



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

December 3, 2017

The First Sunday of Advent

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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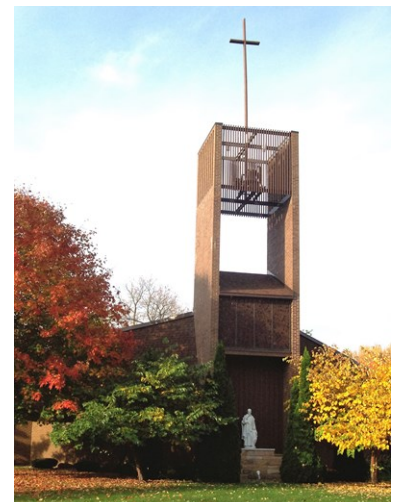
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WELCOME!

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

DECEMBER 3, 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, December 4

Is 2:1-5 / Mt 8:5-11

St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service

Tuesday, December 5

Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24

St. Vincent: 7:00pm Praise & Worship

Wednesday, December 6

Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37

St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service

St. Patrick: 6:00pm Word & Communion Service

Thursday, December 7

Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27

St. Vincent: 6:30pm Reconciliation Service of Mercy

Friday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

St. Vincent: 7:00pm Mass

Saturday, December 9

Is 30:19-21, 23-26 / Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8

St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass

K of C Corner

“We (The Knights of Columbus) will continue our efforts to build a true culture of life and a civilization of love. And we will work to end the legal regime that has resulted in more than 60 million abortions.”

Annual Report of the Supreme Knight at the 135th Supreme Convention in St. Louis, MO.
Columbia Magazine, October 2017

Please hold in Prayer: Dave Kusbel, Ella Kenny, Mary Louise Smith, Ray Hoffman, Mike Lauret, R.E., the Binkowski Family, and the sick and homebound.

Reminders

Funeral Luncheon Committee: Wed., Dec. 6, 10:30am

Breakfast and Whole Community Catechesis

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

Retirement Fund for Religious

Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious support more than 32,000 senior religious and their communities. Most older sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for small stipends, leaving a large deficit in retirement funding. Each year, proceeds from the annual collection help hundreds of religious communities furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. A portion also underwrites assistance for retirement planning and education. This support helps communities address funding challenges so they can care for elder members while continuing important ministries to the People of God.

Next weekend is our annual collection for Religious Retirement. Please be generous. Envelopes are in your packets and there are extra envelopes in the entries.

Our Gifts to the Lord

November 26, 2017

St. Leo Cemetery	\$	80.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	35.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	320.00
Improvement Fund	\$	23.00
St. Patrick Utilities	\$	10.00
Meditation Garden	\$	20.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	110.00
Religious Retirement	\$	40.00

Regular Collection

Collection Fiscal Year to Date

November 26	\$ 4,204.00	\$ 95,973.27
<i>Amount Budget</i>	<i>\$ 4,925.00</i>	<i>\$103,425.00</i>

Early Notice for Mass Ministers!

Our next schedule will begin in January. We'd like to have it ready for you the weekend of Dec. 16 & 17—before the rush of Christmas events.

If you are traveling or have dates that you won't be available on during January, February and March please call the parish office. We'll do our best to work around your calendar.

Christmas Giving: Planning Starts Early!

Programs that assist those in need 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, 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. 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, or you can make a donation, shop or wrap gifts. Last year they distributed 180 packages to seniors, 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 water supply, support the Guajoyo School, and fund a scholarship. Gifts are tax-deductible. 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.

Save the Date!

There will be a Children's Advent Program on Sunday, December 17, immediately following Mass. Following this short program everyone is invited to the hall for a luncheon.

We need six to eight people to donate a crock-pot of soup. We are also asking for donations of Christmas cookies. Please call Donna Lefever at 515-250-9873 if you can help.

Ecumenical Advent Service & Reception

This weekend (Sunday at 4pm) is our Ecumenical Advent Service. Shepherd United Methodist members will join us at St. Vincent de Paul Church, and afterwards we'll share appetizers in St. Vincent Parish Hall. Please join us!

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.

From the Funeral Luncheon Committee

We are asking for your help with funeral luncheons. We would like to have three or four groups of people to rotate luncheons. These groups would consist of five or six people. We have revised our activities and food selections in order to streamline our work. If you can help, please call Joyce Riley at the parish office and leave your name and number. You will be contacted. You are an important member of our church and your help is greatly needed. Thank you.

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

*** Private Confessions with Fr. Fred

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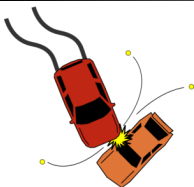
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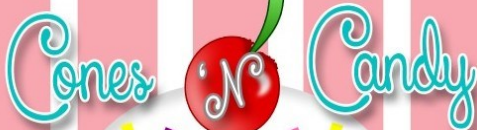
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