



## St. Vincent Pallotti Parish

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We rejoice with Emily Czaplewski and Daniel Krasovich, who received the sacrament of Confirmation on April 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Jude's Church together with youth from three other parishes. We pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may enable them to live the Catholic faith fully and undertake ministries that enrich the church.

As a parish family we rejoice that twelve of our children are receiving their First Holy Communion on May 1<sup>st</sup>. At this time we recall our own first communion where we felt so close to Jesus. We thank God for the gift of children, and for the families that nurture their faith. We congratulate them and offer them our prayers.

We are grateful to the members of the UAC for their dedicated service to the parish and for organizing a luncheon on April 24, in commemoration of St. Vincent Pallotti's 221<sup>st</sup> birthday. It provided for us a nice occasion to spend time as a parish family. When we hear about some of the Catholic schools having to close for lack of enrollment we are grateful that our enrollment at this point is along the expected lines.

Thank you for all the ways you enrich our parish family. Especially we thank those who returned the Survey and/or financial commitment forms we had sent. We will share results with you later. Please consider returning the forms if you have not already done so. As we prepare the parish budget, and struggle to balance it, we are sincerely grateful to each of you whose generous contributions keeps us going. God bless you and your dear ones.

Fr. Thomas Kuttiyanickal  
(Administrator)

John Hyland  
(Stewardship Committee Chair)



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### **Dismas Ministry**

**A National Catholic Prison Outreach**

**providing free Catholic Scripture, faith and prayer resources to inmates**

We support restorative justice efforts for all who suffer the effects of crime: the victims and their loved ones, as well as prisoners, those released from prison, and the entire community. Dismas Ministry focuses primarily on a spiritual approach with prisoners who want to understand and strengthen their relationship with God. As one of them wrote, ***“Prisoners need God and the love of Jesus and Mary as much or even more than the population as a whole.”*** Prisoners who deepen their faith and grow in understanding of scripture will become less likely to offend others when they are released. For this reason, Dismas provides free Catholic bibles and faith study materials, and a prayer book for prisoners.

Dismas Ministry also supports victims of crime by creating an awareness of their needs in the community. It does this in various ways: by providing literature about victims’ needs and resources for their care, special prayer services for victims in which they can find support from the faith

community and mutual encouragement from their fellow victims. Victims can lead the way in showing us how to be there for them.

Our goal is to reach inmates in all 50 states with our Catholic scripture, faith and prayer resources. We currently serve 43 states.