

St. Vital Roman Catholic Church

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& St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle, Delmas

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Parish Secretary: Connie Sapriken

Parish Office Hours:

Wednesday & Thursday:

9:30 am – 12:30 pm & 1 pm – 3:00 pm

Closed Monday, Tuesday & Friday

Mass Times:

Daily: 9 am unless otherwise noted

Weekend:

Saturday: 5 pm Sunday: 10:30 am

Mass at District Care Centre Thursdays: 10:00 am



CONFESSIONS:

30 minutes before Saturday or
Weekday Mass or call Fr. Sebastian
to make an appointment

MONTHLY MEETINGS

K of C & CWL

1st Tuesday 2nd Thursday

Mass @ 6:30 pm Followed by meeting

December 24, 2023: 4th Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

| Date: | Time: | Intention for: | Requested by: |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Mon. Dec 25 | 10:30 am | Int of Bob & Dorothy Caldwell | (Christmas Day) Karen Caldwell |
| Tue. Dec 26 | *6:30 pm* | Intentions of Fr. Sebastian | Scott family |
| Wed. Dec 27 | 9:00 am | Intentions of Jacob Stynsky | Vic & Roxanne Stynsky |
| Thur. Dec 28 | 9:00 am 10:00 am | +Don Vetter Battlefords District Care Center | Joan Basler |
| Fri. Dec 29 | 9:00 am | +Wilf Perlinger | Larry & Dawne Toner |
| Sat. Dec 30 | 5:00 pm | Int of Ernie & Paulette Andreas | Vic & Roxanne Stynsky |
| Sun. Dec 31 | 10:30 am | +Marilyn O'Driscoll | Eugene & Annette Lepitzki |
| Sun. Dec 31 <u>Delmas</u> | 9:00 am | Parishes of St. Vital & | St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle |

May God's Blessings of Peace, Love and Happiness be
with you & your families this
CHRISTMAS SEASON and throughout 2024!
May the Peace of Christ reign in your
hearts and in your homes!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Weekend Collection:

Dec 16th & Dec 17th: \$

Auto Deposits for November: \$

St. Vital CWL.

To all new and returning members:
Pay your 2024 membership fee of \$35.00 by
December 31 and your name will be entered into a
draw to have your membership paid!
(refunded to you)

Parish Family Potluck Dinner

Immediately after 10:30 am Mass on **January 14, 2024.**
Bring your favorite dish to share and socialize with parish
family and friends. See you there!

Mass Ministries

| | Saturday Dec 23 | Sunday Dec 24 | Saturday Dec 30 | Sunday Dec 31 | Saturday Jan 7 | Sunday Jan 8 |
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| Greeters | | CWL | | C. Sapriken | | Schwark |
| Lectors | D. Studney | CWL | J. Gentes | S. Bailey | B. A. Smart | Family |
| Ushers | R. Smart | X | R. Smart | X | R. Smart | X |
| Eucharist | | A. Leptizki | | R. Poulin | | C. Scherman |

Wednesday, December 27, 2023
Fr. Sebastian Kunnath celebrates his 28th
Anniversary
of Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.
Congratulations and thank you Fr. Sebastian for
your love and dedicated service to
St. Vital Parish!
We love you!
God Bless you always!

**Christmas / New Years Mass Schedule for
St. Vital Parish**

Sat Dec 23 - 5:00 pm 4th **Sunday of Advent**
Sun Dec 24 - 10:30 am 4th **Sunday of Advent**
Sun Dec 24 - **Christmas Eve:**
Joy to the World Singing: 6:30 pm ..
Mass: 7:00 pm
Mon Dec 25th - Christmas Day Mass **10:30 am**

New Years Day:
Monday, January 1...Mass 10:30 am
Holy Day of Obligation

Family Sacramental meeting (Confirmation Part 1)
Monday January 8
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The Sacramental Candidate Enrollment Mass will be
Sunday January 14th 10:30 am

Next Knights of Columbus brunch
January 7, 2024
10:00 - 12:00
Everyone is welcome!

Bishops Annual Appeal:
"Believe Love Share...In Jesus"
October 15, 2023 to December 31, 2023
Our Parish Goal is \$20,634

Pledges as of Dec 11 - \$17,045

Every gift is greatly appreciated!

If you have already sent in your pledge for the Bishop's Annual Appeal, thank you for your generosity. If you haven't done so yet and are planning to, the Appeal Office would like to receive all pledges on or before December 31, 2023. If you have lost or misplaced your Appeal information, additional pledge cards are available from your Parish Office.

Please continue to pray for the success of the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Roof Repair Update

The roof repair cost is **\$168,464.70**

Donations to date \$37,839.48

Although the project is complete please remember it is never too late to donate!

Tax receipts will be issued for your donations!

Every gift is appreciated!

New **2024** Sunday Collection Envelopes are ready for pickup in the church entrance. We have reduced the number of envelopes ordered again this year due to lack of use.

Anyone who had an envelope number above **100** last year has been assigned a new number which corresponds to your name. If you prefer to use Auto-Deposit in place of envelopes, the required forms are on the table. Just fill one in & return to the office.

Diocesan Special Collection envelopes for Auto Deposit users are available there as well.

ADVENT SEASON

The Advent Wreath

*is very symbolic, the evergreens used for the wreath itself are a reminder of **continuous life**.*

The shaping of them into a circle reinforces that meaning. The circle is also a sign of everlasting life as well as the eternity of God. The four candles used: Three purple and one pink, mark the Sundays of Advent before Christmas.

Advent Candles & Their Meaning

Advent candles are a part of Christian traditions that serve as a reminder that Jesus came as Light into our dark world.

Each one represents something different:

Candle of Hope (Prophet Candle/God's People Candle...purple

The first candle symbolizes hope and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.

Candle of Faith (Bethlehem Candle)...purple

The second candle represents faith and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Michah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. This candle reminds of the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.

Candle of Joy (Shepherd's Candle)...pink

The third candle symbolizes joy and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." The angels announced to the shepherds in the field, "good news of great joy to all people." This candle is pink because, in Christian history, the color rose signifies joy.

Candle of Peace (Angel's Candle)...purple

The fourth candle represents peace and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace-He came to bring people peace with God and with each other again.

Light & Purity (Christ Candle) may be used

The fifth candle is white and it represents light and purity and is called "Christ's candle" as it represents Christ coming into the world. It is placed in the middle as a reminder of the preeminent place of Christ.