ST VINCENT DE PAUL
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday 5 p.m. • Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.

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October 11, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Our Holy Father, Pope Leo, reflecting on the Conciliar Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium (a Vatican II document), reminded us that what we do at Mass externally is extremely important. We are not silent spectators, but we participate fully, body, mind and heart.

He said, "The rite involves us in a well-defined sequence of gestures and prayers, which can sometimes be at odds with our individual tendency towards spontaneity." He gave the examples of kneeling and exchanging the sign of peace as actions which are demanding by their nature, allowing us to be in "authentic ecclesial relationships." Therefore, we pray in unison, allowing our individual gestures to be in union with one another, such as all kneeling, or all standing, etc.

This is why, from parish to parish, it is important to "follow the book" and use the signs, symbols, and gestures used by all Catholic churches. This shows our "authentic ecclesial relationships."

While every parish has its own personality, we are part of the Catholic Church, one body, one family. Please continue to pray for unity in the Church and work for that unity, seeking to understand one another, while realizing that, as members of the Catholic Church, we are given so many ways to be "individual," yet our individuality should not separate us from one another.

Blessings,
Father Ken VanHaverbeke



Mass Intentions

Monday - - October 12 / No Mass
Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31–5:1 / Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday - - 8:10 a.m. October 13
Galatians 5:1-6 /Luke 11:37-41
SI Mary Schneider by Dan Steigerwald

Wednesday - - 5:30 p.m. October 14
Galatians 5:18-25 / Luke 11:42-46
✝John & ✝Agnes DiSante by Cathy Riedl

Thursday - - Noon October 15
Ephesians 1:1-10 / Luke 11:47-54
SI Mike Galbraith by the Gagnons

Friday - - 8:10 a.m. October 16
Ephesians 1:11-14 / Luke 12:1-7
SI Jenny Gaddis by Jack & Alice Stevens

Saturday - - October 17
Ephesians 1:15-23/ Luke 12:8-12
9 a.m. ✝Msgr. Joseph Gerstenkorn October 18 (1998)
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See Sunday Readings
5:00 p.m. ✝Jane Rodgers by Karen Terry

Sunday - - October 18
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b / Matthew 22:15-21
9 a.m. *SI* Irene Bachman by Brian & Sarah Bachman
11 a.m. People of the Parish











The Holy Father has entrusted the following intention for October

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Memorial flowers

Jim Beebe ***honoring Charline Beebe***
Gary & Jilinda Bickel ***honoring Rebekah E. Bickel***
Kay Wegerer ***honoring Frank Wegerer***

Weekly collection period ending 10/5/26

Regular Tithe	$39,531.57
Annual Fund Drive	$747.50
St. Augustine Indian Mission	$113.00
SVDP Society	$280.00
Children's Collection	$168.60
Online/Electrnic Gifting	$9,025.50



Your child is invited to join us at the Ascend Middle School Conference on Saturday, November 7th with our middle school youth group! This conference includes guest speakers, music, worship, entertainment, and more!

Tickets cost $39 but if you use the code stvincentstudent (all lowercase) you can sign up for just $20! You can sign up using the QR code above. The diocese does require specific registration forms to attend, so once you sign up online, please contact our youth minister, Shelby Wasinger, to receive those forms.

You can email her at shelby@svdpks.org or call the parish office. Please be aware that we will be attending as a group but parents are responsible for transportation to and from the event. If you have any questions, please contact Shelby!

Knight's Corner

Hello from your SVdP Knights of Columbus Council membership director. I want to send a huge shoutout to our council members who stepped up on short notice to support last month's SeptemberFest. Last weekend's smoked ribs and links fundraiser raised over $2000 for Coats for Kids program. Thanks to all of you who bought our smoked ribs and links. Your generosity has made this corporal work of mercy possible and will keep many children warm this winter and many more. God bless you all.

Oct 16 - 18 is our annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Fundraiser that supports intellectually and physically handicapped here in our local area. You will find us at the Atwoods and Dillons in Andover and in the parish gathering space yellow vests giving away candy for free will donations. All parishioners are invited to help by signing up as volunteers using the link below. Any questions, please call/text or email Jerry Gillespie who is the membership director. at 214-8566 or at jerry67230@gmail.com.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E45A8AC22A7FD0-50141715-tootsie--

Finally, another pitch to all men 18 or older to prayerfully consider joining our Council. We are a group of Catholic men committed to carrying on the work began in 1865 by Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney to care for widows and orphans often left destitute when their fathers were injured or killed. Since then it has grown into one of the world's largest charitable organizations. Please come join us in this work for His Kingdom. It is a most effective way to put your stewardship of time, talent, and treasure into action. For more information, call Jerry at the contact info above. Vivat Jesus and God bless us all.

Harry Hynes Grief Session

Welcome to everyone attending the Harry Hynes sesson on October 13 at 10 a.m. Bride's Room at St. Vincent de Paul Church.

We invite you to attend if you are feeling the loss of someone in your life. As we gather together in sharing the loss of our own.



Question:

I recently heard an author interviewed, who denies that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and even seems to wonder if he existed at all. I forget all the details, but what are we to make of this? Sacramento, CA

Answer:

A lot of modern skepticism regarding Jesus, and details of the Scripture, center around a rather stubborn refusal to regard the Gospels as an historical source. This a-priori assumption about the historical reliability of the Scriptures is a kind of skepticism that surrounds almost no other historical documents. More has been recorded about Jesus, than almost any other person in history.

There are four rich essays depicting his life, which we call Gospels, and over a dozen epistles. These combine both eyewitness accounts and credibly collected accounts by others who lived at or very near the time of Jesus. Some modern scholars like to dismiss these accounts because they are written from the perspective of faith. But all of history is written from some perspective. Simply excluding Scripture as an historical source, is neither reasonable, nor does it comport with approaches we use in studying other historical figures and events.



Mighty is Her Call - Annointed for Motherhood
Sat, Nov 14, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Explore the beauty and meaning of the call to motherhood! The Anointed for Motherhood Retreat is an event that honors mothers by offering a day of restoration and encouragement, giving moms a chance to reflect on the importance of their vocation, relax, and remember just how powerful, meaningful, and Christ-filled their role is as a mother.

Mothers make a living gift of their bodies, hearts, souls, and minds to raise and nurture their children. Catholic mothers pour themselves out for others, reflecting Christ's sacrifice of himself for us. In this way, Catholic mothers are leaders of the Church, showing by their example one uniquely feminine, vital way of bringing the Gospel of love and joy to our hurting world.
This event is $55 to register and includes a light breakfast and lunch.
Please call the Spiritual Life Center at 316-744-0167 or contact Mighty is Her Call at events@mightyishercall.com with any questions.

ADVENT: PREPARE THE WAY
Adult Advent Day of Reflection
Tue, Dec. 1, 9:00 am - 2:15 pm
Fr. Isaac Coulter and Fr. Ken Schuckman
A Day of Prayer, Reflection & Renewal
As Advent begins, take time to step away from the busyness of the season and prepare your heart for the coming of Christ. Join us for a day of prayer, reflection, Adoration, Confession, Mass, and fellowship as we enter more deeply into the mystery and hope of Advent.

- Our Advent Theme

"We eagerly await the promised new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells."
— 2 Peter 3:13
The Day of the Lord calls us to consider not only what we are waiting for, but who we are becoming as we wait. Advent invites us to live with hope, holiness, and joyful expectation as we prepare to welcome Christ.

Let this Advent be more than a season of preparation for Christmas. Let it be a time to prepare your heart for Christ.Please consider bringing an item for the homeless, like stocking caps, gloves, socks, or jackets.
Cost: $25