



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

December 2, 2018
The First Sunday of Advent

Life In Our Community

School Age Faith Formation: Classes are at St. Vincent after Sunday Mass; 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: Wed. 9am, Bible Study in St. Vincent Church Library. *Hearts & Hands:* Call for information on this biweekly craft and social group.

Bulletin Deadline: Wed. at noon

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 Mary Moomey in our parish office for more information.

Reconciliation: St. Vincent site. Saturdays at 4pm for private Reconciliation. Advent Reconciliation Service Sunday, Dec. 16, 1:30pm

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

DECEMBER 2, 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
(Joyce: Mon., Wed., Thurs. / Sue: Tues. & Fri.)
Faith Formation Dir. Mary Moomey: Tues. 10am-1pm
Deacon Todd: Please call for appointment

Community Prayer

Monday, December 3

Is 2:1-5 / Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 4

Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24

St. Vincent: 7:00pm Praise & Worship

Wednesday, December 5

Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37

St. Vincent: **NO** Word & Communion Service

St. Patrick: 6:00pm Word Service

Thursday, December 6

Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 7

Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22

NO Morning Word & Communion Service

St. Vincent: 7:00pm Holy Day Vigil Mass for
The Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 8

Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

St. Vincent: 4:00pm Rosary

St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6

St. Vincent: 9:00am Rosary

St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass

K of C Corner

“What...constitutes the greatness of baptism?”

Jesus answers this question in the Gospel of John when he says to Nicodemus:

“No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Holy Spirit.” (Jn 3:5)

Through baptism, we enter into the life of the Trinity, and this new reality can be described as a rebirth into a wholly new way of life and love.”

“The Greatest Day of Our Lives”

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori
Columbia Magazine, November 2018

Please hold in Prayer: † Fr. Ed Boucher, Jim Langlois, Tom Krafft, Frank Lapinski, Delores Miller, Binkowski Family, and the sick and homebound.

Extra Confession Times for Advent

Dec. 7 5:30-6:30pm, and after 7:00pm Mass

Dec. 15 3:00-4:15pm (Saturday)

Dec. 22 3:00-4:15pm (Saturday)

Children's Sacramental Prep: Thursday, Dec. 6, 6-7pm.

Breakfast and Community Catechesis: Start Advent with breakfast after Mass on Dec. 2. Deacon Todd will help you start the season with new ideas.

Collection for Religious Retirement

On the weekend of Dec. 8-9 we will take up a collection for members of orders who served their Church to fill hearts and needs, but not to build a retirement. They need your help. Please keep in mind those who served you and be generous. (*This is not the collection for our diocesan priests, but for religious across the nation.*)

Our Gifts to the Lord

November 25, 2018

Building Improvement	\$	3.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	60.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	25.00
St. Patrick Utilities	\$	200.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	185.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	50.00
Food Pantry	\$	100.00

Regular Collection

Collection

Year to Date

November 25	\$ 3,511.00	\$ 90,148.08
Budget	\$ 4,875.00	\$ 97,500.00

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Children's Advent Program

St. Vincent de Paul Church

Sunday, December 9

Immediately After Mass

Followed by a luncheon in the Hall

Everyone is Invited!

Please Note: December 2 Rehearsal for the Advent Program will be in the church immediately after breakfast in the hall.

There is no Faith Formation on Dec. 2.

A Potpourri of Holiday Music!

The Shepherd Bar & Restaurant presents the Central Michigan Concert Band with Conductor Joseph Radtke in a Holiday Concert at 3pm on Sun., Dec. 16 in Shepherd Schools Auditorium. Admission is free. Enjoy this tradition of community entertainment!

For Your Calendar (At our St. Vincent site)

Dec 2	Sun	Catechesis & Breakfast
Dec 7	Fri	7pm Vigil Mass for Holy Day
Dec 16	Sun	1:30pm Reconciliation
Dec 24	Mon	5pm Christmas Eve Mass
Dec 25	Tues	10am Christmas Mass
Jan 1	Tues	10am Holy Day Mass
Jan 6	Sun	Catechesis & Breakfast

Saturday Masses for Dec. 8 Holy Day

Mt Pleasant	Sacred Heart	9:00am
Ithaca	St Paul	11:00am
St Louis	Mt. St. Joseph	(canceled)
Mt Pleasant	St Mary	12:30pm

Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Dept. Needs You

Last year the department assisted 20 families with food and gifts, and gave 180 elderly citizens care packages. If you would like to adopt a family, shop or wrap gifts, call Travis Little at 989-289-5815. If you like, you can send a check payable to the Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Dept., 410 N. Chippewa St., Shepherd, MI 48883.

Annual K of C Free Throw Tournament

Ages 9-14 can participate on Sat., Dec. 8, at noon in the H.S. Gym. For more info: leave a message for Steve Nartker, 944-0452.

Thank You for the Christmas Outreach Gifts!

If you would like to help fill stockings on Dec. 4 & 5, go to CMU's Finch Fieldhouse 8:30am - 2pm either day. Stay an hour or all day.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many thanks are in order for the wonderful displays of stewardship of time and talent here at St. Vincent de Paul over the last couple weeks. From the wonderful choir that shows up for funerals, to those whose work made for a fun time at the Feather Party out at St. Patrick's. We have wonderfully gifted people that help decorate the church, and great folks who helped with intricate cutting for the stencil used to paint the float. From funeral luncheons, to welcoming a young family as their daughter is baptized, St Vincent de Paul is a fine example of loving stewardship to the Lord.

Peace and blessings,
Deacon Todd

Stewards of the Church

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;
- Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;
- All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.

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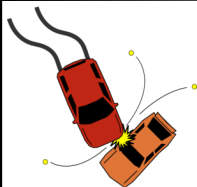
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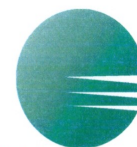
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