



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

December 24, 2017

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Life In Our Community

*School Age Faith Formation:* Classes at St. Vincent de Paul resume Jan. 7 at 10:45am, and at St. Patrick on January 10 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.

*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!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; No matter what your current family or marital situation; No matter what your past or present religious affiliation; No matter what your personal history, age, background, race or color; No matter what your self-image or esteem; You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at St. Vincent de Paul Parish.



St. Patrick, Irishtown  
7631 W. North Gratiot Co. Line  
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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      Don Kenny  
Jerry Degruise      Sue McQueen  
Kaye Hemerline      Tom Moomey  
Jan Hetherington      Craig Shanteau  
Bev Kalmar      Helen Thrush  
Jackie Loomis      Kaylie Willoughby

### Finance Council

Bill Daniels  
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Aaron Lloyd  
Brent Moeggenborg  
Zachary Lobsinger  
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## ***Prayer Opportunities***

### **Monday, December 25**

#### **Christmas Day**

Is 62:11-12 / Ti 3:4-7 / Lk 2:15-20  
St. Vincent: 10:30am Mass

### **Tuesday, December 26**

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22

### **Wednesday, December 27**

1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service  
St. Patrick: 6:00pm Word & Communion Service

### **Thursday, December 28**

1 Jn 1:5—2:2 / Mt 2:13-18

### **Friday, December 29**

1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35

### **Saturday, December 30**

1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40  
St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

### **Sunday, December 31**

#### **Feast of the Holy Family**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Lk 2:22-40  
St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass

### **Monday, January 1**

#### **Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21  
St. Vincent: 10:30am Mass

## **K of C Corner**

### ***JESUS THE LIGHT TO THE WORLD***

Thank You to all who so graciously  
let your light shine in support of  
the Knights of Columbus this past year.  
Together, we share God's love,  
building stronger families, church,  
and community.

**Please hold in Prayer:** Jennifer (Feltman) Romero, Shirley, Ella Kenny, Ray Hoffman, Mike Laurent, R.E., Marc Hopps, 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.

### **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.

### **Euchre! Put this on your calendar!**

Our St. Patric site will host a Euchre card game on Saturday, January 13th at 6:30pm. Please bring a snack. Everyone is welcome!

### **Parish Directory Information**

Please add to your parish directories:

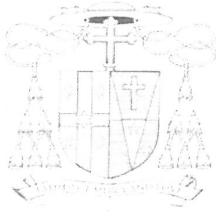
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Also, those who have not received their directories may pick them up in the office.

### ***Our Gifts to the Lord      December 17, 2017***

St. Leo Cemetery	\$	70.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	190.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	10.00
Improvement Fund	\$	163.00
St. Patrick Flooring	\$	250.00
Food Pantry	\$	110.00
Religious Retirement	\$	655.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	10.00
Christmas Offering	\$	250.00

<b><u>Regular Collection</u></b>	<b><u>Collection</u></b>	<b><u>Fiscal Year to Date</u></b>
December 17	\$ 6,934.00	\$ 113,696.27
<i>Amount Budget</i>	<i>\$ 4,925.00</i>	<i>\$ 118,200.00</i>



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Christmas, 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

There is a legend which tells of a wise and good king who loved his people. He wanted to know of their hardships and how they lived. The king would often dress in the clothes of a worker or beggar to visit the homes of the poor. No one had the slightest idea who he was.

One day, he visited a poor man who lived in a dark and dingy cellar. He ate the same bland food the poor man ate but spoke cheerful and kind words to him. Then the king quietly left. Weeks later, he visited the poor man again and revealed to him his identity by saying: *"I am your king!"* The king thought the man would surely ask for some gift or money or favor; but, he did not. Instead, he said to the king: *"You left your palace and your glory to visit me in this dark, dreary place. You ate the same stale food I eat. Most of all, you brought joy to my heart! To others, you may have shared your riches. To me, you have given yourself."*

God, our Lord and King, has visited His people and continues to visit us each day. He gives Himself to us in the person of His only Son, Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate and who brings us words of joy and encouragement.

I extend to each of you a heartfelt greeting of love and appreciation. To those of you who, for whatever reason, have not felt drawn to Mass or the Sacraments for quite some time, I invite you to return to the Church so that you may know and celebrate more deeply the Lord's presence in your lives.

May our Lord continue to bless you, your families and loved ones; and, may Mary, Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Bishop Cistone*

Most Reverend Joseph R. Cistone  
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*Merry Christmas and Blessings to all in 2018!*

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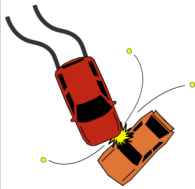
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