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**“The Word Was Made Flesh and Dwelt Among Us”: Archdiocese of St. Louis Offers Advent Faith-Formation Opportunity**

*One parish in every deanery of the archdiocese will host a 2.5-hour event including sharing a meal and the opportunity to provide a gift to those in need*

**ST. LOUIS** – The Archdiocese of St. Louis is offering an Advent opportunity to share, treasure and live the truth that the coming of Christ has made a difference. This 2.5-hour event, coordinated by alumni of the Lay Formation Program, will be held at one parish in each deanery of the archdiocese—six on Sunday, Dec. 1 and four on Sunday, Dec. 15. It will begin with a shared meal, followed by a dynamic speaker and the opportunity to reach out with a donation of a [Scrip](#) gift card to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Catholics across the archdiocese are invited to come together at the host parish of their choosing to experience the variety of ways in which they can deepen and display awareness of the unity given to them as members of the Body of Christ. The event will focus on the coming of Christ and what His incarnation in the flesh truly means for us as members of His Body, the Church.

The full list of participating parishes and speakers, as well as registration options, are available at [catholicfaithstl.com/catholic-faith-stl-adults](http://catholicfaithstl.com/catholic-faith-stl-adults). All are welcome to attend, including youth old enough to understand.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a donation of any amount in the form of a Scrip gift card for the less fortunate members of the St. Louis area to this Advent event. The cards will be provided to the central office of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which the organization will use to purchase much-needed items—such as undergarments and hygiene products—for the clients it serves. Scrip returns a portion of the cost of each card purchased to the respective parish from which it was acquired as a donation—while the full value of the card can be redeemed at the designated retailer. Attendees may also purchase a Scrip card at any of the Advent faith-formation events.

“We’re going to grow in awareness that we’re all one great body in Christ,” said Sister Mary Kathleen, director of the Lay Formation Program of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. “The reason we’re so joined to one another is that He came for that purpose, to bring us all back to God.”

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