



ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

VIKING NEWSLETTER

December 21, 2023

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM MISS HOGAN

Dear Viking Family,

The school chapel has quickly become my most favorite place to be. During this Advent, I have found myself in the quiet of our chapel fixated on the red candle - the sanctuary lamp that signifies that the Eucharist, Christ's True Presence, is in the tabernacle. As I fix my gaze on the candle nested next to the tabernacle, I like to think of the flicker of the candle as the beating of Christ's heart, and I continually plead our Lord to transform my heart to be in union with His. It is there that I have been contemplating the Divine Light, Christ, who comes to us at Christmas, and am reminded of the wise words of Venerable Fulton Sheen:



Go back to that night when Divine Light, in order to illumine the darkness of men, tabernacle himself in the world he had made, and you will see that only the simple and learned found him, namely the shepherds and the wise men. The angels and a star caught up in the reflection of that Light, as a torch lighted by a torch, and passed it on to the watchers of sheep and the searchers of skies. And lo! as the shepherds watched their flocks about the hills of Bethlehem, they were shaken by the light of the angels...And lo! as wise men from beyond the land of Media and Persia searched the heavens, the brilliance of a star, like a tabernacle lamp in the sanctuary of God's creation, beckoned them on to the stable where the star seemed to lose its light in the unearthly brilliance of the Light of the World.

-Excerpt from Eternal Galilean

Throughout this first semester, there have been countless moments when I have witnessed the Light of Christ in our students, teachers, staff, and families. What a gift it is to witness Christ's light and love passed from one to another throughout our school family like a "torch lighted by a

torch". May this school always be "like a tabernacle lamp in the sanctuary of God's creation" and may our celebration of the Christmas season enflame that light all the more.

I remember each of you and your families in my daily prayers and will lift you up most especially at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Christmas Eve. May the peace and joy of the newborn Christ reign in each of your hearts this Christmas, may you share that Light with all you encounter, and may God bless you with grace and hope in the New Year!

In Christ's light and love,
Miss Hogan



EARLY DISMISSAL FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

Friday, December 22nd

Students will dismiss at **1:30 pm** for Christmas break. The Aftercare program on this last day of school before Christmas

break will end early at 4:30 pm.

The school office will also close at 1:30 pm.

School will resume on **Monday, January 8, 2024**.

Lunch Menus

CHRISTMAS LETTER FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. MILLER

Please read the Christmas letter linked below from Dr. Miller, Superintendent of Schools.

Christmas 2023.pdf

Christmas Letter from Superintendent Dr. Miller

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GREETER AND USHER VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Are you planning to attend one of the Christmas Masses at St. Vincent de Paul? If the answer is yes, would you be willing to come early and donate your time to either greet parishioners attending mass or be an usher to help seat parishioners and take collection. The following link can be used to access the signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA5A629A3FE3-46711459-christmas>.

Not computer savvy? Email us your full name and email, and we can add your name to the signup sheet.

Thank you for giving of your time during this Christmas season.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



Christmas Mass Schedule

DECEMBER 24	DECEMBER 25
Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
4:30PM	8:00AM
6:30PM	10:00AM
10:30PM	<i>I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us. Christ the Lord. Lk 2:10-11</i>

SAVE THE DATE - 2TH AND 7TH PARENT SACRAMENT MEETINGS

Wednesday, January 10th

6:00pm - 2nd Grade Parents

7:00pm - 7th Grade Parents

Parent Sacrament Meetings will take place for 2nd and 7th grade parents.
Note: This is a slight change from the originally posted 7:30pm time. We will meet in the Parish Hall.

ATHLETIC NEWS



BASKETBALL
boys games

Join us as we recognize our 8th grade boys basketball players!

JANUARY
4 | **VS** | **TIME**
ELMWOOD | **6:00**

7th grade at 5:00
8th grade at 6:00
5th grade at 7:00

8TH GRADE NIGHT

The poster features a central image of a basketball with a glowing trail. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with orange and white accents on a dark background.





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PRAY. LEARN. LEAD. TOGETHER.

Upcoming Events

*in
December &
January*

DEC 22	All School Mass @ 9:15 AM Early Dismissal @ 1:30 PM End of Quarter 2
DEC 25- JAN 05	Christmas Break
JAN 08	School Resumes Epiphany Classroom Blessings All School Rosary @ 2:35 PM
JAN 09	Adoration, all day
JAN 10	Parent Sacrament Meetings 2nd Grade @ 6:00 PM 7th Grade @ 7:30 PM
JAN 12	All School Mass @ 9:15 AM Report Card Day



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