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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —AUGUST 3, 2025

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.

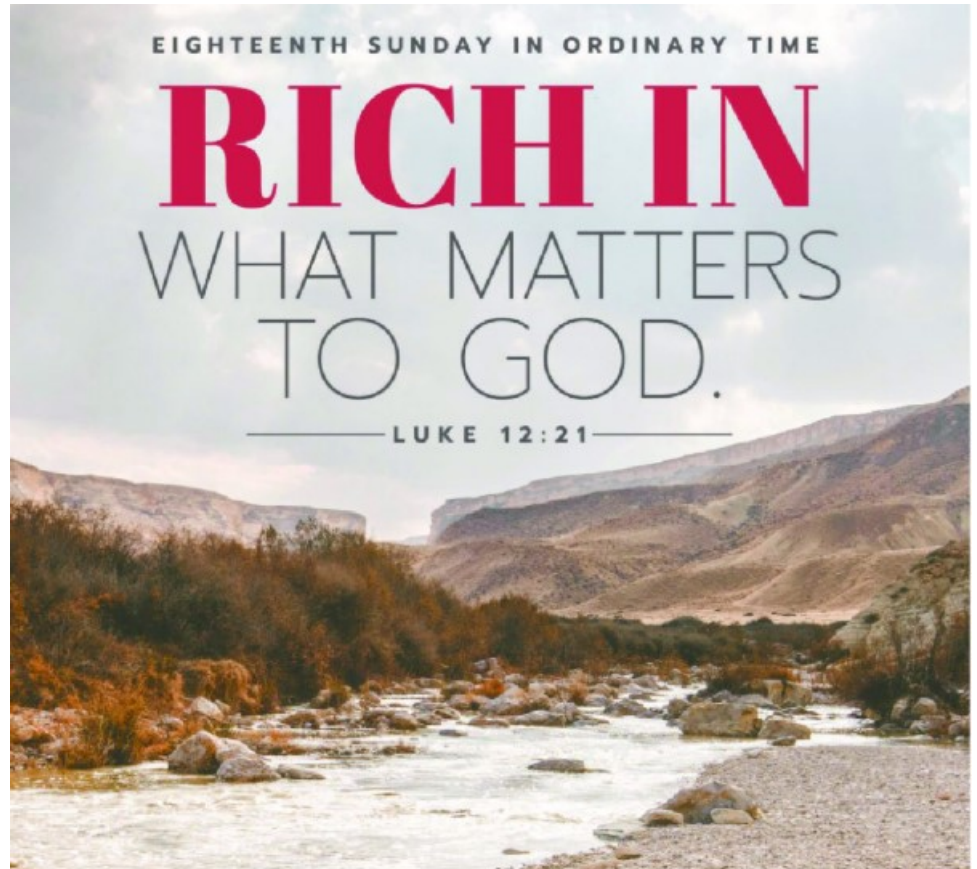
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Catholic Church

**Welcome to our
parish family!**



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

This solemnity celebrates the bodily assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

A solemnity is a feast day of the highest rank, celebrating a mystery of faith.

Thursday 14th

Friday 15th

Vigil .. 5:00 p.m.

Morning Mass..8:30a.m.

Evening Mass .. 8:00 p.m.

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St. Vincent de Paul Parish Staff

Clergy

Fr. Dominic Long, 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
Sandy Cavanagh
Mary Gerbasi
Christine DeLieto
Margaret Flanders
Deacon Bertrand Guerin
Sharon Guerin
Kimberly Varner
Anabella Batista
Judy Wallowicz
Jessie Camerieri
Susan Fogarty
Cecilia Adam

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
Felix Agostini and Karen Hall.

Our Vision Statement: “Fortify A Strong Future In Loving Service.”

Do you have any comment or question?

Email us at:

Anabella@svdpfl.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

Most of us recognize the iconic line from *Forrest Gump*: “Life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you’re gonna get.” The film tells the story of a simple man with childlike innocence, who somehow ends up at the heart of many historic moments.

There’s a humorous story imagining Forrest’s arrival at heaven’s gate. St. Peter informs him there’s an entrance test with just three questions:

What days begin with "T"? — Forrest answers, “*Today and Tomorrow.*”

How many seconds in a year? — “*Twelve: January 2nd, February 2nd...*”

God’s first name? — “*Howard,*” as in, “*Our Father who art in heaven, Howard be thy name.*”

Though unconventional, Forrest’s answers reflect a different kind of logic—and St. Peter lets him in, smiling, “*Run, Forrest, run!*”

While the story is lighthearted, it reminds us to go deeper than surface-level answers. As Christians, we’re called to give spiritual, not just clever, responses to life’s questions. Scripture urges us to set our minds on heavenly things and not be consumed by greed, impurity, or selfish ambition.

The Gospel warns that we can’t take earthly treasures with us. One day, we will all stand before God—not to be quizzed on our status or possessions, but on how we lived:

Did we serve others? Did we show compassion? Were we generous with what we had?

The life of heaven begins now, through love and mercy shown on earth. May we live so that when we reach heaven’s gate, there will be no questions—because our lives will have already answered them.

Blessings,

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

Assembly Meetings of S.S.S. Priests in Cleveland, Ohio

Dear brothers and sisters,

While we are having meetings in Cleveland we invited a Vietnamese priest from Tampa to celebrate daily masses from Aug. 4 to Aug 8. Fr. John the Baptist Xuan Chien, S.V.D., a member of the Society of the Divine Word (S.V.D.), has served as Pastor of **St. Joseph Vietnamese Parish** in Tampa since July 1, 2018. He was appointed by Bishop Gregory Parkes when the community was formally elevated from mission to full parish status.

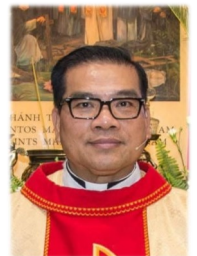
Under Father Chien’s pastoral leadership, the parish has flourished as a vibrant spiritual home for Vietnamese Catholics in the Tampa Bay area. Father Chien has also encouraged strong parish stewardship and sacrifice—parishioners contributed greatly even during the pandemic, donating time, funds, and resources for the establishment of their own church.

Under his direction, the parish continues to grow, offering vibrant liturgies and pastoral care, preserving Vietnamese Catholic traditions, and welcoming younger generations into faith and community life.

Let’s warmly welcome him into our worshiping for some days and pray for us S.S.S priests while we are having meetings to prepare for next Chapter of St. Ann Province.

Blessings,

Fr. Dominic Long Nguyen, S.S.S.



Date		Mass Intentions Presider Key: D (Fr. Dom), L (Fr. Lito), B (Fr. Bill)	Events
Saturday, Aug. 2 St. Peter Julian Eymard	L D	8:30 a.m. Mothers of the Blessed Sacrament Souls in Purgatory, especially those Nobody prays for (Thomas family) 4:00 p.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory (Serge Laplace)	3:00 p.m. Pray the Chap- let of Divine Mercy 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
Sunday, Aug. 3 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21	L D D L	Sanctuary Candle for Frank Tyszka (Diann Bimmerle) 7:30 a.m. + Bronislawa & Czeslaw Pietka (Pietka family) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Norberto Silva (Celia Silva) 11:30a.m. Anna & Vito Lepriore, 60th Anniversary (Julia Masseo)	
Monday, Aug. 4 St. John Vianney, Priest Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21	C	8:30 a.m. + Evangelina Aquino (Claudio, husband) + People who passed away (Eraley family)	3:00 p.m. Divine Will 7:00 p.m. GA and GA Family Meeting 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
Tuesday, Aug. 5 <i>The Dedication of the Ba- silica of St. Mary Major</i> Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36	C	8:30 a.m. + Angelica Unterelsbacher (Cecile Sangalang)	3:00 p.m. T.O.P.S. Mtg
Wed., Aug. 6 THE TRANSFIGURA- TION OF THE LORD Dn 7:9-10 2 Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36	C	8:30 a.m. + Frank Tyszka (Gloria)	6:30 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg. (Women's Group)
Thursday, Aug. 7 <i>St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs</i> Nm 20:1-13 Mt 16:13-23	C	8:30 a.m The Father of all mankind (Esperanza Stewart) + Holy Souls (Virginia Hesterhagen) No Mass at Sunshine Christian Home	12:30 Food Pantry 4:00 p.m. Contem- plative Prayer 5:00 p.m. Stewardship 7:00 p.m. Nar-Anon
Friday, Aug. 8 St. Dominic, Priest Dt 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-28 Or see 617	C	8:30 a.m. + Frank Tyszka (Julia Masseo) Virginia Hesterhagen Happy 90th Birthday (Mary Lou Fowler)	11:00 a.m. Al-Anon
Saturday, Aug. 9 <i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i> Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20	L D	8:30 a.m. + Patricia Quinton (Stephen Quinton, husband) 4:00 p.m. Dick & Sue Combetta 60th Wedding Anniversary	3:00 p.m. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 p.m. NA Mtg.
Sunday, Aug. 10 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Wis 18:6-9 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35- 40	B D L B	Sanctuary Candle for Frank Tyszka (Diann Bimmerle) 7:30 a.m. + Michael Culligan (Wife & family) 8:30 a.m. Parishioners 10:00 a.m. + Dennis & Rita Conley (Mike & Jane Etzel) 11:30 a.m. + John Wolosin (Dick & Sue Combetta)	11:15 a.m. Faith Formation

Prayer for Protection **during a Hurricane**

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

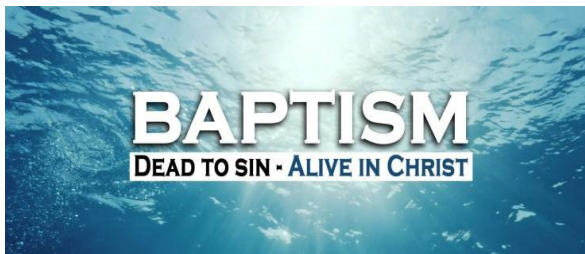
You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control; the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father.

Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

[Composed by Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981), Second Bishop of Lafayette (1956-1973), following Hurricane Audrey in 1957]



Thinking about having your child baptized? We're here for you! Baptism is the first step on a lifelong journey with Jesus. Whether your child is a newborn or a bit older, we'd love to walk with you.

Call our office at 727-938-1974. Parents and Godparents will be asked to attend a baptismal preparation class.

Becoming Catholic Classes!

We're excited to invite everyone to our becoming Catholic Classes.

Whether you're *curious about the Roman Catholic Faith* or looking to deepen your understanding of the Mass, the Eucharist, and the liturgical year, these weekly sessions are just for you.

If you've been thinking about receiving Baptism or Confirmation, this class will provide you with the support and guidance you need on your journey.

Feel free to reach out to the Rectory Office at (727) 938-1974. Just leave your name and phone number or email, and we'll be sure to get in touch.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Alice Brandt; Judy Wallowicz, healing; Summer Stevens: healing; Khiara Doughtrill Cesar, Cancer; Katherine Mozina, healing; Corrine Morill, healing; Howard Murtagh, Cancer; Zi'Quian Peterson: Parents of Rona Bowers; Darrell Kreuser; Richard & JoAnn Corlett; Mathew McDevitt; Patrick Tyrell; John Papa, Cancer; Joe Genalo (Son of Peggy & Joe Genalo), Cancer; Ray Stout Sr., Cancer; Kathryn Leili & husband Gunther, healing; Diana Roshetski, 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. Thank you for allowing us to support you.

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.

PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

“Eternal rest, grant unto Lena LaPorta and Gaile Waldhauser O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace. Amen.”

An Invitation from the Office of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute

Ask yourself: Could God be calling me to be a Lay Ecclesial Minister in His Church? Our Diocese is blessed with many lay women and men who love God and wish to serve Him. In response, our diocese initiated the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute to equip Catholic to "be more" by forming them Spiritually, Intellectually Theologically and Pastorally to serve as Lay Ecclesial Ministers. We are grateful for this rare educational opportunity, which is not available in all dioceses. To date, over 400 men and women have been commissioned by the Bishop to share their gifts and talents in our diocese. New classes begin September 13, 2025. For anyone more interested in attending the LPMI Year of Discernment, the registration form and program information can be found on the LPMI web site at: <http://dospp.org/lpmi/> or call the LPMI office at (727) 344-1611.



FORTIFY A STRONG FUTURE
IN LOVING SERVICE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As of July 28st we have raised **\$359,720.93** from your generous support. We continue to raise money for the projects in our capital campaign, including the leak in the education building and the debt to the Diocese of St. Petersburg (300k). **Unfortunately, the Diocese requires us to repay them before we can move forward with the roof.** We still need your ongoing generosity to develop our church into a place to grow our faith and love for one another.

However, with only a 14% participation rate, we need your support more than ever! Please, no amount is too small or too large. If we all participate, we can succeed. Thank you so much!



DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG
CATHOLIC
MINISTRY
Appeal

This year, the Diocese has set a goal of \$70,588 for our parish. As of July 11th, we have pledged of \$42,170.00 (59.7% of our goal) and have received \$36,454.55 (52% of our goal) from 167 out of 776 parishioners. We have 22% participation. Last year, we had over 30% participation! Thank you to those who have pledged. Your continued support is crucial for us to reach our goal. Pledge envelopes are located near the entrances to the church for your convenience and can be mailed or delivered to our parish office. You can also give online by visiting givetoministry.dosp.org.

Be counted among the givers to Catholic Ministry Appeal. Charity is a gift freely given. CHECK: Payable to Catholic Ministry Appeal 2025, PO Box 40200, St. Petersburg, FL 33743.



LIVING IN DIVINE WILL

Join our weekly Monday Afternoon Cenacle at 3:00PM 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."

This pilgrimage was further blessed when we received a special blessing from Don Sergio Pellegrini, Vicar General of Trani, to plan for an International Divine Will Congress in the United States. Since that time, we have been diligently working to bring this meaningful event into fruition. On February 4, 2025, we received authorization from The Most Reverend John Noonan, Bishop of the Diocese of Orlando for us to hold an event in Orlando for the First International Unity Congress for the Divine Will. This initiative is in association with our contact in the Diocese of Orlando, Father Esau Garcia, pastor of Holy Cross Catholic Church. Further information contact Esperanza "Espie" Stewart, 443-852-4426.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, Jesus shares the parable of the rich man who hoarded his possessions but died without enjoying them. We often struggle to understand that life is not about possessions or our perceived security, but about being possessed by God. This week, as you donate to the Society of SVdP, remember that in giving, you truly receive.

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 the poor recognize the Lord in their life" 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

Thank you for your support, the SVdP Society is made possible by your participation in serving this ministry.

Works of Mercy Challenge

Bishop Parkes is challenging the churches of the Diocese to perform **1 million Works of Mercy** during this Jubilee year 2025. **Each person you serve counts as one Act of Mercy.** You are encouraged to serve the multitudes.

Please encourage your kids, grandkids, friends & neighbors to perform works of Mercy, this challenge is for everyone!

You can complete the form by going to <https://www.dosp.org/challengeform/>, scan the QR code with your phone, or grab a form at the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket.



Hot August Night Dinner-Dance

Saturday, August 16, 2025

From 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per person or \$25 per Family



Music By

Fr. DJ Dominic

At Father Farrell Hall

4843 Mile Stretch Drive, Holiday

727-938-1974



School Supplies Needed

As we head into July, it is time to begin thinking of school starting again. Many families are struggling to purchase school supplies.

We are in need of: Wide-Ruled and College Ruled Loose Leaf Paper, Spiral Notebooks and Com-position Books; Plastic Pocket Folders With and Without Prongs (all colors); 12 inch Rulers; Colored Pencils and Markers; Plastic Pencil Boxes; #2 Ticonderoga Pencils and Pencil Top Erasers; Scissors; Glue Sticks; Gallon and Sandwich Zip Lock Bags, 1"-3 Ring Binders; and Backpacks. This helps so many in our community.

Thank you in advance for your support. Items can be placed in the bucket in the Social Hall or dropped off at the office.

Attention all parishioners!!

We will **transition to a new database** at the end of August and want to ensure that your names and contact information are updated **before** the transfer. **Please** take a moment to **provide us** with your current contact details, as many of our existing records are incorrect! Your connection is **vital** to us, and we want to ensure we can reach you! **Thank you!!**



Mass Offerings

After discernment we are able to **drop** the cost of **Mass Cards to \$15!** **There are many dates available!** Please stop by the office today!

YOU SHOP, WE BENEFIT

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

Now is the perfect time to purchase gifts for Confirmation, or Graduation. You can also use the cards for spring planting, home repairs, and **every-day 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 by Tomorrow August 4th

VISA	\$50	Cracker Barrel	\$10
AMAZON	\$25	WALMART	\$25
HOME DEPOT	\$25	PUBLIX	\$25

and many more cards available to order.

Come And See!



AUGUST ~ 2025 ASSOCIATE CALENDAR

Month Dedicated to
~THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ~
Thursday, August 7: Associates join the

Congregation in Cleveland, OH at Paschal Baylon.

Wednesday, August 28: No Cenacle, it is transferred to August 1 for a Special Holy Hour and fellowship. **ALL ARE WELCOME: RSVP**

THE EUCHARIST AS THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES.

Saint Peter Julian Eymard discovered in the Eucharist the "shining rays of love without limit and without reserve." **How have you experienced the love of Jesus in the Eucharist?**

"Gathered in the name of the Lord, we are called to live in the Church as brothers..." (Rule of Life1). No one had earned their place at this meal. Everyone was invited (Desiderio desideravi 4, Luke 24:30-31). Our Eucharistic vocation is, above all, a gift, a call, a grace that makes us disciples. In this sense, the LORD calls us, not only to do but fundamentally calls us to him to be. Our spirituality is not only a commitment or an effort to live something, but a way of being. The Eucharist is not a due, but a gift, a free gift that God gives us despite our poverty. **An excerpt from the Final Message of The 36th General Chapter ~ S.S.S.**

NEWLY REGISTERED

We warmly welcome

Meagan Beall & Family

as new parishioners.

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



The Gift of Giving

If you are 70.5 years or older, please consider a gift to our parish to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA, 401(k), or life insurance plan. Talk to your financial advisor about this strategic giving opportunity. Thank you!



Online Giving

If you prefer to give online, you can scan the QR codes at the back of

the church pews and set up your offertories through the portal. If you recently became an online giver and no longer wish to receive envelopes, please let us know, Ana-bella@svdpl.com





PARISH GIVING—JULY 27TH

We celebrated with **527** attending mass and our collection was \$5,999.40. 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 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 *expenses* through July 28th, 2025 are \$40,517.73. Our offertory *income* for the month as of the same date is \$23,391.40 and \$8,078.60 in Online Giving. **So far this Month our expenses exceed our income by \$9,047.73. 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: _____
