



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

**March 10, 2019**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

## Life In Our Community

*School Age Faith Formation:* Classes meet at St. Vincent after Sunday Mass; at St. Patrick's 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 187 on Sun. at 2pm.

*Adult Faith Formation:* Wed. 9am, Bible Study in St. Vincent Church Library. *Hearts & Hands:* Call for information on this biweekly craft and social group. Book discussion group, Wed. 7-8pm

*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 during Lent:* St. Vincent site. Private Reconciliation Saturdays 3:30-4:15pm, and Thurs., Mar. 28, 6:00-7:30pm

*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.



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7631 W. North Gratiot Co. Line  
Church for Occasional Use



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

# MARCH 10, 2019

**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

Walter Ballauer  
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Sue McQueen  
Tom Moomey  
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### Finance Council

Bill Daniels  
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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, March 11

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday, March 12

Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15  
St. Vincent: Noon Christian Meditation

### Wednesday, March 13

Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32  
St. Vincent: 8:30am Mass  
St. Patrick: 6:00pm Word & Communion Service

### Thursday, March 14

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Mt 7:7-12  
St. Vincent: 4:30 Christian Meditation

### Friday, March 15

Ez 18:21-28 / Mt:20-26  
St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion Service  
St. Vincent: 3:30pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 16

Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48  
St. Vincent: 3:30-4:15 Private Reconciliation  
St. Vincent: 4:00pm Rosary  
St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

### Sunday, March 17

*Second Sunday of Lent*  
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 / Phil 3:17—4:1 / Lk 9:28b-36  
St. Vincent: 9:00am Rosary  
St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass

## **K of C Corner**

*(continued from last week)*

“The developing human organism is called an embryo from the time of fertilization until the end of the eighth week of gestation when it is then called a fetus.

The definitional terms and time frames have been recognized by leading scientists and scientific organizations for decades.

The term ‘pregnancy’ is sometimes defined as beginning with implantation of an embryo into the uterine wall. But the biological fact remains that fertilization, not implantation, is the ‘critical landmark’ when a unique human life begins..”

“Unique, From Day One”  
by David Prentice & Tara Sander Lee  
*Columbia Magazine*, January 2019

### Please hold in Prayer:

David Dickman, Kim Craven, Anna Hoffman, Bonnie Skalitsky, Jim Platt, Jim Langlois, Tom Krafft, Frank Lapinski, Delores Miller, †Glen Smith, †Margaret Noble, Binkowski Family, and the sick and home-bound.

### Book Study

A 5-week evening book study of Matthew Kelly’s *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity* is on Wednesdays in the church library, 7-8pm. Gerri Clark leads the discussion. Books may be picked up in the parish office.

### Children’s Sacramental Prep & Parent Meeting

Thursday, March 14, 6-7pm

### Lenten Soup Suppers

There is a sign up sheet in the main entry for Soup Suppers after the Saturday 4:30pm Masses on March 9, March 23, March 30, and April 6. Please check your calendar and see if you can help by providing soup (2 gallons) or cookies (2 dozen). Your help will be appreciated!

### Our Gifts to the Lord

### March 3

Building Improvement	\$	318.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	25.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	140.00
St. Patrick Utilities	\$	40.00
Food Pantry	\$	105.00

### Regular Collection

### Collection

### Year to Date

March 3	\$ 8,462.50	\$ 176,889.43
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,875.00	\$ 175,260.00

**Immigration Discussion**

On St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17, we will offer a discussion after Mass of what the Bible and our church's history say about immigration at this time when so much national attention is focused on our nation's borders. The discussion will be led by a parishioner Ed Lorenz, who spent most of February working with church migration organizations in El Paso.

**Euchre!**

Our St. Patrick site will host a Euchre card game on Saturday, March 16 at 6:30pm. Please bring a snack. Everyone is welcome!

**Catholic Grief Recovery Series at Our Parish**

The series is a six week program to help you become aware of the process of grief and how it affects you. Adults who have experienced loss due to death three months ago or longer are welcome to attend.

St. Vincent de Paul Church will offer this recovery series beginning with an informational session Monday, March 4, 4:30pm – 6pm. The series will continue every Monday from March 11 through April 15, 2019.

For info or to register please contact Mary Moomey at 989-560-1107. Presented in cooperation with the Office of Christian Service, Diocese of Saginaw.

**Hearts and Hands...and Coffee...and Crafts**

Hearts and Hands will meet again at Jackie Cline's house March 20th at 10:00am. Newcomers are always welcome.

**Saginaw Men's Conference** [www.thecatholicmen.com](http://www.thecatholicmen.com)

Holy Spirit Church, 1035 N. River Rd., Saginaw, will host this gathering with the theme *Catholic Men, Stand Firm!* It is April 6, 8am to 3pm. Advance tickets for \$25 at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). Priests, religious, and under 21 admitted free. \$30 walk-up registration starts at the door at 7:15am

**Lenten Retreat Day for All Women of Diocese**

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will offer a Retreat Day in the Center for Ministry at the Diocese on Sat., Apr. 6. The day starts at 9am (registration begins at 8:30) and will end about 3:30pm. The retreat leader will be Fr. Bert Gohm. The theme is: *Tools for Forgiveness*. The cost is \$27 (in advance) and includes lunch. This silent retreat will include spiritual talks, meditation time, confession, Mass, rosary, & Stations of the Cross. Please RSVP to Rita (989-635-7072) or Joyce (989-875-2650) by March 28.

**Spring Clean-Up of Our Cemeteries**

Please remove any articles and decorations from graves by the end of March. Items left after that time will be discarded. Thank you.

Dear Friends,

Today begins our forty days of Lent. We have had 4 days since Ash Wednesday to prepare for our season of preparation. This liturgical season helps us as we climb to the mountaintop of Easter. The tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving helps us draw closer to God. The three, taken together, help us recognize our dependence on God.

In addition to our regular schedule of weekday and Sunday liturgies, we have a few more opportunities for growth on the calendar. There will be times on Tuesday and Thursday for Christian meditation. Stations of the Cross will rotate between St. Vincent de Paul and St. Patrick Churches on Fridays. Fr. Fred will be setting aside extra time for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Two Sunday's in a row we will have special viewings and discussion of NBC's *Jesus Christ Superstar*. If you haven't picked up a copy of the Lent schedule, it is posted on the parish website in the bulletin section and posted on the parish Facebook page. If you cannot access these a copy can be requested from the parish office.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd

**Diocese News & Notes** [www.saginaw.org](http://www.saginaw.org)

**Lay Ministry Informational Meetings**

Are you interested in expanding your knowledge of Scripture and Catholic Theology? Wanting to strengthen and deepen your relationship with God? Feeling the desire to fulfill your baptismal call by serving others? The Lay Ministry Program may be just for you! Come and learn about the Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program at the one of the following regional information meetings:

Saturday, March 23, 2019, 10:00 a.m., at St. John XXIII Parish Center, 151 St. Mary Drive, Hemlock (behind church).

Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 6:30 p.m., at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss Street, Saginaw.

For more information regarding this meeting or general information about the Lay Ministry Program, please contact Kellie Deming, Coordinator of Lay Ministry, at [kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org) or 989.797.6609.



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