



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

February 18, 2018 First Sunday of Lent

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: On the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays at 7pm at our St. Vincent site.

Food Pantry: Call the office Mon.-Thurs. between 10 & noon to set Fri. appointment. Food collection at Masses 1st weekend of each month.

K of C: 2nd Wed. of month. 7:30pm

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 Sun. of the month after 9:30am Mass. Discussion Group Mon., 9am, 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 or for a pastoral visit.

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
Church for Occasional Use



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

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

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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Bev Kalmar
Jackie Loomis

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Craig Shanteau
Helen Thrush
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Finance Council

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

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, February 19

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46
St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service

Tuesday, February 20

Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15
St. Vincent: 7:00pm Praise & Worship

Wednesday, February 21

Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32
St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service
St. Patrick: 6:00pm Word & Communion Service

Thursday, February 22

1 Pt 5:1-4 / Mt 16:13-19

Friday, February 23

Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, February 24

Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48
St. Vincent: 1:00pm Wedding
St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10
St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass

K of C Corner

“Conversion is thus a common human experience...it often occurs on three levels of our lives. Let’s look at all three to understand more deeply the ways in which people can be converted to the truth and beauty of the Gospel of Life.

First intellectual conversion begins when we start asking questions and challenging assumptions...we question the rhetoric and hype that we hear and see...”

“Conversion to the Gospel of Life”
Supreme Chaplain William Lori
Columbia Magazine, January 2018

Please hold in Prayer: Bishop Cistone, Tom Kawka, Brad Hetherington, Evelyn Trudell, Richard Treacy, Donna Meyer, Paulette Schieber, Binkowski Family, Deb P., Jennifer (Feltman) Romero, Ella Kenny, R.E., those in homeless shelters, and the sick and homebound.

Tax Return Time is Here!

If you need a statement of your contributions for your tax return please call the parish office.

Evangelize By Being Visible!

With enough volunteers, our parish can set up a table during the Maple Syrup Festival. The table will have brochures and information about our parish that folks can pick up and peruse as they pass. (*Say that last line fast five times!*) If you could volunteer a couple of hours, we could have a visible and welcoming presence. And, if you sign up you’ll be rewarded with a meal ticket! Let us know what hours you can help on the sign-up sheet in the main entry.

Change in Tuesday Praise & Worship at St. Vincent

This gathering has been changed from every Tuesday evening to the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays at 7pm.

Our Gifts to the Lord

February 11, 2017

St. Leo Cemetery	\$	40.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	25.00
Improvement Fund	\$	85.00
St. Patrick Flooring Fund	\$	100.00
Evangelization	\$	207.00
Food Pantry	\$	25.00
Funeral Luncheon Fund	\$	100.00

Regular Collection

Collection

Fiscal Year to Date

February 11	\$ 3,843.25	\$ 141,845.02
<i>Amount Budgeted</i>	<i>\$ 4,925.00</i>	<i>\$ 152,675.00</i>

Building and Grounds Committee Forming

Aaron Lloyd has agreed to head up a committee to oversee the maintenance of our buildings and grounds. This committee will not be responsible for completing identified projects, but will observe, monitor, and prioritize needs. They will recommend completion of those projects by contractors or maintenance staff.

If you are or were in an occupation related to building maintenance or grounds keeping, or have a particular skill, please call the office to join this committee.

Youth Alpha

If you are between ages 11—18 you make many decisions every day. What shall I wear? Who should I hang out with? What should I be when I grow up? What is really important? Does anyone else feel the way I do? Where is God in my life?

Youth Alpha is a place to come and be with other youth in a relaxed atmosphere and have food, fun and explore these questions. Here are some comments from other youth about Alpha.

- Alpha youth is great! I wasn't sure I would like it but I do. Great questions and discussion and I got to know people better and made some new friends. -*Judy S*
- You are free to say what you want. Everyone respects you. -*Sam M*

Youth Alpha starts here Feb. 19, 6-8pm. It's the same time as Adult Alpha. Youth Alpha will have it's own leader and discussion room after the meal.

Encounter Lent Internationally Through Rice Bowl

Encounter Majd: In Iraq, we meet Majd and his family who were forced to flee violence and are searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can we support those around the world who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? We can fill our Rice Bowls to help. Visit crricebowl.org to learn more.

The Traveling Last Supper Troupe

Our parish will be hosting a live-drama presentation of the Last Supper by a community theater group on Sat., March 24 at 7pm in St. Vincent Church. The ecumenical troupe has a cast of 18 people, a narrator, and a musical duo. They have been performing since 2006 and are mostly Catholics from Hemlock, Merrill, Saginaw, Midland and Auburn areas.

The presentation starts with Jesus informing the Apostles that he will be betrayed. In horror, they examine themselves to see if they might be the betrayer.

Admission is free, but an exit offering will be appreciated. The troupe donates to soup kitchens and food pantries, and keeps a small amount of the donations for publicity materials and costume upkeep.

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Send cards of healing and support for Bishop Cistone:
Most Rev. Joseph Cistone, DD
5800 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI 48603

Prayer for Our Bishop

Father of Mercy and Love,
who watches over your creatures with unflinching care,
keep us in the safe embrace of your love.
With your strong right hand raise up your
servant Joseph, our shepherd,
and give him the strength of your own power.
Minister to him and heal his illness,
so that he may have from you the help he longs for.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Adapted from Household Blessings and Prayers, USCCB 1968. Dist. by Saginaw Diocese.)

A position has been posted for a full time Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Saginaw at <https://saginaw.org/node/456>. The deadline for application is March 19, 2018.

Below are the dates for the next **Formation Sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** scheduled for 2018. If you have questions, please contact the diocesan Office of Liturgy at 989-797-6665.

Saturday, March 10, 1-2:30pm
St. Josaphat Church (St. John Paul II Parish)
469 Shattuck Rd, Saginaw

Saturday, June 16, 1:00-2:30pm
St. Josaphat Church (St. John Paul II Parish)
69 Shattuck Rd, Saginaw

Lay Ministry Applications

The diocesan office of Lay Ministry will accept applications until May 15 for the Lay Ministry program starting in Sept. This is a four-year formation for lay people.

There will be an information session on Sat., Feb. 3, at the Center for Ministry, Saginaw, from 10am until noon. Contact Kelly Deming for information at kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org or 989-797-6609

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will offer a **Lenten Retreat Day for all women** of the diocese in the Center for Ministry at the Diocese on Saturday, March 10.

The day's activities start at 9am (registration begins at 8:30) and will end at approximately 3:30pm. The cost for the day is \$25 (in advance) and includes lunch. Please RSVP to Rita Maher (989-635-7072) or Joyce Raducha (989-875-2650) by March 2.

Little Black Books & Rice Bowls

In the entries are the Little Black Books for Lent and Rice Bowls. In addition, in the main entrance are Little Purple Books for children, and a larger version of the black book that has large print. All are free!

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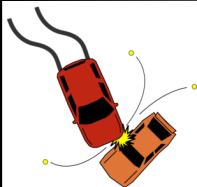
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