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Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 9:30am

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St. Vincent de Paul Parish

December 9, 2018
The Second 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.

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

DECEMBER 9, 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 10

Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 11

Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 12

Zec 9:14-17 or Rv 11, 9a; 12:1-6a, 10b
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service
St. Patrick: 6:00pm Word & Communion Service

Thursday, December 13

Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 14

Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service

Saturday, December 15

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

St. Vincent: 4:00pm Rosary

St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18

St. Vincent: 9:00am Rosary

St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass

St. Vincent: 1:30pm Reconciliation Service

K of C Corner

"In baptism, we also receive a vocation to love as Jesus did— to bear witness to the Gospel of Love by putting into practice a generous, forgiving love extended to all, most especially to those in need."
(to be continued)

"The Greatest Day of Our Lives"
Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori
Columbia Magazine, November 2018

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

Extra Confession Times for Advent

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

Dec. 16 1:30pm (Sunday) Reconciliation Service

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

Hearts and Hands to Meet: The crafters will meet at Jackie Cline's home on Wed., Dec. 12 at 10am. Bring that craft you need to finish by Christmas, or stop for a cup of coffee. You are always welcome!

Thanks to Our Advertisers: Thanks to **Ryan Hohlbein at Northwestern Mutual** for the ad on the back of our bulletin. Please support those who support us!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Grow closer in your marriage. Two retreats are scheduled: Jan. 25-27 and March 15-17. Apply at wwme.org or contact Chris and Darla Vinton, 734-531-9191.

Collection for Religious Retirement

This weekend is the collection for members of religious orders who served to fill hearts and needs, but not to build a retirement. They need your help. Please be generous.

Our Gifts to the Lord

December 2, 2018

Building Improvement	\$	258.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	70.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	180.00
St. Patrick Repairs	\$	290.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	90.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	10.00
Religious Retirement	\$	10.00
Food Pantry	\$	10.00
Memorial Donation	\$	100.00

Regular Collection

	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
December 2	\$ 4,781.00	\$ 94,929.08
Budget	\$ 4,875.00	\$ 102,375.00

Children's Advent Program

St. Vincent de Paul Church — Sun., Dec. 9
Right after Mass & followed by a luncheon
in the Hall. Everyone is Invited!

Our Parish Will Send Marchers for Life!

Deacon Todd, Erin Zimmer, Kevin Zimmer, and Blake Schneider will attend the March for Life in D.C. in January. Next weekend they will host a **bake sale fund-raiser** after Masses. Contributions of baked goods will be appreciated, as well as supportive buyers!

A Potpourri of Holiday Music!

The Shepherd Bar & Restaurant presents the Central Mich. Concert Band at 3pm on Sun., Dec. 16 in Shepherd Schools Auditorium. Admission is free.

For Your Calendar (At our St. Vincent site)

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

Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Dept. Needs You

If you can adopt a family, shop or wrap gifts, call Travis at 989-289-5815. If you like, you can send a check payable to the Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Dept., 410 N. Chipewa St., Shepherd, MI 48883.

Ministry Schedules for Jan., Feb. & March

New schedules for Lectors, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers, and Collection Counters will be out the weekend of Dec. 22-23. If there are dates you prefer *not* to be scheduled, please call the parish office.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for all the love and support we were all shown during this truly difficult time of losing Patrick. We would like to thank everyone for all of the help, thoughtfulness and sympathy you all have shown us in many ways. Thank you to our community and faith family at St. Vincent de Paul, to all who gave their time to prepare food and bring it to our home, prepare the luncheon and serve; our friends near and far for their kind words and generous monetary donations to our family, and the Shepherd Wrestling program that was so special to Patrick. You all have touched our family so deeply. Special thanks to Ralph and Walter Berry, Father Fred Kawka, Deacon Todd, Joyce Feltman, Joan Whitmore, Joyce Noyes, Bev Kalmar and Patrick's aunts during Mass, Brad Doepker, Luke Meyer, Chief Luke Sawyer, and the MMR staff. We will always remember the love you have shown us. God bless you all.

The family of Patrick R. Clevenger

Greetings Friends in Christ,

I have always looked forward to the second week in Advent, and the preaching of John the Baptist. Whether is read by someone else, or I read it in silence to myself, I hear Deacon John Cremin proclaiming it in my head. Until today I couldn't figure out why this reading is so memorable for me. Fourteen years ago, this liturgical week, I was welcomed into the Order of Catechumens. It was the first time I stood up and publicly responded to the question "What do you ask of God's Church?"

The words of Isaiah "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." are repeated in all 3 synoptic Gospels during the second week of Advent. They resonate in my ears, in John Cremin's voice. May these words speak to you in a distinct way this Advent, as we await the blessed hope and coming of our Savior.

Peace and blessings,
Deacon Todd

Obstacles to Stewardship

People who want to live as Christian disciples and Christian stewards face serious obstacles. In the United States and other nations, a dominant secular culture often contradicts religious convictions about the meaning of life. This culture frequently encourages us to focus on ourselves and our pleasures.

At times, we can find it far too easy to ignore spiritual realities and to deny religion a role in shaping human and social values. As Catholics who have entered into the mainstream of American society and experienced its advantages, many of us also have been adversely influenced by this secular culture. We know what it is to struggle against selfishness and greed, and we realize that it is harder for many today to accept the challenge of being a Christian steward. It is essential, therefore, that we make a special effort to understand the true meaning of stewardship and live accordingly.

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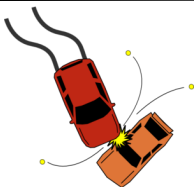
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