

*St. Vincent de Paul School*  
*Dutzow, Missouri*

***Mission Statement***

St. Vincent de Paul School shares a rich heritage of Catholic belief and education. As God's people, our mission is:

- † to make Jesus Christ present in our daily lives through Divine Worship, Christian education and service to all people; and
- † to strive to give glory and honor to God through ethical conduct, Christ centered education, caring hearts, and responsible lives.

***Philosophy***

St. Vincent de Paul School is a Catholic school through which the ultimate aims of life may be achieved by:

First hearing the **MESSAGE** of God's love for all and then acting upon that message through the development of a strong faith **COMMUNITY**, through participating in **WORSHIP** of God and through living a life of **SERVICE** as Jesus did.

We believe that the **MESSAGE** is lived out in interactions between families, parish communities, teachers and students.

We believe that a **COMMUNITY** of faith begins with the commitment of the parents and is sustained and supported by the entire school community. Everyone takes seriously the capability of building a positive image in each individual person. Through daily interactions with one another, we build the Kingdom of God.

We believe that **WORSHIP** contributes in forming a Christ centered person. By their active participation in Eucharistic Liturgy, para-liturgies, preparation for and reception of the Sacraments, and classroom prayer, students develop values that will lead to a greater love and understanding of God and, therefore, an ability to live out these values faithfully.

We believe that **SERVICE** to others is an ultimate goal. Faithful participation in service opportunities and projects will foster a genuine interest and respect for others and a zeal to live in peace with all people regardless of religion, color, or country of origin. Through service and a commitment to the well being of others, students should see all people as God sees them

Our hope is that the four-fold mission of Christ, which we include in the total educational program at St. Vincent de Paul School, will become an essential part of every student's life so that each student may grow to follow Christ and His teaching more fully in the years ahead.