



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

2026 Parish Directory





On behalf of our parish community, welcome to Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Whether you are new to our parish or have been with us for many years, this booklet is designed to introduce you to our ministries and groups and to provide helpful contact information for our parish family.

At Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, we seek to follow the example of our patron saint, who urged us to “Go to the poor, and you will find God.” The “poor” include those we serve through ministries such as the Lord’s Diner, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Hands to Serve, and Caring and Sharing. They also include members of our own parish family—children in need of education, the elderly who benefit from visitation, and those who are struggling and seeking hope.

We are grateful for you and for the gifts you share through your worship, service, and participation in parish life. Thank you for being part of our Catholic community. We are committed to being faithful stewards of your spiritual journey, and through the celebration of the sacraments, small-group participation, and involvement in our ministries, we hope you will continue to grow closer to our Lord.

If our staff may assist you or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (316) 733-1423 or stop by the Parish Office. Blessings to you and your family!

Father Ken VanHaverbeke

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

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Visit us on our website: www.svdpk.org

Pastor

Father Kenneth VanHaverbeke

Pastoral Staff

Kathleen Gideon	Parish Secretary
Margaret DeWitt	Business Manager
Michele Carlini.....	Director of Stewardship & Community Outreach
Susan Wilson	Facilitator of Faith Formation
Teresa Marshall-Patterson	Director of O.C.I.A. & Liturgical Ministries
Christopher Dean	Technology Director & Collaborative Pianist
Shelby Wasinger.....	Facilitator of Youth Ministries
Ada May.....	Director of Music
Shane Atwood.....	Building & Grounds Supervisor
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Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesday and Friday at 8:10 am Daily

Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm

Thursday at noon

Saturday at 9:00 am

Confessions are held 30 minutes before each weekday Mass and on Saturday 4:00-4:40 pm in the Daily Chapel. This sacrament is also available by appointment. Contact the Parish Office at 316-733-1423.

Penance services also are held during Advent and Lent.

Our Parish History

1954

Our community was established by eleven Catholic families concerned about their children's religious education. On October 10, 1954, Fr. John Curran presided at the first Mass hosted in the home of Clarence and Isadel Seimer. In December, arrangements were made to use a cabin at Shady Rest Resort for a chapel. Msgr. Leon McNeil presided at the first Mass there on Christmas Eve. By this time, there were 35 families in the mission community.

1955-60

St. Vincent de Paul was chosen as our patron saint, and Father Justin Betzen was named the first Pastor. In September, a more permanent home was established at a one-time pump station located on Four Mile Creek. However, the "pump station" had continual flooding problems. A building committee began to work on a permanent, dry location. By November 1959, the parish had raised \$40,000 for a new home.

1960-70

On Christmas Eve, 1960, the parish assembled for midnight Mass, the new building's first celebration. Bishop Mark K. Carroll dedicated the church on January 8, 1961. He praised the pioneer spirit of the community, saying, "The heart of this beautiful church is its people - the colorful story of the Catholic pioneers of this area - the humble beginning of a parish in an abandoned garage..." Frs. William Ryan, Neil Driver, Joseph Gerstenkorn, and Father Edward Steinberger served the parish as Pastors during this decade.

1970-80

The parish "burned the mortgage" for the new facilities on December 15, 1973. Fr. Charles Regan, the Pastor from July '69 to May '79, provided leadership to reach out to the youth population. Classrooms and a gym/social hall were added. Bishop Leo C. Byrne dedicated the new space on July 9, 1978. The parish experienced steady growth during this period. Fr. Robert Watson was Pastor from June 1979 to October 1980.

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- 1980-90** Fr. James Eatough served as Pastor from October '80 to June '85. Under his guidance, parish ministries flourished. Msgr. Herbert Hertel came to the parish in 1985, adding a third Sunday Mass. It was becoming apparent that the parish was outgrowing its facilities. A building fund was established in 1986 to begin planning for the future.
- Fr. Mike Baldwin became Pastor in March '87. Plans were drawn for additions and revisions to the parish plant. The congregation moved into the gym for worship in the fall of 1990.
- 1991** On Friday evening, April 26, 1991, a massive tornado devastated the entire Andover community. Two members of the parish family were killed. Over 80 parishioners lost their homes, and the tornado destroyed all existing parish facilities. Even though we were without a home, we had our parish family, and growth continued as we met for Mass in the Andover High School auditorium.
- 1993** We celebrated our first Mass in the new facility on Holy Thursday. Bishop Eugene Gerber dedicated the new church complex on May 2, 1993. He presented us with a St. Vincent de Paul relic from his Bishop's cross. This relic is enthroned in the front panel of the altar. The parish had grown to 600 families.
- 1994-99** After moving into the new complex, the number of families in the parish doubled in the next six years. Fr. Mike Baldwin continued to lead the parish during this growth and renewal.
- 2000-10** Under Fr. Mike Baldwin's leadership, the parish continued to grow and added our LIFE ministry to provide faith formation for the whole family and EDGE and LIFE TEEN youth ministries.
- 2011-20** This time marked a transition as Fr. Kent Hemberger became our new Pastor and continued the unique spirit and ministry of St. Vincent de Paul Parish. In May 2020, it was with great sadness that our parish learned from Fr. Kent that he had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Fr. Hemberger passed away on July 22, 2020. We will never forget his gentle spirit and love for his parishioners.
- 2020-Present** In October 2020, Father Kenneth VanHaverbeke was named our Pastor. With his guidance, our history continues as we "Grow in Christ and build God's Kingdom." We are a compassionate community known for our hospitality and service beyond our parish walls.
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Ministries & Stewardship Opportunities

The four pillars of stewardship: Hospitality, Prayer, Faith Formation, and Service, describe the focus of St. Vincent de Paul as a parish. These pillars guide our lives as good stewards of God's gifts. Over the following several pages, you will find information about our various ministries and stewardship opportunities. Everyone is invited to share their time, talent, and treasure. We hope you share your faith at home, in your workplace, and with your friends and neighbors.

For more information on all parish activities, we encourage you to visit our website, www.svdpks.org. If you have questions, please contact the Parish Office at 733-1423 or email michele@svdpks.org.

Please note: this directory is completed several months in advance. Some of the ministries and stewardship opportunities might not apply. Always refer to the parish website or bulletin notices for updated information.



Hospitality

Hospitality helps define who we are at St. Vincent.

Our parish offers opportunities to reach out and welcome new faces, life-long parishioners, and those who want to deepen their faith.

Be Our Guest Ministry is a hospitality and service ministry extending welcome and support to our parish family and the wider community:

- **Funeral luncheons** are prepared and served for families, providing the comfort of a home-cooked meal and an opportunity for fellowship and sharing memories. Volunteers help with meal preparation and serving.
- **Money raised by Be Our Guest Ministry** helps support parish projects and community outreach to local charities.

CONTACT: Kathleen Gideon at 733-1423 or email kathleen@svdpks.org

Greeters & Ushers welcome all who come through our doors at Mass. Ushers also assist with seating, help with the Offertory, provide direction during the Communion procession, and distribute the bulletin after Mass. This ministry is a great volunteer opportunity for new or old parishioners to meet other parish family members. Volunteers are mentored and trained and can choose their preferred Mass time to serve.

CONTACT: Teresa Marshall-Patterson at 733-1423 or email teresa@svdpks.org

Hospitality Ministers share a smile and create a sense of community and friendship. Hospitality is more than just coffee and donuts after Mass! Hospitality Ministers are ambassadors for our parish, willing to talk to parishioners after Mass, helping to ensure that everyone feels at home here at St. Vincent. This is a great stewardship opportunity if you enjoy talking with visitors and fellow parishioners.

CONTACT: Michele Carlini at 733-1423 or email michele@svdpks.org

Welcome Ministry volunteers are available after Masses at the Welcome table in the Gathering Space. Volunteers greet new members, answer questions about activities and events in our parish, take suggestions or comments, and help parishioners connect with groups and activities. Volunteers also help at new parishioner welcome events held throughout the year.

CONTACT: Michele Carlini at 733-1423 or email michele@svdpks.org



Prayer

Prayer nurtures our relationship with God and prepares us spiritually to do things we didn't think possible.

Our parish offers various opportunities to grow in prayer and opens the door to a dialogue with God.

Eucharistic Adoration is the heart of who we are as Catholics: the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Spending time in prayer and devotion in the Adoration Chapel is a tradition many Catholics honor in their spiritual expression. Eucharistic Adoration is celebrated each Tuesday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. Volunteers sign up for one-hour periods.

CONTACT: Susie Wilson at 733-1423 or email susan@svdpks.org

Altar Servers assist at Mass. Children who have celebrated their First Communion and are in fifth grade or older are invited to join this ministry. Training is provided at various times throughout the year, and parents can select their preferred Mass time.

CONTACT: Teresa Marshall-Patterson at 733-1423 or email teresa@svdpks.org

Cantors, Choirs, and Musicians are a vital part of our worship. We have several opportunities for you to share your talents. Our mixed choir, contemporary music groups, bell choir, and musicians enrich our Masses and other celebrations. Cantors lead sung prayer and assist the assembly with songs and acclamations during Mass. New members are always welcome.

CONTACT: Ada May at 733-1423 or email ada@svdpks.org

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Lectors proclaim the Scriptures at Mass. Volunteers of this ministry must be comfortable speaking in public. Lectors receive training and are provided a lector workbook. Schedules are sent in advance, and volunteers may choose their preferred Mass time.

CONTACT: Teresa Marshall-Patterson at 733-1423 or email teresa@svdpks.org

Prayer Line Volunteers offer individual prayers for requests by our parishioners, generously giving their time to pray daily for those who are ill, grieving, or suffering in any way. This is an excellent volunteer opportunity to assist parishioners by adding their needs to your prayer time.

CONTACT: Kathleen Gideon at 733-1423 or email kathleen@svdpks.org

Prayer Shawl Ministry Volunteers pray for those who are ill while making a prayer shawl that will remind recipients of the parish's promise of continued prayer. Most of the work is done at home, but names, yarn, or instructions may be picked up at any time. If you are aware of someone in need of a prayer shawl or would like to learn more about this ministry, please let us know.

CONTACT: Parish Office at 733-1423



Faith Formation

We invite members of all ages to learn more about their faith and grow in their relationship with God.

Becoming Catholic (O.C.I.A.) is a faith formation program for adults and youth (4th grade and older) interested in joining the Catholic Church. Guided by parish mentors, candidates develop a deeper relationship with Jesus and are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs. Volunteers are needed to assist those on the journey toward celebrating the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

CONTACT: Teresa Marshall-Patterson at 733-1423 or email teresa@svdpks.org

Bible Quest is a faith formation opportunity for all children in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades with their families to become more familiar with the Bible itself while enjoying a video about a Bible hero and participating in an object lesson. The sessions are held monthly from 10:00 to 11:00 am on select dates.

CONTACT: Susie Wilson at 733-1423 or email susan@svdpks.org

Confirmation volunteers are needed to serve as small group leaders to help our young adults grow in appreciation and knowledge of the gifts they received at Baptism.

CONTACT: Susie Wilson at 733-1423 or email susan@svdpks.org

First Communion/Reconciliation is for children in the 2nd and 3rd grades and their parents. Signups begin in August. There are nine sessions to help parents prepare their children for these two sacraments. Most sessions are scheduled on Wednesday evenings and last about an hour. Follow-up activities are sent home.

CONTACT: Susie Wilson at 733-1423 or email susan@svdpk.org

Kid's Small Groups is faith formation for children from Kindergarten through 5th grade. In Kid's Small Groups, our goal is to help children develop a strong bond with their church family members while studying the Bible and learning about their faith. Children will experience faith, fun, and friends in these small groups that meet between the Masses on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 10:00 to 11:00 am during the school year.

CONTACT: Susie Wilson at 733-1423 or email susan@svdpk.org

Lenten Stations of the Cross is held on all Fridays during Lent except Holy Week. Join us at noon or 6:00 pm. Children are welcome to attend. A soup supper is served at the evening Stations.

CONTACT: Teresa Marshall-Patterson at 733-1423 or email teresa@svdpk.org

LIFE (Living Inspired Faith Everywhere) is our parish-wide faith formation program designed to help us grow our relationship with Jesus and each other. We come together as a church family to enjoy food and fellowship while praying, singing, and learning. All are invited to attend our Sunday evening sessions.

CONTACT: Susie Wilson at 733-1423 or email susan@svdpk.org

Vacation Bible School is held in the summer for children ages four through those entering 5th grade. A central Bible theme and an "adventure" theme make this an exciting week. Meaningful music, creative crafts, and super skits are some great activities children enjoy as they learn more about their faith. Volunteer opportunities are available for adults and middle and high school students to provide leadership, music, crafts, and games.

CONTACT: Susie Wilson at 733-1423 or email susan@svdpk.org

Walking with Purpose is a women's Bible study that invites women to enjoy a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ, nurtured through personal Bible study and small group discussions created for women. Daytime and evening sessions are available for women of all ages.

CONTACT: Susie Wilson at 733-1423 or email susan@svdpk.org



Youth Ministries

Youth Ministry is an essential part of our continued growth as a parish. Our mission is to encourage youth to become closer to God and provide spiritual guidance, fellowship, and opportunities to grow in faith.

LIFE TEEN is our high school youth ministry program. We strive to provide our young adults with a fun, social, and interactive learning environment to further their relationship with Christ. Teens enjoy various activities, including guest speakers, overnight retreats, and mission trips. High School students meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the youth room. Volunteers are needed as chaperones and leaders.
CONTACT: Shelby Wasinger at 733-1423 or email shelby@svdps.org

EDGE is for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade middle school students. It is an opportunity to explore their faith, meet new people, and have fun with friends while learning about their faith. EDGE meets in the youth room on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Volunteer leaders and chaperones are needed.
CONTACT: Shelby Wasinger at 733-1423 or email shelby@svdps.org

Boy Scouts and Cub Scout programs are for Kindergarten through high school children. Scouting helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives. Troop 584 meets at St. Vincent.
CONTACT: Terry Osburn at 785-656-2065 or email terryosburn1@gmail.com

Service

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

There are many opportunities to help your neighbor here at St. Vincent. We invite you to explore how you can use your talents to help those in need.

Bereavement volunteer opportunities are available for teenagers to adults. This ministry extends to those grieving, the compassionate care and support from our faith community. Practical ministries, from hosting out-of-town relatives, house sitting, etc., to “companion” ministries that help with mailing support materials or calling or visiting the bereaved. Training will be provided as needed.

CONTACT: Kathleen Gideon at 733-1423 or email kathleen@svdps.org

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Communion to the Homebound Ministers visit parish members who cannot leave their homes due to illness. They also visit Catholic residents in Andover care centers. Visits are on Friday mornings and after Sunday Masses.

CONTACT: Father Ken VanHaverbeke at 733-1423

Garden Angel volunteers help keep the parish grounds beautiful by planting, watering, and maintaining the flower beds. Volunteers are welcome to plant, water, and maintain these areas. Volunteers also maintain the Christmas and Easter flowers in the Worship and Gathering Spaces. Hours are flexible, and training is provided.

CONTACT: Outdoor Garden Angels - Michele Carlini at 733-1423 or email michele@svdps.org

Indoor Garden Angels - Deb James at 685-6792 or email at deborah-james@mednax.com

Health & Wellness Ministry fosters health and wellness through compassionate service, support, and education. Blood pressure checks, Red Cross blood drives, mental health awareness efforts, and other informational and educational events help promote health.

CONTACT: Kathleen Gideon at 733-1423 or email kathleen@svdps.org

Kapaun's Men Group takes as its model the life of Father Emil Kapaun, a courageous Catholic priest, Army chaplain, and leader of men. Guided by the Holy Spirit and inspired by the witness of Servant of God Fr. Emil Kapaun, Kapaun's Men unites men in prayer, formation, and discussion to become better fathers, husbands, leaders, and friends. Meetings are held on Tuesday mornings starting at 6:45 am.

CONTACT: Arnie Kroupa by email at amkroupa6@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus members assist the parish and community in many areas, including raising funds for Life Saver Sunday, holding the annual Tootsie Roll drive, and raising donations for seminarians in our diocese. Funds are raised through pancake breakfasts. Joining the Knights of Columbus is an excellent way for Catholic men 18 years or older to be part of service to our church and community while making friendships that will last a lifetime.

CONTACT: Andrew Baldwin by email at iloveme13579@yahoo.com

The Lord's Diner is a non-profit soup kitchen. Dinner is served nightly from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, seven days a week, 365 nights a year. With six locations, the Diner serves more than 3,500 guests daily. Teams from St. Vincent are scheduled to serve at the N. Broadway location on the fourth Saturday of each month and the third Monday at the S. Hillside location. Training and mentoring are provided. A food handler's card is required for regular service with this ministry.

CONTACT: North Broadway location: DeDe Kauffman by email at ddkauffman@cox.net

Hillside location: Debbie Vincent by email at dvincent3@cox.net

Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver meals to the elderly on Saturday and Sunday, two consecutive weekends, about four times per year. Notices are put in the bulletin when scheduled. A valid driver's license is required, and routes are set up in advance. Volunteers also check in on homebound seniors. This service allows seniors to remain independent for as long as possible.

CONTACT: Parish Office at 733-1423

Meal Train Ministry is an organized way for friends and family to deliver meals to someone going through a challenging time. Whether they just had a baby, lost a family member, or had major surgery, ensuring their basic needs are met is step number one. Volunteers assist by providing meals or gift cards to local restaurants.

CONTACT: Susie Wilson at 733-1423 or email susie@svdpks.org

Media Ministry volunteers assist with our sound and live streaming systems for Mass and various events in the Ville. Individuals interested in audio/visual or theatrical technology will enjoy this ministry. Volunteers receive training, and schedules are sent in advance.

CONTACT: Christopher Dean at 733-1423 or email chris@svdpks.org

Respect Life Ministry provides education and outreach activities throughout the year to support that all life is sacred, from conception to death. Time is also spent weekly in the Adoration Chapel for prayer and meditation, celebrating the gift of life. Volunteers help with Respect Life baby showers held twice a year and assist speakers on Respect Life Ministries issues.

CONTACT: Parish Office at 733-1423

St. Vincent de Paul Society volunteers help those in need who live within the parish boundaries. When a request for help is received, two members go on a home visit to determine if assistance can be provided. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 pm.

CONTACT: Michele Carlini at 733-1423 or email michele@svdpks.org

St. Vincent de Paul Quilters use their talents in quilting, embroidering, and sewing. They meet every Tuesday, from 9:00 am to noon, in room 1C. They make more than 20 quilts for the annual SVdP quilt bingo in the spring. All proceeds are donated to the parish and local charities. New members are always welcome.

CONTACT: Parish Office at 733-1423

Volunteers on Call allow us to complete various projects needed here at our parish. Everyone has a talent, craft, or hobby. We hope you are willing to share your time and talent. It might be photography, cooking, building repair or maintenance, sewing, etc. We would love to know if you are available on an "as-needed" basis.

CONTACT: Michele Carlini at 733-1423 or email michele@svdpks.org

Other Ministries and Organizations

Andover Community Food Bank and His Daily Bread Food Pantry serve those in need of food assistance in our communities. We currently collect food items weekly for the Andover Food Pantry and stock our Blessing Box. Volunteer opportunities are available.

CONTACT: Michele Carlini at 733-1423 or email michele@svdps.org

Andover Caring and Sharing helps families in our community throughout the year. Our school backpack program provides school supplies for children ages four and up. Families can also receive assistance for eye care costs for children. At Christmas time, clothing, food, and gift items are provided for area families. Volunteers are needed to help gather toys and food for local families and senior citizens at Christmas time. Volunteers also help wrap presents and distribute gifts and food baskets to the families.

CONTACT: Michele Carlini at 733-1423 or email michele@svdps.org

Andover Summer Lunch Program volunteers help distribute sack lunches weekly to children in our community during the summer. St. Vincent partners with the Andover Community Food Bank to provide these lunches.

CONTACT: Michele Carlini at 733-1423 or email michele@svdps.org

Hands2Serve volunteers from churches around the area partner in an attitude of service to complete projects for elderly and disabled residents in the Andover, Benton, Rose Hill, and Towanda communities. The service event is held in the spring of each year.

CONTACT: Michele Carlini at 733-1423 or email michele@svdps.org

Karate Club invites you to join the fun every Monday at 5:30 pm. Fees are \$10.00 per month, and ages six and older are welcome.

Advance enrollment is recommended as classes fill up fast!

CONTACT: Parish Office at 733-1423 or email

wafs@sbcglobal.net



Medical Loan Closet: If you or someone you know needs a wheelchair, walker, crutches, bath stool, etc., we are here to help. Many parishioners have donated slightly used medical equipment that we can lend you.

CONTACT: Michele Carlini at 733-1423 or email michele@svdps.org



St. Augustine Indian Mission is our sister parish located in Winnebago, Nebraska. Volunteers help raise funds to help with school equipment and gather school supplies each fall. We also fund the salary of a Kindergarten teacher each year.

CONTACT: Greg and Kim Anderson by email at gnkanderson@earthlink.net



Small Groups

Small groups help parishioners connect with others and grow in faith. Our vision is to be a parish of small groups that strengthen and support each other. We believe small groups enhance our mission to grow in Christ. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in starting a small group or have suggestions.

Current small groups include:

Bible Study Groups	Karate Club
Women's Bible Study	Book Study Groups
Women of Friendship & Faith	Dance Lessons
Dress a Girl	Greeting Card Design
Quilters	Kapaun's Men's Group

Frequently Asked Questions About Our Parish

How do I submit articles for the bulletin? Our weekly bulletin articles must be submitted by noon on Wednesday of that week by emailing kathleen@svdpks.org or contacting the Parish Office.

How do I register for parish events? You can register for parish events on our website at www.svdpks.org or contact our Parish Office at 733-1423.

How do I know the Mass times on Holy Days? All Mass times are posted on our parish website at www.svdpks.org, in our weekly bulletin, or by calling our Parish Office at 733-1423.

Who do I contact about baptisms? If you are a registered member of our parish, contact Kathleen Gideon at 733-1423 or email kathleen@svdpks.org.

Who do I notify to have a name added to the prayer list? If you would like to inform the parish that a friend, loved one, or fellow parishioner is ill or in the hospital, please call Kathleen Gideon at 733-1423 or email kathleen@svdpks.org.

I am a registered member of the parish. Who do I contact to reserve the Ville, Social Space, etc.?

CONTACT: Kathleen Gideon at 733-1423 or email kathleen@svdpks.org

How do I sign up for online giving, Dillon's Community Rewards Program, or other giving opportunities? We are here to help with whatever your needs are.

CONTACT: Michele Carlini at 733-1423 or email michele@svdpks.org