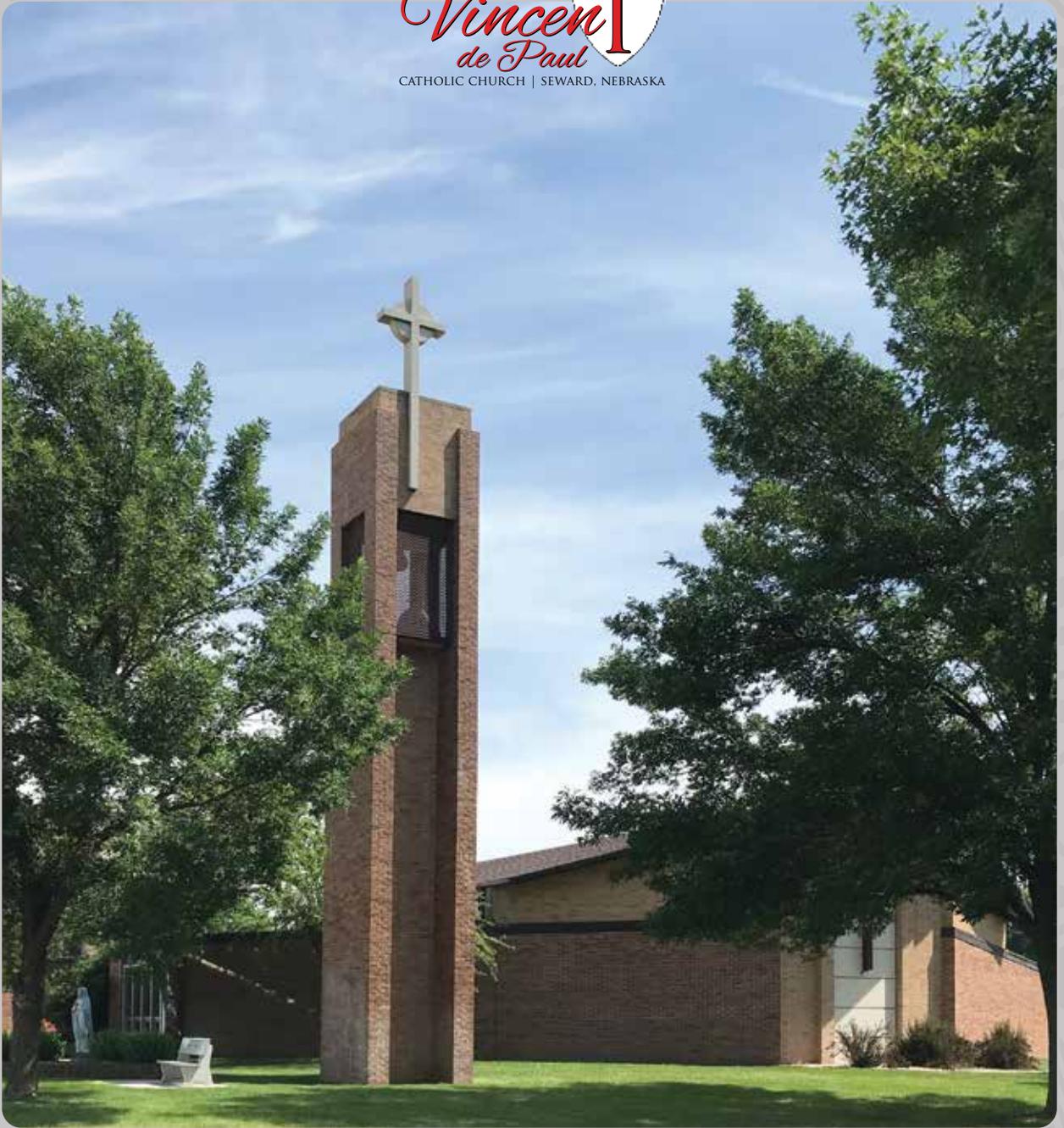


# Pray At All Times



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
2020 Stewardship Renewal

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## Cultivating a Sustainable Relationship with Christ

“Our Father, who art in heaven...” “Hail Mary, full of grace...” “Bless us, O Lord, for these, thy gifts...” These are the opening lines to a few prayers familiar to many Catholics. For some, these prayers sum up what it means to pray. But prayer can be so much more. Prayer is a gift given to us by God as a way to praise Him, seek His help and ask His forgiveness. Prayer is, according to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “the living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is good beyond measure, with his Son Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit” (CCC, 2565).

Prayer is a foundational component of the stewardship way of life. During this year’s Stewardship Renewal, as we commit the first fruits of our time, talent, and treasure, our parish is paying special attention to prayer, and how each individual parishioner can grow in his or her prayer life.





# *Stewardship of Time*

## Nurturing a Healthy Prayer Life

Before any fruit-bearing plant can yield a harvest, it must be nurtured and cultivated. The same is true for a healthy prayer life. A deep and lasting relationship with God does not happen overnight. It takes work, persistence and struggle before yielding a reward.

If you are new to prayer, start with small steps. Pope Francis encourages Catholics to set aside 15 minutes every morning to pray.

- Spend 5 minutes praising God, thanking Him for the blessings you have in your life.
- Spend the next 5 minutes asking God for His help and blessings on those you love.
- Finally, spend the last 5 minutes listening to Him. Read the daily Scriptures found at [uscgb.org/bible/readings](http://uscgb.org/bible/readings) or on a Catholic phone app, such as iBreviary, Evangelizo, Magnificat or Divine Office, and be sure to listen to whatever God might be trying to tell you through those words.

For those with an already healthy prayer life, continue to find new ways to communicate with God. Stick to the “tried and true” methods of prayer – the types of prayer you are most comfortable with – but don’t be afraid to venture into new territory. Practices such as Lectio Divina, Liturgy of the Hours or praising God through song are beautiful opportunities to step outside of your “comfort zone” in prayer.

# Stewardship of Talent

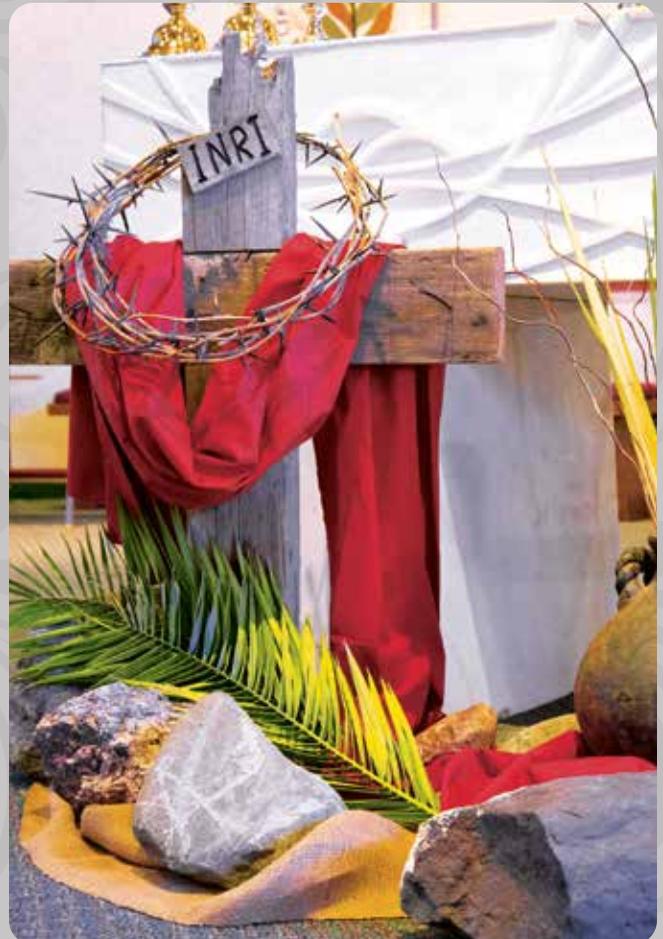
## Incorporating Prayer Into Daily Life

Prayer becomes much more effective and meaningful when it's tied to a part of daily life. Discern which methods of prayer align most closely with your individual talents and gifts.

Prayer doesn't have to be audible, it doesn't have to follow any rules — in fact, prayer doesn't even require words. St. John Chrysostom, Doctor of the Church, once referred to prayer as “a partnership and union with God.” Throughout each day, strive to enter into union with God. Some situations lend themselves perfectly to prayer — the morning and evening commute, waiting in line at the store or time spent preparing a meal. Arrange your day around opportunities for prayer, rather than squeezing prayer times in between your other activities. In just a short time, prayer will become an integral component of your daily life.

### Incorporating Prayer

- Are you a natural-born public speaker? Consider becoming a lector and participate in a meaningful way in the celebration of Mass, the Church's most important prayer.
- Are you a compassionate person? Join a prayer ministry at our parish, praying for the intentions of those in our parish and community.
- Exercise the grace you've been given through the sacraments to share your faith with others, praying with them in their times of need.





# Stewardship of Treasure

## Finding Prayer in Financial Aspects of Life

Every moment of our lives is an opportunity to grow in our relationship with Christ – not just the time spent at Mass on Sundays. Prayer is the best way to do that. Even mundane tasks, or things that seem to have no connection to God, can be approached with prayer in mind. Our treasure is a great example of this idea.

We should approach everything in life – even our finances – with Christ in mind. How can we use our treasure to give glory to God? Does our monthly budget reveal areas of our lives that need adjusting? Has money become an idol? During this year's Stewardship Renewal, prayerfully consider the ways in which you can share your treasure with the Church and all of God's people.

### Find the “Treasure” in Treasure

Like every gift God gives to us, our finances come with responsibility. We must use our money wisely and in ways that reflect our love for Christ. At Name of Parish, we invite all parishioners to consider using their financial resources to support the Church according to the scriptural tithe in the following way:

**5% to God through the offertory**

*1% to the Diocese • 4% to other charities and causes*

# 2020 Ministries

## **Accompanists and Musicians**

Accompanists and musicians accompany vocalists on organ, piano, guitar, or other instruments during Mass or other special liturgies.

Contact: Beth Peery, 402-641-3725,  
kp45712@windstream.net

## **Acolytes**

The Acolyte Ministry assists the priest by distributing Communion and preparing for all liturgical celebrations.

Contact: Gloria Schneider, 402-643-3421,  
gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net;  
Msgr. Robert Tucker, 402-643-3421,  
msgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net

## **Altar Servers**

Altar servers offers boys 10 and older the chance to get closer to the Lord by assisting the priest at our liturgical celebrations. Boys who have received First Holy Communion can participate in this ministry.

Contact: Gloria Schneider, 402-643-3421,  
gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net;  
Terry Wehrs, 402-641-4657,  
twehrs1958@hotmail.com

## **Baptismal Preparation**

To help parents and families of children understand the meaning and impact of Baptism in the Christian life by giving parents a greater awareness of their duties as spiritual guardians of their children. For those seeking to have a child baptized, if it is their first child, will need to make an appointment for an instruction class.

Contact: Msgr. Robert Tucker, 402-643-3421,  
msgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net;  
Fr. Allan Phan, 402-643-3421,  
fr.allan-phan@cdolinc.net

## **Bible Study**

Participants discover the beauty of Scripture and grow into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and others.

Contact: Fr. Allan Phan, 402-643-3421,  
fr.allan-phan@cdolinc.net;  
Msgr. Robert Tucker, 402-643-3421,  
msgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net

## **Cantors**

Cantors are the leaders of sung prayer for the assembly at worship. Through their leadership, they foster a greater sense of full, conscious and active participation.

Contact: Beth Peery, 402-641-3725,  
kp45712@windstream.net

## **CCD Catechists (First through Eighth Grades)**

CCD classes are open to all parish students in first through eighth grades. Classes meet each Wednesday evening, during the school year, from 7-8:15 p.m. Students in second grade are instructed to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Students in fifth grade are instructed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Catechists follow a diocesan-approved curriculum in planning and teaching the Catholic faith.

Contact: Carmen Brown, 402-643-3521,  
carmenbrowndre@gmail.com

## **Confirmation Reception**

A reception in the Social Hall will be held for the bishop, clergy, confirmands and their families following the Confirmation liturgy. The chairwomen will ask the designated circle or circles for a designated amount of money so cookies, cake or cupcakes can be ordered. Four or five ladies will be needed to set up, serve, and clean up.

Contact: Bea Niemoth, 402-641-3354,  
brniemoth@gmail.com

### **Connectedness Committee**

The Connectedness Committee will welcome all parishioners so that they will feel like they are part of a family. Also, ensures plans are in place to capitalize on the talents of current and new parishioners, and that conversations take place to invite parishioners to appropriate committees and activities.

Contact: Lisa Lindau, 402-499-8104,  
lindystudios2074@gmail.com

### **Decorating Committee**

The Decorating Committee helps to plan the environment in the church for the major holidays and seasons throughout the year, meeting on an as-needed basis.

Contact: Annette Stevens, 402-588-2233,  
thesteves@windstream.net

### **Engaged Encounter**

Engaged Encounter weekends are available to any engaged couple who would like a weekend of sharing and dialogue with one another to enhance their marriage preparation in the Lord. Couples interested in making a weekend, or those who would like to help with the Engaged Encounter Program, are invited to go to <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/marriage-family/engaged-encounter>.

Contact: Msgr. Robert Tucker, 402-643-3421,  
msgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net

### **Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound and Nursing Homes**

Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound and Nursing Homes serve our parish by bringing Communion to those who can no longer attend Mass because of sickness or old age. As members of the early Church carried the Eucharist to each other, these ministers continue the tradition of physically transporting the Body of Christ to members of our faith community.

Contact: Gloria Schneider, 402-643-3421,  
gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is a form of prayer that brings us into the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lord offers us special graces as we spend quiet time with Him.

Contact: Tania Breiner, 402-643-5401,  
rolfsmeyert@gmail.com

### **Facilities Committee**

This ministry will help with the upkeep of the church building, as well as planning for future projects.

Contact: Aaron Busse, 402-417-2727,  
aaronhd04@aol.com

### **Finance and Development Committee**

The Finance and Development Committee meets quarterly to review the financial stability of the parish and assist the pastor in making financial decisions for the future work of the parish.

Contact: Bruce Faimon, 402-643-6480,  
bdfaimon@windstream.net;  
Ryne Seaman, 402-643-2121,  
rseaman@neb.rr.com

### **Funeral Dinner**

As a service to the family who is grieving, our parish provides salads, desserts and workers for a luncheon immediately following the funeral service. Often these luncheons can be quite large, so many volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the meal.

Contact: Judy Vandenberg, 402-643-4117,  
jvtlims@hotmail.com

## **Godparent Program (High School Religious Ed.)**

The Godparent Program is the religious education program for teens in ninth through 12th grades. It emphasizes spiritual growth and the development of a community within the Catholic faith. A diocesan-approved curriculum is used, which includes prayer, Scripture and Catholic Doctrine. The format allows for discussion of topics and events pertinent to the lives of teenagers. The weekly sessions are in the Godparent homes on Wednesdays from 7-8:15 p.m. Each freshman class is split into two to three GP Groups, with each having its own Godparent couple. Teens remain in their assigned GP Group for all four years of high school. The Godparents are married couples who volunteer and are willing to share their faith, be good witnesses to the Sacrament of Marriage, and open their homes to their GP Group. The GP Groups participate in service projects, fundraisers, special prayer services and annual weekend retreats.

Contact: Carmen Brown, 402-643-3521, [carmenbrowndre@gmail.com](mailto:carmenbrowndre@gmail.com)

## **Greeters**

Greeters assist before, during and after Masses, escorting church members and guests to pews, collecting the offertory and distributing bulletins.

Contact: Gloria Schneider, 402-643-3421, [gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net](mailto:gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net)

## **Helping Hands Ministry**

The Helping Hands Ministry was recently formed to serve parishioners who could use our help with transportation and household needs. These services will be provided by fellow volunteer parishioners wanting to serve in the name of Jesus Christ. We hope you will join us — the more volunteers we have, the more services we can offer. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, please contact any of the three ministry members. Your time, talent and

selflessness will be truly appreciated.

Contact: Mary Henley, 402-968-9091, [taylor\\_maryfran@yahoo.com](mailto:taylor_maryfran@yahoo.com);  
Sandy Shaw, 402-643-0681, [sandy\\_shaw66@hotmail.com](mailto:sandy_shaw66@hotmail.com)

## **Kapaun's Men**

A men's group following the inspirational life of Fr. Emil Kapaun.

Contact: Mark Peery, 402-304-6271, [mark-peery@machinerytrader.com](mailto:mark-peery@machinerytrader.com)

## **Knights of Columbus**

In 1983, the Knights of Columbus Council No. 8469 was organized at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Currently, there are approximately 217 members. Knights of Columbus consists of Catholic men 18 years of age and over who have fulfilled their first of four degree requirements. The Knights stand for Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Contact: Grand Knight Brandon Lindau, 402-499-8103, [Brandon.lindau@gmail.com](mailto:Brandon.lindau@gmail.com)

## **Marriage Encounter**

A Marriage Encounter weekend is available to any couple who would like to enhance their relationship with communication on the positive aspects of their love and understanding of the other's feelings. The weekend is an opportunity for the husband and wife to learn to share their thoughts, and to reawaken the beauty of their love of God and their love for each other upon which they built their marriage in the beginning. Presenting couples of the Marriage Encounter team help one to reflect and learn through sharing their own experiences. Couples then communicate with each other in private. Couples interested in making a weekend may contact the Diocesan Family Life Office.

Contact: Diocesan Family Life Office, 402-488-2040, <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/marriage-family/marriage-encounter>;  
Rev. Mark S. Pfeiffer, 402-266-5581, [fr.mark-pfeiffer@cdolinc.net](mailto:fr.mark-pfeiffer@cdolinc.net)

## **Marriage Preparation**

Marriage Preparation is available for parishioners who wish to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. A couple should contact the priest six to 12 months prior to a proposed wedding date.

Contact: Msgr. Robert Tucker, 402-643-3421, [mMgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net](mailto:mMgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net);  
Fr. Allan Phan, 402-643-3421, [fr.allan-phan@cdolinc.net](mailto:fr.allan-phan@cdolinc.net)

## **Mom's Group**

The Mom's Group is open to moms of any age, regardless of their child's age or grade level. The group meets every Wednesday morning at the Seward Public Library, to cover a book or study a series that will help moms grow in their faith life. The group gives moms a chance to get together to discuss books in a kid-friendly setting.

Contact: Tess Sousek, 402-984-4867, [tess.sousek@gmail.com](mailto:tess.sousek@gmail.com)

## **Mowers**

We have a huge lawn here at St. Vincent de Paul. We need volunteers to help mow the lawn and keep it looking nice.

Contact: Gloria Schneider, 402-643-5545, [gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net](mailto:gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net);  
Ken Meyer, 402-643-2844, [kmeyer1@neb.rr.com](mailto:kmeyer1@neb.rr.com)

## **Natural Family Planning**

The Diocesan Natural Family Planning Centers offer instruction in the (Creighton Model) ovulation method of Natural Family Planning, which is the mucus method, not the rhythm method, so cycles need not be regular to use to achieve or avoid a pregnancy. Assistance is also offered to Sympto-Thermal users of Natural Family Planning. Contact the Lincoln NFP Education Center to register for instruction.

Contact: Lincoln NFP Education Center, 402-488-2040

## **Parish Council**

The Parish Council serves as an advisory body to the Pastor. This council meets five times each year, unless otherwise noted.

Contact: Msgr. Robert Tucker, 402-643-3421, [mMgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net](mailto:mMgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net);  
Fr. Allan Phan, 402-643-3421, [fr.allan-phan@cdolinc.net](mailto:fr.allan-phan@cdolinc.net)

## **Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)/Altar Society**

The Parish Council of Catholic Women, under the direction of our priest, performs the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in the service of God and His Church. The members are committed to the care and beautification of the sanctuary and the church. The ministry also bakes and sells pies at the Seward County Fair each year, and the proceeds are given for altar needs. The PCCW ladies of the parish also serve for various receptions held at the church.

*PCCW board members:*

Mary Frisbie, 402-641-9271, [mary.frisbie@sewardschools.org](mailto:mary.frisbie@sewardschools.org);  
Mary Grunke, 402-643-3784, [nebrnana71@gmail.com](mailto:nebrnana71@gmail.com);  
Bonnie Hentzen, 402-641-2373, [bhentzen@hotmail.com](mailto:bhentzen@hotmail.com);  
Mary Miner, 402-643-0605, [marybethminer@gmail.com](mailto:marybethminer@gmail.com);  
Bea Niemoth, 402-641-3354, [brniemoth@gmail.com](mailto:brniemoth@gmail.com)

## **Pro-Life**

Yearly events that we participate in nationally include The Sanctity of Human Life Sunday in January and The Life Chain in October. Activities on the local agenda include Birthright, a baby articles collection and a Mother's Day advertisement in the local newspaper in May.

Alissa Hoxmeier, 308-991-6591, [alissahoxmeier@hotmail.com](mailto:alissahoxmeier@hotmail.com);  
Tess Sousek, 402-984-4867, [tess.sousek@gmail.com](mailto:tess.sousek@gmail.com)

## **PTO Officers**

The PTO Officers provide our school children and teachers with special activities throughout the school year.

Contact: *Mary Frisbie, 402-641-9271, mary.frisbie@sewardschools.org*

## **RCIA**

The RCIA is the official process of the whole Catholic Church for welcoming new members and for offering information about the Catholic Church to inquirers. It aims at helping people grow in knowledge, faith and prayer so that they can make a mature and free response to God's call. This nine-month process of instruction and information about the Catholic Church is intended for those who have never been baptized, baptized in another faith or for those who wish to return to the practice of the faith.

Contact: *Msgr. Robert Tucker, 402-643-3421, msgrtucker@gmail.com;*

*Fr. Allan Phan, 402-643-3421, fr.allan-phan@cdolinc.net*

## **Readers and Lectors**

Readers and lectors proclaim the Word of God at our Masses and special occasion liturgical celebrations.

Contact: *Gloria Schneider, 402-643-3421, gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net;*

*Msgr. Robert Tucker, 402-643-3421, msgrtucker@gmail.com*

## **Rosary Leaders**

The Rosary is prayed publicly before each of the Sunday Masses. Leaders are scheduled on an as-needed basis.

Contact: *Tania Breiner, 402-643-5401, rolfsmeyert@gmail.com*

## **Sacristans**

This ministry is open to adult confirmed Catholics. The sacristan prepares the physical objects needed for the celebration of Mass. This detailed ministry

is necessary for the smooth flow of the liturgical celebration.

Contact: *Barbara Lund, 402-643-2102, barblund@windstream.net; Tausha Dybdal, 402-450-4989, tausha-dybdal@cdolinc.net*

## **St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Preschool**

Our parish preschool offers sessions for children ages 3-4 (Tuesday/Thursday) and 4-5 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday). Preschool activities integrate our faith along with learning preschool skills. Registration begins in the spring. For more information, call the school office.

Contact: *School Office, 402-643-9525*

## **St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School**

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School began in the fall of 2001. The school now provides education for children in kindergarten through fourth grade. The staff is dedicated to providing spiritual growth and academic excellence to their students. For more information, call the school office.

Contact: *School Office, 402-643-9525*

## **St. Vincent de Paul Prayer Circle**

The St. Vincent de Paul Prayer Circle is a volunteer group that ministers to our parish and parishioners by praying for personal prayer requests, as well as the needs of our church and community. If you wish to be a part of the prayer circle or if you have a prayer request and would like the circles to pray, please contact one of the following circles leaders.

Contact: *Gloria Schneider, 402-643-5545, gloria.schneider@cdolinc.net*

## **School Advisory Committee**

A group of parents and parishioners who recognize the importance of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School (K-4) as a Catholic educational ministry for our youth, and advise the Pastor and the Principal on how

to sustain and advance this ministry to meet the needs of our community.

Contact: Rose Kenney, 402-761-2533, [rose-kenney@milfordpublicschool](mailto:rose-kenney@milfordpublicschool)

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide Catholic lay organization. The mission of the Society is to join together in a bond of friendship, and to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering.

Contact: Please leave a message on our helpline at 402-646-2299 if you would like to join or receive more information.

### **Spirit Committee**

Once a year, the parish gathers together for a major fundraiser — Spirit Dinner and Auction. The proceeds raised are for the everyday operating expenses that the church incurs throughout the year.

Contact: Keith and Nicki Wintz, 402-659-3528, [nickiwintz@yahoo.com](mailto:nickiwintz@yahoo.com); Nicole Wegman, 402-440-4196, [klmnwegman@gmail.com](mailto:klmnwegman@gmail.com)

### **Spiritual Committee**

The Spiritual Committee helps the staff to develop, plan and implement various programs, workshops and days of reflection to enhance growth and development in adult spirituality.

Contact: Camille Wanetka, 402-540-3756, [scbjnw@gmail.com](mailto:scbjnw@gmail.com)

### **Stewardship Committee**

The primary responsibility of the Stewardship Committee is to foster and sustain the stewardship lifestyle among parishioners. The committee will work to ensure stewardship is not just a one-time activity, but continues as an ongoing part of parish life. They will strive to keep the stewardship message alive in the parish throughout the year.

Contact: Ben Santo, 402-883-7464, [bsantofamily@gmail.com](mailto:bsantofamily@gmail.com)

### **Wake-Rosary Hospitality**

Families wishing refreshments served following a wake/a Rosary service held at the church the evening before a funeral, may contact the chairwoman of this committee. Coffee will be provided by the PCCW. All food and other refreshments will either be provided or paid for by the family. The Wake-Rosary Hospitality Committee will be in charge of serving, setting up and cleaning up. The family would need to check availability of the Social Hall from the Parish Office.

Contact: Judy Vandenberg, 402-643-4117, [jvtlims@hotmail.com](mailto:jvtlims@hotmail.com)

### **Welcoming Committee**

Committee members visit new parishioners and welcome them to our parish community.

Contact: Sharon Jelinek, 402-643-4325, [gsjelinek1943@gmail.com](mailto:gsjelinek1943@gmail.com)





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