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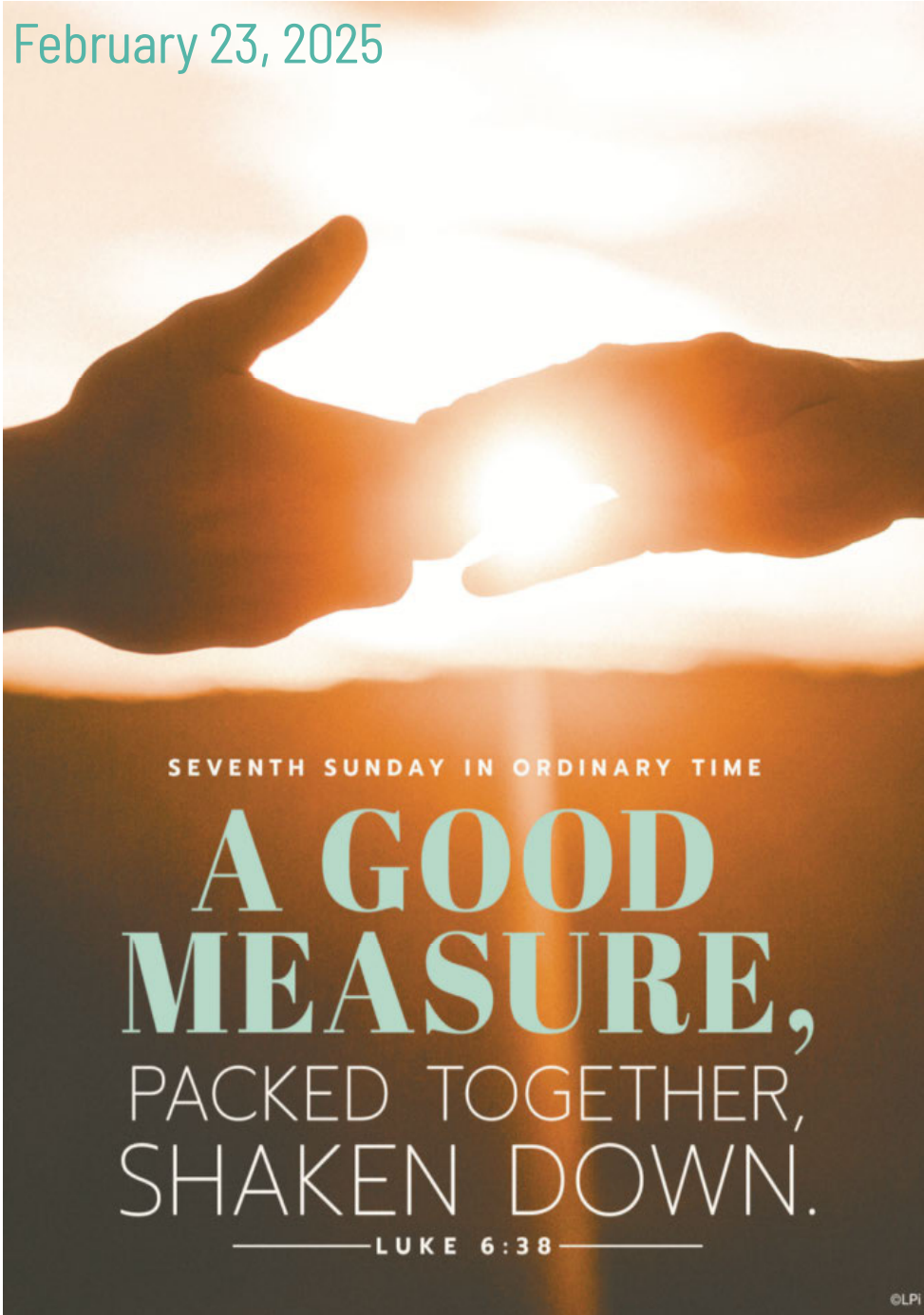


St. Viator Catholic Community



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February 23, 2025



Welcome!

**Mass Schedule**  
February 24 - March 2

**Weekday Liturgies**  
in the Chapel

Tuesday - 6:45 AM  
Wednesday - 8:15 AM  
Thursday - 6:45 AM  
Friday - 8:15 AM

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil  
4:00 PM

Sunday  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM  
Noon and 5:00 PM

**Reconciliation**  
In the Chapel

Saturday 2:45 - 3:30 PM



Read Pope Francis' letter on immigration in our country on pages 7 and 8.



# St. Viator Parish School

## St. Viator Parish School Registration for 2025-2026

Dear St. Viator Parish Families,

Are you looking for a nurturing, faith-filled learning environment where your child can grow academically, spiritually, and socially? Whether you're selecting a school home for the next decade or seeking a welcoming, safe community for your child's education, we invite you to discover **St. Viator Parish School!**

We are now accepting registrations for the **2025-2026 school year**, including our **Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs.**



**Pre-Kindergarten Program:** Our **full-day Pre-Kindergarten program** is designed to foster academic, social, and physical development while integrating faith-based learning. Children participate in structured activities that encourage unity across all subjects, with formal prayers taught and spontaneous prayer encouraged.

**Schedule:** Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 2:25 PM

**Eligibility:** Children must be **4 years old by October 1, 2025**

**Kindergarten Program:** Our **full-day Kindergarten program** provides a well-rounded curriculum, including:

**Core subjects:** Religion, Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies

**Enrichment:** Technology, Art, Music, P.E., Library

**Schedule:** Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 2:45 PM

**Eligibility:** Children must be **5 years old by October 1, 2025**

**Applications for Other Grades:** We welcome applications for all other grades throughout **on a rolling basis.** We encourage you to schedule a tour and experience firsthand the vibrant, faith-filled education St. Viator offers. To arrange a visit or for more information, please contact our school office at **702-732-4477** or email [svsschool@stviator.org](mailto:svsschool@stviator.org). For specific admissions inquiries, feel free to reach out to our Admissions Director, **Mrs. Tiffany Drewes** [tdrewes@stviator.org](mailto:tdrewes@stviator.org).

We look forward to welcoming your family into our **St. Viator School community!**

**Visit us online:** [stviatorschool.org](http://stviatorschool.org)

Sincerely,

Dr. Katie Kiss  
Principal



- 12/1 Michael Park
- 12/15 Mary Castruita,  
Cheryl Fluet
- 12/22 RoseMarie DeMarco
- 12/29 Virginia Palumbo
- 1/5 Jerry Lingle
- 1/12 Torry Luzier Barrett
- 1/26 Aileen DeLuca,  
Richard Ritzo
- 2/2 Tom Burns
- 2/9 Sherny Canada,  
Emily Russell
- 2/16 Evangeline Davidson,  
Gloria Sanzare



More event photos on page 10.

## Trivia Night - A Fun Success!

Thank you to all who had fun at Trivia Night. Your support of this event raised \$4,000 for the bus to transport our students to this year's LA Youth Day.

## BAKE SALE



The Catholic Daughters will hold a bake sale next weekend March 1 & 2 after the Saturday, 4pm Mass as well as the 8am, 10am and Noon Masses on Sunday. Please support their efforts.



## Ash Wednesday, March 5th

Liturgy times:

6:45 AM Mass

8:15 AM Mass

12:15 PM Communion Service

7:00 PM Mass



Loretta Klem  
Idamarie Wagner

## St. Viator Employment Opportunity - Music Director



Our parish Music Director, Cheri, will be retiring this summer and the search for a qualified individual to fill this position is now underway. Full job description will be available in the next bulletin and on the parish and Archdiocesan website soon. Interested — email Fr. Dan at [dbelanger@stviator.org](mailto:dbelanger@stviator.org).

## Knights of Columbus Lenten Friday Fish Fry Returns!

Knights of Columbus Council 8282 is happy to announce they will be sponsoring their Lenten Friday Fish Fry once again.

Dates: Each Friday March 7th - April 11th

Time: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Location: St. Viator Parish Center Hall

Menu: Fried fish, French fries, coleslaw and bread

Price: \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 children 7 - 12, Children 6 and under Free

Desserts and pizza slices will be sold for \$1.00



### Prayer List Procedure

Individuals will remain on the prayer list for three months (date is when added or re-added to the Prayer List). Please call the office if an individual is in continued need of prayers.

# CSA IS HERE!

## WHO BENEFITS FROM CSA?

### WE ALL DO!

## READ FR. RINN'S LETTER ON PAGE 5



While parishes rely on the support of parishioners through the weekly offertory collection, the ministry of the Archdiocese relies on those who participate in the Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) to make possible the many services the church provides.

Each parish, based on its size and income, has a share of the total CSA budget. All money received in excess of the portion each parish is assessed is rebated to that parish.

But even as important as the rebates are, the main purpose of the CSA Campaign is to fund the ministry of the Catholic Church in southern Nevada.

**View Archbishop Thomas' 2025 CSA Video**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3f1S7OtsEzI>

#### **Pastoral Outreach**

- Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada has been an unwavering source of community support for the most vulnerable members of Southern Nevada, without discrimination based on age, race, religion, or creed.
- Website communications with links to parishes.
- Supporting our retired priests as they age.

#### **Communication Outreach**

- Televised Sunday services so that shut-ins and sick members of our faith may hear the Mass.

#### **Vocation**

- Training future priests and deacons.

#### **Catholic Education**

- Supporting our valley's Catholic schools.



The link for the video is also on our parish website [stviator.org](http://stviator.org)



## St. Viator Catholic Community

A Ministry of the Viatorians

Dear Parishioners,

At this time each year, we conduct the Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA). This important effort has proven invaluable in helping to support archdiocesan programs while at the same time assisting our parish community in meeting some of its needs. The Catholic Stewardship Appeal funds archdiocesan programs and services that meet real needs throughout the Southern Nevada area. Your stewardship in sharing some of your finances with the larger archdiocesan church is very much appreciated.

A critical component of the CSA is the Rebate Program in which all funds raised over the parish goal are returned to the parish for our own needs. The goal assessed for our parish by the Archdiocese for 2025 is \$145,756 which is 4% higher than last year.

As we did last year, we will use the rebate to complete the fence/wall project by adding the gates to the entrances at Flamingo Road and Eastern Avenue. The fence/wall has added security to our parish property and the entrance gates will provide additional security.

As we have done in the past, we will pay for this project through parish savings, the line of credit from the Foundation and rebates from the CSA. I am very grateful to the School Foundation for their continued support.

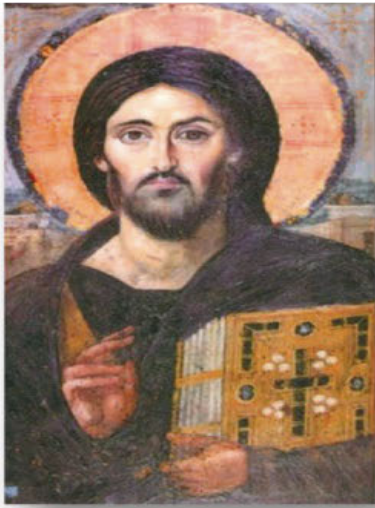
Please be as generous as your situation allows. A mailing with this year's pledge card will be sent to all registered parishioners and additional forms can be found in the church foyer. Please fill out a pledge card and return your gift to the parish by mail or the collection boxes at church. You can pledge your gift now and pay it off throughout the year. No gift is too small and all gifts help.

Thank you for your past support of the CSA, your consideration of this appeal and for continuing to be an important part of our faith community.

Sincerely,

God Bless!  
Rick Rinn, C.S.V.

Father Richard Rinn, C.S.V.  
Pastor



**ARCHBISHOP GEORGE LEO THOMAS, Ph.D.  
INVITES YOU  
AS MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST**  
to gather with those  
to be chosen by the Church for Baptism  
at the Easter Vigil 2025

**on Sunday, March 9, 2025  
at the Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer,  
55 E Reno Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89119  
at 2:30 in the afternoon.**

**The Catechumens  
throughout the Archdiocese of Las Vegas  
will be chosen to begin their final preparation  
for the Sacraments of Initiation.**

**WE WHO ARE THE CHURCH  
need to be present to support and welcome these catechumens  
who seek to be one with us in our Catholic faith.**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO SHARE YOUR FAITH,  
offer your prayerful support  
and be part of the Welcoming Church!**

Archdiocese of Las Vegas, Department of Faith Formation



**Archdiocese of Las Vegas Issues  
Statement on Immigration**

The Archdiocese of Las Vegas is committed to upholding the dignity and respect of all individuals, and we discourage any efforts that indiscriminately target our faith communities, whether these actions occur in workplaces or places of worship. Across the Country, the Catholic Church is prepared to work with the Trump administration to address the complexities of immigration, and we hope that any enforcement measures are judiciously applied and limited to individuals who present risks and dangers to society, particularly reducing gang activity, drug trafficking, and human trafficking.



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**We meet Wednesdays,  
9-10:30am in the  
Fr. White Room of our Parish Center.**

You can join this seminar at any time.

Dear Brothers in the Episcopate,

I am writing today to address a few words to you in these delicate moments that you are living as Pastors of the People of God who walk together in the United States of America.

1. The journey from slavery to freedom that the People of Israel traveled, as narrated in the Book of Exodus, invites us to look at the reality of our time, so clearly marked by the phenomenon of migration, as a decisive moment in history to reaffirm not only our faith in a God who is always close, incarnate, migrant and refugee, but also the infinite and transcendent dignity of every human person.<sup>1</sup>

2. These words with which I begin are not an artificial construct. Even a cursory examination of the Church's social doctrine emphatically shows that Jesus Christ is the true Emmanuel (cf. *Mt* 1:23); he did not live apart from the difficult experience of being expelled from his own land because of an imminent risk to his life, and from the experience of having to take refuge in a society and a culture foreign to his own. The Son of God, in becoming man, also chose to live the drama of immigration. I like to recall, among other things, the words with which Pope Pius XII began his Apostolic Constitution on the Care of Migrants, which is considered the "Magna Carta" of the Church's thinking on migration:

"The family of Nazareth in exile, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, emigrants in Egypt and refugees there to escape the wrath of an ungodly king, are the model, the example and the consolation of emigrants and pilgrims of every age and country, of all refugees of every condition who, beset by persecution or necessity, are forced to leave their homeland, beloved family and dear friends for foreign lands."<sup>2</sup>

3. Likewise, Jesus Christ, loving everyone with a universal love, educates us in the permanent recognition of the dignity of every human being, without exception. In fact, when we speak of "infinite and transcendent dignity," we wish to emphasize that the most decisive value possessed by the human person surpasses and sustains every other juridical consideration that can be made to regulate life in society. Thus, all the Christian faithful and people of good will are called upon to consider the legitimacy of norms and public policies in the light of the dignity of the person and his or her fundamental rights, not vice versa.

4. I have followed closely the major crisis that is taking place in the United States with the initiation of a program of mass deportations. The rightly formed conscience cannot fail to make a critical judgment and express its disagreement with any measure that tacitly or explicitly identifies the illegal status of some migrants with criminality. At the same time, one must recognize the right of a nation to defend itself and keep communities safe from those who have committed violent or serious crimes while in the country or prior to arrival. That said, the act of deporting people who in many cases have left their own land for reasons of extreme poverty, insecurity, exploitation, persecution or serious deterioration of the environment, damages the dignity of many men and women, and of entire families, and places them in a state of particular vulnerability and defenselessness.



From the Vatican,

10 February 2025

Archbishop Thomas requested every pastor print this important letter from Pope Francis in their parish bulletin.

5. This is not a minor issue: an authentic rule of law is verified precisely in the dignified treatment that all people deserve, especially the poorest and most marginalized. The true common good is promoted when society and government, with creativity and strict respect for the rights of all — as I have affirmed on numerous occasions — welcomes, protects, promotes and integrates the most fragile, unprotected and vulnerable. This does not impede the development of a policy that regulates orderly and legal migration. However, this development cannot come about through the privilege of some and the sacrifice of others. What is built on the basis of force, and not on the truth about the equal dignity of every human being, begins badly and will end badly.

6. Christians know very well that it is only by affirming the infinite dignity of all that our own identity as persons and as communities reaches its maturity. Christian love is not a concentric expansion of interests that little by little extend to other persons and groups. In other words: the human person is not a mere individual, relatively expansive, with some philanthropic feelings! The human person is a subject with dignity who, through the constitutive relationship with all, especially with the poorest, can gradually mature in his identity and vocation. The true *ordo amoris* that must be promoted is that which we discover by meditating constantly on the parable of the “Good Samaritan” (cf. *Lk* 10:25-37), that is, by meditating on the love that builds a fraternity open to all, without exception.<sup>3</sup>

7. But worrying about personal, community or national identity, apart from these considerations, easily introduces an ideological criterion that distorts social life and imposes the will of the strongest as the criterion of truth.

8. I recognize your valuable efforts, dear brother bishops of the United States, as you work closely with migrants and refugees, proclaiming Jesus Christ and promoting fundamental human rights. God will richly reward all that you do for the protection and defense of those who are considered less valuable, less important or less human!

9. I exhort all the faithful of the Catholic Church, and all men and women of good will, not to give in to narratives that discriminate against and cause unnecessary suffering to our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters. With charity and clarity we are all called to live in solidarity and fraternity, to build bridges that bring us ever closer together, to avoid walls of ignominy and to learn to give our lives as Jesus Christ gave his for the salvation of all.

10. Let us ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to protect individuals and families who live in fear or pain due to migration and/or deportation. May the “*Virgen morena*”, who knew how to reconcile peoples when they were at enmity, grant us all to meet again as brothers and sisters, within her embrace, and thus take a step forward in the construction of a society that is more fraternal, inclusive and respectful of the dignity of all.

Fraternally,

Francis



From the Vatican,

10 February 2025

<sup>1</sup> Cf. DICASTERY FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH, Declaration *Dignitas infinita* on human dignity, 2 April 2024.

<sup>2</sup> PIUS XII, Apostolic Constitution *Exsul Familia*, 1 August 1952: “Exsul Familia Nazarethana Iesus, Maria, Ioseph, cum ad Aegyptium emigrans tum in Aegypto profuga impii regis iram aufugiens, typus, exemplar et praesidium exsist omnium quorumlibet temporum et locorum emigrantium, peregrinorum ac profugorum omne genus, qui, vel metu persecutionum vel egestate compulsi, patrium locum suavesque parentes et propinquos ac dulces amicos derelinquere coguntur et aliena petere.”



# FAITH & WORSHIP



MASS                  PRIEST                  INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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4:00 PM    Fr. von Behren    Eduardo Dunner

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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8:00 AM    Fr. Rinn            Gene Scavetta

10:00 AM   Fr. Belanger      Roger Esteban

12:00 PM   Fr. Belanger      Rosa L. Macroitan

5:00 PM    Fr. Lentz          Ireneo Padilla

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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No Mass

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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6:45 PM    Fr. Belanger      For the People

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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8:15 AM    Fr. Belanger      Dan McLaughlin

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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6:45 AM    Fr. Rinn            Bernardino Santos

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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8:15 AM    Fr. Rinn            Calixta Barangan

## SATURDAY, MARCH 1

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4:00 PM    Fr. Lentz          Alfonso Achurra

## SUNDAY, MARCH 2

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8:00 AM    Fr. Rinn            Dolores Nunn

10:00 AM   Fr. Belanger      Isel Pena

12:00 PM   Fr. Belanger      Evangiline Davidson

5:00 PM    Fr. Rinn            Judy & Tom Leahy



## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Psalms 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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Sirach 1:1-10

Psalms 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5

Mark 9:14-29

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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Sirach 2:1-11

Psalms 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40

Mark 9:30-37

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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Sirach 4:11-19

Psalms 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175

Mark 9:38-40

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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Sirach 5:1-8

Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Mark 9:41-50

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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Sirach 6:5-17

Psalms 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35

Mark 10:1-12

## SATURDAY, MARCH 1

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Sirach 17:1-15

Psalms 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18

Mark 10:13-16

## SUNDAY, MARCH 2

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Sirach 27:4-7

Psalms 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45



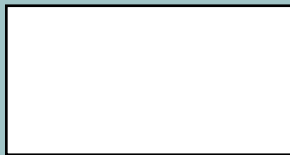
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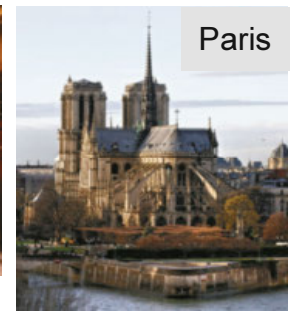
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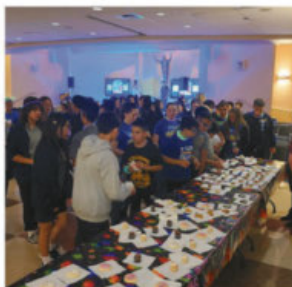
## JOURNEY TO FRANCE

You are invited to join Father Mick Egan, CSV and Father Richard Rinn, CSV on a journey to France from October 22 to November 2, 2025. The trip will include visits to Nice, Monte Carlo, Lyon which will include a visit to the Basilique de Notre Dame De Fourviere and the old town. We will also visit the Loire valley, the city of Tours and Mont St. Michel. Our tour will also include visits to the city of Bayeux. From there we will visit Normandy and see Omaha Beach and the American Cemetery and Monument. Finally we will spend the last three days of our tour in the city of Paris with all its beauty and history. Our singular highlight will be the opportunity to see the Notre Dame Cathedral renovated and renewed after the fire five years ago. The cost of the trip is \$4999 per person and includes round trip airfare (from Las Vegas) all hotels, most meals, hotel service charges and local taxes, professional tour guide, and local transportation as well as \$500 in government taxes and fuel surcharges. Space is available on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information contact Fr. Mick Egan  
at 773-469-1003 or [megancsv@aol.com](mailto:megancsv@aol.com)



Middle School  
Campus Ministry



### Dynamic Catholic Speaker Excites Students About their Faith

Late last month, one of the most popular Catholic speakers and performers brought his praise and worship style ministry to Campus Ministry students at our parish school as well as 220 people from 11 parishes for an evening performance held in our parish center hall.



Viator Youth High School GLOW (God Lights Our World) event attended by 220 people from 11 valley parishes.

Joe Melendrez is a keynote speaker, retreat leader and musician, who has been described as bringing his “electric musical ministry that helps to strengthen and uplift your faith.” He performs hip-hop music mostly, and combines it with his inspiring encounters with God as well as dynamic audio visual displays.



Melendrez came at the invitation of Rosy Hartz, Youth Faith Formation Coordinator for our parish. “Our hope was that the kids would come away with a renewed faith, that they light up within — and light up others,” Rosy says, “remembering that they are better together.”