

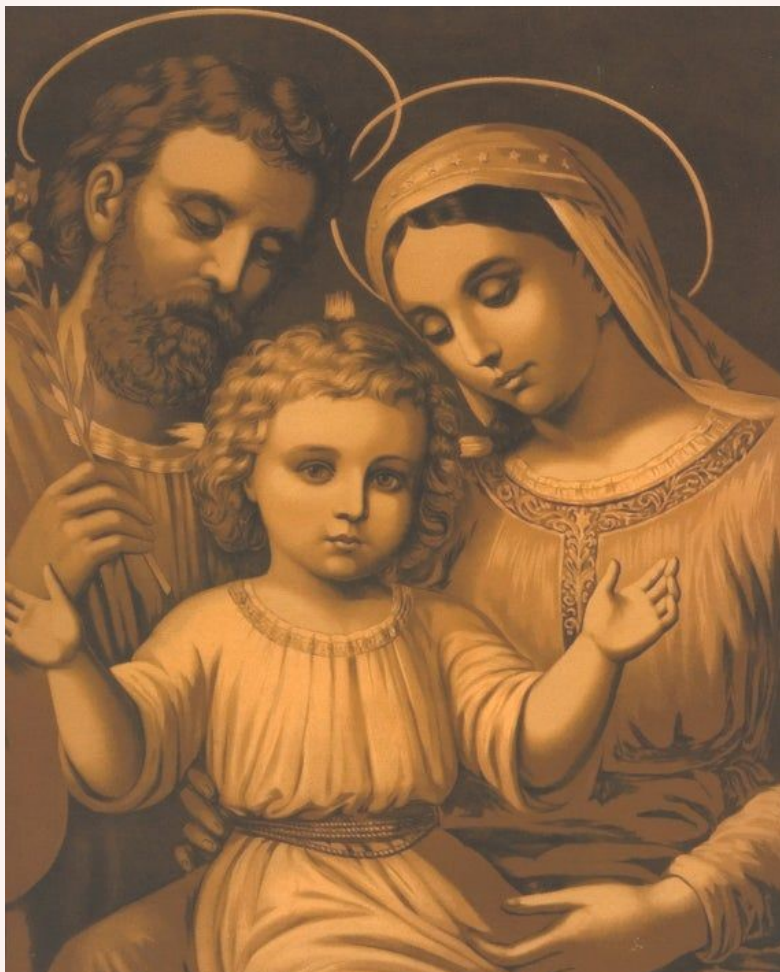
# ST. VINCENT DEPAUL PARISH

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## December 29, 2024 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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Today's readings speak to us about family, faith, and justice—how God's justice is reflected in the faithful actions of His people. From Hannah in 1 Samuel to the Holy Family's journey to the Temple, we see what it means to live a life rooted in God's justice.

In the first reading, we hear the story of Hannah, a woman who longed for a child. When her prayer was answered, she kept her promise and dedicated her son Samuel to the Lord. Hannah's act is one of justice—not justice as the world defines it, but justice as right relationship with God. She recognized her son as a gift from God and returned him to God's service. Justice begins when we acknowledge God as the source of all we have and live in gratitude and trust.

The psalmist echoes this idea, proclaiming the joy of living in God's presence: "How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!" True justice flows from this deep longing for God's will to reign in our lives. When we live with our hearts set on Him, we are empowered to create a world that reflects His love, peace, and fairness.

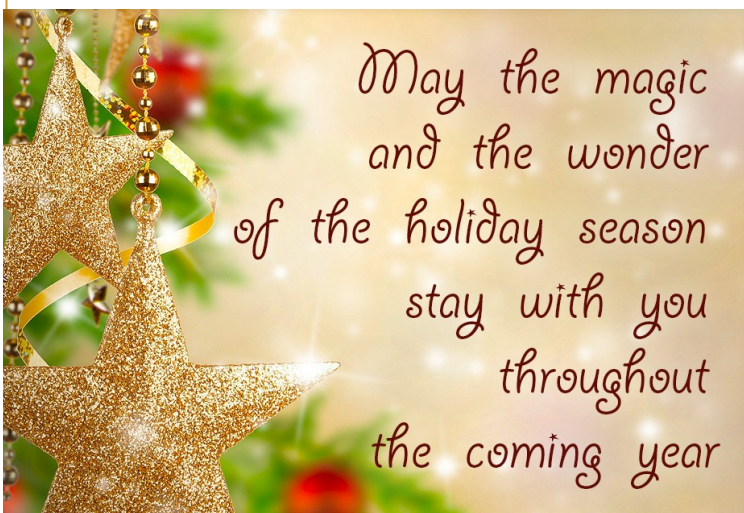
In the second reading, John reminds us of our identity as children of God. This is the foundation of justice: every person is made in God's image and is worthy of dignity and respect. Justice calls us to see others as God sees them and to treat them with love. It is not enough to feel love in our hearts; we must live it through our actions. John says, "We should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us."

Finally, in the Gospel, we see the Holy Family traveling to Jerusalem for the Passover. This simple act of faithfulness to God's law reminds us of the role of families in living out justice. Mary and Joseph nurtured Jesus in a household centered on God's will. Families are the first schools of justice, where children learn to love, forgive, and act with integrity.

So, what does this mean for us? Justice begins in our relationship with God but must extend into our relationships with others. Are we like Hannah, offering our gifts for God's purposes? Are we like the psalmist, seeking to make God's presence central in our lives? Are we like the Holy Family, nurturing faith and love in our homes?

Justice is not just a concept; it is a way of life. It is standing up for the vulnerable, sharing our blessings, and living in harmony with God's plan. Let us pray today for the courage to be people of justice, rooted in God's love, and to reflect His justice in our families, our communities, and our world.

*Cheryl*



**SUNDAY READINGS:**  
 READING 1 [1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28](#)  
 PSALM [Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5](#)  
 READING 2 [1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24](#)  
 ALLELUIA [Colossians 3:15a, 16a](#)  
 GOSPEL [Luke 2:41-52](#)

MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri: 12:05pm  
 Saturday: 4:30pm  
 Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
 Confession: Saturday at 4:00 pm  
*before Mass*

PARISH OFFICEHOURS:

Mon - Fri:  
 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
 Saturday:  
 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

Sat, December 28	4:30 pm	Jane Kraus & Greg Benken
Sun, December 29	9:00 am	Robin James & Pat Poehling
	11:00 am	Sharon Hodge & Chris Hanewinkel
Sat, January 4	4:30 pm	Judy Cernich & Joe Cernich
Sun, January 5	9:00 am	Mary Flick & Martha Lane
	11:00 am	Macella Elder & Tom Elder

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE**

Sat, December 28	4:30 pm	Judy Cernich & Joe Cernich
Sun, December 29	9:00 am	Terry Collins, Barb Trippett & Dick Poehling
	11:00 am	Terry Collins & Steve Kymes
Sat, January 4	4:30 pm	Jane Kraus & Greg Benken
Sun, January 5	9:00 am	Terry Collins, Greg Stark & Steve Kymes
	11:00 am	Terry Collins & Barb Trippett

**DONUT SCHEDULE****PICK UP****SERVING**

December 29	Zoe & Steve Owen	Angie Thompson Group
		Judy & Steve Bates (until further notice)
January 5	Lucy Banks	Carolyn Hubler Group
		Faye & Bob Stanek
January 12	Lucy Banks	Sr. Sandy Schwartz Group
		Marcie & Tom Elder
January 19	Lucy Banks	Angie Thompson Group
		Sharon & Bruce Hodge

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If You see any maintenance needs,  
 please call the Parish.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28**

4:30 m *Joe & Harriet Cox*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

9:00am *People of the Parish*

11:00am *For those who have no one to pray for them*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30**

12:05pm *Father's Intention*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

12:05pm *Jane Floro*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1**

9:00am *Dorothy Berkopec*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2**

12:05am *Those on hospice*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3**

12:05pm *New Mothers*

- 1st Kevin Chavez
- 1st Lawrence Minder
- 1st Robert Simon
- 2nd Julie Kincaid
- 2nd Nancy Schulte
- 3rd Eloise Buker
- 3rd Brett Parker
- 3rd Jamie Sharamitaro
- 4th Virginia Enriquez
- 5th Gary Gardner
- 6th Kevin O'Toole
- 6th Donna Poe
- 7th Catherine Norris
- 7th Rob Schmittgens
- 8th Dawn Quinn
- 9th Jane Lammers
- 9th Kayden Williams
- 9th Laya Williams
- 10th Joe Berry
- 10th Elli Moske
- 10th William Mueller
- 10th Andrew Mueller

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 11th Jack Leimkuehler
- 11th Diane Rademacher
- 11th Kyle Verhoff
- 12th Joan Gray
- 12th Forest Shipp
- 13th Mary Vetter
- 15th Julann Dale
- 15th Tiffani Hicks
- 15th Brent Kaniecki
- 16th Robert Kocher
- 17th Natalie Cox
- 17th Juliette Freivogel
- 17th Elaine Martin
- 17th Calli Moske
- 17th Elena Shepherd
- 17th Stephanie Turek
- 18th Hillary Kaniecki
- 18th Olivia Olson
- 18th Norman Stanard
- 19th Dalana Graves
- 19th Jack Linhares
- 18th Terry Sansoucie
- 19th Kristen Shipp
- 19th Patrick Werner
- 20th Molly Burton
- 20th Joseph Green
- 20th Marian Wolaver
- 21st Michael Todt
- 21st Michael Todt
- 22nd Alice Janisch
- 22nd Jane Rund
- 22nd Maureen Scheve
- 23rd Kaity Murphy
- 24th Jessica Adams
- 25th Kevin James
- 25th Regina Siegfried
- 26th Troy DeRossett
- 26th Anne Piasecki
- 26th Cathy Weldon
- 27th Wanda Sidwell
- 28th Lisa Burke
- 28th Kathy McGrath
- 30th Alex Murphy

PRAY FOR THE SICK

- Judy Ahlers
- Dorothy Berkopec
- Elisabeth Boone
- Mary Ann Campbell
- Josie Carter
- Deidre Cason
- Harry Chomin
- Sue Coleman & Family
- Manuel Cometa
- Tom Croak
- Kyle D.
- Julia Day
- Kevin Fagan
- Robert Flick
- Dalana Graves
- Tom Gray
- Bobbie H.
- Michelle Haines
- John Hermann
- Bob Hittner
- Sharon Hodge
- Christine Holt
- Mary Horridge
- Rick Jobin
- Don & Beth Karp
- Phyllis Koebbe
- Ken Kohler
- Kevin Lurten
- Tara Latimore
- Janet Loos
- Madonna
- Joan Martin
- Shirley Martin
- The Masek Family
- Kathy Mayer
- Rich Pinter
- Kim Ragsdale
- Joe Richardson
- Cat Risch
- Genevieve Robinette
- Avry Rollberg
- Carol Sell
- Bernadette Smith
- Norm Stanard
- Bob Stephens
- Julia Tang
- Reggie Vanek
- Edie Vetter
- Patti Webers
- Eloise Williams
- Dianna Wozniak

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Jim & Mary Vetter 30 yrs.
- 6th Manuel & Teresita Cometa 60 yrs.
- 7th Paul & Mary Freeman 13 yrs.
- 10th Anthony & Janice Leone 55 yrs.
- 14th Bob & Cathy Gisi 36 yrs.
- 15th Ellen & Al Marshall 59 yrs.
- 22nd Thomas & Juliette Freivogel 53 yrs.

**Weekly Offering**

Thank you for your support of the Parish with your weekly offering.

St. Vincent DePaul Parish	Date(s)	Amount
Sunday Collection - Parish	12/14/2024 - 12/15/2024	\$5,615.00
Sunday Collection - Year End	12/14/2024 - 12/15/2024	\$2,000.00
Sunday Collection - Holy Day	12/14/2024 - 12/15/2024	\$20.00
Sunday Collection - Outreach	12/14/2024 - 12/15/2024	\$5.00
Outreach Ministry	12/13/2024	\$6,366.00
Electronic Giving - Parish	12/9/2024 - 12/15/2024	\$1,205.00
Electronic Giving - Outreach	12/9/2024 - 12/15/2024	\$725.00



Online Giving

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL/ST PIUS V PARISH DAY SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025**  
**AT ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE – FOREST PARK**

Parishioners are invited to come out on Saturday, January 11, to the gymnasium on the Forest Park Campus of St. Louis Community College to support the Archers Men's Basketball Team coached by Deacon Terry Collins as they take on Metropolitan Community College out of Kansas City. Tip-Off is at 3:00.



Tickets are \$5 for the game or \$10 if you wish to enjoy a Chili Supper prior to the game. The supper will be available at 2:30 in the balcony area of the gym and those who purchase the \$10 ticket will have access to the hospitality area in the balcony throughout the game.

Several of the Archers players will be available after each Mass at St. Vincent's on Sunday, December 29, and Sunday, January 5, to sell tickets in the hall. If you are a St. Pius V parishioner or otherwise not at St. Vincent's on those Sundays, contact Deacon Terry at 708-439-6806 or [tcollins113@stlcc.edu](mailto:tcollins113@stlcc.edu) to purchase your tickets in advance.

### God's Justice in the Bible

Mark Etling will be presenting a three-part series on January 8, 15 and 22, 6:30 pm at St. Pius, Singler Hall, *God's Justice in the Bible*.

Justice is one of the attributes of God that isn't talked about nearly enough. Yet it is fundamental to the understanding of the nature and character of the Christian and Jewish God. God is love - but one of the most important ways God's love becomes real in the world is through justice.

In this three-part series, we will examine the justice of God. First of all, in the Old Testament, or Hebrew Scriptures. Second, through the message of Jesus and his Reign of God movement. Third, we will see how the early Christian movement backed away from the practice of justice as it cozied up to the Roman Empire.



### You are invited **THE LANDSCAPE OF LOSS**

*The stress of Christmas and the holiday season can bring on "the blues."*

**Sunday January 12, 2025 12:00 pm – after coffee and donuts until 12:45 in the John the Baptist Room (Small room off the vestibule)**

Loss is something we all experience. Some losses are big and some small. Whatever the loss may be, a job loss, an illness, losses related to our parish, the loss of a friendship, a divorce, the death of a loved one, all of them involve change and pain. The depth of the Christmas promise, GOD WITH US in Christ Jesus, is our way into and out of the landscape of loss. This service will have elements of acknowledging the pain of loss, reminders that we are not alone, quiet reflection, Sacred Scripture, music and responsive readings. It's a softer service with invitations to participate as you see fit. Your feelings will be honored whether you give expression to them or stay silent.

# Immigrant Accompaniment Program

Building Bridges of Solidarity through Presence

**We are seeking volunteers to walk with our immigrant neighbors and provide support as they present themselves for check-ins with immigration authorities**

For more information contact:  
Kevin Kuehl, IRM Coordinator  
314-772-1525 ext. 204  
[MigrantMinistrySTL@gmail.com](mailto:MigrantMinistrySTL@gmail.com)



We are also seeking a part-time

Accompaniment Coordinator to organize and train volunteers:

<https://careers.archstl.org/job/St-Louis-Coordinator-MO-63118-1002/1238169100/>

## WINTER OUTREACH SHELTER

Winter Outreach Shelter has a new temperature threshold 25 degrees with or without precipitation.

We need volunteers to set up the shelter, to work a few hours in the evening, to stay overnight, or to work a few hours on Monday morning to clean up. Help is also needed for providing meals and doing laundry.

If you can't do Sunday nights or Monday mornings plenty of other times are available at other locations.

Donations of the following items are also needed and greatly appreciated:

used coats, hoodies, long warm pants, belts and warm shoes, in clean and good condition. As well as new extra large water resistant gloves, long underwear in sizes L to 3xl, adult backpacks, leggings, scarves, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, hand warmers, foot powder, food to go, and cash for supplies and heat.

Sign up in the back of church or contact Marie Andrews at 314-441-8005 or [alleluiawomen@gmail.com](mailto:alleluiawomen@gmail.com) or Brock Mashburn at 660-349-5137 or [brockmashburn@gmail.com](mailto:brockmashburn@gmail.com)



## Cabrini Corner

**Wishing you a joyous Holiday season from St. Frances Cabrini Academy!**

We continue to serve 178 students and are already planning for the 2025-26 school year. More information will be shared in January.

Our sincerest thanks to parishioners and community partners who made our annual auction such a success. We are grateful for your support of our school and programs.

For coaching or volunteering opportunities, please contact the office: 314.776.0883.



## World Marriage Day

Archbishop Rozanski will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO, on **February 9, 2025 at 12:00 PM**. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage.

World Marriage Day honors married couples as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life. A reception, sponsored by Gateway Worldwide Marriage Encounter, will follow in Boland Hall.

Sun, Dec 29	Mass at 9 & 11am - Meals Program 5:00pm
Mon, Dec 30	Meals Program 5:00pm
Tue, Dec 31	Parish Office closes early, No Meals Program
Wed, Jan 1	Mass at 10 am - Holy Mary, Mother of the Church - Parish Office Closed, No Meals Program
Sat. Jan 4	Mass at 4:30pm - Rummage Sale 9-11am
Sun, Jan 5	Mass at 9 & 11am Ladies of Charity Meet 10:30am
Tue, Jan 7	Food Pantry 9:15am - 12pm - Clothing Window 12-1:30pm
Wed, Jan 8	Justice and Service 5:30-6:30pm - Justice in the Bible - 6:30pm <i>both at St. Pius in Singler Hall</i>
Thu, Jan 9	Food Pantry 9:15am - 12pm -Clothing Window 12-1:30pm, Parish Council - 6pm- (Singler Hall)
Sat, Jan 10	Mass at 4:30pm - Meals Program

**NOTES FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM**

**Liturgy with Children Serving Interest Form** - We are looking for youth to serve as ministers on the 4th Sundays during the 11:00 AM Mass. Would your child like to do one or more of the following: Choir, Greeter/Usher, Lector, Serve Donuts and Coffee after Mass? Registr using the QR Code.



**Family Faith Formation**

St. Pius V and St. Vincent DePaul parishes invite you and your family to consider participating in our Family Faith Formation Program. The program is designed to allow children and caretakers to grow in their faith together and can be an alternative to PSR as well as an additional support to children who attend Catholic school. Families will gather after Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month for **approximately 1.5 hours**.

**Schedule & Themes**

**The location will alternate between parishes. Sacramental preparation will be provided as needed.**

**Volunteers for Family Faith Formation**

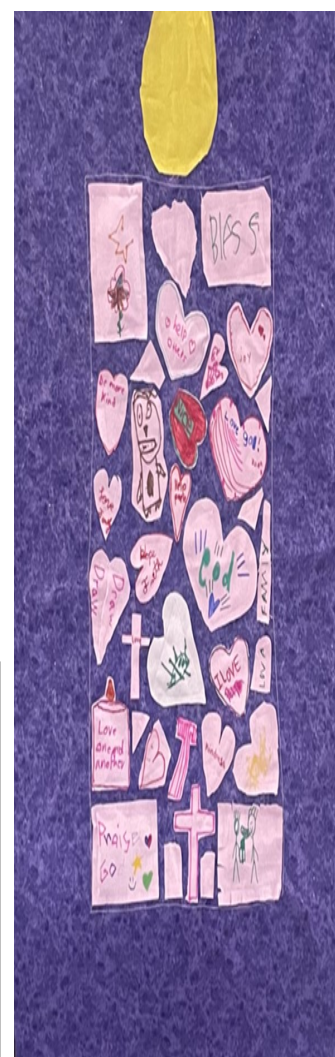
**Needed 3-4 people to help with the children:** by leading a discussion and help with an activity during the break our session (45 minutes); The discussion questions and activity will be planned and given to you in advance.

**WHEN :** 2nd Sunday of the month

**WHERE :** The full meeting is 1 1/2 hours which includes lunch. Volunteers may attend the whole session or just help with the children during the breakout session.



Contact Carolyn Hubler [st.claircac@gmail.com](mailto:st.claircac@gmail.com) or Mary at [mloux3@gmail.com](mailto:mloux3@gmail.com)



## The Baptismal Call to Justice

**“In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all made to drink of the one Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12:13)**

**“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:28)**

In these verses Paul is making a critical point about the meaning of Baptism. By affirming the equality of all believers, Paul is saying that one of the primary effects of baptism is the call to justice. Our common status as baptized Christians makes us all equals before God and under God - and therefore entitled to the same rights and responsibilities.

In other parts of his letters Paul explains in greater depth the meaning of radical equality in Christianity, and its implications for justice.

The Letter to Philemon deals with a situation in which one of Philemon’s slaves, a young man named Onesimus, had fled from him. Onesimus has come to Paul seeking asylum, having been converted by him to Christianity. Paul might have asked Philemon to take Onesimus back as a forgiven slave. Or he could have asked Philemon to give Onesimus to him as his slave. But Paul chose neither of these options. Instead, he sends the young man back to his owner so that Philemon can fulfill his “duty” and voluntarily set him free. Paul tells Philemon he must free Onesimus because they are equals – both as Christians and as human beings. Paul sees a contradiction in a Christian master owning a Christian slave. Persons cannot be equal in Christ, but unequal in society. Equality is not spiritual only, according to Paul – it is physical as well. It is a matter of justice.

In chapter 7 of the first letter to the Corinthians Paul makes it clear that husbands and wives have mutual obligations to each other - that they are equals. In discussing the question of sexual abstinence in marriage, he says: “The husband must give his wife what she has a right to expect, and so too the wife to the husband. ”On the issue of divorce, Paul says, “A wife must not leave her husband . . . nor must a husband send his wife away.” The main point here is not sexual abstinence or divorce - it is the mutuality and equality of man and woman in marriage.

Paul affirms the equality of men and women in Christian worship in 1 Corinthians 11: “For a man to pray or prophesy with his head covered is a sign of disrespect to his head. For a woman, however, it is a sign of disrespect to her head if she prays or prophesies unveiled . . .” The primary point in this passage, which often goes unnoticed, is that both men and women were playing a leadership role in public worship - leadership of prayer and prophecy were both recognized as official ministries of the Christian movement.

In Romans chapter 16 Paul mentions several men and women by name whom he calls “apostles” - ones who are commissioned to preach the Gospel and to establish new Christian communities. Apostleship was the highest status a Christian could have in the early days of Christianity - and it was assigned to both women and men.

Later in 1 Corinthians Paul is critical of the inequality between the rich and poor in Corinth (1 Corinthians 11:17-29). And he criticizes those who claimed superiority on the basis of their spiritual charisms (1 Corinthians 12:4-7; 13:1-13). For Paul, the love that shows itself in equality is greater than the charisms - “If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.” (1 Corinthians 13:1).

For Paul, love must include equality, and equality is the foundation of God’s justice. As noted Jesus scholar John Dominic Crossan points out: “Love is the heart of justice, and justice is the social form of love.”

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