



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

December 17, 2017

The Third 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.

Masses

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 23, 4:30pm
Sunday, Dec. 24, 9:30am

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24, 5:00pm
Day, Monday, Dec. 25, 10:30am

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Church for Occasional Use



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

DECEMBER 17, 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

Walter Ballauer
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Jan Hetherington
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Jackie Loomis

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Sue McQueen
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Kaylie Willoughby

Finance Council

Bill Daniels
Doug Duffy
Marie Green
Aaron Lloyd
Brent Moeggenborg
Zachary Lobsinger
Tish Mallory
Mary Lou Willoughby

Prayer Opportunities

Monday, December 18

Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25

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

Tuesday, December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25

St. Vincent: 7:00pm Praise & Worship

Wednesday, December 20

Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38

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

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

Thursday, December 21

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45

Friday, December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56

Saturday, December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66

St. Vincent: 4:30pm Advent Mass

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38

St. Vincent: 9:30am Advent Mass

Christmas Eve

Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14

St. Vincent: 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

Is 62:11-12 / Ti 3:4-7 / Lk 2:15-20

St. Vincent: 10:30am Christmas Mass

K of C Corner

"It is not a gift you can give on your own
but only on behalf of another.
It is a gift that changes everything.
I refer to the gift of faith ...
Don't be afraid to invite someone
who has lapsed in their faith,
who is searching for meaning...
to attend Mass with you and your family."

The Gift of Faith, Archbishop William Lori
Columbia Magazine, December 2012

Please hold in Prayer: Jennifer (Feltman) Romero, Shirley, Ella Kenny, Ray Hoffman, Mike Lauret, R.E., the Binkowski Family, overnight guests at homeless shelters, and the sick and homebound.

Parish Office Hours: The parish offices will be closed December 25, 26, 29 and January 1.

Thank You

Thank you everyone for your acts of kindness, cards, thoughts and prayers during my recovery from my accidental fall. I feel very blessed to be a part of a special parish community at St. Vincent de Paul.

- Mary Louise Smith

Christmas Outreach Thanks

Christmas Outreach wants to thank members of our parish for your generous contributions to Christmas Outreach. Many of you donated very useful items for the filling of stockings for the children. Some also gave linens, coats, jeans, etc. We were delighted at the strong response to our request for help.

A special thanks goes to several members of the parish who also gave of their time to help fill stockings and to escort guests at the distribution of items. At least 3 new volunteers were from St. Vincent's.

Our Gifts to the Lord

December 10, 2017

St. Leo Cemetery	\$	70.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	35.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	145.00
Improvement Fund	\$	33.00
St. Patrick Flooring	\$	250.00
St. Patrick Utilities	\$	80.00
Food Pantry	\$	1,075.00
Religious Retirement	\$	985.00

Regular Collection

Collection Fiscal Year to Date

December 10	\$ 5,365.00	\$ 106,762.27
<i>Amount Budget</i>	<i>\$ 4,925.00</i>	<i>\$ 113,275.00</i>

Diocese & Bishop's News & Notes www.saginaw.org

All parishioners in the Diocese of Saginaw have a special opportunity to take adult faith formation courses at the University of Dayton for a reduced cost. Because the Diocese of Saginaw is a partner diocese with the "Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation" at the University of Dayton, catechists as well as any parishioner can take the courses for \$50. Please consider deepening your knowledge of the Catholic Faith by participating in one of the courses. Topics range from Scripture to Prayer to Catholic Social Teaching. For more information and specific topics, call 888-300-8436.

We Need Your Help

The Youth Ministry Team is once again making goody bags for Middle School students going to winter camp on Jan 22. We need hand sanitizers, hand lotion, chap stick, tooth paste, and small packets of tissues for each bag. 150 students are going. These need to be the small travel size. If you can help us it would be great! Please bring items to the office or put in the basket in the entryway. Thanks.

Christmas Giving Opportunities!

The Salvation Army is helping families with Christmas. Call Stacie at 989-773-4663 or 989-285-8090 to see how you can help..

Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Department distributed 180 packages to seniors and delivered food and gifts to 20 families last year. Call Travis Little at 989-289-5815 to see if they still need help shopping or wrapping gifts. 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



This weekend (Sunday) there is a **Children's Advent Program** immediately after Mass.

Following this short program everyone is invited to the hall for a luncheon. 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.

Mass Ministers

New schedules for January, February, and March are in the main entry. Please take yours. If you do not have your Lector Workbook yet, those are in the main entry as well.

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 Masses. 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

Directory Correction

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

Upcoming Schedule

Advent Mass	Sat., Dec. 23	4:30pm
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		

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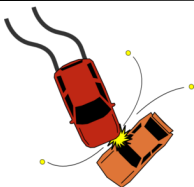
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