

Mass Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 9:30am

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# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

# July 29, 2018 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Life In Our Community

School Age Faith Formation: Classes resume in the fall.

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

Food Pantry: Call the office Mon.-Thurs. between10 & 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: Watch for coming opportunities.

*Hearts & Hands*: Call for information on this craft and social group.

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday, 3:00pm

Parish Hall Rental Bookings: St. Patrick: Call Betty, 989-463-2503 St. Vincent: Call the parish office

#### **Sacramental Information**

*Baptism of an infant*: Contact the parish office.

Adult Baptism/Confirmation (RCIA): Classes resume this fall. Call the parish to be on the class list.

*Elementary Sacramental Preparation:* Enrollment in parish faith formation program required. Call the office for additional information.

*Reconciliation:* St. Vincent site. Saturdays at 4pm for private Reconciliation.

*Marriage:* Contact parish office no less than six months prior to wedding date.

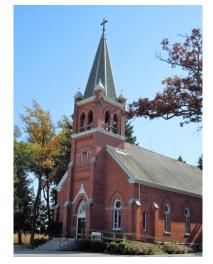
Sacrament of Anointing of Sick: Please contact us before a surgery, during hospitalization or if experiencing a change in health.

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.

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

# July 29, 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**

#### **Finance Council**

Walter Ballauer Jerry Degruise Kaye Hemerline Bev Kalmar Jackie Loomis Don Kenny

Sue McQueen Tom Moomey Craig Shanteau Brad Swartz Helen Thrush Kaylie Willoughby

Bill Daniels

Doug Duffy Marie Green Aaron Lloyd Zachary Lobsinger Tish Mallory Brent Moeggenborg

# Office Hours

Parish Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9am-4pm / Fri. 9am-1pm Faith Formation Dir. Mary Moomey: Mon. 9am-1pm Deacon Todd: Please call for appointment

# **Community Prayer**

#### Monday, July 30

Jer 13:1-11 / Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 31 Jer 14:17-22 / Mt 13:36-43 St. Vincent: 7:00pm Praise & Worship

#### Wednesday, August 1

Jer 15:10, 16-21 / Mt 13:44-46 St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service St. Patrick: 6:00pm Word & Communion Service

Thursday, August 2

Jer 18:1-6 / Mt 13:47-53

# Friday, August 3

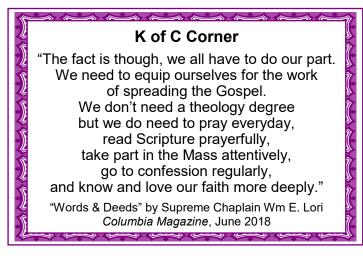
Jer 26:1-9 / Mt 13:54-58 St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service

#### Saturday, August 4

Jer 26:11-16, 24 / Mt 14:1-12 St. Vincent: 4:00pm Rosary St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

# Sunday, August 5

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 / Eph 4:17, 20-24 St. Vincent: 9:00am Rosary St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass



Please hold in Prayer: Barb Smith, Margaret Clevenger, Bruce Ellsworth, Janet Gilbert. Ed Filhart, Esther Savin, Doug Sharrar, Deb P., R.E., Evelyn Trudell, Donna Meyer, Paulette Schieber, Binkowski Family, Jennifer Romero, Ella Kenny, and the sick and homebound.

# **Retreat Invitation**

St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt has invited the women of our parish for a retreat Sep. 14-16. The theme is "From Chaos to Order: A Scriptural Guide to Building a Life-Giving Community." Suggested offering is \$175. Register by calling the Center at 517-669-8321.

# **Bookkeeping Position in Our Parish**

We are looking for a bookkeeper for 8-10 hrs. per week. Please contact the office for an application. References required. Job could be joint with St. Mary University Parish for more hours. For a complete job description, please go to https://saginaw.org/employment

Our Gifts to the Lo	rd	July	22, 2018
Building Improveme	nt	\$	3.00
St. Leo Cemetery		\$	60.00
Food Pantry		\$	50.00
Evangelization		\$	5.00
K of C Rectory Challenge \$1,000. Rectory Challenge Matches \$ 845.00			845.00
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>Collection</b>	<u> </u>	<u>′ear to Date</u>
July 22	\$ 3,682.00	\$	13,360.00
Budget	\$ 4,875.00		14,625.00
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Dear friends of God,

As you may have noticed there has been some significant progress on the meditation garden this week. I want to thank Steve, Nathaniel and Richard for their hard work.

I was excited when I first arrived to hear that the parish was working on a meditation garden. I have tried to work Christian Meditation into my prayer life after going on a retreat with a friend prior to my ordination last year. Christian Meditation is a spiritual practice of being in the present moment. Fr. Laurence Freemen, OSB who is known for his teaching on Christian Meditation the world over has this to say about the present moment.

"We spend much of our life locked into thought of the past and dreams of the future. Thinking of the past breeds feelings of regret, nostalgia, melancholy or guilt. Living in the future quickly generates anxiety, fear and worry. In meditation we stop thinking of the past and future and learn to live fully in the present moment... God is everywhere at all times. Meditation is the daily discipline that teaches us to see God in the here and now."

I look forward to seeing the continued progress on the garden, and hope it becomes a place of peace and solitude for all. Whether you go there to meditate, read sacred scripture, pray the rosary, or simply contemplate the beauty of God's wonderous creation, you each come to know, God is near.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd

<u>At VBS last week</u> the children learned a daily faith affirmation or take home point. The affirmations are: 1) God is with us. 2) God is faithful. 3) God gives us hope.

4) Jesus is our Savior. I would like to reflect a bit on hope.

Where do we need hope in our lives? We need hope when we face difficult situations and feel overwhelmed. It can be personal situations such as health, financial, relationships, or world issues like poverty, war, or corruption. Hope is more than a feeling. It is also a belief based on Gods promises as revealed in Scripture and on our experiences when looked at with the eyes of faith. The children learned that God keeps his promises and loves us and helps us even when we make mistakes and go the wrong way. God saved Paul from a storm at sea. What storms are you facing and where is hope?

God has an ongoing plan for us as individuals and for the whole world. Hope goes along with humility as we accept that God's plan is more than we comprehend. How-ever we are still called to play our part in this plan.

Every day at VBS we prayed for children who are not safe. They might be unsafe because of war or poverty or natural disasters. They might be unsafe in their own home because of abuse or neglect. Some-times the only way they can experience hope is when we reach out to them even in small ways. We are called to embody that hope and with Gods help we can do this.

# Mary

# Ministry Enrichment Day: Sat., Nov. 3, 2018

This year, the Saturday portion of the Lay Ministry Assembly is open to ALL who minister within our Diocese in **any** capacity. This includes those who are food pantry workers, help with funeral luncheons, serve as money counters, catechists, or liturgical ministers—all who serve. If you visit the homebound, sing in the choir, usher at Mass, or do one of the many others things that serve God and neighbor, this day is for you!

This will be held at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth. The cost is \$45, which includes lunch. Direct questions to the Office of Lay Ministry at 989-797-6654. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or at *www.saginaw.org/* 

