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# WELCOME TO SINT VITUS PARISH

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All English speakers

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SINT VITUS PARISH  
Titus Brandsma Huis Bonifatiusplein 21,8911 JT Leeuwarden



## Welcome to Sint Vitus Parish!

We are glad to welcome you in our Christian community and we hope to support and accompany you in your faith, sharing with you the word of God, the Sacraments and all the goods of our faith.

### Some information about the Sint Vitus parish

The Sint-Vitus parish is part of the Roman Catholic diocese Groningen- Leeuwarden. This diocese is one of 7 dioceses in the Netherlands. It encompasses the provinces of Groningen, Friesland and Drenthe, as well as the Noordoostpolder, a part of the province of Flevoland. The episcopal seat is the Saint Joseph Cathedral in Groningen. The current bishop of our diocese is Mgr. Cornelis F.M. van der Hout.

The Sint Vitus parish has under her jurisdiction four locations in and around Leeuwarden: Saint Boniface, Saint Dominic both located in Leeuwarden, Saint Martin located in Wergea and the Assumption of Mary in Wytgaard. Besides, our parish has some chapels into Leeuwarden and one in Jirnsum.

Our priest is father P.J.J. Stiekema. Because of the extensive territory of our parish, our priest is assisted by two lay preachers, Drs. Germa Kamsma-Kunst and Drs. Lysbeth Minnema. Both are appointed by the bishop of Groningen-Leeuwarden. Their role is not in performing the Holy Mystery but consists only in lay serving. With the blessing of our priest they serve as an assist and perform in some liturgical services.

In addition to our priest and the two assistants, our parish does have also some parishioners who assist in the chapels and bring the holy Communion (the Lord's supper) to the people who are unable to come to the church because of their health condition.

For better contacts, here are the photos of our Priest and lay serving people, the pastoral team, including their telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.



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*Father also called 'pastoor'*



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*Lay serving, also called 'pastoraal werker'*



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*Lay serving, also called 'diaconaal opbouwwerker'*



### **How does our parish function?**

In order to serve the whole community, our parish has, as expected liturgical activities, diaconate activities, catechism for all ages, meetings and lectures. Everyone is invited to share these activities, also for those who do not speak Dutch. You can get some information from one of the pastoral team. Despite the extensive territory of our parish, our parish holds almost every day holy Mass. Once a month, every first Monday of the month in St. Dominic holy Mass is celebrated in English.

Our parish has also a board that insures the governance of the parish. The so-called "Parochiebestuur". It functions under the blessing of the bishop and the parish priest and serves the entire church community.

In the Netherlands the church does not receive the financial funding or support from the government. The church has to be self-providing in every way. Including holding all the churches' services (Sacraments, etc.), churches' building, paying all the bills (the electrical energy, taxes, activities etc.)

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In order to do that, the church depends entirely on the kind generosity of the faithful. Through donations, the collect during services, through other activities of the church. One of those other activities is the so-called "Kerkbalans". This activity is countrywide by churches of all Christian denominations at the beginning of every year. The purpose of the action is to reach out to the faithful and ask for a financial support. Without this help our parish can not perform all the duties that are needed. You are also invited to contribute to all of those actions. We welcome and appreciate your contributions... Our Parish Bank Account number is **NL44ING0004599356** registered to Sint-Vitusparochie, Leeuwarden.

For information about our parish, please check out the website of the parish <https://www.sintvitusparochie.nl> or visit our parish address on Bonifatiusplein 21 8911 JT Leeuwarden

You are mostly welcome in our community.

All the blessing and warm greetings,

Father P.J.J. Stiekema

The Sint Vitus Parish (Sint-Vitusparochie)