



# St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church



SERVED BY THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CONGREGATION,  
LIVING THE EUCHARIST IN LOVING SERVICE

### Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil... 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday..... 7:30, 10:00, 11:30  
a.m.  
8:30 a.m.  
(Vietnamese)  
Daily Mass... 8:30 a.m.

### Confession: In the Social Hall

Thursday.... 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
and 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday.... 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

### Adoration & Prayer Services:

Exposition: 9:00 a.m. with the ro-  
sary and Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Benediction: 11:55 a.m.

### Church Open for Prayer:

The church is open 7:30 a.m. to 9:00  
p.m. to visit for prayer.  
Morning Prayer: 8:05 a.m.

### Anointing of the Sick

**Every Friday after morning Mass.**  
Call the parish for any need, anoint-  
ing of the sick or home visits or  
for communion.  
PHONE: 727-938-1974

### Baptisms & Marriages

Please call the Parish Office

### Parish Office Hours

Monday– Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

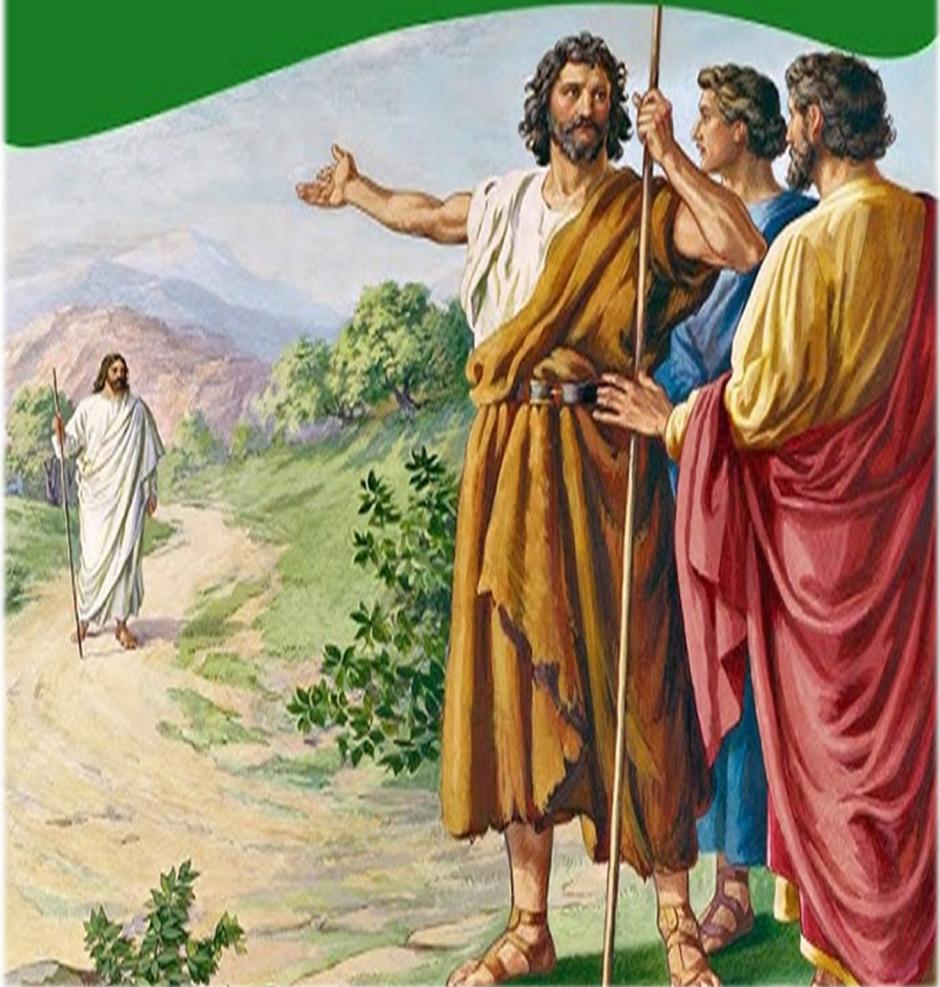
### Stay Informed:

**Website:** [www.svdpfl.com](http://www.svdpfl.com)  
**Facebook:** St. Vincent de Paul  
Catholic Church

**Welcome to our parish  
family!**

**January 18, 2026**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026**

*“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one  
hope of your calling” Ephesians 4:4*

Lord God, our Father, as we join in prayer this week with Christians around the world and especially in the Sword of the Spirit, may we grow in having hearts for unity. We ask that you open our hearts and minds to desire the oneness for which your Son prayed on the night before his sacrifice for us on the Cross. Amen.

**4843 MILE STRETCH DRIVE, HOLIDAY, FL 34690**  
**PHONE 727-938-1974**

## **St. Vincent de Paul Parish Staff**

### **Clergy**

Fr. Dominic Long Nguyen, S.S.S. Pastor  
Fr. William Fickel, S.S.S. Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Joselito Hitosis, S.S.S. Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Joseph Thai Tran, S.S.S. Parochial Vicar

### **Faith Formation**

Sr. Teresa Y Nhu Hoang, S.J.P. Director  
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Deacon Bertrand Guerin  
Sharon Guerin  
Kimberly Varner  
Anabella Batista  
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Cecilia Adams

### **Music and Ministry**

Sr. Maria Duong Pham, S.J.P. Director  
Eddie Lanuzga Coordinator of Ministries

### **Parish Support**

Christine DeLieto	Parish Manager
Anabella Batista	Secretary
Kimberly Varner	Bookkeeper
Mark Brose	Chef/Hall Rental

### **Maintenance Team**

Rocky Hieu Nguyen  
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### **Our Vision Statement: "Fortify A Strong Future In Loving Service."**

Do you have any comment or question?

Email us at:

[Anabella@svdpf.com](mailto:Anabella@svdpf.com)

### **Welcome to St. Vincent's!**

Whether you're visiting, returning, or searching for a spiritual home, we are glad you're here! In this season of honoring love, care, and nurturing hearts, we especially give thanks for the presence of all who reflect Christ's compassion among us.

Through worship, service, and fellowship, our vibrant ministries offer many paths to grow in faith and parish family. Please visit our website to learn more!

**May you find peace, purpose, and a sense of belonging here at our parish.**

## **GROWING IN GOD'S GRACE**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The act of kneeling, to say the least, is a very profound act. In the religious sense, the act of kneeling expresses the worship and adoration in the presence of the divine.

Indeed, we kneel only to the holy and the divine. It is an act of submission and reverence. Just like when we came to the Church, and before we go to our seat at the pew, we would at least genuflect (going down on one knee) because we acknowledge the presence of God in Church. It may seem to be like some kind of exercise for the knees, but it is typically Catholic, and maybe even habitually Catholic. Yes, when we kneel, we lower ourselves before God and we acknowledge that God is our Creator and we are His creatures. We are nothing without Him.

So it is only right and proper that we go to God and not expect Him to come to us. We lower ourselves before God and certainly not the other way around. We don't expect God to lower Himself to us.

Yet in the gospel, we heard that Jesus came to John the Baptist. And in some religious art about the baptism of Jesus, we see Jesus kneeling before John the Baptist for baptism. Or at least Jesus stands lower than John the Baptist for His baptism.

Why must Jesus, the Son of God, the sinless one, be baptized by John? And yet the baptism of Jesus is recorded in all four gospels. Certainly, there must be something about Jesus that the gospels want to tell us.

In today's gospel, that something about Jesus is revealed by John the Baptist when he said, "Look, there is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." Jesus has many titles "Saviour", "Teacher", "Healer". But it was John the Baptist who called Jesus the "Lamb of God". And Jesus the Lamb of God had a specific mission – to take away the sin of the world.

Indeed, the ways of God are rather strange. To take away the sin of the world, He didn't send a mighty army of angels or warriors, or use an arsenal of powerful devastating weapons to exterminate the wicked and the evil.

Even if it comes to using animals as a symbol, a more mighty or powerful one can be used, eg, eagle or lion. But it is the symbol of the meek and gentle lamb, that is silent before its shearers, and does not put up a resistance when it is lead to the slaughter house that takes away the sin of the world.

Yes, Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. And He showed us how to do it. We may remember that after the Last Supper and before He was arrested, He and His disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane. There Jesus prayed and underwent great distress in what we call the "Agony of the Garden".

There was a gesture that He made during His prayer. The gospel of Luke said that Jesus knelt and prayed. The gospels of Matthew and Mark said that Jesus fell prostrate on the ground as He prayed. Yes, Jesus knelt and lowered Himself so that He could take away the sin of the world. And before we can look at the sin of the world, we have to look at the sin of the Church.

God has made the Church the light of the nations so that His salvation may reach to the ends of the world. But we have failed; we have sinned; we need to be saved first; we need to have our sin taken away. So, we must kneel, we must even fall prostrate on the ground and beg for mercy and forgiveness. Then we can become lambs of God who will take away the sin of the world.

Blessings,

Rev. Dominic Long Nguyen, S.S.S.

<b>Date</b>		<b>Mass Intentions</b> Presider Key: D (Fr. Dom), L (Fr. Lito), B (Fr. Bill)	<b>Events</b>
<b>Saturday, Jan. 17</b> St. Anthony, Abbot 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Mk 2:13-17 <i>Or see 513</i>	<b>B</b> <b>D</b>	8:30 a.m. + Richard Corlett (SVdP Parsh) 4:00p.m + Richard Combetta (Donna & Bill Gleason)	3:00 p.m. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
<b>Sunday, Jan. 18</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY IN O.T. YEAR A</b> Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34	<b>L</b> <b>JT</b> <b>B</b> <b>D</b>	<b>Sanctuary Candle for Divine Mercy on the World</b> 7:30 a.m. For the deceased members of our parish. (SVdP Parish) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Maurice Batista (Batista Family) 11:30a.m. + Richard Combetta (SVdP Parish)	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Class 12:30 p.m. Family Activities
<b>Monday, Jan. 19</b> 1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22	<b>L</b>	8:30 a.m. Eugena Walters, healing (Richard Quinton) + Vita Ann Brose (Dave Cuffe)	3:00 p.m. Divine Will 7:00 p.m. GA and GA Family Meeting 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting 7:00 p.m. OCIA Becoming Catholic
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 20</b> St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr 1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28	<b>B</b>	8:30 a.m. + Michael McDonald (Jean T. Flynn) + Richard Combetta (Bernie Adams)	10:00 a.m. T.O.P.S. Mtg. 10:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts
<b>Wed., Jan 21</b> St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr 1 Sm 17:32-33 Mk 3:1-6 or see 516	<b>D</b>	8:30 a.m. + Catherine Cerniglia (Grandchildren) + Evangeline Aquino (Husband Claudio & sons)	6:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg. (Women's Group)
<b>Thursday, Jan. 22</b> 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12	<b>JT</b> <b>B</b>	8:30 a.m. + Richard Corlett (Cecilia Hojan) + Michael Eklound (Quinton family) 10:00a.m. Mass in Sunshine Home	4 p.m. Contemplative Prayer 3p.m. & 7 p.m. Confession
<b>Friday, Jan. 23</b> St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin 1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19	<b>L</b>	8:30 a.m. + John Kreuser (Margaret Flanders) + Repose of the soul of Sylvia Herrington (Angie Hermes)	11:00 a.m. Al-Anon 4:30—6:30 p.m. Friday Night Dinner
<b>Saturday, Jan. 24</b> St. Francis de Sales 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Mk 3:20-21 or see 518	<b>JT</b> <b>L</b>	8:30 a.m. + Walter Poff (K. C. Drez) 4:00p.m + Kathryn Mozina (Donna & Bill Gleason)	3:00 p.m. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p.m. NA Mtg.
<b>Sunday, Jan. 25</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN O.T. YEAR A</b> Is 8:23-9:3 1 COR 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17	<b>L</b> <b>JT</b> <b>D</b> <b>B</b>	<b>Sanctuary Candle for Divine Mercy On the World</b> 7:30 a.m. + Primitiva Gaviola (Denny & Clare) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Richard Corlett (Mel & Gloria) 11:30 a.m. +John Kreuser (Nicholas & Cynthia Spanos)	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation Class

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Cancer; Joe Genalo (Son of Peggy & Joe Genalo), healing; Patricia Gilliam (Grandmother of Brianna Rovnak) Healing; Alice Brandt; Judy Wallowicz, healing; Summer Stevens: healing; Khiara; Doughtrill Cezaire, Cancer; Zi'Quian Peterson: Parents of Rona Bowers; Patrick Tyrell; John Papa, Cancer; Ray Stout Sr., Cancer;

Please continue to pray for those in need of healing.

**To support those in need of healing prayers, we will remove names from our list after one month if space is needed. If you want a name reinstated or when prayers are answered, please let us know.**



### FlockNote Notifications

If you would like to receive email notifications from the parish messaging service, please call the office at [727-938-1974](tel:727-938-1974).

### FlockNote Prayer Requests

Please call the office with prayer requests or email them to [prayers@svdpfl.com](mailto:prayers@svdpfl.com).

## The Marriage Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving

The marriage Jubilee mass of Thanksgiving will take place at the **Cathedral of St Jude the Apostle on Sunday, February 8th, at 3:00 p.m.** This event honors couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate their 25th or 50th Anniversary, as well as those celebrating 51 or more years of marriage during the 2026 calendar year. If you would like to take part, please RSVP by calling our Parish office by **Thursday, January 15th.**

### Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.



## COWLS

### Christian Older Wiser Loving Seniors

Parishioners have been asking for a place to meet. We will be meeting every 1st Wednesday of each month.

Coffee, Cards, Conversation: Come and join us Wednesday February 4th from 10:00 - 12:00 in the Media Room.

## CONGRATULATIONS !

We joyfully congratulate our entire parish community on an extraordinary achievement in the 1 Million Acts of Mercy initiative! Together, we recorded **59,556 Acts of Mercy**, placing us among the **top “small” parishes**—a powerful witness to the compassion, generosity, and faith in action that define our parish family.

In recognition of this remarkable effort, our Bishop has awarded our parish a **\$15,000 grant** to support and strengthen our ministries. This blessing will directly help us continue serving those in need and living out the Gospel through works of mercy. Heartfelt thanks to every parishioner who prayed, served, gave, visited, listened, and loved. Your acts—seen and unseen—have made a lasting impact. Congratulations, and thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community!



### LIVING IN DIVINE WILL

*Join our weekly Monday Afternoon Cenacle at 3:00 PM in the Education Bldg. to learn how to live in His Will.*

**Listen to Fr. Robert Young OFM interpreting the holy writings of “*The Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta*.”**

*“There is nothing the Father possesses in which he does not find the acts of his son—he feels the glory and the love of his son resound everywhere. Now, to his misfortune, the son falls into poverty. Can the father ever not have compassion for his son, as he feels everywhere and in every place the love, the glory, the riches with which his son surrounded him? My daughter, by living in the Kingdom of Our Will, Adam had penetrated into Our boundaries that are interminable, and he placed his acts, his glory, his love for his Creator everywhere, and as Our child, with the acts he emitted, he brought Us Our riches. Our Joys, Our Glory and, Love, echo”* BH 23-10-02-1927  
Further information contact Esperanza “Espie” Stewart, 443-852-4426.

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IN LOVING SERVICE

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Through your generous support, as of **December 31st we have raised \$412,197.82.** We continue to

raise funds for our capital campaign projects, which include repairs to the leak in the education building and our \$100,000 debt to the Diocese of St. Peterburg. Your ongoing support is crucial for our church's growth in faith and community. We are pleased to report that through your generous support, we have paid for the A/C and two-thirds of our debt to the Diocese! Thank you so much!

## 2025 Catholic Ministry Appeal

In 2025, we had 25% participation and 80% of our goal paid. Our goal for the new year is to reach at least 35% participation and 100% of our goal.

Thank you for your support. God bless!

### AGGREGATE CALENDAR

January~ 2026

**DEDICATED TO THE HOLY CHILDHOOD  
& HOLY NAME Of JESUS**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28: 11 am  
CENACLE**

**EUCCHARISTIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM  
SAINT PETER JULIAN**

*Go to Him, visit and adore; He waits for you!*

*“Continue to grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the purpose of time and eternity, it is life, it is happiness in exile. To succeed in it, become a disciple of prayer is the golden chain which binds us to God, it is the hearth of the divine flame, the nourishment of the inner life.” Letter to Mme. Natalie Jordan, January 1, 1865*

### Events coming up in the new year

**Saturday, January 24, 2026** - Young Adult Concert

**Saturday, January 31, 2026** - Candlemas

**Saturday, February 7, 2026** - Vietnamese Lunar new Year

**February 20 &21, 2026** - Spring Rummage Sale

**Friday, March 6, 2026** - Golf Tournament

### Exciting plans are on the horizon!

We encourage you to stay tuned for upcoming updates. Our vibrant community deeply values your time and talents, and your involvement can make a significant difference. Consider stepping up to volunteer in the new year—you have the power to help us thrive!



## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words. Have you considered joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that you can live your Baptism more fully?

We have a special request! We need clean and empty egg cartons to help distribute eggs to our visitors at the food bank. A great big please and thank you to you!

Have you considered answering the call to help by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? God’s love is shown through our charity toward those in need. Every gift reflects the love He has given us. Jesus came to nourish all of us.



To give online, scan the QR in the church pews to set up your offertory. If you're a new online giver and don't need envelopes, please email [Anabella@svdpfl.com](mailto:Anabella@svdpfl.com).

Join the **214 parishioners** who have embraced this simple and impactful way to support our faith community. Now is the perfect time to get involved!



## Respect Life Corner SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Pray For the Unborn

### FIFTH MONTH



Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now, and his mother can feel his movement. Before this time he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside wall and dent it -- the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

### NEWLY REGISTERED

We warmly welcome

**John Miklos**

as a new parishioner.

May God embrace him with  
His abundant love, mercy, and  
compassion.





## Young Adult Concert Ages 18-35

Join us January 24 at 7pm  
Doors open at 6 pm  
Concert from 7-9pm

Followed by a Social Hour

Located at St. Vincent de Paul Church

Father Farrell Hall

4843 Mile Stretch Drive, Holiday

Phone 727-938-1974

Cost is \$5 for a ticket

Concert by a group of Young Adults from the Diocese of St. Petersburg

The Young Adult Concert was made possible in part through a Community Impact Grant from the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of St. Petersburg

### Memorial Bricks

The Ladies Auxiliary is putting together an order for "Memorial Bricks" again, if anyone is interested.

They will be put back by the Blessed Mother at Father Farrell Hall. The cost of the bricks is \$30, \$60 and \$100, with clip art \$6 extra.

Contact the Rectory and they will put you in touch with JoAnn Corlett for more information.



### Knights of Columbus

Friday night dinners resume on January 16 from 4:30 - 6:30

Please support us and enjoy an all you can eat meal, coffee and dessert for \$13.95

ALL  
YOU CAN  
EAT

### YOU SHOP, WE BENEFIT

Support the church while enjoying the benefits at **no extra cost to you!**

#### Start off the New Year Right!

You can also use the cards for celebrations, gifts, home repairs, and **everyday expenses; even groceries!**

Simply buy the card from us and use it like a credit or debit card—it's that easy! There are **no activation fees!**

Gift card order forms are available on our website and in the office.

**This months orders are due in the Office February 2nd**

**VISA ~ Cracker Barrel ~ AMAZON ~ WALMART ~ HOME DEPOT ~ PUBLIX**  
**and many more cards available to order.**

**Come And See!**



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CATHOLIC

MINISTRY

*Appeal*

### 2026 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Even though John is a well-known and popular preacher, he doesn't pretend to have all the answers. In fact, he admits in today's Gospel—twice—"I did not know him" in reference to Jesus.

John knows he is part of God's plan, but he doesn't know what that plan is in its entirety. John comes to understand that Jesus is the Lamb of God when he sees "the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him".

Then, he recognizes that Jesus is the Chosen One, the one who baptizes in the Holy Spirit. With this understanding comes a love that compels John to share the Good News with others.

Calling Jesus the Lamb of God carries great meaning to those listening to John. It recalls the Jewish practice of sacrificing a lamb as expiation for sin, foreshadowing Christ's ultimate sacrifice on the cross. It reminds listeners of what the prophets foretold: "Though harshly treated, he submitted and did not open his mouth; Like a lamb led to slaughter or a sheep silent before shearers, he did not open his mouth" (Isiah 53:7).

And because John says that Jesus baptizes in the Holy Spirit, it emphasizes Christ's divine nature, establishing him as the Messiah. How do we, like John, come to know our Lord? And how do we share this understanding with others?

One way is through the programs the Catholic Ministry Appeal supports. When we give to the Catholic Ministry Appeal, we are bringing the mercy of the Lamb of God to others and sharing the Christ's message of love and redemption.



## PARISH GIVING—JANUARY 11TH

We celebrated with **671** attending mass and our collection was **\$10,629.00**. We appreciate your continued support of our parish. Don't forget to bring your family and friends. Together, we can make Christ present in our parish and community! Visit [www.svdpfl.com](http://www.svdpfl.com) to give online. **Praise God! & May our LORD bless you for your generosity.**

## A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for your support in paying our church's operating expenses. Our January 11, 2026 expenses were \$8,173.71 Our offertory *income* for the month was \$20,858.00 and \$2,894.37.00 in Online Giving. **During the month of January our income exceeds our expenses by \$15,578.66. We are blessed to share our daily Mass and Adoration with you. Praise God & Thank you!**



## HALL RENTAL

*St. Vincent de Paul* can meet your hall rental needs with our spacious *Father Farrell Hall* suitable for small or large events. Call the parish, or speak with Chef Mark Brose and reserve a date for your special occasion. We are happy to host you!



### St. Vincent De Paul Prayer Requests

Put this in the suggestion box or Offertory basket at Mass.

Your Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Requests and Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

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