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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.

**Feast of the Holy Family**

**December 26 and 27, 2009**

**All Kinds of Holy Families**

(By Regina Siegfried, ASC)

The story in today's Gospel is about an ordinary family which doesn't always communicate well or understand what they say to each other. It's about a twelve-year old boy who begins to assert his independence. It's a story of pain, reunion, and relief. It's the tale of families everywhere and at any time. It's our story.

Both Joseph and Mary seemed to have assumed that Jesus was traveling with the other, if men and women made the homeward journey in the company of the same sex. They could have been clearer in their communication about who had the child. Jesus, in the meantime, had already slipped past their notice to stay in the temple to listen to the teachers and astound them with "his understanding and his answers." When the frantic Joseph and Mary finally found him, they didn't even take time to be proud of their son; instead, Mary, with the anguished voice of mothers through the centuries, laments, "Son, why have you done this to us?" Jesus' pert yet respectful reply, "Why were you looking for me. Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house," only confuses them. This family has a lot to talk about and clear up on the way back home.

Families come in many forms—two parents, single parents, parents of the same sex; families with kids in tow work at being holy families. Today's celebration of the Holy Family gives us the opportunity to reflect on our own families and to realize that even the Holy Family had its moments of distress, disagreement, bafflement, and confusion. Those times don't lessen the love and the ties that bind families together.

Consider families across our planet torn apart by war, disappeared children, violence, disease and hunger. Today we can remember these holy families who suffer from unjust social systems, who live in countries where the government functions less than adequately, and who see their relatives poorly treated by some people more interested in power than in compassion.

Reading the names of the families in our "Book of Innocents" is a sobering experience. The enduring heartache of parents and siblings who have lost children and a brother or sister is written behind each name. The least we as parishioners can do for these families is to let them know that we are with them in their loss, since words inadequately say what we'd like them to know.

**Ponder:**

- What amazes me about my family?
- How can we as a parish and as families reach out to families across the globe who suffer injustice?

**Do:**

Tell family members that you love them.

**Prayer Petition/  
 Thanks Offering**

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## 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](mailto: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  
350<sup>th</sup> anniversary

## Ministry Schedule

Friday  
January 1st 10:00am

Saturday  
January 2nd 4:30pm  
L-Chris Kerlick  
M-Suzann Barry  
M-Judy Sieckhaus  
M-Bob Sieckhaus

Sunday  
January 3rd 9:00am  
L-Dorothy McFadden  
L-Mary Kay McKenzie  
M-Sr. Mary Roch Rocklage  
M-Sr. Sandy Schwartz  
M-Joan Soiab  
M-Greg Stark  
M-Marie Gray-Storf  
11:00am  
L-Tom Elder  
L-Mary Fischer

## Collection Counters

Sunday, January 3rd **Team 1**

## This Week In Our Parish



**Sunday, December 27th**  
5:00p Meals  
**Monday, December 28th**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
NO MASS  
5:00P Meals  
**Tuesday, December 29th**  
5:00p Meals  
6:30p Let's Start  
**Wednesday, December 30th**  
5:00p Meals  
**Thursday, December 31st**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
NO MASS  
NO MEALS  
**Friday, January 1, 2010**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
10:00a Mass  
NO MEALS

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 26th**  
4:30p William Ross  
**Sunday, December 27th**  
*Feast of the Holy Family*  
9:00a Andrew O'Lear  
**Monday, December 28th**  
NO MASS  
**Tuesday, December 29th**  
12:05p Marie Toben  
**Wednesday, December 30th**  
12:05p Ronnie Ragsdale  
**Thursday, December 31st**  
NO MASS  
**Friday, January 1st**  
10:00a Edward Croak  
**Saturday, January 2nd**  
4:30p Clarence & Jean  
Schnurbusch  
**Sunday, January 3rd**  
9:00a Ladies of Charity  
11:00a People of the Parish

Please call your request for Masses to Ali at  
314.231.9328 or email [ali@stvstl.org](mailto:ali@stvstl.org)

## Readings for the Week December 27, 2009-January 3, 2010

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  
Monday: 1 John 1:5-2:2  
Psalm 124:2-3,4-5,7cd-8  
Matthew 2:13-18  
Tuesday: 1 John 2:3-11  
Psalm 96:1-2a,2b-3,5b-6  
Luke 2:22-35  
Wednesday: 1 John 2:12-17  
Psalm 96:7-8a,8b-9,10  
Luke 2:36-40  
Thursday: 1 John 2:18-21  
Psalm 96:1-2,11-12,13  
John 1:1-18  
Friday: Numbers 6:22-27  
Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:16-21  
Saturday: 1 John 2:22-28  
Psalm 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4  
John 1:19-28  
Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13  
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

## FROM THE PASTOR

The Solemnities of the *Holy Family* [Sunday] and of the *Motherhood of Mary* [January 1, 2010] present us with readings which are full of tenderness and warmth. They are full of pathos and concern. This is truly the Sunday of *Family Values*.

That phrase—*Family Values*—has become a powerful weapon in the hands of politicians. It is amazing how some folks can defend anything from war to the death penalty under the aegis of *Family Values*.

Sadly, all the talk of *Family Values* tends to mislead us. It clouds the importance of these values. Saint Paul expresses the meaning so simply saying: “Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you.” [Alternate second reading for the Holy Family] This simple advice is what allows children to honor and take care of parents. It is the advice which leads us toward God-like kindness within our families. Kindness is a virtue which we can easily forget in our hurried lives. Kindness dictates ways of acting that consider the feelings and the good of others first and foremost.

The readings for these two feasts do not present an unrealistic picture of *Family Values*. The Gospel for the Holy Family draws a picture of anguish Joseph and Mary feel as they realize the loss of their child. In the first reading for the Feast of the Holy Family, we have the extraordinary depiction of Hannah giving her child, Samuel, to the temple—the fulfillment of a vow made should Yahweh-God bless her with a child. The Gospel on the Solemnity of the *Motherhood of Mary* depicts Mary keeping “all these things and reflecting on them in her heart.” What mother would not recognize herself in what Mary does?

Together, the readings call us to consider the example of Mary and the image of the Holy Family. We have our blood family. We have life partners and significant people in our lives. We have our parish family and maybe work or school families. Kindness. Forgiveness. These two virtues are the guides to peace in our immediate lives. We pray for peace in our world, and rightly so. However, it would be an act of duplicity to pray for “peace in the world” without exercising kindness and forgiveness in our most immediate surroundings—our families.

The ordinariness of such peace-making belies the value of the actions. Here we have the true meaning of *Family Values*. We are not called to martyrdom. We are seldom called to historic heroism. Our call is only to kindness and forgiveness. Our call is to openness and patience. Our call is to love all our family members



*Father DTD*

Stewardship			Living the Mission
	For the week of 12/21/09	Year-to-date	
Parish acct. revenue	\$7,529.98	\$164,921.98	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work the Christmas Program</li> <li>• Music Ministry</li> <li>• Visiting a shut-in during holidays</li> <li>• Serve Meals</li> </ul> <p>Please share with us the way you are <b>'LIVING THE MISSION'</b> here at St. Vincent's <a href="mailto:bulletin@stvstl.org">bulletin@stvstl.org</a> or call Ali 314.231.9328</p>
Parish acct. budgeted expense	\$6,958.00		
Parish acct. actual expense		\$154,522.08	
<b>Parish acct. Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$571.98</b>	<b>\$10,399.90</b>	
Social Ministries revenue	\$7,777.96	\$87,117.90	
Social Ministries budgeted expense	\$4,403.00		
Social Ministries actual expense		\$99,342.95	
<b>Social Ministries Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$3,374.96</b>	<b>(\$12,225.05)</b>	
Total revenue	\$15,307.94	\$252,039.88	
Total budgeted expense	\$11,361.00		
Total actual expense		\$253,865.03	
<b>Total Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$3,946.94</b>	<b>(\$1,825.15)</b>	

## From Fr. Otto's Twisted Mind

A couple went to a Chinese restaurant for dinner. They decided to be bold and ordered the *Chicken Surprise*.



The waiter brought the meal. It was served in a lidded cast iron pot.

Just as the wife is about to serve herself, the lid of the pot rose slightly. She briefly saw two beady little eyes looking around before the lid slammed back down.

“Good grief! Did you see that?” she asked her husband. He had not.



So, she asked him to look in the pot. Just as he reached for it, the lid again rose. This time, he saw two little eyes looking around before it slammed down.



Rather perturbed, he called the waiter over. He calmly explained what was happening. He was incensed enough to demand an explanation.

“Please sir,” the waiter said the waiter, “what you order?”

The husband replied, “*Chicken Surprise*.”

“Ah! So sorry, Sir.” Said the waiter. “By mistake, I brought you *Peeking Duck*.”



## Donations Please?

*Jeans, (waist size 28-36) and sweatpants, are needed for our clothing window distribution. Once a week we give a change of clothes out to those in need. A black barrel is located in the vestibule for your donations.*



**Thank You from the Ladies of Charity.**

**Wishing everyone**

**a blessed New Year**

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## Happy Birthday

### Together We Celebrate

#### December

- 27 Amanda Cronk
- 27 Kayla Lenz
- 27 Jenee Rideaux
- 27 Mark Trenholm
- 27 Dennis Turek
- 28 Jackie Leimkuehler
- 28 Gary McPherson
- 28 Nick Renschen
- 29 Nika Cafazza
- 29 Amy Gerth
- 29 Joe Himmelberg
- 29 Carolyn Huber
- 29 Peggy Szwabo
- 29 Vincent Volpe
- 30 Christopher Ban
- 30 Glenn Farmer
- 30 Mac McCready
- 31 Ray Martin
- 31 Dennis Wells



#### January

- 1 Adrian Aguayo
- 1 Jacqueline Armbruster
- 1 Annie Baker
- 1 Pat Friedmann
- 1 Chrice Holmes
- 1 LeDell Holmes
- 1 Kay Moriarty
- 1 Timothy Patterson
- 1 Paul Preuss
- 1 Jennifer Shirley
- 1 Bee Wenger
- 2 Dorcas McKenna
- 2 Barbara Thomas

## Prayer Requests



### Together We Pray for ...

those who are sick & their caregivers:

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Ben Abell          | Joseph Kelly      |
| May Andrews        | Rollie Johnson    |
| Rosemary Augustine | Linda Koflon      |
| Tom Barry          | Jill LaFrance     |
| Vida Bayer         | Minda Lindsay     |
| Richard Belair     | Richard Loos      |
| Marie Berning      | Ted McCready      |
| Marie Billet       | Megan McDowell    |
| Shannon Broyles    | Zak McQuay        |
| Dolores Caponi     | Marilyn Menke     |
| Nina Cerutti       | Joe Miller        |
| Jim Cormack C.M.   | Delia Minor       |
| Mary Jo Cutsinger  | Anita Moore       |
| Dave Dattilo       | Tyler Nash        |
| Mary Deeker        | Robert Nenninger  |
| Kathleen Diechaus  | Belinda Patterson |
| Ken Doyle          | Pat Poehling      |
| Ron Figura         | Joyce Ralston     |
| Mary Fontana       | Hugh Rogers       |
| Lauren Gamache     | Jay Roth          |
| Tom Ganz           | Nancy Soaib       |
| Fran Gebhardt      | Raymond Soaib     |
| Sharon Gough       | Ellen Sprenke     |
| John Gray          | Cathy Staten      |
| Sandy Hagerling    | Eve Steffen       |
| Branden Hamm       | James Stephens    |
| Nicki Harris       | Isaiah Tisdale    |
| Ervin Hartmann     | Evelyn Tucker     |
| George Heath       | Frank Vanek       |
| Joe Hess C.M.      | Mary Vatterott    |
| Leonard Hess       | Mary Venezia      |
| Nile Hodges        | Annie Wadley      |
| Paul Hogan         | Jennifer Wallace  |
| Emily Hrbacek      | Ora Wooldridge    |
| Thomas Jaeger      | Jackie Zurfluh    |
| Tim Jackson        | Linda Zurfluh     |

those who are in need of special prayer, especially those serving in the armed forces:

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Win Anderson    | Scott Mellick    |
| Jean Caraman    | Thomas Milleston |
| Cody Fahrman    | Mark Mitchell    |
| Michael Gray    | Jason Roth       |
| Travis Hipps    | Paul Schaffer    |
| Sam Kramer      | Megan Stephens   |
| Timothy Maguire | Norman Stoddard  |
| Chad Mellick    | Rick Taylor      |
| Nikki Mellick   |                  |

all those who allow us to serve them at the after school programs, the clothing window, Let's Start, meals, the sandwich window, and senior bingo.

If you have a person you would like added to our prayer list, please call Ali at 314.231.9328 or email: [bulletin@stvstl.org](mailto:bulletin@stvstl.org)



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

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### Keep the Vincentians in Your Prayers

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 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*.

The Vincentians have been at Saint Vincent DePaul Parish for one hundred and sixty-five years—since its foundation in 1844.

As Vincentian collaborators, the *Congregation of the Mission Western Province* needs your prayers as it mounts this new endeavor.



**The Faith Formation Committee** still has 3 books left of Reading God's Word for \$13.00 each. If you want one, please contact Ali in the office or Linda at 231.9328. There will be no re-orders once these are gone.



