



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

November 26, 2017

The Feast of Christ the King

Life In Our Community

School Age Faith Formation: Classes at St. Vincent de Paul are Sundays at 10:45am, and at St. Patrick on Wednesdays at 5pm.

Praise & Worship:
Tuesday 7pm, St. Vincent site

Food Pantry: Call the office Mon.-Thurs. between 10 & noon to set Fri. appointment.

Knights of Columbus: Second Wed. of the month, 7:30pm in a room off the parish hall

Bulletin Mail or email list: call our office.

Televised Mass: View a taped Mass on Cable channel 191 on Wed. 11am & 4pm, Friday 9am, or Sat. 10:50am.

Adult Faith Formation at St. Vincent:
Whole Community Catechesis on the 1st Sunday of the month after 9:30am Mass.
Book Discussion on Mondays at 9am in the Church Library.

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday, 3:00pm

Parish Hall Rental Bookings:
St. Patrick: Call Betty, 989-463-2503
St. Vincent: Call Theresa, 989-828-6003

Sacramental Information

Baptism of an infant:
Contact the parish office.

Adult Baptism/Confirmation (RCIA):
Program is running now. Call Deacon Jerry Green for information..

Elementary Sacramental Preparation:
Enrollment in parish faith formation program required. Call the office for additional information.

Reconciliation: St. Vincent site. Saturdays at 4:00pm for individual Reconciliation. Also for Advent: Dec. 7, 6:30pm or Dec. 14, 6:00pm.

Marriage: Contact parish office no less than six months prior to wedding date.

Sacrament of Anointing of Sick: Please contact us before a surgery, during hospitalization or if experiencing a change in health.

Hospitalized/Homebound Ministry: Please call the office to arrange for Eucharist.

Funerals: Please contact us before or after contacting the funeral home.

Mass
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 9:30am

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WELCOME!

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St. Patrick, Irishtown
7631 W. North Gratiot Co. Line
Church for Occasional Use



St. Vincent de Paul, Shepherd
168 E. Wright Ave.
Parish Church

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Parish Mission Statement

St. Vincent de Paul Parish is a Christian community dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by the Roman Catholic Church through word, sacrament, and service.

Parish Vision Statement

St. Vincent de Paul Parish is called by its Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to serve his people through living the message of the Gospel, giving service to the poor, comforting the suffering, and providing strength through the Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church. We strive always to meet the needs of the broader community through a variety of ministries which reach out through our parish family to those with whom we live, work, and play. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we seek to establish and maintain a lifelong and vital relationship with him so as to grow each day in knowing, loving, and serving the Lord and one another.

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Office Hours

Parish Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9am-4pm / Fri. 9am-1pm
Faith Formation Dir. Mary Moomey: Mon. 9am-1pm
Dr. Green: Please call for appointment

Prayer Opportunities

Monday, November 27

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 / Lk 21:1-4
St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service

Tuesday, November 28

Dn 2:31-45 / Lk 21:5-11
St. Vincent: 7:00pm Praise & Worship

Wednesday, November 29

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 / Lk 21:12-19
St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service
St. Patrick: 6:00pm Word & Communion Service

Thursday, November 30

Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22

Friday, December 1

Dn 7:2-14 / Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, December 2

Dn 7:15-27 / Lk 21:34-36
St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Mk 13:33-37
St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass
St. Vincent: 4:00pm Advent Service with Shepherd
United Methodist Church

K of C Corner

FREE THROW CONTEST

Saturday, December 2, 2017
At Shepherd High School Gym at 11:00am
Boys & girls age 9-14 are invited to participate.
Medals will be awarded and finalists move up to district and regional competition.
Call 989-854-2831 for details.

Please hold in Prayer: Ella Kenny, Mary Louise Smith, Ray Hoffman, Mike Lauret, John Smolka, John Laufer, R.E., Jim Garn, Carol O'Boyle, the Binkowski Family, and the sick and homebound.

Meeting & Class Reminders

Eucharistic Minister Meeting: Mon., Nov. 27, 7pm
Lector Meeting: Thurs., Nov. 30, 7pm
Faith Formation Commission Meeting: Tues., Nov. 28, 6:30pm
Children's Sacramental Prep: Thurs., Nov. 30, 6pm.

Ecumenical Advent Service & Reception

There will be a reception after the 4pm Advent Service at St. Vincent on Dec. 3. We will pray with our Shepherd United Methodist neighbors and share appetizers after the service. We hope about 75 will attend, and need appetizers for the fellowship gathering. Call Joyce Feltman, 828-5170, if you can donate finger foods. And, please plan to join us!

Breakfast and Whole Community Catechesis

Sunday, December 3, at 10:45am is our next community breakfast and catechesis presentation. The topic is Advent. Join us!

The Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23 & 24.

<i>Our Gifts to the Lord</i>	November 19, 2017	
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	49.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	75.00
Improvement Fund	\$	53.00
St. Patrick Flooring	\$	50.00
St. Patrick Utilities	\$	100.00
Meditation Garden	\$	60.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	654.00
<u>Regular Collection</u>	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Fiscal Year to Date</u>
November 19	\$ 5,082.00	\$ 91,769.27
<i>Amount Budget</i>	\$ 4,925.00	\$ 98,500.00

Christmas Giving: Planning Comes Early!

Programs that assist those in need wrap-up two to three weeks in advance of Christmas. Those programs are up and running now! Rather than running our own program this year, our parish is encouraging you to support already existing programs.

Christmas Outreach of Isabella County fills stockings for children 3-11. A sample stocking with a list of suggestions is posted on the bulletin board in the main entry. Place donations in the decorated box in the main entry by December 3. Another box is there for clothing, linens, winter wear, promotional calendars you received in the mail, and used Christmas decorations.

Christmas Outreach needs adult volunteers to fill stockings and gift bags on December 5-6, 9am-2pm. Call Eileen Jennings at 773-5185 to help with that project. On Dec. 8-9 volunteers are also needed to assist with distribution. To sign up for this, call 989-317-8733.

The Salvation Army has an Adopt-a-Family program. Call Stacie at 989-773-4663 or 989-285-8090. You can sponsor a family in Isabella or Gratiot County, and you can specify how big a family you are able to help (1 member and up). Salvation Army will provide all the information you need including sizes and wish lists.

Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Department can also match you with a family to adopt, or you can make a donation to their effort, or shop or wrap gifts. Last year they distributed 180 care packages to senior citizens, and delivered food and gifts to 20 families. Call Travis Little at 989-289-5815. Your financial donations (checks payable to Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Department) may be mailed to 410 N. Chippewa St., Shepherd 48883.

Faith Weavers continues international outreach to the rural community of Miramar in El Salvador. This year they want to address the dwindling potable water supply, support the Guajoyo School, and fund a scholarship. Gifts are tax-deductible and would be appreciated by Dec. 1 but will be accepted at any time. Mail to Martha Jose, Faith Weavers Treasurer, 1416 Bennett Ct., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

Toys for Tots has barrels and boxes in many locations for donated toys. Maritta's here in Shepherd is a Toys for Tots drop-off location where you can take your donations until December 20.

Reconciliation: Service of Mercy

On Thursday December 7 at 6:30pm, Nativity of the Lord parishioners will join us for an Advent Reconciliation Service of Mercy. Please plan to join us.

Positions Available

Part-time Bookkeeper/Accountant: for Little Books of Saginaw. Apply by December 11.

Part-time Housekeeper in the Center for Ministry, Saginaw. Applications accepted until position is filled. Information on applications for Saginaw positions: www.saginaw.org/job-openings

Boys & Girls Ages 9-14

Enter the Free Throw Contest at Shepherd H.S. gym Saturday, Dec. 2, 11am. Call 989-854-2831 for info.

Holy Day Feasts

On Friday, December 8 at 7:00pm Mass will be celebrated at St. Vincent de Paul for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

On Monday, January 1 at 10:30am Mass will be celebrated at St. Vincent de Paul for the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God.

Ad Space Available on the Back of our Bulletin

You will notice there are two opening for advertising on the back of our bulletin. For a full year (July 1 to June 30), the larger ad space is \$125 and the smaller space is \$75. We will prorate the current year. Call the office if you are interested.

Where To Donate Clothes & Household Goods

Our Food Pantry doesn't have enough room for clothing, linens, or furniture. Please consider:

- The Care Store, 989-773-3641
- Salvation Army, 989-772-7991
- Goodwill, 989-773-4884
- Habitat for Humanity Resale Store, 989-773-0043

Upcoming Schedule

Advent Service*	Sun., Dec. 3	4:00pm
Reconciliation Service**	Thurs., Dec. 7	6:30pm
Holy Day Mass	Fri., Dec. 8	7:00pm
Feast of the Immaculate Conception		
Reconciliation***	Thurs, Dec. 14	6-8pm
Advent Mass	Sun., Dec. 24	9:30am
Christmas Eve Mass	Sun., Dec. 24	5:00pm
Christmas Day Mass	Mon., Dec. 25	10:30am
Holy Day Mass	Fri., Dec. 8	7:00pm
Feast of Mary, the Mother of God		

* Ecumenical Service here with Shepherd Methodist

** Celebrated here jointly with Nativity of the Lord

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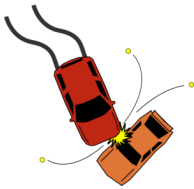
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