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We, the people of Saint Vincent DePaul Parish in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, Missouri, are committed to following Jesus Christ, Evangelizer of the poor. We do this through:

- ♦ Eucharistic centered worship and continued spiritual formation.
- ♦ Service to the poor and oppressed.
- ♦ Preaching the Gospel by word and action in an ecumenical spirit.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19 and 20, 2009

"He Shall Be Peace" (By Regina Siegfried, ASC)

Last Sunday's readings highlighted joy; peace and expectation fill this Sunday's Scripture passages. In five short days, we once again celebrate Christmas. Children burst with expectation; parents long for peace. The readings point out the true cause for peace and expectation: God is with us, dwelling with the little ones of society, those too insignificant to be worthy of much notice. Bethlehem was a nowhere town on the road to more undistinguished spots on the map. Mary travels the back roads of Judah to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Small places and unimportant people, graced by the living presence of God, suddenly live on in history.

Bethlehem, Mary, Elizabeth, and their children John and Jesus encourage us to travel both further and farther into the truth of our own lives. Advent, the season of waiting and of longing for justice, is almost ready to fade into the excitement and joy of Christmas. We have five days to contemplate the peace that Christmas promises in a society and world that seems to value noise and conflict and disagreement over the promises of God.

During last week, the week of the Christmas program, anyone who was here witnessed tired volunteers whose faces radiated joy and peace beyond what could be expected from the long hours of hard work. Like Mary who visited her cousin Elizabeth to offer support and help, the people of this parish and our many volunteers extended ourselves beyond ourselves to reach out to others in need. We didn't solve the issue of world hunger; the meals that begin in two days will bring more hungry people to our hall. But for a brief moment in time, peace and joy can float over St. Vincent's because of God's living presence in all the good people who are here among us.

Ponder:

- What can I do to provide a moment of peace and help for another?
- What times of grace has the season of Advent provided for me?

Do:

Thank God for God's gracious, abiding life in us.



Sacraments & Masses

4:30 pm Saturday
9:00 am Sunday
11 :00 am Sunday
12:05 pm Monday-Friday
6:30 pm Holy Days



Miraculous Medal
Devotion After
Monday Mass

Reconciliation
3:45 - 4:15 pm Saturday or by
appointment

Other Sacraments
by appointment

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday at Noon

Holiday Schedule Exception

You can submit requests to the
parish office or email:

bulletin@stvstl.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Saturday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed Sunday, Holy Days &
Holidays

To register in the parish,
contact the Parish Office at
314.231.9328



Charity - Mission
VINCENT
DE PAUL
LOUISE DE
MARILLAC
350th anniversary

Readings for the Week December 20-December 27, 2009

Sunday: Micah 5:1-4a
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

Monday: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Luke 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28
1 Samuel 2:1,4-5,6-7,8abcd
Luke 1:46-56

Wednesday: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24
Psalm 25:4-5ab,8-9, 10 and 14
Luke 1:57-66

Thursday: Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
2 Samuel 13:16-17, 22-25
Matthew 1:1-25

Friday: Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Hebrew 1:1-6
John 1:1-18

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Psalm 31:3cd-4,6 & 8ab,16bc,17
Matthew 10:17=22

Sunday: 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Luke 2:41-52

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 19th

4:30p Michael Tallent

Sunday, December 20th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00a Ron Elking Sr.

11:00a People of the Parish

Monday, December 21st

12:05p Marie Toben

Tuesday, December 22nd

12:05p Annetta Bazzetta

Wednesday, December 23rd

12:05p Conorino Family

Thursday, December 24th

4:30p People of the Parish

Midnight People of the Parish

Friday, December 25th

10:00p People of the Parish

Saturday, December 26th

4:30p William Ross

Sunday, December 27th

Feast of the Holy Family

9:00a Andrew O'Lear

11:00a Our Children

Ministry Schedule

Thursday, December 24th

4:30pm

L-Faith Pinter

L-Mary Roch Rocklage

M-Joan Soaib (B)

M-Greg Stark

M-Steve Frei

M-Meg Kymes

M-Sandy Schwartz

M-Mary Leimkuehler

M-Mary Koenig

Midnight

L-Linda Lipa

L-S Regina Siegfried

M-Pat Poehling (B)

M-Alice Todt

M-Chuck Todt

M-Joe Cernich

M-Judy Cernich

Friday, December 25th,

10:00am

L-Sharon Hodge

L-Ben Abell

M-Chris Hanewinkel

M-Tish Hanewinkel

Saturday December 26th

4:30pm

L-Judy Cernich

M-Judy Cernich

M-Joe Cernich

Sunday December 27th

9:00am

L-Mary Flick

L-Bridget Flood

M-Greg Stark (B)

M-Maria Gray Storf

M-Alice Todt

M-Chuck Todt

M-Mary Vetter

S-Kaitlin Murphy

S-Caroline Burton

11:00am

L-Laura Stobbs

L-Ben Abell

M-Ben Abell

M-Ellen Marshall

S-Brooke Martin

Collection Counters

Sunday, December 28th **Team 8**

FROM THE PASTOR

“Rejoice in the Lord Always! I say it again. Rejoice!” [Second reading from Paul’s Letter to the people of *Philippi*] and “Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sign Joyfully, O Israel!” [First reading from the Prophet Zephaniah] This is *Gaudete* Sunday. Based on the first word of the *Introuit* of the Mass for the third Sunday in Advent, the third Sunday was called *Gaudete* meaning *Rejoice*.

I write this as I have Christmas CD’s playing in my office. Right now I have selections from the *Mormon Tabernacle Choir*, the *Robert Shaw Chorale*, Virgil Fox, the *Boston Pops* and a sweet disk titled *Black Nativity*. The music seems to just tumble out of a pair of oversized speakers. I am a kid who is thinking of Christmas.

Thinking can be a dangerous exercise for me. I know that Advent is a season that leads up to the full joy of Christmas like a crescendo in an orchestral piece. Yet, I feel the spirit of Christmas right this minute. Our *Christmas Food Program* is about to happen. For a short while, we will try to address the hunger about us. Literally hundreds of volunteers of many different ages and faiths will go smilingly and quickly about their tasks to meet the needs of other—sometimes faceless, people.

In the Gospel, crowds flock to John the Baptist and ask: “What ought we to do?” Actions. They are very important since they often speak much louder than words—that is what my Daddy always told me: “Actions speak louder than words.” What we say, what we think, all our good resolutions can be very cheap unless they flow into action.

After the eleven o’clock Mass our sanctuary will become barren. That is action. This is a great way to visualize hunger. Our altar was filled with food. It will be gone. People to whom the food goes will feel the plenty only to be replaced once again by the hunger. We have made a great start. Now, we have to live that response. Not just now at Advent. Every day! We have been talking about physical hunger. But there is another type of hunger which this season also addresses.

Each new day is a call for us to deepen our hunger for the Lord. This hunger must be a longing that leads us to action. We cannot direct our actions only toward some faceless “people.” That deeper hunger and longing is meaningless unless it manifests itself in the way we treat those nearest and dearest to us as well as those whom we volunteer to serve. Our actions must speak that hunger louder than our words. They are the channels through which the joy and music of the season can blast forth. Witnessing the actions of so many this week assures that I cannot but have the Christmas spirit. The carol *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* receives new and deeper significance each year, in each of our hearts, as we deepen our hunger and thirst for the Lord. And the proof of that hunger and thirst is found in our actions.

Rejoice!” *Gaudete!*



Father OTO

Stewardship

For the week of 12/07/09		Year-to-date	Living the Mission
Parish acct. revenue	\$8,595.82	\$151,446.33	
Parish acct. budgeted expense	\$6,958.00		
Parish acct. actual expense		\$147,416.33	
Parish acct. Surplus (Deficit)	\$1,637.82	\$4,030.00	
Social Ministries revenue	\$7,063.00	\$72,953.95	
Social Ministries budgeted expense	\$4,403.00		
Social Ministries actual expense		\$92,103.93	
Social Ministries Surplus (Deficit)	\$2,660.00	(\$19,149.98)	
Total revenue	\$15,658.82	\$224,400.28	
Total budgeted expense	\$11,361.00		
Total actual expense		\$239,520.26	
Total Surplus (Deficit)	\$4,297.82	(\$15,119.98)	

Living the Mission

We, the people of St. Vincent DePaul parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, MO, are committed to following Jesus Christ, evangelizer of the poor. We do this through:

- Working at the clothing window
- Being a sponsor in Christmas Program
- Visiting a shut-in during holidays
- Eucharistic minister

Please share with us the way you are **'LIVING THE MISSION'** here at St. Vincent's.

CHRISTMAS FOOD PROGRAM
DROP-OFF SUNDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2009





THE LORD
HEARS
THE CRY OF
THE POOR



Rejoice!
Again I say,
Rejoice!





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Sat	Dec 19	3:45 p 4:30 p	Reconciliation Mass
Sun	Dec 20	9:00 a & 11:00 a 4:30 p	Mass Christmas Novena
Thu	Dec 24	4:30 p 12:00 m	Kids' Mass Midnight Mass
Fri	Dec 25	10:00 a	Christmas Day Mass
Sat	Dec 26	3:45 p 4:30 p	Reconciliation Mass
Sun	Dec 27	9:00 a & 11:00 a	Mass
Mon	Dec 28		No Mass
Tue	Dec 29	12:05 p	Mass
Wed	Dec 30	12:05 p	Mass
Thu	Dec 31		No Mass
Fri	Jan 1	10:00 a	New Years Day Mass

Keep the Vincentians in Your Prayers This Advent

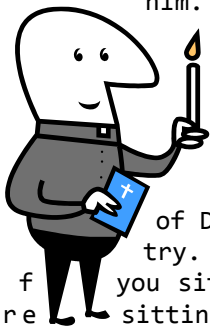


In just two months, on January 25, 2010, three of the five Vincentian Provinces in the *United States* will merge into one new Province. The Vincentians will call the new Province the *Congregation of the Mission Western Province*. It will be a merger of the current three provinces. The *Midwest Province* has its headquarters in *Saint Louis*. The *Southern Province* bases itself in *Dallas*. The *Province of the West* is located in *Los Angeles*. The Superior General appointed **Father Perry Henry, C.M.** to be the first Provincial of this new Province. The new Province will have its office at the current *Midwest Province* office in *Earth City, Missouri*.



FROM FR. OTTO'S TWISTED MIND

Two beggars were sitting side by side on a street in *Rome*. One of them had a cross in front of him. The other one had the Star of David in front of him. Many people passed by. They would look at both beggars. But, they only put money into the hat of the beggar sitting behind the cross.



A priest came along. He stopped. He saw throngs of people giving money to the beggar behind the cross. He saw no one giving to the beggar behind the Star of David.

Finally, the priest went over to the beggar behind the Star of David. He said, "My poor fellow, you do not understand. This is a Catholic country. This city is the seat of Catholicism. People are not likely to give you money if you sit there with a Star of David in front of you. This is especially true when you are sitting beside a beggar who has a cross. In fact, people would probably give to him just to spite you."

The beggar behind the Star of David listened to the priest. He turned to the beggar with the cross and said: "Moishe, look who's trying to teach the Goldstein brothers how to make

