



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

December 10, 2017

The Second 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. Confessions also heard on 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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7631 W. North Gratiot Co. Line
Church for Occasional Use



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

DECEMBER 10, 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.

Parish Pastoral Council

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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 11

Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26
St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service

Tuesday, December 12

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
St. Vincent: 7:00pm Praise & Worship

Wednesday, December 13

Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30
St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service
St. Patrick: 6:00pm Word & Communion Service

Thursday, December 14

Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15
St. Vincent: 6-8pm Fr. Fred will hear confessions

Friday, December 15

Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 16

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13
St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass

Save the Date: February 3, 2018
Scrapbooking/Crafters Event
Hosted by Shepherd Knights of Columbus
In St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall
Registration/information: Kathy Jalosynski
www.purplebutterfly.com
Meals - Snacks - Prizes

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

Please pray also for the family of Carol Bellinger. Her funeral was here on Monday. May perpetual light shine upon Carol.

Reminders

Work-bee for banner decorations after Mass Dec. 10.

Children's Sacramental Prep Thurs., Dec. 14, 6-7pm

Parents' Meeting for Children's Sacramental Prep also on Thurs., Dec. 14, 6-7pm

Children's Advent Program after Mass Sun., Dec. 17. All invited to the luncheon that follows.

RCIA Rite of Welcome at Sunday Mass, Dec. 17

Retirement Fund for Religious

This weekend is our annual collection for Religious Retirement which help support more than 32,000 senior religious and their communities. Most worked for small stipends, leaving a large deficit in retirement funding. Proceeds from this annual collection furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. A portion also underwrites assistance for retirement planning and education.

Please be generous. Envelopes are in your packets and there are extra envelopes in the entries.

<i>Our Gifts to the Lord</i>	December 3, 2017	
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	80.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	145.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	111.00
Improvement Fund	\$	130.00
St. Patrick Flooring	\$	1,000.00
Food Pantry	\$	105.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	1.00
Religious Retirement	\$	65.00
<u>Regular Collection</u>	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Fiscal Year to Date</u>
December 3	\$ 5,424.00	\$ 101,397.27
<i>Amount Budget</i>	\$ 4,925.00	\$ 108,350.00

In Memory of Paul

Flowers for the altar this weekend were donated by Eleanor Moeggenberg in loving memory of Paul Moeggenberg on the tenth anniversary of his death.

Directory Correction

in the photo section of our new parish directory, please change Ed & Barb Smith TO Jim & Barb Smith. Thank you.

Christmas Concert!
Central Michigan Area Concert Band
 Sunday - December 10 - 3:00pm
 Shepherd High School Auditorium
 No admission charge

Christmas Giving Opportunities!

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.

Memorial Donations to St. Leo the Great Cemetery, St. Patrick Cemetery, or St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery are also welcome. Checks should be payable to St. Vincent de Paul and clearly marked for the cemetery intended

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.

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.

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 during January, February and March please call the parish office. We'll do our best to work around your calendar.

Sign-Up Sheets for Christmas & Jan. 1 Holy Day

There are sign-up sheets in the church hallway for Lectors, Communion Ministers, and altar servers for the upcoming holidays. Please claim a spot!

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

Private 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	Mon., Jan 1	10:30am
Feast of Mary, the Mother of God		

* Private Confessions with Fr. Fred

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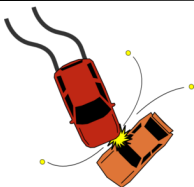
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