

# Saint Vincent de Paul

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Parish Staff

Rev. Kenneth F. Wallace, Pastor  
Rev. Robert E. Clancy, Senior Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Kenneth Hill  
Mr. Michael Wilson, Music Director  
Mrs. Irene Smith, Secretary  
Mr. Scott Meade, Plant Manager  
Ms. Virginia Hueter, Director of P.S.R.

### Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil  
Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:30 am  
Monday through Friday: 8:30 am  
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 pm  
Holy Day: 8:30 am, and 7:00 pm  
Confessions: Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm or  
any time by appointment

**Baptisms** are Sundays at 1:00 pm. Prior scheduling and Parent Preparation Class are required.

**Novena to the Sacred Heart** is every Friday after the 8:30 am Mass.

**Rosary** is prayed at 8:10 am Monday - Friday.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction** is on the First Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm.

**Marriages** require a six month preparation period by Diocesan policy. Call one of the parish priests prior to setting a date.

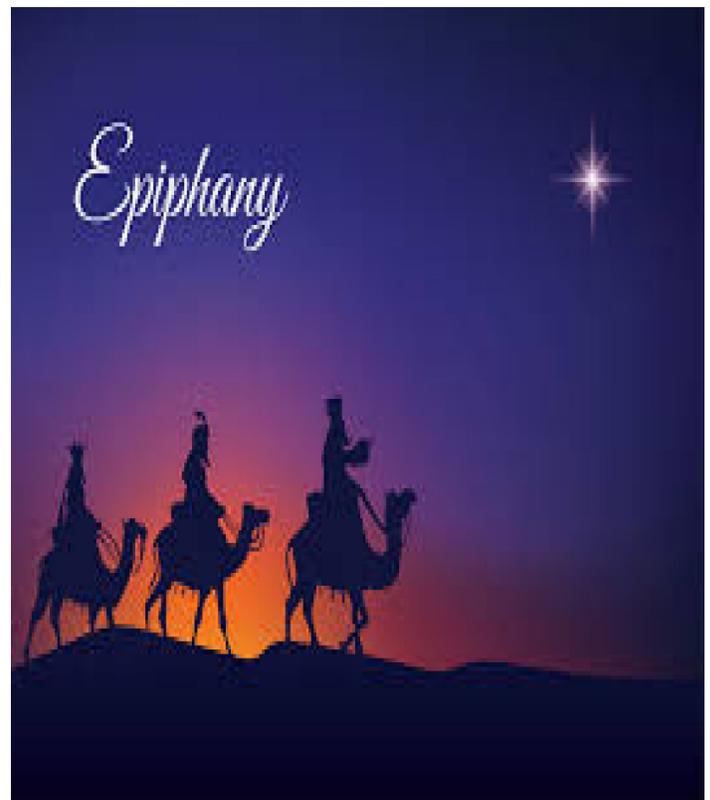
**Funerals:** Arrangements are to be made at the Parish Office before publication of the death notice.

### Ministry to those who are Sick or Shut-In

Our Eucharistic Ministers can bring the Eucharist to those parishioners who are ill, recovering from a hospital stay, shut-in, or otherwise unable to attend the Liturgies each Sunday. Please call the Parish Office to be placed on the schedule.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the process by which adults are brought into the Catholic Faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The RCIA meets weekly from September through April. Further information can be obtained by calling the Parish Office.

**New Parishioners** are always welcome. Please stop by the Parish Office to register at your earliest convenience. Thank you for joining St. Vincent de Paul Parish.



**MONDAY, January 8, Baptism of the Lord**

8:30 am Martin Carey

**TUESDAY, January 9, First Week in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am Marion E. Gallagher (B-Day)

**WEDNESDAY, January 10, Weekday**

8:30 am Ann Jack (B-Day) 100 yrs. young!

**THURSDAY, January 11, Weekday**

8:30 am Marge Teubl

**FRIDAY, January 12, Weekday**

8:30 am Salvatore Vitanza (B-Day)

**SATURDAY, January 13, St. Hilary, Bishop**

5:00 pm Alice Ponerantz (Anniv.)

**SUNDAY, January 14, Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8:00 am Margaret &amp; Harold Brezine

10:30 am Tom (Anniv.) &amp; Barb (B-Day) Stark

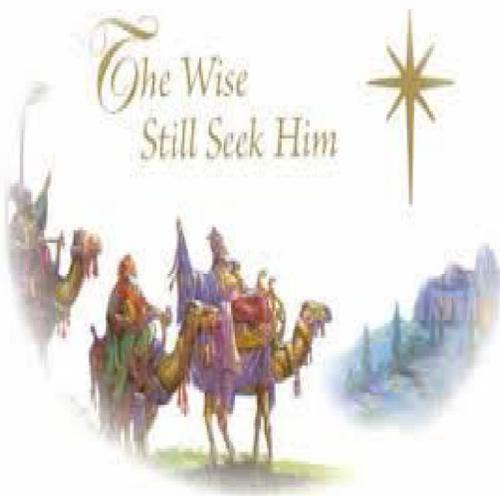
**GOD'S WISDOM IS PRESENT EVERYWHERE**

The story of the magi and King Herod reminds us of the difference between being “wise” and being “crafty”. Though the term “magi” might more literally be translated as “astrologers” (and our word “magician” comes from it), the traditional term “wise men” does capture an aspect of their story. They are wise not simply because they are smart, but because they use their God-given intellectual abilities to seek out God, to read the signs of the times in order to discern what God is doing in the world.

King Herod, in contrast, is not so much wise as he is crafty. Historians agree that Herod was in many ways an effective ruler: rebuilding the Jerusalem temple, maintaining public order, and keeping Roman interference in day-to-day affairs in Palestine to a minimum. In large measure his effectiveness as a ruler was a result of his absolute ruthlessness. He lies to the magi and plots the murder of a child in what seems to him to be an effective scheme to ensure that he remains in power.

But the wise understand something that the crafty do not. The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God’s saving power in the world, not in the form of royal splendor but of a humble child born into lowly circumstances. This is a power that Herod, for all his craftiness, cannot even recognize, but which the magi, showing true wisdom, come to adore.

All people of God become a light for others to see, know, and adore. God’s promise to rescue the poor, help the afflicted, govern with justice, and have



compassion for everyone is made flesh in Jesus and in us. At baptism we promised to keep the light of Christ burning brightly. We promised to pay attention to Christ wherever his light shines. Live Jesus in your flesh, through your eyes, mouth, hands, feet, and the hair on your head, as St. Francis de Sales commands. Pay attention to everyone, even those you or I might think unworthy.

Shine brightly with the light that has come. **Be not afraid. Be affirmed.**

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Remember to buy your monthly raffle tickets and return them in the sealed envelope by dropping them in the collection basket. The next drawing will be held on January 14, 2018.

**RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND**

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring—your relationship cold, distant—thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? The program is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but open to couples of all faiths. The success rate of saving marriages of couples who attend this program runs between 70 and 80 percent. The next scheduled weekend experience is for January 19-21, 2018 with six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or go online to [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org). Fr. Dan Schlegel of Holy Angels is the spiritual director.

## PASTOR'S NOTES

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, the visitation of the Wise Men to the Baby Jesus. The coming of the Wise Men to adore the Baby Jesus is one of the Bible's most beautiful **proofs** of God's faithfulness. More than **500 years before** Christ's birth, God had promised through his prophet Isaiah, that he was going to lead "**all the nations**" to Jerusalem to share in the light of salvation. He even promised that they would bring **gold and incense**. In the Book of Psalms he had made the **same promise in different words** "the kings of Tarshish and the coasts will pay him tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts." In spite of 500 years of **wars, migrations, and historical turbulence** that re-wrote the map of the civilized world **three different times, God did what he said he was going to do**. The Wise Men came from the **non-Jewish** world; they represent **the nations**. By coming to Christ, they enter into the light of salvation bringing gifts. This shows us that God is **good**—because he kept his promise. It also shows us that God is **all-powerful**—the ups and downs of history are under his control. It's a wonderful reminder for all of us as we begin the New Year when the ups and downs of life occur this year God is in control and we need to accept his love and protection.

Once again this year there were a number of compliments given about how beautiful the church was decorated. A big thanks to the following who volunteered to decorate under the guidance of Deacon Ken and his wife Sandy who also ordered flowers. Thanks also to Chris and Chris K., Frank, Greg, Mark, Jerry, Andrew, Henry, Julie, Tom Jr., Jayden, Donna, Jo Ann, Claire, James, Jenny, Ginny, Joy, and to anyone else that wasn't listed on the sign-in sheet.

A special thanks to the members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society for all they did to make Christmas brighter for 21 families consisting of 74 individuals in need. They were able to accomplish this once again through your generosity. Anyone who wishes to become part of the St. Vincent de Paul organization please contact the parish and we can connect you with them. I'm sure they can find something you would be comfortable helping with be it retrieving

requests from their voice mail box to helping with assessments or packing food boxes or even deliveries. On another note we thank Virginia Hueter and her staff as well as the children of the Parish School of Religion who collected 15 child sized winter coats for Coats for Kids and 35 cans of food for the S.V.D.P. Food Pantry.

Thank you for your generosity above and beyond your weekly contributions during this Christmas Season. The current total for our Christmas collection was \$14,049.00. We deeply appreciate the sacrifices you make to support our parish and community.

Finally, on behalf of Fr. Clancy and myself, thanks to all who dropped off bake goods, candy and other goodies as well as prayer cards and other gifts to us over this Christmas Season. It was so nice of you to remember us.

Have a Blessed Week,

Fr. Ken Wallace

### MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT

Please join us for an hour of learning and healing along your grief journey. The Catholic-based support group meets on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3:00 pm, except on holidays, then we meet the 4th Sunday. The next Support Group is Sunday, January 21st at St. Joseph Cemetery in Avon, Holy Cross Cemetery in Akron, and Holy Cross Cemetery in Brook Park. No registration is required. The topic for January 21st: Facing the New Year with Hope and Love

### WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our ill and homebound faith community members.

### CHURCH SUPPORT

For Sunday, December 31st amounted to \$2673.42 with 140 envelopes used.

Solemnity of Mary amounted to \$444.00 with 13 envelopes used.

Christmas (additional): \$744.00



Your generous Christmas envelopes every year help us to maintain our parish and its ministries. Thank you for remembering St. Vincent de Paul Parish this Christmas. God bless your generosity and faith!