



ST. VINCENT  
DE PAUL  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# Viking Newsletter

April 2, 2026

## SCHOOL NEWS

### **APRIL VIRTUE OF THE MONTH - FORGIVENESS**

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 46 of the parents' guide for more ways to live out the virtue at home.

# FORGIVENESS

Pardoning those who offend you



- Taking time each day to show your love of God through prayer and thanksgiving.
- Speaking respectfully to classmates, avoiding gossip, and encouraging others.
- Choosing to forgive someone who hurt them instead of holding grudges.
- Offering time, talents, or possessions with others, especially those in need.
- Treating teachers, parents, and classmates with dignity, seeing Christ in every person.
- Being a peacemaker in conflicts and creating an atmosphere of love and respect.
- Welcoming new students or visitors warmly.

**“I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.” John 13:34**



**PK - 2**

St. Patrick



**3rd - 5th**

Blessed Margaret of Castillo



**6th - 8th**

St. Josephine Bakhita



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# COUNSELOR'S *corner*

## THE POWER OF YET

"Yet" - a small and sometimes insignificant word can be a powerful tool for developing a child's growth mindset when used at the right time.

A growth mindset is a term coined by Stanford professor Carol Dweck. She defines it as the ability to reframe perceived failures as opportunities to learn and grow.

Each day, children face challenges and sometimes failure. These moments are an important part of the learning process. When a child encounters something difficult and struggles to overcome it, you may hear them say, "I can't do this" or "I'm no good at it." This is when the power of "yet" comes into play.

Simply restate the phrase and add the word "yet" at the end. For example: "You can't do this yet." This shift helps children reframe their thinking. It reminds them that they are still growing and learning, and with continued effort and persistence, they can improve. If you would like to learn more about the power and benefits of a growth mindset, please check out the links below.

Developing a Growth Mindset

<https://www.seattlechildrens.org/health-safety/parenting/developing-growth-mindset/>

Growth Mindset

<https://ctl.stanford.edu/students/growth-mindset>

## VIRTUES IN ACTION

The virtue for April is

**Forgiveness** – pardoning those who offend you.

Ways you can help your child learn forgiveness

•**Model It:** Let your child see you forgive others out loud.

•**Practice helpful phrases:**

"I'm still upset, but I choose to forgive."

"I forgive you, and I hope we can try again."

•**Connect to faith:** Remind your child forgiveness is an act of love and grace.

"Jesus teaches us to forgive as we are forgiven."

Wishing You a Blessed Day,

Kelly Bailey

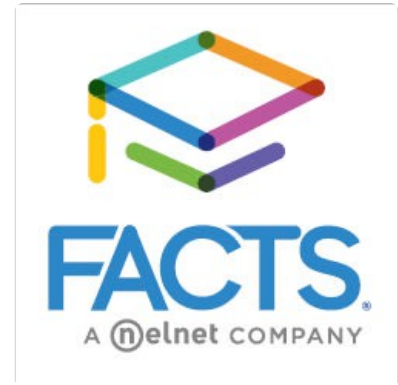
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School Counselor

NEW MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION REQUIREMENT FOR YOUR FACTS ACCOUNT

Beginning April 1st, FACTS began requiring multi-factor authentication (MFA) for all non-student users when logging into your online account to access FACTS Family Portal.

MFA will result in **one username and password** per user for all **FACTS products**. Families will now be able to use the same credentials to access FACTS Family Portal (for multiple schools) and apply for financial aid.



[FACTS SIS Multi-Factor Authentication Login Process](#)

Our school's **District Code** is: **SVDP-IL**

St. Vincent de Paul

# SPRING Pictures

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

Please scan the QR code or visit the website below to register your contact information.



<https://regis.viewyourphotos/direct/91104/27342791>

Register your contact information to receive your child's photo proofs. Your proof gallery link will be delivered within about 24 hours after picture day.

(Be sure to watch your junk/spam folders)

**SELECT AND ORDER YOUR PHOTOS ONLINE**



QUESTIONS? CALL 309.670.0310 OR EMAIL VERDUN@TSSPHOTOGRAPHY.COM

PRESCHOOL - 7TH GRADE PICTURE DAY REMINDERS

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

Out of Uniform Day

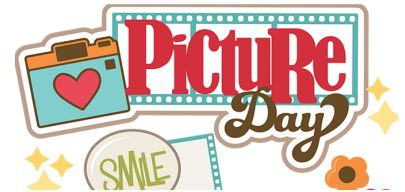
- Anything appropriate for school may be worn, however, no holes in any clothing.

- 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 15th



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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## ASSESSMENT OF RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE

Thursday, April 16th



All 2nd - 8th graders will complete the Assessment of Religious Knowledge (ARK) on April 16th. ARK is a comprehensive assessment tool designed to measure and enhance the religious knowledge and beliefs of students.



## CONFIRMATION

Saturday, April 18th

4:00 PM, St. Mary's Cathedral

We offer our prayers and congratulations to our 8th grade students who will be confirmed later this month.

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## SCHOOL UNIFORM SHORTS

**Monday, April 20th**

Beginning Monday, April 20th students may wear uniform shorts to school.

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## IMPORTANT FIRST COMMUNION DATES FOR SECOND GRADERS

**Wednesday, April 22nd**

First Communion Practice & Prayer Service at 6:00 PM  
Students and parents meet at the church

**Friday, April 24th**

First Communion Retreat Day

**Saturday, April 25th**

First Holy Communion Mass at 10:00 AM

**Friday, May 1st**

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

**Sunday, May 3rd**

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

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## MONSIGNOR ROBERT C. LIVINGSTON SCHOLARSHIP

**Offered to 8th Graders**

**Due Friday, April 24th**

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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## CAROL J. WAKE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Offered to 5th - 8th Graders

Due Tuesday, April 28th



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 by **Tuesday, April 28th**.

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Thursday, May 7th, 7:00pm

Friday, May 8th, 7:00pm

Saturday, May 9th, 7:00pm

Save the date for the 18th annual St. Vincent de Paul musical. We hope to see everyone there!

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[Lunch Menus](#)

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# ATHLETIC NEWS

## ALL SPORTS BANQUET

Sunday, April 26th

Following 9:00 AM Mass

All athletes, coaches, parents, and families are invited to SVdP parish hall for our all sports banquet. It will be a potluck celebrating all our teams from 2025-26 school year: baseball, softball, golf, cross country, girl's basketball, boys' basketball, cheerleading, wrestling, chess, volleyball, Scholastic Bowl, and track. More information to be sent to coaches.

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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



Holy Saturday

CONFESSIONS  
FROM 3-4PM  
MASS AT 7:30PM



Easter Sunday

MASS AT 7:30,  
9:00 AND  
11:00AM

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# SAVE

# TOTUS TUUS

**Day program:  
July 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Teen Program:  
July 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**

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# DATE



## St. Vincent de Paul

More details and  
registration to come soon!



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## Upcoming Events

*in  
April*

APR 3 – 10

No School Easter Break

APR 13

School Resumes  
All School Rosary @ 2:35 PM

APR 14

Adoration, all day

APR 15

8<sup>th</sup> Graduation Picture Day  
Preschool-7<sup>th</sup> Picture Day

APR 17

All School Mass @ 9:15 AM

APR 18

8th Grade Confirmation @ 4 PM, cathedral

APR 21

Adoration, all day

APR 24

All School Mass @ 9:15 AM

APR 25

First Holy Communion @ 10 AM



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