



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

December 15, 2019
The Third Sunday of Advent

Life In Our Community

Children's Faith Formation: Classes resume at St Vincent on Sun., Jan 5, 10:45 am

Praise & Worship: On the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays at 7pm at our St. Vincent site.

Food Pantry: Call our office Mon., Wed., or Thurs. between 10am & noon to set a Friday afternoon 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: Cable channel 187 on Sun. at 2pm., Cable channel 191 on Wed. 11am & 4pm, Fri. 9am & Sat. 10:50am

Adult Faith Formation: Bible Study in St. Vincent Church Library, resumes Weds., Jan. 8, 9:30am. Hearts & Hands: Call for info on this bi-weekly 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 begin this fall. Call the parish to be on the class list or for information.

Elementary Sacramental Preparation:
Enrollment in parish faith formation program required. Call Mary Moomey in our parish office for more information. Resumes Jan. 9.

Reconciliation: St. Vincent site. Advent private confessions Saturdays 3:30-4:15pm, and Sundays before Mass.

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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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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Church for Occasional Use



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

DECEMBER 15, 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
 (Joyce: Mon., Wed., Thurs. / Sue: Tues.)
 Faith Formation Dir. Mary Moomey: Tues. 10am-1pm
 Deacon Todd: Please call for an appointment

Community Prayer

Monday, December 16

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a / Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17
 St. Vincent: 7:00pm Praise & Worship

Wednesday, December 18

Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25
 St. Vincent: **NO** Word & Communion Service
 St. Patrick: 6:00pm Scripture Service & Potluck

Thursday, December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25
 St. Vincent: 7:00pm Advent Penance Service here
 with Nativity of the Lord Parish

Friday, December 20

Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38
 St. Vincent: 9:00am Word & Communion Service

Saturday, December 21

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45
 St. Vincent: 4:00pm Rosary
 St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24
 St. Vincent: 9:00am Rosary
 St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass
 St. Vincent: Decorate for Christmas after Mass

K of C Corner

“As St. Paul the VI reminded us in *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, ‘Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity.’”

Fight the Great Fight by Jaren Zimmerer
Columbia Magazine Nov. 2019

Please hold in Prayer: †Marg Cruz, Mike Ley, Rich Dominick, Mary Ann Slack, Janice Blanchard, Terri Grierson, Larry Noyes, Joshua Morgan, Kim Craven, Anna Hoffman, Jim Platt, Bonnie Skalitsky, Ed Filhart, Jim Langlois, Tom Krafft, Frank Lapinski, Kinsley and the Binkowski Family, and the sick and homebound.

Ecumenical Prayer Service

On Sun., Dec. 15, Shepherd United Methodist has invited us to join them in prayer at 4pm. After praying, we'll dine there. Bring a dish to pass and join us!

Advent Confessions: Saturdays 3:30-4:15pm, and Sundays before Mass.

Pastoral Council Meeting Change: The meeting that was scheduled for Tues., Dec. 17 will be on Monday, December 16 at 6:30pm.

Ministry Schedules

Our current ministry schedule ends after the weekend of January 4 & 5. New schedules through the end of March will be available Dec. 28. If you have input for that schedule, please call the office by Dec. 18.

Our Gifts to the Lord * December 8, 2019

Bldg. Improvement	\$	66.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	50.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	25.00
St. Patrick Utilities	\$	10.00
St. Patrick Repairs	\$	700.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	45.00
Food Pantry	\$	75.00
Parish Outreach	\$	80.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	15.00
Religious Retirement	\$	595.00

<u>Gifts for Gen. Fund</u>	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church Collection	\$ 4,432.00	\$103,367.50
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,273.00	\$121,279.00

- Gifts online will be reported monthly after the close of each month.

Education Events Resuming in January

Faith Formation: Sun., Jan. 5, 10:45am
 Bible Study: Wed., Jan. 8, 9:30am
 Children's Sacramental Prep: Thurs., Jan. 9

Supporting Our Food Pantry

Meijer's Simply Give Campaign Goes to Jan. 4

How does it work? **Simply Give cards** are available at Meijer, Mt. Pleasant, and in our entries. Each must be paid for (\$10) at a Meijer checkout. At the end of the campaign, Meijer gift cards will be issued to our parish to shop for our food pantry. This year we may also use these cards for diapers.

Shepherd Fire Dept. and Christmas

Last year the firefighters moonlighted as Santa's elves and created Christmas for 75 children. They also delivered food for Christmas dinner to 20 families, and gave packages to 180 senior citizens.

They would like to help more families and children this year with your assistance. You can send a donation to Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Dept., 410 N. Chippewa St., Shepherd, MI 48883. For other ways to help call Travis Little, 989-289-5815.

Another Opportunity for Year End Giving

R.I.S.E. (*Recovery, Safety, Independence & Empowerment*) serves Clare, Gratiot, and Isabella County victims of domestic abuse. In 2019 they served over 280 clients with housing assistance, food, clothing, bedding, legal advocacy, counseling, transportation, and financial planning. Through the end of December, Mercantile Bank will match donations made to R.I.S.E. up to \$5,000. You can send donations to them at PO Box 743, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-0743.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend Jan. 31-Feb. 2 at the Comfort Inn, Farmington Hills or Feb. 28-Mar. 1 at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Go to wwme.org to apply or call 269-953-8287.

Dear Friends in Christ,

There has been a powerful, if controversial, image making its way around the internet the last couple of days. The image from a Methodist church in California shows in place of a traditional Nativity creche Joseph, Mary and the infant Jesus in a manger in chain link cages topped with barbed wire.

This image is not the first time this particular church has called out immigration policies that are counter to Christian ideals. Per their website in both 2009 and 2012, in particular, the nativity display attempted to raise similar awareness on immigration policy concerns.

As people of faith, we feed the hungry, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger. For it is Jesus himself whom we see in the least of these, our brothers and sisters. Just as important, we need to call out the injustices against these ideals when we see them.

Easily lost in the hustle and bustle of The Octave of Christmas, from Christmas to the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is the 28th of December, the Feast of the Holy Innocents. Before Mass on the 28th, starting at 3:45pm, we will have a prayer service for the Holy Innocents, refugees and immigrants around the world.

"An angel came to Joseph in his dreaming and warned him so his family could flee. As they escaped king Herod's evil scheming, the son of God became a refugee. How many children die without such warning? How many mothers will not be consoled, their voices choked with anger, tears, and mourning, for songs unsung and stories never to be told?" A Weary Couple – Adam M. L. Tice

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd

Schedule for Advent and Christmas Season

Sunday	Dec. 15	Advent Service & Potluck at Shepherd Methodist Church	4:00pm
Thursday	Dec. 19	Advent Penance Service here with Nativity of the Lord Parish	7:00pm
Sat. & Sun.	Dec. 21 & 22	4th Sunday of Advent—Normal Mass schedule	
Sunday	Dec. 22	Decorate for Christmas after 9:30am Mass	
Tuesday	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Mass, St. Vincent de Paul Church	5:00pm
Wednesday	Dec. 25	Christmas Day Mass, St. Vincent de Paul Church	11:00am
Sat. & Sun.	Dec. 28 & 29	Solemnity of the Holy Family, St. Vincent de Paul Church	
Wednesday	Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, St. Vincent (time change!)	10:00am
Sat. & Sun.	Jan. 4 & 5	Epiphany of the Lord, Normal Mass Schedule	
Sunday	Jan. 5	Christmas Sing & Potluck here with Shepherd Methodist Church	4:00pm
Sunday	Jan. 12	Baptism of the Lord Mass, Normal Mass Schedule	
Sunday	Jan. 12	Whole Community Catechesis Breakfast, St. Vincent de Paul	11:15am

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