



ST. VINCENT  
DE PAUL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# VIKING NEWSLETTER

April 17, 2025

## SCHOOL NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS SVdP SCHOOL SPELLING CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to David and Nicelon who both competed in the Region 1 School's Spelling Bee at St. Joseph's School last Thursday, April 10th. Both students went several rounds with Nicelon placing third among all the Region 1 spellers!

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### EARLY DISMISSAL/EASTER BREAK

#### Thursday, April 17th:

- Dismissal at 1:30pm
- Aftercare closes at 4:30pm

#### Friday, April 18th - Friday, April 25th:

- No School, Easter Break
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# 10:1 MATCH\*

OPEN APRIL 21 – MAY 2



*\*Current Employees Eligible*



## CATERPILLAR FAMILIES - HAVE YOUR DONATIONS MATCHED 10:1!

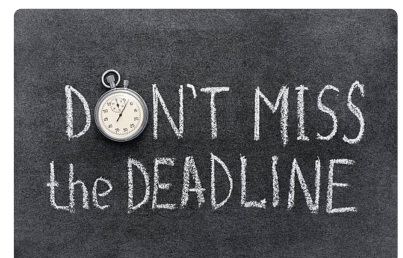
April 21st - May 2nd

Caterpillar employees can find more information about this matching opportunity [here](#).  
Thank you for spreading the word on this great opportunity to make a meaningful impact!

## LAST CALL - JOHN LANCASTER SPALDING SCHOLARSHIP - DUE SOON

Applications due Friday, April 25th

Information about the grants and application materials may be  
obtained [here](#).



Consult the detailed [protocols and procedures](#) and [checklist](#) for all requirements necessary to be  
eligible for an award. Anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2025-2026 school year must reapply.  
Deadline date for the completed application is April 25, 2025. Notification of grant awards will be  
made in June of 2025.

Apply here: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>.

## MUSICAL PROGRAM SHOUT OUTS

Due Monday, April 28th

Share your support by placing a congratulatory "shout out" ad in the play program. Price is based on text length; proceeds cover program printing costs and other school musical expenses. Kudos from all family and friends are welcome!



Submissions are via this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/8138bvsJ9Ps9aw8LA>

Payment can be made via Venmo (details on the form) or cash/check to the school office.

See samples below:

15 words or less for \$5.00

Example:

*Barney Fife: Good luck in the play, and remember no elbows on the table!! Aunt Bee16*

16-30 words for \$10.00

Example:

*Gilligan : We are so happy that you conquered your fear of performing in public. We know you'll do a great job. Break a Leg Little Buddy! The Skipper*

Contact Erin Callahan (via email: [ekcallahan@gmail.com](mailto:ekcallahan@gmail.com) or cell: 708-421-0316) with any questions.

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## MONSIGNOR ROBERT C. LIVINGSTON SCHOLARSHIP

**Offered to 8th Graders**

**Due Tuesday, April 29th Offered to 8th Graders**

The Monsignor Robert C. Livingston Scholarship, provided by the SVdP Women's Guild, is awarded to the winner of an essay contest that is based on the topic "How I Believe My Catholic Education Will Benefit Me in Life". This scholarship is not based on financial need but is awarded to the student who best articulates how the Catholic education that they have received while attending St. Vincent de Paul School will assist them at Peoria Notre Dame and throughout their life.

The following [letter](#) and [rubric](#) will further explain the requirements necessary for participating in this contest and how the essay will be scored. We sincerely hope that you will encourage your eighth grader's involvement in this endeavor.

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## ONLINE SAFETY AND RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL MEDIA USE - PARENT PRESENTATION

Tuesday, April 29th at 6:00pm

PND Auditorium

All school parents are invited to attend a parent presentation by National Speaker, Ben Tracy.

Ben Tracy, a leading speaker on youth online safety and social media. Since 2018, Ben Tracy has spoken to hundreds of thousands of students, parents, and educators about online safety and responsible social media use. His presentations offer powerful, real-world lessons about navigating life in the digital age.

All parents are welcome!

## CAROL J. WAKE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Offered to 5th - 8th Graders

Due Wednesday, April 30th



The family of Mrs. Wake is inviting all students who are currently in grades 5-8 to apply for a \$1,000 Scholarship payable to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School and/or Peoria Notre Dame High School. More information about the scholarship and requirements can be found below:



[Information for Carol J. Wake Memorial Fund Scholarship Music Scholarship Application](#)

All applications and recommendation letters are due to the school office at [svdpoffice@svdpvikings.com](mailto:svdpoffice@svdpvikings.com) by Wednesday, April 30th.

**SPRING**  
*Pictures*

**APRIL 30TH**

St. Vincent de Paul



The background will be as shown with the chair.  
Your feet may show.

8th Graders only will have multiple background choices for some of their poses.

Scan QR code or visit this website below to register  
<http://regis.viewyourphotos/direct/91104/27273426>



Register your contact information to receive proofs! You will receive a link within 24 hours of picture day.  
(be sure to watch your junk/spam folders)

**CHOOSE AND ORDER YOUR PHOTOS ONLINE**

**TSS**  
PHOTOGRAPHY

QUESTIONS? CALL 309.670.0310 OR EMAIL [VERDUN@TSSPHOTOGRAPHY.COM](mailto:VERDUN@TSSPHOTOGRAPHY.COM)

## PICTURE DAY REMINDERS

Picture Day is a uniform or dress up day. All students must follow the out of uniform guidelines listed in the Parent/Student Handbook:

### Out of Uniform Day

- Anything appropriate for school may be worn, however, no holes in any clothing.
- Hemlines for dresses and skirts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the middle of the knee cap.

- No short shorts.
- No pajamas.
- No leggings.
- No hats of any kind.
- No overly exposed shoulders or skimpy tops.
- No open toed/open backed shoes
- No garments not in keeping with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

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## EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION PICTURE DAY

Wednesday, April 30th



Pictures will be taken of the eighth graders in their cap and gown and in their dress attire. Eighth graders should arrive to school in dress attire and bring their cap and gown labeled. They should also bring their school uniforms to change immediately following pictures.

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## Lunch Menus

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## MAY QUEEN FOR 2025

Friday, May 2nd

In May as we honor our Blessed Mother, we also honor a young lady who most exemplifies the qualities that Mary possesses. This young lady was selected by her teachers as this year's May Queen and will crown Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth at the all-school Mass at 9:15 am and the parish Mass on Sunday, May 4th at 9:00am.



We would like to congratulate this year's May Queen, Nora!

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## FIRST COMMUNION DATES FOR SECOND GRADERS

Friday, May 2nd

School May Crowning at 9:15 AM School Mass (wear First Communion clothes)

**Sunday, May 4th**

May Crowning at 9:00 AM Parish Mass, followed by Blessing of Gifts & Enrollment in the Brown Scapular (wear First Communion clothes)



**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK AT SVdP**

**Monday, May 5th - Friday, May 9th**

We are very blessed to have such fantastic teachers and staff at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School! Thank you to all of our staff for their witness of faith, their love and care for our students and school families, and their dedication to providing meaningful learning experiences for our students. Be sure to send your child’s teachers a note of appreciation.

**MUSICAL TICKETS**

Purchase tickets below.





## FIRST LEGO LEAGUE SIGNUPS

4th - 8th Grade

Wednesday, May 21st - 2025-2026 Interest Form due



First Lego League is not just about building with Legos! What will your child gain? Students will:

- work as a team to design, build and program an autonomous LEGO Spike Prime robot
- plan and present an innovative solution to a project during competitions
- practice teamwork by following the FLL Core Values.

The SVdP FLL teams are diverse teams made up of a maximum of ten St. Vincent de Paul students. Team members must be between the ages of 9 and 14 and in 4th-8th grade during the 2025-26 school year. To give you and your child an idea of the robot portion of FLL, the following video shows the robot game missions from last year's Season: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5u-2q\\_K300](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5u-2q_K300)

[Student Interest form](#) is to be emailed or returned to the school office by Wednesday, May 21st for students to be considered for next year's team (including past team members).



## We need your help!

Parents, please consider volunteering to help coach FLL if your child is interested. Some years we have enough students for two teams, but only have enough coaches for one team.

If you have questions about FLL, please feel free to contact us at [svdpfll@gmail.com](mailto:svdpfll@gmail.com)

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## PARISH NEWS

# Holy Week *Schedule*

Holy Thursday	MASS AT 7PM ALTAR OF REPOSE TIL 12AM
Good Friday	STATIONS AT 12PM SERVICE AT 3PM AND 6PM
Holy Saturday	MASS AT 8PM
Easter Sunday	MASS AT 7:30, 9 AND 11AM

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

# REBOOT

## A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT

Perfect  
for Ages  
12 & Up!


This high-energy, 2-hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker **Chris Stefanick** will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created you for: A life of JOY. It will help you rediscover the JOY you were created for, and is perfect for everyone... even friends, family, and children (12+) who may not be actively practicing their faith.

## Tickets Are Limited!

<https://reallifecatholic.com/reboot/>

Tuesday, May 6, 2025  
7:00 - 9:00 PM

St. Vincent de Paul Parish  
6001 N University St, Peoria, IL 61614



A group of about 15 people, mostly young adults, are posing for a photo outdoors in front of a brick building. Many of them have white shaving foam on their faces and are wearing blue t-shirts. Some are holding up small blue cards. The group is smiling and looking at the camera.

# TOTUS TUUS

### About Totus Tuus


The Totus Tuus summer catechetical program is a week long parish mission for Catholic youth in grades 1st-12th. It is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

### Highlights!

- ☒ FUN AND GAMES
- ☒ FANTASTIC STAFF
- ☒ DAILY MASS
- ☒ CATECHESIS

**DAY PROGRAM (1ST-6TH) MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9 AM - 2:30 PM**  
**TEEN PROGRAM (7TH-12TH) SUN-THURSDAY 6:30 - 8:15 PM**

## JUNE 21ST - 27TH

email   
mdunbar@svdpvikings.com

## JIM CARLSON SUMMER ST. JUDE BASKETBALL CAMP

Available for all 1st - 6th graders

Monday, June 30th - Thursday, July 3rd

Jim Carlson, former head basketball coach of Peoria Notre Dame High School will be directing his annual summer basketball camp for St. Jude Midwest Affiliate at SVdP's school gym. More information and registration forms to follow.



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PRAY. LEARN. LEAD. TOGETHER.

Upcoming  
Events

*in  
April &  
May*

APR 18 - 25

No School - Easter Break

APR 28

School Resumes

APR 29

Adoration, all day

APR 30

8th Graduation Picture Day  
K-7th Spring Picture Day

MAY 2

All School Mass & May Crowning @ 9:15 AM

MAY 4

Parish May Crowning @ 9:00 AM Mass

MAY 5

All School Rosary @ 2:35 PM

MAY 6

Adoration, all day

MAY 8, 9, 10

Spongebob Jr. @ 7:00 PM

MAY 9

All School Mass @ 9:15 AM



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