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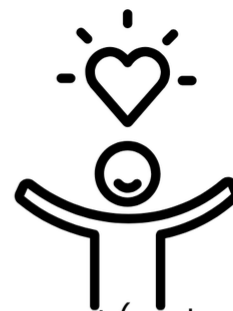
SCHOOL NEWS

December Virtue of the Month: Purity

Help extend what our students are learning at home! Discuss the virtue at your dinner table. Invoke the saint that is a model of that virtue, and check out page 41 of the parents' guide for more ways to live out the virtue at home.

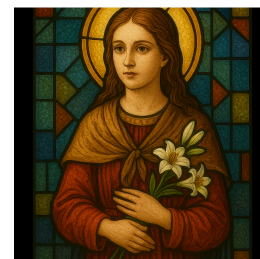
PURITY

Keeping your soul free of sin



- Remember that your body is a gift from God and treat it with respect (and respect others too).
- Guard your words—no gossip, rude jokes, or spreading rumors.
- Choose friends who encourage good behavior and treat everyone with respect.
- Use technology wisely (ask an adult before going online, avoid anything inappropriate, tell an adult if you see something wrong).
- Practice modesty in speech, dress, and actions.
- Examine your conscience at night and ask God to forgive shortcomings.
- Spend time with God in prayer, especially thanking Him for the gift of your body and soul.
- Seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly once prepared.

“Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure... think about these things.” – Philippians 4:8



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ADVENT PRAYER SERVICES AND WREATH LIGHTING

Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Christ. This season will be celebrated by our school through prayer services and lighting of our Advent wreath each Monday morning during the season.



FAMILY RESOURCES FOR ADVENT

Looking for a way to celebrate Advent with your family? Be sure to check out the many resources - prayer, activities, Advent calendars, Jesse Trees, wreath prayers, and more - from [Hallow](#). Each of our students have their own Hallow account to use at both home and school.

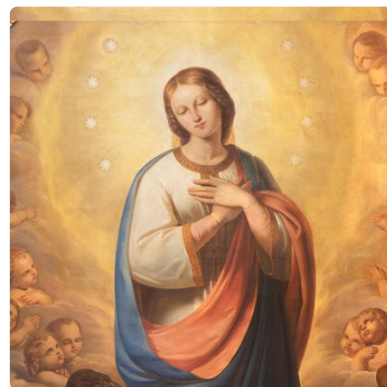


SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY MASS

Monday, December 8th, 9:15am

All-School Mass

Please join us for this Holy Day Mass.



STUDENT COUNCIL GIVING TREE

Due Monday, December 8th

As an extension of our parish Giving Tree, our Student Council is sponsoring a Giving Tree this year. Students can choose a tag with gift idea off the tree in our small gym. Unwrapped gifts can be returned to the tree with tag attached by Monday, Dec. 8th. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



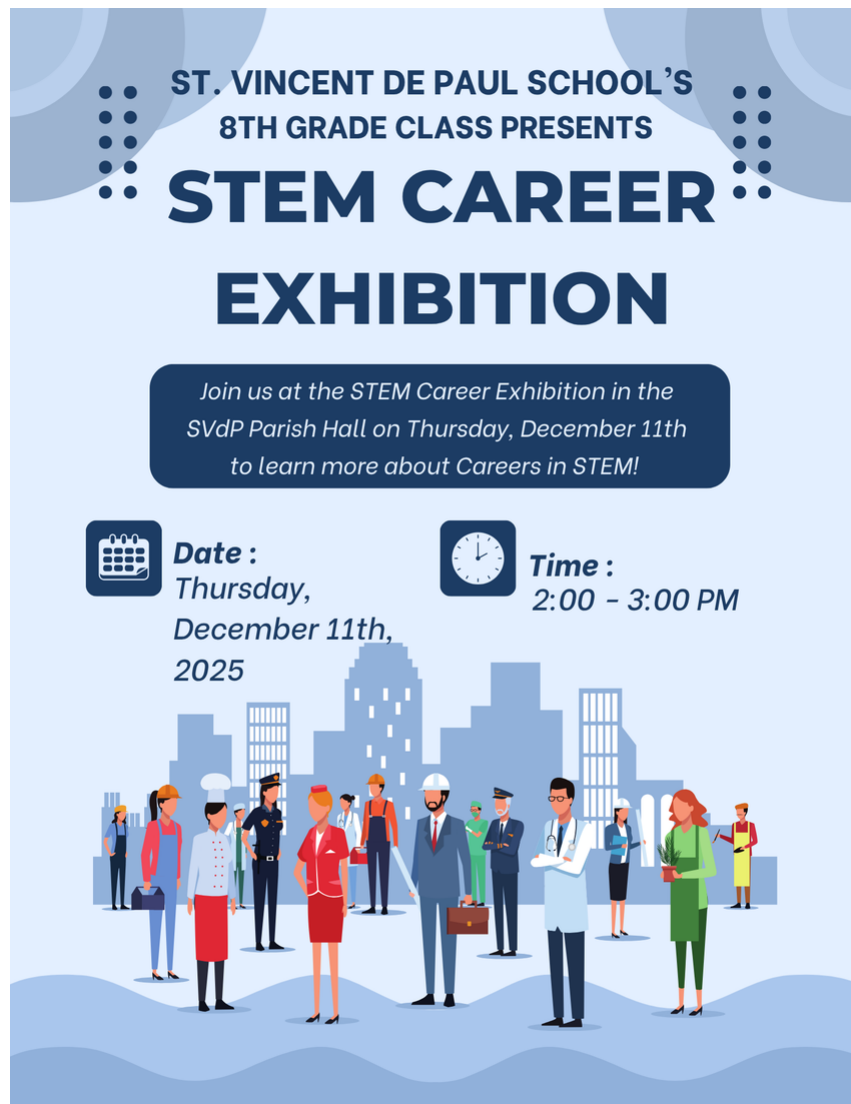
CANDY CANE GRAMS

Tuesday, December 9th - Friday, December 12th

Tuesday through Friday our Student Council will be selling candy cane grams. Students can purchase candy canes to be sent to their friends and teachers for \$1.00 each. The proceeds will go to Student Council to run future events for our school.

Candy canes will be delivered on Wednesday, Dec. 17th.





CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Tuesday, December 16th, 6:30PM
Livingston Gymnasium

Our Christmas program for students in grades K-6 will take place at 6:30 PM with an instrumental prelude beginning at 6:00 PM.



Lunch Menus

END OF QUARTER PREPAY LUNCH ACCOUNTS CHECK

Please be sure to check your balance in your FACTS Prepay lunch account frequently. You should be receiving emails on Sundays for any negative balances (meaning you owe money) or any low balances (< \$10 in account).

Log into [Family Portal](#) (District Code: SVDP-IL)

☞ Click on "Financial"

☞ Click on "Add Funds" in the Prepay Accounts box (middle of page)

Or send money to the school office:

💵 Cash: in an envelope labeled with Family Name

💵 Check: payable to SVdP Hot Lunch Program



Thank you for checking your FACTS prepay lunch account balance before the Christmas break to make sure you have money in that account.

EARLY DISMISSAL FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

Friday, December 19th

1:30PM Dismissal



Students will dismiss at **1:30pm** for Christmas break. The Aftercare program on this last day of school before Christmas break will end early at **4:00pm**.

School will resume on **Monday, January 5, 2026**.



RECESS REMINDER

Students will go out for recess when the temperatures are above 15 degrees with wind chill. Please be sure to send coats, hats, and gloves with your students for their recess time.

WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL CLOSURES

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School will continue to observe traditional snow days when inclement weather makes travel unsafe. However, in the event that several school days are canceled, we may implement e-learning days to ensure that instructional time is not lost. Families will be notified in advance should e-learning days be used. Please refer to our E-Learning policy.



SVdP E-Learning Plan (1).pdf

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STRETCH YOUR GIFT

CATERPILLAR MATCHING FUNDS

If you are a current or retired Caterpillar employee then you are eligible to participate in Caterpillar's Matching Funds Program. Charitable contributions made directly to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School (not church) are eligible to be matched by the Caterpillar Foundation.



caterpillar.com/matching-gifts

EIGHTH GRADE FUNDRAISER



Holiday Hangout:



A Morning of Fun for Kids — A Break for You!

Need a couple of hours to shop, wrap, or
prep for the holidays?

Let your little ones enjoy games, crafts, and festive fun
while you take care of your to-do list!

Date: Saturday, December 13

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: SVDP Parish Hall

For Kids Ages: 3 years old* to 4th grade

*(*Must be potty-trained)*

Cost: \$25 per child (\$45 max per family)

Hosted by our amazing 8th graders (and parents), this event is
supervised, safe, and full of holiday cheer. All proceeds support the SVDP
8th grade class fund.



Space is limited – scan the QR Code
to reserve your spot today!



PARISH NEWS

Advent Schedule



Adoration and Confession Schedule

- Tuesday Adoration from 8:15am to 6:00 pm,
Confessions from 4:30-5:30 pm
- Wednesday Adoration from 5:30-6:30 pm ,
Confessions 5:30-6:15 pm

Encounter Night:

December 10th - Silent Adoration begins at 5:30 pm, live music starts at 6:30 pm with confessions being offered.

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