



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

December 31, 2017

## The Feast of the Holy Family

### 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.



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168 E. Wright Ave.  
*Parish Church*

**DECEMBER 31, 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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**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, 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

**Tuesday, January 2**

1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28

**Wednesday, January 3**

1 Jn 2:29—3:6 / Jn 1:29-34  
St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service  
St. Patrick: 6:00pm Word & Communion Service

**Thursday, January 4**

1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-42

**Friday, January 5**

1 Jn 3:11-21 / Jn 1:43-51

**Saturday, January 6**

1 Jn 5:5-13 / Mt 17-11 or Lk 3:23-38  
St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

**Sunday, January 7**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12  
St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass

**K of C Corner**

*"It is for the sake of the whole world then, that the church and her members must be constantly engaged in the work of renewal, conversion, and reconciliation. And whereas sin is the root of division 'charity binds everything together in perfect harmony.'"*

*Our Common Humanity Editorial  
Columbia Magazine 2016*

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

**Parish Office:** Parish offices will be closed Jan 1.

**Euchre!**

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

**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.

**Next Sunday: Whole Community Catechesis...**

...and free breakfast after 9:30 Mass on Sunday. The topic is Baptism and Discipleship. Please join the group!

***Our Gifts to the Lord***

***4th Weekend of Advent, December 24, 2017***

St. Leo Cemetery	\$	85.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	20.00
Improvement Fund	\$	73.00
St. Patrick Flooring	\$	100.00
St. Patrick Utilities	\$	15.00
Food Pantry	\$	10.00
Religious Retirement	\$	80.00

<b><u>Regular Collection</u></b>	<b><u>Collection</u></b>	<b><u>Fiscal Year to Date</u></b>
December 24	\$ 3,985.00	\$ 110,747.27
<b><i>Amount Budgeted</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 4,925.00</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 118,200.00</i></b>

***Christmas Offerings***

	<b><u>Collection</u></b>	<b><u>Fiscal Year to Date</u></b>
December 24 & 25	\$ 4,550.83	\$ 115,298.10
<b><i>Budget to date</i></b>		<b><i>\$ 118,200.00</i></b>

**Faith Formation Notes**

- \* RCIA Class meets Thursday, January 4, at 3:15pm
- \* Children's Faith Formation Classes at St. Vincent de Paul resume Sunday, Jan. 7 at 10:45am.
- \* Children's Faith Formation Classes at St. Patrick resume Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 5pm.
- \* Book Discussions with Mary Moomey resume Monday, January 8 at 9am.
- \* Children's Sacramental Prep Class meets on Thursday, January 11, 6-7pm.
- \* Bishop Cistone will be here for Confirmation on Wednesday, April 11.

**Purging Your Closets?**

Our Food Pantry doesn't have room for your gently used clothes, linens, and furniture.

Here's where you can donate:

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

**We Acted on a Great Suggestion**

A new baby changing station has been installed in the ladies room in the St. Vincent Hall.

**Tax Return Time is Around the Corner!**

If you need a statement of your contributions to the parish for your tax return please call the parish office. We do not send statements unless they are requested. About the third week of January we hope to receive statements from the diocese for your CSA contributions. If you can wait until then, we can mail both statements to you at the same time. (The diocese will mail statements for larger than average CSA gifts directly from the diocese. Most are sent to parishes to be distributed.)

**THANK YOU...**

Fr. Fred, Deacon Jerome and Everyone for the Mass and funeral luncheon for Carol.  
- Terry Bellinger

**Diocese & Bishop's News & Notes**

[www.saginaw.org](http://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 a courses. Topics range from Scripture to Prayer to Catholic Social Teaching. For more information and specific topics call 888-300-8436.

**Monthly Catholic Women's Fellowship**

On Thursday, January 4, Fr. Andy LaFramboise will speak on the topic of St. John Paul II and the Family. This presentation will be at the Center for Ministry, Saginaw (5802 Weiss St.) from 6pm-8:15pm. There is no charge, but freewill offerings are accepted.

Women's Fellowship meetings continue on the first Thursday of each month through April.

**Human Trafficking Awareness Training**

*Thurs., Jan. 11, 1-4pm, Center for Ministry, Saginaw. Cost is \$10. For info or to register call Maria Coss at 989-797-6646.*

Pope Francis has described human trafficking a "a crime against humanity." He urges us to "unite our efforts to free the victims and stop this increasingly aggressive crime that threatens not only individuals but the basic values of society and of international security and justice..."

Please attend on National Human Trafficking Awareness Day to learn more about his issue and to explore opportunities for action and advocacy.

The diocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry will sponsor a **pilgrimage to Mexico City and the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe** February 23-28, 2019 (yes, that's 2019). An informational meeting will be Thursday, January 25, 2018 at the Center for Ministry, Saginaw. For more information call 989-797-6646 or visit [hispanicministry@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:hispanicministry@dioceseofsaginaw.org)

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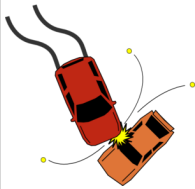
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