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Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 9:30am

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St. Vincent de Paul Parish

September 16, 2018

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Life In Our Community

School Age Faith Formation: Classes begin at St. Vincent Sept. 16 after Mass; at St. Patrick Sept. 19 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: 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.

SEPTEMBER 16, 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

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Office Hours

Parish Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9am-4pm / Fri. 9am-1pm
 Faith Formation Dir. Mary Moomey: Tues. 10am-1pm
 Deacon Todd: Please call for appointment

Community Prayer

Monday, September 17

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 / Lk 7:31-35

Tuesday, September 18

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a / Lk 7:11-17
 St. Vincent: 7:00pm Praise & Worship

Wednesday, September 19

1 Cor 12:31—13:13
 St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service
 St. Patrick: 6:00pm Word & Communion Service

Thursday, September 20

1 Cor 15:1-11 / Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 21

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 / Mt 9:9-13
 St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service

Saturday, September 22

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 / Lk 8:4-15
 St. Vincent: 4:00pm Rosary
 St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, September 23

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wis 2:12, 17-20 / Jas 3:16—4:3 / Mk 9:30-37
 St. Vincent: 9:00am Rosary

The Shepherd **Knights of Columbus** is pleased to report that the Rectory renovation project has been successfully completed. The Council with the help of the Parish Community was able to exceed the target budget of \$3,000 for the project—nearly \$3,200 was raised. Additionally, parishioners donated more than 300 hours of volunteer time for renovation tasks.

Deacon Todd and Erin are now settled in their new housing. The stewardship and generosity provided by our parish community resulted in having a safe, clean and livable residence for the Lovas family. The Shepherd Knights of Columbus Council is thankful for the parish support given to the project.

- Roger Jacobs, Grand Knight

Please hold in Prayer: Joanne Smith, Ken Helinski, Bruce Ellsworth, Fr. Joe Fix, Janet Gilbert, Ed Filhart, Doug Sharrar, Deb P., R.E., Evelyn Trudell, Donna Meyer, Paulette Schieber, Binkowski Family, Jennifer Romero, Ella Kenny, and the sick and homebound.

Hearts and Hands

Stop by and enjoy a cup of coffee with this craft group on Wed., Sept. 19 (after Word & Communion Service at St. Vincent). The meeting will be at Jackie Cline's home, 8031 S. Federal Rd., Shepherd. Join in the wandering conversation or pick up a needle to help quilt a wall hanging. (Someone will even thread your needle if need be!) All welcome, crafty or not!

Dear Parishioners,
 Whoever thought turning 80 could be so enjoyable. Thank you, thank you for the wonderful birthday celebration last week. Thanks for the cards, gifts, cake/ice cream, and especially your presence. You are a generous and loving community. It's a joy to be with you. God Bless you all. - Fr. Fred

Our Gifts to the Lord	September 9, 2018	
Building Improvement	\$	103.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	100.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	175.00
St. Patrick Repairs	\$	130.00
Food Pantry	\$	10.00
Evangelization	\$	100.00
Regular Collection	Collection	Year to Date
September 9	\$ 4,322.00	\$ 44,274.79
Budget	\$ 4,875.00	\$ 48,750.00
CSA catholic services appeal	Parish Goal:	\$ 40,737.00
2018	Pledges /Gifts:	\$ 39,244.00
	Needed:	\$ 1,493.00

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Preschoolers Return this Week!

This week the little ones will be back in two of our school classrooms. If you will need to be in our school building, please use the doors at the south end. The west doors are used by the preschool, and less traffic there will keep them on task and safe. In the interest of security, we ask that you not block open exterior doors while classes are in session.

Sharing With Others

Christmas Outreach will be here before we know it. We'll ask you in November for donations for stockings for children and gift bags for teens and adults. If you plan to donate, you can buy back-to-school items now while they're cheap. We need boxes of 24 crayons, glue sticks, pencils, pens, erasers, rulers, kids' scissors, pencil sharpeners, etc.

Picnic Plans

Our parish picnic will be Sept. 23 at our St. Patrick site. After the picnic there will be a 150th anniversary celebration of the building of St. Patrick's. For more info, call the office or Zack, 989-289-1558, or email lobsi1zm@cmich.edu.

The Planning Committee Suggests/Needs:

- Last name starts A-G hot sides
- Last name starts H-M cold sides
- Last name starts N-Z desserts
- Need people to lead the games (contact Zack)
- Need item donations for a bake sale and silent auction (slightly used or new auction items)
- Helpers for prep work Saturday, Sept. 22 at noon at St. Vincent Hall

"Into the Light Cancer Awareness Walk"

Community Cancer Services of Isabella County invites everyone to walk with them at the annual Walk Friday, Sept. 21 at the Isabella County Fairgrounds, 4-10pm. Teams are encouraged, but not necessary.

A survivor celebration is planned for 7pm with a survivors walk immediately following. Luminaries in honor of survivors or those who died from cancer light the pathway and may be purchased in advance. Call Suzanne 989-621-4096, Deonna 989-330-1978, Kay 989-513-9674, or www.isabellacommunitycancer.org.

All money donated stays in Isabella County to pay the travel costs of local cancer patients.

Opportunities at St. Agnes, Freeland

Women's Retreat: Sept 29, 9:30am-4pm. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Call Sarah, 989-695-5652.

Grief Recovery Series: Held weekly in conjunction with the Diocesan Office of Christian Service. Begins with an information session Thurs., Sept. 20, 6-7pm. Call Judy O'Hanlon at 989-385-0981 for information.

Mass Minister Schedules Available Sept. 22& 23

Please call the office by Sept. 17 if you have input.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Its that time of year when information is coming in so fast its hard to get it all out. We have had some changes in staff I wanted to update you on. Nathaniel Gall worked his last day last week, and this week he shipped out for Basic Training in the US Air Force. We pray for his safety, and the safety of all servicemembers, along with Steve and Carol as they go through this new experience.

We also have a combined goodbye, welcome back and welcome aboard. Joyce Riley will officially retire as bookkeeper and parish secretary on Oct 1st. Replacing her as bookkeeper will be Sue Stonebrook, and we are so pleased to have her great talents. We are so lucky that Joyce has such a great love for ministry, as she has been rehired as a part-time Administrative Assistant for the parish. I am so pleased with our wonderful parish staff.

One final note, preschool will begin this week. For security purposes please do not prop any doors open during school hours. Please feel free to use a cart to load things from your car. Thank you for helping keep the preschoolers safe.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd

Faith Formation News: Sing a Song

Sing to the Lord a new song. Psalm 96:1

Music is such an important part of our liturgy. Music is also a fun way to learn important concepts. People remember what they say and sing.

Starting Sept 23, on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, children's faith formation classes will start in the church as soon as Father Fred processes out. Children will immediately come to the altar area for 10 minutes of music with Joshua. Then everyone will go to their own class. We want all children and youth to take part in these short music sessions which are part of our faith formation.

On the first Sunday of every month the children's choir will sing during Mass. Of course all children are invited to sing at that time, but if a child is uncomfortable singing in front of others or is going to be gone on a certain Sunday, they still need to join their friends at the music time with Joshua to hear the music as part of their faith formation.

Peace,

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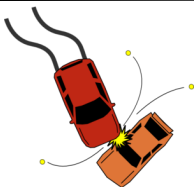
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