



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent

Mass
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 9:30am

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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, 6-7:30pm.

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.

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

MARCH 24, 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

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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 an appointment

Community Prayer

Monday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14, 8010 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, March 26

Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35
St. Vincent: Noon Christian Meditation

Wednesday, March 27

Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19
St. Vincent: **NO** Word & Communion Service
St. Patrick: 6:00pm Word & Communion Service

Thursday, March 28

Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23
St. Vincent: 4:30 Christian Meditation & Discussion
St. Vincent: 6:00-7:30pm Private Reconciliation

Friday, March 29

Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34
St. Vincent: 8:30am Word & Communion
St. Vincent: 3:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30

Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14
St. Vincent: 3:30-4:15pm Private Reconciliation
St. Vincent: 4:00pm Rosary
St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass followed by soup supper

Sunday, March 31

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Jos 5:9a, 10-12 / 2 Cor 5:17-21 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
St. Vincent: 9:00am Rosary
St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass

K of C Corner

The Shepherd Knights of Columbus Council is seeking donations of usable items to support our charitable giving program.

Donations accepted at the St. Vincent Hall

- Wed. afternoon, April 24, 3pm—7pm
- Thursday, April 25, 9am—5pm

To arrange **pick up** from your location, call

- Jerry, 989-330-4890
- Bob, 989-854-2831
- Steve, 989-328-3889

Please hold in Prayer:

† Dick Coughlin, David Dickman, Kim Craven, Anna Hoffman, Bonnie Skalitsky, Jim Platt, Jim Langlois, Tom Krafft, Frank Lapinski, Delores Miller, Binkowski Family, and the sick and homebound.

Euchre! Our St. Patrick site will host a Euchre card game on Saturday, April 13 at 6:30pm. Please bring a snack. Everyone is welcome.

Bible Study Wednesdays, 9am, Church Library

Lenten Soup Suppers

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

Breakfast and Community Catechesis

Join us next Sunday, March 31, after Mass for breakfast and Part 1 of a special Community Catechesis presentation. A sign up sheet is in the main entry.

No Word & Communion Wednesday, March 27...

...and our offices will be closed that morning. Deacon Todd, Sue, Joyce, and Bill Daniels will be attending a CSA meeting at Our Lady of Grace Education Center, Alma.

Our Gifts to the Lord

March 17

Building Improvement	\$	3.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	25.00
St. Patrick Repairs	\$	20.00
Seasonal Flowers	\$	25.00

Regular Collection

Collection

Year to Date

March 17	\$ 6,240.02	\$ 186,624.90
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,875.00	\$ 185,010.00

Mass Ministries Schedules

New schedules are in the main entry this weekend. Please take a minute to pick yours up.

Catholic Grief Recovery Series at Our Parish

This is a program to help you become aware of the process of grief. Adults who have experienced loss due to death are welcome to attend.

St. Vincent de Paul will offer this series every Monday through April 15. For information or to register please contact Mary at 989-560-1107.

Saginaw Men's Conference www.thecatholicmen.com

Holy Spirit Church, 1035 N. River Rd., Saginaw, will host on April 6, 8am to 3pm. Advance tickets for \$25 at www.eventbrite.com. Priests, religious, and under 21 free. \$30 registration starts at the door at 7:15am

Lenten Retreat Day for All Women of Diocese

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

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.

Easter Season Offering: Life in the Spirit Seminar

St. Joseph the Worker, Beal City will host this 7 week seminar on Thursday evenings, 6-7:30pm, April 25-June 6. \$15 per person, scholarships available, child care provided. For details contact Katie, 989-330-4218 or katiemanness4@gmail.com. You may register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/c8sr1AbmGMopVYor1>

Northern Michigan & East Coast Pilgrimages

You are invited to join Fr. Marcel Portelli on one or both of two spiritually edifying pilgrimages offered for 2019. Visits include historic cathedrals, shrines, monasteries, and beautiful churches. July 8-12 to the East Coast and October 7-11 to northern Michigan. Deluxe motorcoach pick-up and return from the Diocesan Center in Saginaw. Flyers are on our bulletin boards. For more info www.prayerpilgrimages.com or call (248) 250-6005.

Rice Bowls

Please plan to turn in your Rice Bowls in the Sacristy on the Sunday after Easter. (We'll accept them anytime, but we'd appreciate most on that day.)

Dear Friends,

In this Sunday's Gospel reading Jesus repeats the word "repent". We heard this word on Ash Wednesday as ashes were placed on our forehead, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel". We received the ashes not because we are better, or worse, than our neighbor. We did so because our loving God invites us to recognize our errors and return to Him. Now is a good time to review how we are doing in our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and good works, and make adjustments as needed.

In the introduction of the Rite of Penance, the ritual book for the sacrament, it says "Jesus, however, not only exhorted people to repentance so that they would abandon their sins and turn wholeheartedly to the Lord, but welcoming sinners, he actually reconciled them with the Father." The sacrament is a beautiful encounter with Christ, an encounter of mercy and love.

Thursday March 28th we will have Christian Meditation from 4:30PM to approximately 5:00PM. At 5:15 we will have about 30 minutes of discussion and Q&A regarding the Sacrament of Penance. Afterward Fr. Fred will be available for the Sacrament of Penance from 6:00PM to 7:30PM. This is not a communal service. You can arrive any time, but hopefully you can join us earlier for the prayer and discussion.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd

Diocese News & Notes www.saginaw.org

Is Lay Ministry for You?

Learn about it at a meeting Wed., April 10, 6:30pm at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw. For more information please contact Kellie Deming, kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org or 989.797.6609.

We will take up the Catholic Relief Services collection March 30-31. Bishop Walter Hurley encourages our generosity in serving **Jesus in Disguise** in some of the poorest communities of our world.

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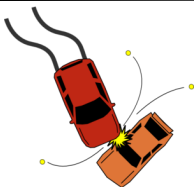
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