that we have heard and seen.

**Father Kenneth S. VanHaverbeke**

PASTOR



### Mass Intentions

**Monday - December 9 - Immaculate Conception**

*Genesis 3:9-15, 20/ Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 / Luke 1:26-38*

**12 p.m.** SI Betty Caro by Mike and Jeannie Gehrer

**6 p.m.** SVdP Parishioners

**Tuesday - December 10 - 8:10 a.m.**

*Isaiah 40:1-11 / Matthew 18:12-14*

SI Jenny Stevens Gaddis by Jack and Alice Stevens

**Wednesday - December 11 - 5:30p.m.**

*Isaiah 40:25-31/ Matthew 11:28-30*

SI Married couples who struggle in their marriage

**Thursday - December 12 - Noon**

*Zechariah 2:14-17 / Luke 1:26-38*

SI Lilly Tredway by Jeff and Patty Tredway

**Friday - December 13 - 8:10 a.m.**

*Isaiah 48:17-19 / Matthew 11:16-19*

☩ Mary Wenrich by Sue Corrison

**Saturday - December 14 -**

*Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 / Matthew 17:9a, 10-13*

**9 a.m.** ☩ Midge Slupianek by Bob and Rosie Dool

*see Sunday readings*

**5 p.m.** SI Ronald McKernan by Mary Reece

**Sunday - December 15 -**

*Zephaniah 3:14-18a / Philemon 4:4-7 / Luke 3:10-18*

**9 a.m.** ☩ Freida Bornhoft by Leonard and family

**11 a.m.** SVdP parishioners

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# Welcome

NEW PARISHONERS

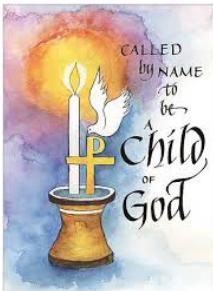
We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new parishioners and visitors! If you would like to join our family, we invite you to become a registered parishioner. Check out the Welcoming Desk in the Gathering Space, our website, or visit us in the Parish Office for more information.



## Adoration

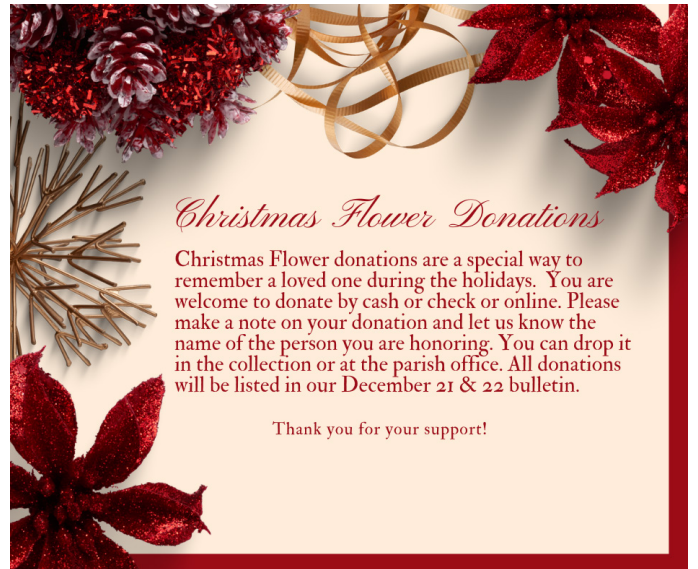
Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.  
in our Worship Space

Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
open 24/7



We are excited to welcome new members at St. Vincent de Paul parish through Baptism!

Please call the parish office at 316-733-1423.



### Christmas Flower Donations

Christmas Flower donations are a special way to remember a loved one during the holidays. You are welcome to donate by cash or check or online. Please make a note on your donation and let us know the name of the person you are honoring. You can drop it in the collection or at the parish office. All donations will be listed in our December 21 & 22 bulletin.

Thank you for your support!

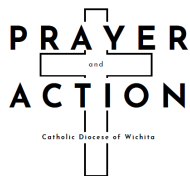
### Budget Weekly Needs: \$34,500 Week ending 11/25/24

Regular Tithe	\$41,868.10
Annual Fund Drive	\$450.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$251.00
Children's collection	\$52.00
Hospitality Income	\$98.70

### Confessions in Daily Mass Chapel



Confessions are heard 1/2 hour prior to all daily Masses, and 4-4:50 p.m. Saturday afternoons.



Charity begins at home. Prayer & Action is a week-long mission experience that serves those in need in our own backyards. Serving the poor does not always require a ticket overseas to a third world country, and poverty is both a spiritual and material experience. Young people are made for mission, and that mission of God's charity begins right here in our own diocese.

Prayer and Action lasts five days, with students & chaperones arriving Sunday evening, and staying until Friday morning. During the week, students & their chaperones will paint, clean, do yard work and perform other meaningful tasks for the poor, handicapped, and the elderly. Every parish within the diocese is invited to bring high school students and adults to participate in the program.

Consider spending a week this summer serving our brothers and sisters in need! Contact Shelby, our Youth Minister, for more information!





**The Bereavement Ministry** wishes to welcome everyone who will be attending the Harry Hynes Grief Support meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 10th at 10:00 in the Brides Room. We urge you to attend if you are feeling the loss of someone in

your life. It is a place of Warmth, Love and Friendship as we share our memories of love with one another. Feel free to invite anyone who may benefit from counselors that come from Harry Hynes Hospice. No pre-registration is needed. Morning refreshment will be served.

"May your holidays be filled with reasons to be thankful. Having loved and having been loved....is perhaps the most wonderous reason of all."

**Advent & Christmas**  
at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

- ★ Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass  
Monday, December 9 at noon and 6 p.m.
- ★ Advent Reconciliation Service  
Thursday, December 12 at 7 p.m.
- ★ Christmas Eve Mass  
Tuesday, December 24 at 4 and 6 p.m.
- ★ Christmas Day Mass  
Wednesday, December 25 at 10 a.m.
- ★ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass  
Tuesday, December 31 at 6 p.m.
- ★ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass  
Wednesday, January 1 at 10 a.m.

**Senseny Concert**  
**December 15 - Sunday**  
**7 - 8:00 p.m. in church**




**Come Celebrate Christmas with Us**

## HARVEST HOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Lunch \$5.00 - Includes baked ham, scalloped potatoes,  
green bean casserole and brownies**

Join us for a great Christmas Party celebrating the joy of Christmas.

We will have a Christmas Carol sing-along, 50/50 raffle & more!

DECEMBER	12	THURSDAY
<b>AT 12:30 PM (after Mass)</b>		
<b>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH</b>		




### Cave Dwellers

We thank these helpers who worked diligently to construct a beautiful parish Nativity Scene this past week. A special thanks to Jim Beebe, who also used his engineering/welding talent to construct a new cave frame.

From left to right:  
Shane Atwood, Len Miller, Dave Fernz,  
Kathleen Gideon, Mike James, Steve Seachris, and  
Jim Beebe.



**December 9 - The Immaculate Conception of  
The Blessed Virgin Mary**

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The Story of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless—either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard of Clairvaux and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological justification for this teaching.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

**Reflection**

In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God's behalf, addresses Mary as "full of grace" or "highly favored". In that context, this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for the task ahead. However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary's intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary's whole life.

The logic of piety helped God's people to believe that Mary was full of grace and free of sin from the first moment of her existence. Moreover, this great privilege of Mary is the highlight of all that God has done in Jesus. Rightly understood, the incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God.

Mary as the Immaculate Conception is the Patron Saint of:

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United States

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Heavenly Father, heal my heart during  
this season of Advent.  
Help me to love more fully.  
To forgive more generously.  
To wait more patiently for Christmas,  
embracing each day  
and hour knowing the joy that  
awaits. In Your name I pray. Amen.

by Stephen Spiewak