



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

December 23, 2018
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Life In Our Community

School Age Faith Formation: Classes resume at St. Vincent after Sunday Mass on Jan. 6; at St. Patrick's on January 9 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.

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 23, 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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Finance 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 24

Christmas Eve

Is 9:1-6 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-4
St. Vincent: 5:00pm Mass

Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Day

Is 62:52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Lk 2:1520
St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass

Wednesday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22

NO Word and Communion Services

Thursday, December 27

1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5—2:2 / Mt 2:13-18

NO Word and Communion Service

Saturday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35

St. Vincent: 4:00pm Rosary

St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 30

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

St. Vincent: 9:00am Rosary

St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass

K of C Corner

"This year marks the 20th anniversary of St. John Paul II's great apostolic exhortation on the vocation and mission of the laity, *Christifideles Laici*.

In its opening pages we read 'A new state of affairs today both in the church and in social, economic, political and cultural life calls with a particular urgency for the action of the lay faithful... It is not permissible for anyone to remain idle.' (3) "

"The Mission of the Laity"
Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori
Columbia Magazine, November 2018

(Continued next week)

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

Bible Study

The study group will resume their Wednesday 9:00am meetings on January 9. (Please note: if there is a funeral on Wednesday, Bible Study is canceled.)

Hearts & Hands will also resume their gatherings in January.

Children's Sacramental Prep will resume on Thurs., Jan. 3.

Children's Faith Formation Classes will resume at St. Vincent's after Mass on January 6. At St. Patrick's, classes will resume on Wednesday, January 9

Mary, the Mother of God

This January Holy Day will be celebrated here on Tuesday, Jan. 1 at 10:00am.

Our Gifts to the Lord

December 16, 2018

Building Improvement	\$	8.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	70.00
St. Patrick Utilities	\$	10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	60.00
Religious Retirement	\$	395.00

Regular Collection

Collection

Year to Date

December 16	\$ 5,562.00	\$ 116,670.21
Budget	\$ 4,875.00	\$ 121,635.00

Greetings Dear Friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe that the four weeks of Advent are at the end. It's time to say goodbye to the Advent wreath, the purples and pinks, and the sparse altar. Our hearts have been prepared to rejoice at the coming of our savior; some 2,000 years ago as a precious child, today and each day in our hearts and in the hearts of those around us, and in Glory sometime in the future.

I hope that no matter what way you celebrate Christmas this year; whether surrounded by dozens and dozens of family and friends or in more intimate gatherings, whether you are celebrating new life or reminded of the loss of those not here celebrating this year, you are able to experience the love of God, a love so expansive that it is not merely a feeling, but a person in Jesus Christ who loves you to the end.

Peace and blessings,
Deacon Todd

March for Life

Thank you to St. Vincent de Paul Parish and the K of C for your great support of our Bake Sale! With help from our parish and the Knights of Columbus we reached our goal. All traveling and participation fees for our delegates are covered (\$1080). Deacon Todd will be accompanied by three other marchers.

Please pray for the peaceful success of the march (and for mild weather!).

Mass Ministers Schedules

Schedules for Lectors, Communion Ministers, altar servers, collection counters, and Coffee & Doughnut Hosts are in the main entry. Please pick yours up before the Christmas rush!


Events at St. Agnes Church, Freeland


St. Agnes is holding Faith-based fitness classes for people 50+. Yoga & Prayer is on Monday nights at 6:15pm, Chair Yoga on Thursdays at 11:00am, and Friday Fitness at 11:00am. Classes are only \$5. Questions? Call Sarah 989-859-5659. Start the new year by improving your balance, coordination, and happiness.

Wines & Steins will be on Sat., Feb. 9th, 7:00 pm at St. Agnes. Beer & wine samples, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, and more. Proceeds benefit Love for Lukulu Mother's Milk and their Food Pantry.

Tickets for *Wines & Steins* are \$20 in advance. Call the Parish at 695-5652.



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on an ornament
from home.

 Bring ornament
to mass.

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