St. Vincent de Paul School

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October 1, 2026 *26th Week in Ordinary Time*

Dear Families,

When the teachers met for in-service days before school began, we reviewed our school mission statement. The faculty and staff felt that he mission is still appropriate and reflective of our school.

Our mission statement:

We are a faith-filled Catholic school that promotes academic achievement and spiritual development for our students and families. This is reflected through worship, learning, support of each other, and service to the community.

I reviewed the mission statement with parents at the September Parent Meeting. If you have any thoughts on whether the statement is appropriate and reflective of our school, please let me know. One parent offered feedback at the meeting.

Circle of Grace Lessons

Circle of Grace lessons will be taught on October 15 to students. Circle of Grace is the student component of the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program. You can read about the program on the Virtus website.

Individual School Pictures by Lifetouch

Picture packets or picture proofs are in the envelope this week. If you do not receive a packet or proofs, please let us know. Retakes are November 5th. If you want retakes, you will need to return the picture packet on retake day.

Calendar Changes

We have had a few changes in the yearly calendar since June. Please pay attention to the weekly note, monthly calendar that is sent home, and text messages.

First Friday Gatherings

Archbishop Etienne asked schools to observe First Friday traditional Catholic practices for the Sacred Heart of Jesus this year. To do this as a school we will be having First Friday Gatherings each month. We will begin with prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, recognize birthdays for the month, and reflect on a monthly theme. Fr. Dion blessed our Sacred Heart of Jesus picture at the September First Friday Gathering. The picture is hanging in the main hallway just past the entrance. Our hope is students will recite this prayer as they pass by the picture each morning: *Dear Jesus, meek and humble of heart, touch our hearts and make them like your own.*

St. Theresa and St. Vincent, pray for us.

Wanda

See page 2.

What's happening?

October 1
Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Theresa Church

School Commission, 7pm

October 2
First Friday Gathering
10:45

October 6
Meeting for Parents of 8th Graders
High School Application Process
7pm, School

October 9
Free Dress Day for students whose families participated in the Annual Fund.

October 15
All Family Read-In, gym, 7-8pm

Circle of Grace Lessons

October 16
No School—*Archdiocesan Teacher Christ in the Classroom Retreat*



"If God is the center of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts."

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Volunteer Opportunities! We love our volunteers! Thank you!

Be sure your background check is current and that you have completed (or are scheduled to take) the Safe Environment Training. Check this by going to virtusonline.org.

Library Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for parent volunteers who would be willing to help in the library on a regular basis! Volunteers will help keep our library organized by reshelving returned books and checking the shelves to make sure books are in the correct order. Even a little time each week makes a big difference in keeping our library running smoothly and helping students find the books they are looking for!

Please email Miss Haines if you can help! ahaines@stvs.us

Note-Taker for our Parent Association Meetings!

We are looking for someone with note-taking skills to take notes at our Parent Meetings. You would need to attend the meetings, take notes, and send a typed copy to Mrs. Stewart within 2-3 days for review. After review, the notes will be sent to parents.

Print Name _____ phone _____ email_____

Help to Clean the Loft in the Gym on October 17!

On Saturday morning, October 17th, we need 2-3 more dads with trucks who would be willing to help Mrs. Stewart clean and organize the loft in the gym. We would need to remove old drama troupe props, wood, backdrops, and paint and take to everything to the dump. Children will not be allowed to help with this or be present while we are doing this work.

Print Name _____ phone _____ email_____

If you would like to volunteer, please return this form to Mrs. Stewart or send her an email.