

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT

For the year ended, December 31, 2023



In communion with the Holy Father, our Bishop Donald Bolen, and the teachings of the Universal Church; we, the members of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, are a community of hope and joy, renewed each time we celebrate the Eucharist, the reason for our existence and the source of our growth.

We are a community alive with the Good News of Jesus Christ, celebrating joyfully together, and reaching out in justice and love to share our faith with the world.

OPENING PRAYER



FATHER,

AS WE PREPARE TO BEGIN OUR MEETING, WE RECALL YOUR PROMISE TO BE PRESENT WHEN TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN YOUR NAME. WE KNOW THAT WITHOUT YOU HERE AMONG US, AND WITHIN EACH ONE OF US, WE WILL LABOUR IN VAIN. GRANT US THE WILLINGNESS TO BE OPEN TO EACH OTHER, TO RESPECT EACH OTHER, TO LISTEN TO EACH OTHER, TO BE HONEST WITH EACH OTHER, TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF EACH OTHER, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR KINGDOM. WE PRAY IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN.



CLOSING PRAYER

FATHER,

IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE TRUE BUSINESS OF THIS MEETING WILL BE OUR SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF OTHERS THROUGH US, AND NOT SIMPLY THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF TASKS AND PROJECTS. WE PRAY IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH
AGENDA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY, DATE APRIL 30, 2024

- 1. WELCOME**
- 2. OPENING PRAYER**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
- 5. PASTOR’S REPORT – FATHER VALENTINE AMOBI**
- 6. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – MARGA CUGNET**
- 7. FINANCE CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – PAMELA HAUPSTEIN**
- 8. UPDATE ON SANDY BAY MISSION – MEL VAN BETUW**
- 9. OVERVIEW OF PARISH REPORTS**
- 10. OLD BUSINESS – 2023 AGM**
 - A. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION – A 5 YEAR PROGRAM FOR OUR ARCHDIOCESE TO RAISE \$1,250,000 FOR OUR SHARE.**
 - B.**
- 11. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A.**
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- 12. THANK YOU TO COUNCIL MEMBERS**
- 13. NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS**

017-2021 Terms of Parish Council Members				
Name	Term	Year elected	Year to be completed	Eligibility for 2nd term
Father Valentine Amobi				
Marga Cugnet	2020		2026	
Bernice Driscoll	1	2023	2026	
Sarah Ayeri	Completed Term			
Jim Wanner	Completed Term			
Brenda Kosior	Completed Term			
Velma Hoffman (CWL)	1	2024	2027	
Richard Wick (KofC)	1	2023	2026	
Camille Goski (SAFF)	1	2023	2026	
Mel Van Betuw (B&G)	1	2023	2026	
Elaine Nielsen (STWD)	1	2023	2026	
Wendy Sidloski	2	2019	2025	
Marga Cugnet (Chair)	2	2020	2026	
Pam Haupstein	Appointed Finance Chairperson by Father Francis Plaparampil Nov 2020			
Pat Wolensky	Deanery Rep			
Val Wing	Secretary			

*A representative from each Committee/Ministry is asked to attend as a voting member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

15. CLOSING PRAYER- MARGA CUGNET

16. ADJOURNMENT

“WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT ENTHUSIASTICALLY, AS SOMETHING DONE FOR THE LORD AND NOT FOR MEN, KNOWING THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE THE REWARD OF AN INHERITANCE FROM THE LORD. YOU SERVE THE LORD CHRIST.” (COLOSSIANS 3:23-24)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY, DATE MAY 28, 2023

1. WELCOME: MARGA CUGNET
2. OPENING PRAYER: FATHER VALENTINE
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION BY PETER BROCOLO/ LISE SOLES. CARRIED
4. MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: MOTION BY MEL VANBETUW/ CLAIRE KUHN
5. PASTOR'S REPORT – FATHER VALENTINE AMOBI

FATHER VAL EXPRESSED AFTER BEING HERE TEN MONTHS, HE HAD NO REGRETS IN BEING POSTED IN OUR PARISH. HE REPEATED HIS THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE PARISH.

AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE OTHER PRIESTS IN OUR DEANERY AND WITH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL HE HAS FORMED A DECISION ABOUT EULOGIES AT FUNERALS: THE GUIDELINES SAY THERE CANNOT BE A EULOGY DURING THE MASS SO FATHER HAS AGREED TO HAVE THE EULOGY AFTER THE END OF THE MASS OR PREFERABLY AT THE LUNCHEON.

WE ARE GOING BACK TO THE NORMAL CELEBRATION OF MASS AS BEFORE COVID. THIS MEANS SERVING THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, PRESENTING THE GIFTS, PASSING THE COLLECTION BASKETS AND NEEDING MORE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS.

THE UKRAINIAN CHURCH HAS SOLD AND THEY WILL BE RENTING OUR CHURCH ON THE 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 3PM

THERE WAS DISCUSSION THAT WE LET THE UKRAINIANS USE OUR CHURCH FOR NO CHARGE BUT IT WILL BE DECIDED BY PPC FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE PRIESTS.

6. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – MARGA CUGNET REFERRED TO HER THE REPORT SUBMITTED AND AGAIN THANKED ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS, AS WELL SHE THANKED LESLIE RICHARDS AND JOAN MARCOTTEE/DAVIES FOR WORKING WITH OUR CHILDREN.

7. FINANCE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – PAMELA HAUPSTEIN

PAMELA HAUPSTEIN WENT OVER THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT WHICH WAS REVIEWED BY BARAN AND COMPANY, WHO FOUND NO ANOMALIES. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS.

7. SANDY BAY REPORT - CLAIRE KUHN

ED AND CLAIRE KUHN HAD A DREAM. THEY WANTED TO SUPPORT A MISSION IN SASKATCHEWAN. THEY CONTACTED CATHOLIC MISSIONS ABOUT AND GOT APPROVAL FOR SUPPORTING A MISSION. THEY GOT WORD IN 2013, OF OUR LADY OF SEVEN SORROWS AT SANDY BAY AS A MISSION. CLAIRE THEN CONTACTED THE PASTOR ,

FATHER SUSAI JESU, OMI, AND CLAIRE MADE A MOTION AT THE NEXT AGM TO DONATE 100/ MONTH TO THE MISSION. CLAIRE AND HER HUSBAND BEGAN VISITING SANDY BAY AND MANY PARCELS WERE DELIVERED THERE OVER THE YEARS DESPITE THE STRUGGLES TO GET THEM TRANSPORTED.

THE MEMBERS OF THEIR PARISH CAME HERE TO VISIT PARISH IN 2014. WE DONATED \$17,000.00 FOR A NEW ROOF.

IN 2015 THE PARISH SENT 657 CRHISTMAS BOXES AND DELIGHTED EVERYONE THERE.

CLAIRE MADE A MOTION TODAY THAT WE MAKE A DONATOIN OF \$10000 TO SANDY BAY FOR BUILDING REPAIRS. CLAIRE RECINDED HER MOITION

MOTION THAT WE WILL HAVE A COLLECTION FOR SANDY BAY FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE/ REPAIRS AND AFTER IT'S OVER THE CHURCH WILL PUT IN THE AMOUNT TO MAKE IT UP TO \$10,000.00 BY MEL/ VIC PLANTE SECONDED BY RON WORMSBECKER. CARRIED

8. REPORTS ARE IN THE BOOKLET

9. OLD BUSINESS – 2022 AGM

A. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION – A 5 YEAR PROGRAM FOR OUR ARCHDIOCESE TO RAISE \$1,250,000 FOR OUR SHARE.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. EVANGELIZATION, FATHER'S GOAL IS TO HAVE EACH MINISTRY DO AN EVANGELIZATION PROJECT IN THE NEXT YEAR

B. THE CHURCH DOORS ARE LOCKED AT 8 AM ON SUNDAY. RAMP TO THE CHOIR DOOR IS DETERIORATING. WE WILL ASK FATHER ABOUT HAVING THE DOORS EARLIER ON SUNDAYS.

C. LESLIE RICHARDS IS LOOKING FOR HELP WITH VOLUNTEERS FOR THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THAT WILL BE HELD, JULY 18-19 FOR AGES 6-10. SHE ALSO THANKED THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR WHAT THEY DO.

11. NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS: NOMINATIONS WERE LED BY VIC MESSER. BERNICE DRISCOLL WAS NOMINATED BY FRAN MESSER/MEL VAN BETUW. CARRIED
12. CLOSING PRAYER:- MARGA CUGNET
13. ADJOURNMENT: 2:15PM

A Letter from Father Valentine Amobi;

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

First, I must express my thanks and gratitude for the many hours of work and volunteer services you are all putting towards making St Vincent de Paul Parish, your parish and family.

"The Church is God's Household". (1 Timothy 3:15); Therefore, we are members of God's family., the Church and the body of Christ.

Let us continue to bear witness to Christ, make St. Vincent de Paul our own, and help others to see the need to be part of this household and God's.

Our goal is to strive to be holy, and we are not there yet, but I encourage us to make every step count towards this journey to holiness.

Think about where you are in your journey and pray that you can and will get closer to your goal, as we journey together as a family of God.

Thanks,



Father Valentine Amobi

Parish Pastoral Chairperson Report, 2023

Dear Parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul,

Our faithful community had another eventful year in 2023. Time, talent and treasure. You will have heard this phrase several times in the past months.

In our annual report we are pleased to share the numerous community activities that were celebrated and attended by our parish priest, Father Valentine, our parishioners and especially all of you who participate in ministries and other volunteer roles.

These reports highlight the strong faith of our church community, as we share our individual time, talents and treasures.

Father Valentine and Parish Council are profoundly grateful how our Parish continues to grow and work together to serve God and each other. As a community we recognize that change, whether large or small, at times, can be difficult to adopt. We need to find ways to make them work for our parishioners including our staff. It takes many to keep St. Vincent de Paul growing. The reports reflect several events we have been involved in, but we emphasize there is room for others to join, even just one ministry. This involvement will help our new participants to enrich and grow their faith.

There are expectations by Jesus, as part of our faith in our parish. Worship, grow, serve, connect and give. Prayer helps us prepare to share of ourselves and grow in usefulness to God. Do not be afraid to approach a fellow parishioner if we fail to approach you.

The seed is sown—thank you for helping our parish provide the fertile soil of faith.

Sincerely,

Marga Cugnet

Parish Council chairperson

Administrative Assistant – Annual Report 2023

We are always very thankful for those who have shared their time and talents with our parish, and for those that continue to do so. All the things that are done in the background by the volunteers are not known by the parishioners who only attend Mass and it's all of those things that keep the church looking so welcoming and viable! Please consider how your own talents may be used to further enhance our parish and keep it running efficiently.

Weekly duties in this role include preparing the weekend bulletin and monthly calendars and PowerPoints for the screen system for Masses and announcements, updating the parish website, recording sacraments in record books and our parish on line files, preparing the intercessory prayers, assisting parish committees and councils, prepare for celebrations and events, selling and recording the sales of religious articles, ordering materials as needed, advertising and promoting the parish, Archdiocesan, and ecumenical events through posters, Facebook, website, etc.

Scheduling for all Mass ministries is a big part of this position. At various times in the year schedules are made up for: Senior and Junior Acolytes, Eucharist Ministers, Children's Liturgy leaders, Screen Projection runners, Hospitality members, and Pastoral Care volunteers. Some schedules run for the full year, some for two years, while others are only for a few months at a time, or only from September to June.

Recruiting for the above Mass ministries has been a continuous struggle. Due to various reasons, we have had a significant decrease in volunteers. More and more people have been stepping down from their ministries and unfortunately very few people have been stepping up to take their place and share their talents and it seems we lose more volunteers than we gain every year.

Other responsibilities include taking registrations for baptisms, assisting in registrations for sacramental preparation for Confirmation/First Eucharist, preparing sacramental certificates, recording everything into our parish registries, as well as taking on other, unforeseen jobs as they come up and are needed to be taken care of.

I assist Father with funeral preparation by meeting with families and coordinating with the funeral home, McKenna Hall, lunch committee and choirs and of course recording information in parish registries.

Taylor Hoffman does the bookkeeping, and Tiffany Bohn was hired in April to be an Administrative Assistant.

Thank you to all who I am in communication with, in regard to the scheduling, advertising, and details of the different events that happen in and around our parish, particularly to the members of our various committees. Thank you also to those who are faithful in giving of themselves time and time again to further the growth of our parish.

Respectfully submitted by Val Wing
Administrative Assistant / Receptionist

St. Vincent de Paul – children’s Liturgy and VBS – 2023 Annual Report

Children's Liturgy continued to run this past year. Attendance varies but is consistently about fifteen children. We have received positive feedback from both parents and children about the time they spend with our volunteer teachers in these lessons. We thank our volunteers for giving their time to investing in the littlest souls in our parish and we thank the parish for its support of both prayers and resources. This past July, we also ran a VBS in our parish. It had been several years since it was last offered. The Knights and CWL were very generous in supporting this endeavor. We ran three afternoons of programming and had thirty youth attend. We were blessed to have several teen helpers with high energy and several exceptional adult leaders who made this happen. The theme was Celebrate Life and events included a pro-life march around the parking lot, outdoor rosary, songs, dancing, and snacks.

The youth of our parish are the future and investing in them will always be worth it. Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers for the catechism and formation of our youth. Thank You.

Leslie Richards

“It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settling a question without debating it.” – Joseph Joubert

Building and Grounds Committee – 2023 Annual Report

The year 2023 for buildings and grounds was very typical and similar to 2022. It appears the covid effect on the economy has subsided and operations are back to what we can consider normal.

General caretaking is undertaken once a week by a cleaning contractor and the balance is done in house. For the church and hall, general maintenance, hall setup, caretaking, snow and yards is done by one staff member, Grant Marcotte. It is felt he does a commendable job although it can be a bit overwhelming when events overlap. Thank you, Grant!

Through diligence, using volunteers and commitment to keep costs low, maintenance costs for 2023 were very manageable. With the exception of some furnace issues in the rectory, no major repairs were required.

Looking into 2024, at the time of this report we are in the middle of up grading the appearance of the main hall and vestibule of Mckenna Hall.

As in previous years, thank-you to our staff, volunteers and the Parish community, as a whole. We all take pride in our facilities, and I believe it is proven by the help we receive.

Submitted by

Mel Van Betuw
Building and Grounds Committee

Parish Library 2023 Annual Report

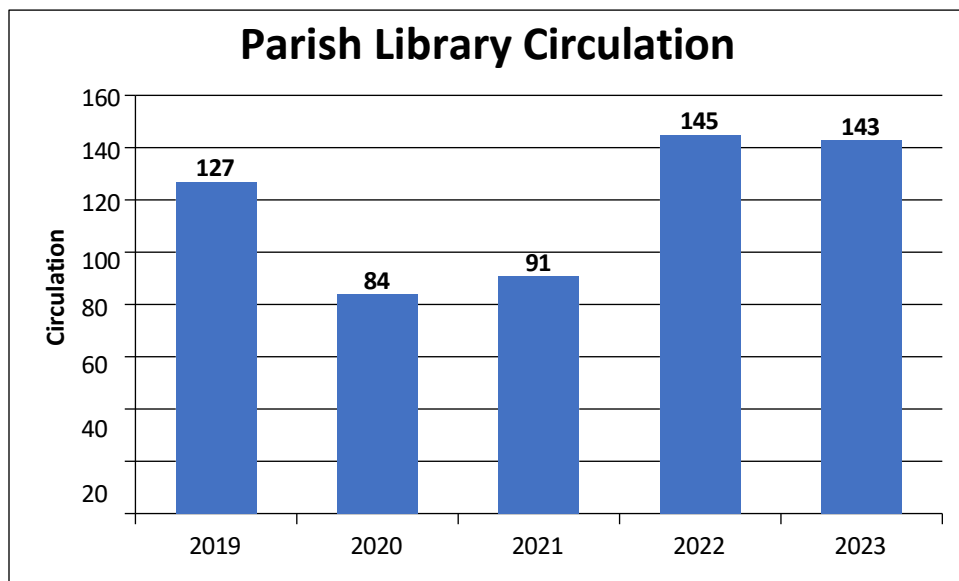
2023 was an excellent year for the Parish Library. There was a total of 143 items circulated: 117 books (82%) and 26 DVDs (18%), which is 12 items per month on average. Use of books increased in 2023 (+8%) while DVD checkouts dropped significantly (-35%). In general, DVDs are a declining media, so this decrease is not unexpected and will influence library purchasing decisions going forward.

Funding for the Parish Library rose by almost 60% in 2023 with a generous \$950 budget from Parish Council. Monetary donations from parishioners also contributed to library funding. In 2023 these funds were used to add 50 new items to the collection, an increase of 47% from 2022. Several gently used books were also donated to the library.

Use of the Parish Library is free, parishioners must complete a simple sign out sheet before taking an item. The library collects materials on topics related to our Catholic faith such as apologetics, Church history, theology, children’s materials, the Saints, the pro-life movement, evangelism, the Liturgy, and even a few fiction books. DVDs include Catholic themed documentaries and films. Parishioners are encouraged to explore the library and check out materials – the library has something to interest everyone at any reading level! The Parish Library is a source of faith, hope, and discovery, grounded in the richness of our Catholic faith.

Thank you for everyone’s use and support of the parish library; we look forward to continuing to serve the St. Vincent de Paul Parish community in 2024.

James Richards
Parish Librarian (volunteer)



Council 1731 Knights of Columbus Report

For the St. Vincent De Paul Annual General Meeting 2024

Though the Knights of Columbus (K of C) council in Weyburn, Council 1731, has over 140 members, only 25% or so of the membership is active in the workings of our council. Age and related health issues are factors that keep many of our members from being active, some are not active by choice, and some do not live in the Weyburn area. Recruiting new members has always been a goal but as with many volunteer organizations in present times, getting new men to join is a challenge. We are continually trying to meet that challenge.

Beginning October 2022, our council changed our meeting nights from the second and fourth Mondays of each month to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Most of our meetings now are preceded by a mass.

Our council's executive is comprised of the following: Chaplain - Father Valentine Amobi, Grand Knight - Richard Wick, Financial Secretary - Peter Broccolo, Treasurer - Ray Ball, Chancellor - Lavern Pleckham, Inside Guard - Albert Ejiofor, Outside Guard - Gerry Langlois, One Year Trustee - Ron Klein, Three Year Trustee - Aime Isabey. There are six positions on our council that are presently not filled. Any changes to our council executive will take place July 1st.

Our council, headed by Brother Knight, Bruno Tuchscherer, continues to operate our Bingo fundraiser at McKenna Hall. Bingos are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The bingos have been well attended by community patrons. Money earned from the bingos is "scrutinized" by the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority, so the funds raised from the bingos are targeted for specific donation groups/purposes. Our council cannot, at its own discretion, use the funds raised from the bingos.

Our council, headed by Brothers Bernie Kot and Aime Isabey, continue to lead the parish in saying the Rosary at 2:30 pm. on the fifth Sunday of any month that has a fifth Sunday. The most recent Fifth Sunday Rosary happened to be Easter Sunday, March 31. The next Fifth Sunday Rosary will be on June 30, 2024.

Apart from our involvement in the different ministries within the church at the Sunday masses and other celebratory masses and church events, and apart from our volunteer work at McKenna Hall and in the community, our Knights of Columbus Council 1731, and our 4th Degree Assembly 1526, have been very active in other church and community activities this past year. We have served as an honour guard at funerals and church events both locally and in other communities. We have raised and donated funds to various groups including, among many others, St. Michael School, the Weyburn Communithon, Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Parish in Sandy Bay and the Salvation Army Food Bank. We have prepared and provided a few hot meals for all students and staff at St. Michael School. We have paid or helped pay for events and awards for various school and community groups and have attended events to present the awards which we have sponsored. To stay in contact with other K of C councils worldwide, our members attend State (re: provincial) K of C meetings and events and will be hosting a state event in Weyburn in the fall of 2024.

This report is submitted by Richard Wick, Grand Knight, Council 1731, Weyburn, SK.

Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation Committee 2023 Annual Report

The St. Vincent de Paul Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation Committee (SAFF) strives to provide opportunities for the members of our Parish to learn more about our Catholic Faith. Below is an overview of our 2023 activities with attendance for each event in brackets.

- January 1 – SAFF distributed approximately 100 Catholic coffee mugs as an evangelization tool.
- January 20: Discovering Catholicism in Middle Earth. Presentation on Catholic themes found in the Lord of the Rings trilogy, while watching clips from the movies (20).
- February 18: Catholic movie night, showing Of Gods and Men (9).
- March 12-13: Lenten Mission with apologist and speaker Hudson Byblow (80).
- April 7: Stations of the Cross outdoor procession (51).
- April 16: Divine Mercy Sunday celebration with Confessions, Mass, the Chaplet in song, and special lecture by Father Amobi (80).
- June 3: Special presentation on Eucharistic Miracles (20).
- June 11: Eucharistic Procession – Drove across Weyburn with the Blessed Sacrament to commemorate the Feast of Corpus Christi (24). SAFF also distributed 200 special Corpus Christi stickers.
- July - Aug: Bible Study on the Gospel according to John (10).
- September 8: Blessed Mother Mary's Birthday celebration with cake, cookies, juice (70).
- September 27: Celebrated St. Vincent de Paul's feast day with Mass, the Rosary and cake (40). SAFF also distributed approx. 200 magnets with an image of St. Vincent de Paul.
- September 30: SAFF distributed over 200 St. Kateri Tekakwitha prayer cards.
- October 8: Outdoor Rosary (9) and Chaplet of Divine Mercy at Knights Park. SAFF members also led the Rosary before each Mass on Oct 14 and 15.
- November 5: Cemetery visits and prayers for the dearly departed at Green Acres and Hillcrest Cemeteries (20).
- December 2-3: Advent Mission with apologist, speaker and author Matt Nelson (130).
- December 1, 2023 to January 10, 2024 - Keep Christ in Christmas River Park Nativity Scene Display (viewed by hundreds!).
- May and October: SAFF distributed approximately 400 evangelization postcards for parishioners to use to invite their friends and family to come back to church.
- Monthly: SAFF wrote and distributed a monthly Catholic Learning Moment in the bulletin on a variety of topics related to the faith.
- All year: SAFF rotated the Litany of Loretto and the Litany of the Sacred Heart on the outdoor marquis sign.
- SAFF coordinated the installation of a crucifix in the lobby of McKenna Hall.

Total attendance at SAFF events was 563, not including the people who viewed the Corpus Christi procession and the hundreds who viewed the Keep Christ in Christmas Nativity scene display.

Over 1000 faith affirming articles (mugs, stickers, prayer cards, magnets, etc.) were distributed to members of our Parish.

An estimated 3000 copies of the Catholic Learning Moment bulletin inserts were also distributed.

The SAFF Committee operated on a generous budget of \$4,500. We look forward to having more Faith-filled and Faith affirming events for the St. Vincent de Paul community in 2024.

The 2023 SAFF team is:

Camille Goski, Bernie Kot, Aime Isabey, James Richards, Tiffany Bohn, Pat Wolensky

Bible Study - Subcommittee of SAFF

Advertising for a study entitled, “Lectio Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible”, by the Augustine Institute began in late 2022. The SAFF committee purchased this study before Covid and it was finally offered, Jan 5/23 to Mar 9/23. Building on the “Lectio Divina” series offered in 2019, it provided techniques for praying with Scripture in light of the Eucharist.

Reviewing key Scriptural passages, we also learned how the Eucharist was foreshadowed in the Old Testament and fulfilled in the New. As the source and summit of our faith, the study ended with the Eucharist’s place in the Liturgy and the Book of Revelation. A small, but faithful group participated, and comments were favorable. It was a unique study in that it combined study of the Bible with study of the Eucharist - and in prayer, the connection between the two (John 1: 14)!

Preparations continue for the next submission for the bulletin series entitled, “Bible Corner”. This first ran from Mar 7/21 to Apr 25/21 and from Jan 22/22 to Mar 13/22 on the topic of “Revelation”, or how God reveals Himself to us - these are still available for viewing on the parish website in the bulletin archives. The next topic will be “Inspiration”, or why we believe God to be the author of the Bible.

Respectfully submitted: Lloyd Zyla

March 12, 2024

Social Justice Report for 2024 AGM (for the year 2023)

This past year had some varied activities for Social Justice.

Fran Messer helped the Newcomers with secondhand furniture purchases to help the Ukrainian families get settled here in our community.

A family from our parish was assisted with school supplies.

We collected more eyeglasses to be donated to third world countries. They were taken to Dr. Labbie at FYI Doctors to be passed on to those in need.

Committee members helped sort the enormous pile of Sandy Bay donations.

A food drive was held in our church in October to assist the Salvation Army Food Bank with Thanksgiving food for their families.

The Archdiocese hosted a two part workshop on social justice in October at Mckenna Hall.

We participated in the Salvation Army's Adopt a Family program again, assisting a family with Christmas gifts and food for the holidays.

Sincerely,

Wendy, Tiffany and Danielle

Social Justice

Pastoral Care Report 2023

We have many volunteers in place that allow us to have an active Pastoral Care Program through our parish.

Mass is held at Tatagwa View nursing home every Saturday morning at 10am. We bring the Catholic residents and any others who wish to attend from the 9 Houses to the Chapel and take them back after Mass. Many of them are in wheelchairs or broda chairs.

At the rest of the care homes the residents are all brought to the mass by the staff.

We hold Mass at the Weyburn Special Care Home on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 9:30am.

We hold two masses at Bison Manor per month.

Father says Mass at Midtown Care Home, Parkway Lodge and Hilltop Manor once a month.

We have four parishioners scheduled to take communion to the Weyburn General Hospital on Sundays, and there are also two parishioners who take communion to shut ins.

We have lost almost half of our volunteers but are still doing the same service.

Respectfully submitted by,
Val Wing
Administrative Assistant / Receptionist
April 5, 2024

McKenna Hall Report 2023

I would like to thank all our workers that come over to volunteer at McKenna Hall. Without all of you we would not be able to run McKenna Hall.

Thanks to Angelo for all his great work. He works so hard to make everything run smoothly and taste and look wonderful!

Thanks to Grant for keeping our place clean and putting in the work to run efficiently.

We've had more functions this year than we had the year before, so things are starting to look up and with luck it'll keep growing.

The Fall Supper was a great success thanks to Angelo and all the volunteers and donations!

Angelo got a few things that were on his wish list which was great for him and everybody in the kitchen.

If anybody would like to discuss anything with me about last year, I would be happy to discuss it with you.

Have a good summer everybody and be safe.

God bless,
Brenda Kosior
April 2024

Liturgy Report -2022

The main role of the Liturgy Committee is to assist the Pastor to coordinate the liturgical ministries in the parish. Its main responsibilities are to recognize the parish worship and liturgical needs and to aid in the planning and scheduling of regular, seasonal and special liturgical celebrations. Members of this committee are our Priest, Liturgical Ministry leaders - including Lectors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of Hospitality, Sacristans, Music, Art and Decor, Screen Projector volunteers.

These Liturgical ministers generously give their time to prepare and serve at each Mass and Liturgical celebration throughout the year. It takes over 20 volunteers to make each Liturgy possible.

The Worship of God in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy is the most important thing we do as a parish. The function of the Liturgy Committee is to ensure that this is done as well as possible.

Looking back at the way feasts and seasons were celebrated is an important learning experience for Liturgy planning - what worked well that should be retained, what needs to be revised, improved on or eliminated in the future. Good Liturgy celebrations don't just happen - it takes the commitment of our volunteers that make possible the vibrant celebrations and welcoming environment we experience at each and every celebration.

It all comes down to recruiting and recognizing the talents we see that our fellow parishioners have but are not utilizing - approaching these people and helping them to grow in Christ and to develop the gifts and virtues He has given us and to use them for the benefit of our church community.

Many of us see that things are happening and feel "they don't really need me - it is getting done!" WE NEED YOU!!! Each of us has something to contribute!! When we participate in the celebrations Then we can truly say that we are "Being Church" and not just attending Mass and "Being in Church".

Jean Wagner

Sacramental Preparation Report 2023

Thirty-four children are registered in the Sacramental Preparation class. In order to accommodate parents and candidates and their busy schedules, this year we are running classes at 3 different times. There is an option for the older children to come at 4:00 on Mondays rather than preparing with the younger children. We have 4 students who have taken advantage of this option. The children made their First Reconciliation during Advent and are now finishing preparation for First Eucharist and Confirmation. Please pray for them as they learn and grow in their faith.

Baptism preparation classes are normally run quarterly. Last year 31 children were welcomed into our parish family.

Respectfully submitted:
Pat Wolensky

St. Vincent de Paul - Catholic Women's League - 2023 Annual Report

The St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Women's League is a group of women from our Parish who have a desire for service to others. Our meetings are a chance for us to gather with other Catholic women who have similar feelings. We are guided by the Mission Statement created by our national office, "**The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.**" The good works of the Catholic Women's League fall under the three foundational pillars of **Faith, Service and Social Justice**. A summary of our local council's activities in each area follows:

Faith - participation in The World Day of Prayer

- lead Stations of the Cross
- hosted Souper Friday service during Lent
- members filled many volunteer positions for all three Masses on CWL Sunday weekend
- presented gifts to children celebrating the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation, and Crucifixes to couples married in our Church
- offered Mass intentions for several people
- lead Prayer Services for Palliative Care.

Service - Easter and Christmas cards and small gifts were delivered to our CWL sisters who reside in Nursing Homes. As well, some of our members visit the local Nursing Homes regularly for Mass, the Rosary and socializing.

- provided 3 workers one day per week for the Salvation Army Summer Lunch Program
- hosted the Community Meal once per month from November through March
- prepared and served funeral lunches for our Parish
- provided funds for school awards and scholarships at St. Michael and Weyburn Comprehensive School

Social Justice - Our council donated \$300 to NASHI, a Canadian non-profit which rescues girls and young women who are in danger of being trafficked in the Ukraine

- The CWL has helped several immigrants settle into our community. We also budgeted \$800 to this worthy cause.

In addition to all of this, CWL contributed over \$7000 to many local, provincial, national and international charities. All of this is possible thanks to the support we receive at our Brunch and Bake Sale and Christmas raffle. Thank you to all Parishioners for making our good works possible.

We wholeheartedly welcome new members! Doing good work together is both socially and spiritually enriching. Please join us in a sisterhood dedicated to serving God and others at home and abroad.

May God Bless You,
President Judy

Ignite Service Saturdays Club, 2023

The Service Saturday small group continued to meet up one Saturday a month. Starting their meeting with a video or audio and discussions. Preparing food before mass. Followed by supper and cards or board games. Frozen meals in the fridge freezer get used by anyone who would benefit from a homemade meal. And the perishables left over from the gatherings get delivered to people in need of fresh foods the next day. We had 6/7 regular members grades 9-12 gather every month. From October-June.

Joan Marcotte-Davies.

Stewardship Committee Report 2023

Updated parish contact information:

Update your information cards distributed

Cards left at back of church

Announcement at mass with a table set up with cards after mass

We miss you cards mailed out inviting people back to church-if questions please call Fr. Val. 80 cards were mailed out.

Suggested to ring church bells for Angelus as a reminder to people to pray.

Discovered church bells have no automatic settings and are not working.

Attempted to play church music during the day using laptop and outdoor speakers. Resulted in complaints from the public to city hall & Bylaw Police. Permission given to play for mass and funeral times.

Suggested to Father a need for healing and anointing service in parish: a group from Shalom Ministries was found on Archdiocese website. "Jesus Heals" service facilitated by Fr. Jilto George CMI with music by Joseph Thuppil was held. Fr. Val participated in the anointing of the congregation.

Suggestion and decision made to use church sign board to display church activities and programs. It lets the public know that we are an active parish that might be worth joining as well as reminding parishioners of events.

Organizing and preparing for Alpha program to begin Jan. 10.

Committee: Connie Regier, Donna Winter, Terry Creurer, Rod Sidloski, Tom Schuck, Elaine Nielsen

Respectfully Submitted; Elaine Nielsen

Parish Finance Council Chairperson’s Report

St Vincent de Paul Financial report Year ending December 31, 2023:

2023 was a successful year with an overall profit of \$87,656 from operations. The church revenues increased by \$32,000 from 2022: collections \$14,000, bank interest \$4,500 due to higher interest rates, fundraising \$3,000 due to fair booth, and sacrament fees \$3,400. Church expenses are \$2,500 less than 2022. McKenna Hall Catering had a profit of \$86,769. The remaining McKenna Hall has a loss of \$52,485 resulting in McKenna Hall having an overall net profit of \$34,284.

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net Earnings (Loss) From Operations	8,532	(17,851)	254,926	25,941	87,656
Net Earnings (Loss) From Capital (Includes Building Collections less Amortization and Capital Purchases)	(26,818)	(28,505)	(147,569)	(30,311)	(26,901)
Net Earnings (Loss)	(18,286)	(46,356)	107,357	(4,370)	60,755
Current Assets					
Cash	101,044	129,683	288,380	353,567	412,621
Cash - Restricted	155,108	105,217	105,417	105,417	110,517
Cash - Restricted for Capital	75,141	108,459	61,927	93,438	126,300
Accounts Receivables	23,095	8,103	30,729	35,105	49,006
McKenna Hall Inventory			5,971	9,129	14,067
Prepaid Expenses			32,288	33,462	38,052
	354,388	351,462	524,712	630,118	750,563
SVdP Contributors	416	357	307	303	314

The number of contributors has increased slightly. St Vincent de Paul’s cash position is in a stable position and is slowly building up reserves for future unforeseen circumstances.

Our financial position would not have been as good if it wasn’t for our volunteers. I would like to thank them all for the hard work they do at the Church and McKenna Hall.

Pamela Haupstein, CPA, CA
Finance Council Chairperson

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH
Compiled Financial Information
Year Ended December 31, 2023

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COMPILATION ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Management of St. Vincent de Paul Parish

On the basis of information provided by management, I have compiled the statement of financial position of St. Vincent de Paul Parish as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and Note 2, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information ("financial information").

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

I performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, *Compilation Engagements*, which requires me to comply with relevant ethical requirements. My responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

I did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor was I required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Baran & Company CPA Prof. Corp.

Regina, Saskatchewan
March 25, 2024

Baran & Company CPA Prof. Corp.
Chartered Professional Accountant

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH
Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash - Unrestricted	\$ 412,621	\$ 353,567
Cash - Restricted	110,517	105,417
Cash - Restricted for capital	126,300	93,438
Accounts receivable	49,006	35,105
McKenna Hall inventory	14,067	9,129
Prepaid expenses	38,052	33,462
	750,563	630,118
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT <i>(Net of accumulated amortization)</i>	1,922,480	1,982,242
	\$ 2,673,043	\$ 2,612,360
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable PST	\$ 61,826	\$ 65,105
payable	3,160	3,990
Employee deductions payable Goods	6,231	4,556
and services tax payable	4157	1 795
	75 374	75 446
NET ASSETS		
General fund	588,106	500,450
Investment in capital fund	2,009,563	2,036,464
	2,597,669	2,536,914
	\$ 2,673,043	\$ 2,612,360

J. EDY THE DIRECTOR

J. SZ=::::j.ZC:::::== -Director

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Year Ended December 31,
2023

	2023	2022
REVENUES		
Church (<i>Schedule 1</i>)	\$ 345,986	\$ 313,632
McKenna Hall Catering (<i>Schedule 2</i>)	277,386	207,700
McKenna Hall - Other (<i>Schedule 3</i>)	115,041	84,401
	<u>738,413</u>	<u>605,733</u>
EXPENSES		
Church (<i>Schedule 1</i>)	292,614	294,962
McKenna Hall Catering (<i>Schedule 2</i>)	190,617	154,550
McKenna Hall - Other (<i>Schedule 3</i>)	167,526	130,279
	<u>650,757</u>	<u>579,791</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	<u>87,656</u>	<u>25,942</u>
CAPITAL		
Building Fund Collections	32,147	31,511
Building Fund Bank Interest	715	-
Amortization - Church	(44,509)	(44,509)
Amortization - Rectory	(2,917)	(4,976)
Amortization - McKenna	(12,337)	(12,337)
	<u>(26,901)</u>	<u>(30,311)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 60,755</u>	<u>\$ (4,369)</u>

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Year Ended December 31,
2023

General Fund	Investment in Capital Fund		2023	2022
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 500,450	\$ 2,036,464	\$ 2,536,914	\$ 2,541,283
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>87,656</u>	<u>(26,901)</u>	60,755	<u>(4,369)</u>
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 588,106</u>	<u>\$ 2,009,563</u>	\$ 2,597,669	<u>\$ 2,536,914</u>

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023	2022
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	\$ 60,755	\$ (4,369)
Item not affecting cash:		
Amortization of property, plant and equipment	<u>59,763</u>	<u>61,822</u>
	120,518	57,453
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	(13,902)	(4,377)
Prepaid expenses	(4,590)	(1,175)
McKenna Hall inventory	(4,938)	(3,158)
Accounts payable	(3,278)	43,559
PST payable	(830)	2,829
Employee benefits payable	1,675	653
Goods and services tax payable	<u>2,362</u>	<u>913</u>
	<u>(23,501)</u>	<u>39,244</u>
Cash flow from operating activities	<u>97,017</u>	<u>96,697</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITY		
Decrease (increase) in Restricted Cash	<u>(37,963)</u>	<u>(31,511)</u>
INCREASE IN CASH FLOW	59,054	65,186
Cash - beginning of year	<u>353,567</u>	<u>288,381</u>
CASH - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 412,621</u>	<u>\$ 353,567</u>

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH

Notes to Compiled Financial Information Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

St. Vincent de Paul Parish (the "organization") is a not-for-profit organization of Saskatchewan. As a registered charity the organization is exempt from the payment of income tax under Subsection 149(1) of the Income Tax Act.

2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the statement of financial position of St. Vincent de Paul Parish as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended is the historical cost basis and reflects cash transactions with the addition of:

- accounts receivable
- prepaid expenses
- inventory valued at cost
- property, plant and equipment are recorded at historical cost and amortized on a declining balance method
- accounts payable

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH
Church
(Schedule 1)
Year Ended December 31, 2023
(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	2023	2022
CHURCH REVENUES		
Collections	\$ 304,548	\$ 290,482
Special gifts and estates	10,975	730
Bank interest	9,469	4,993
Fundraising	7,487	4,535
Fees for sacraments in church	7,300	3,900
Tribune share of expenses	4,800	4,800
Recoveries and rebates	1,407	837
Government subsidy	-	3,355
	345,986	313,632
CHURCH EXPENSES		
Advertising and promotion	2,490	2,453
Choir and music expense	2,170	751
Church insurance	22,882	24,147
Church repairs and maintenance	16,391	27,461
Church utilities	20,405	21,128
Committee expense	560	3,328
Diocesan assessment	36,279	32,771
Fundraising expense	5,960	3,459
Liturgical expense	3,550	3,306
Office equipment	8,203	8,222
Office supplies	6,176	4,413
Priest service fee	38,373	38,674
Professional fees	1,678	1,628
Rectory operational costs	14,288	12,205
Sacramental	1,644	632
Social justice	2,289	1,608
Special events and gifts	1,233	1,102
Spiritual and adult faith formation	4,514	5,766
Spiritual material	1,012	1,203
Telephone	3,739	4,523
Travel expense	7,961	6,161
Wage and employee benefits	86,567	86,674
Workshop	216	750
Youth bursary	2,000	2,000
Youth ministry	2,034	597
	292,614	294,962
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 53,372	\$ 18,670

See notes to financial information

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH**McKenna Hall Catering
(Schedule 2)****Year Ended December 31, 2023***(Unaudited – See
Notice To Reader)*

	2023	2022
REVENUE		
Catering	\$ 182,549	\$ 119,561
Takeout	94,837	88,139
	<u>277,386</u>	<u>207,700</u>
EXPENSES		
Catering supplies	15,967	14,352
Food	82,241	67,285
Wages	92,409	72,913
	<u>190,617</u>	<u>154,550</u>
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 86,769	\$ 53,150

**McKenna Hall - Other
(Schedule 3)****Year Ended December 31, 2023***(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)*

	2023	2022
REVENUES		
Funeral lunch	\$ 40,838	\$ 24,740
Hall rental	31,763	28,054
Bar service	21,392	18,840
Fall supper	13,430	11,000
Rebates, sarcan and miscellaneous	4,036	1,507
Fair booth	3,474	-
Rental of equipment	108	260
	<u>115,041</u>	<u>84,401</u>
EXPENSES		
Bar services	12,762	13,761
Building operations	74,052	46,976
Fall supper	4,454	2,261
Funeral lunch	8,562	7,802
Insurance	15,830	16,701
Utilities	51,866	42,778
	<u>167,526</u>	<u>130,279</u>
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (52,485)	\$ (45,878)