



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

DECEMBER 29, 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 30

1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday, December 31

1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18

St. Vincent: 7:00pm Praise & Worship

Wednesday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21

St. Vincent: 10:00am Holy Day Mass

Thursday, January 2

1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28

St. Vincent: 4:30pm Meditation

Friday, January 3

1 Jn 2:29—3:6 / Jn 1:29-34

St. Vincent: 9:00am Word & Communion Service

Saturday, January 4

1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1J35-42

St. Vincent: 4:00pm Rosary

St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, January 5

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

St. Vincent: 9:00am Rosary

St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass

St. Vincent: 4:00pm Christmas Sing and Potluck

K of C Corner

"...St. Paul VI, in his apostolic exhortation, Gaudete in Domino, wrote:

'Technological society has succeeded in multiplying opportunities for pleasure, but has great difficulty generating joy.

Songs and greetings of joy, festive occasions and even beautiful liturgies ring hollow— unless true joy dwells in our hearts'"

Christmas Joy

By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori
Columbia Magazine, Dec. 2019

Please hold in Prayer: Jerry Degruise, 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.

Ministry Schedules

Our current ministry schedule ends after the weekend of January 4 & 5. New schedules through the end of March are available this weekend in the main entrance.

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

Hearts & Hands: Wed., Jan. 15

Supporting Our Food Pantry

Meijer's Simply Give Campaign Goes to Jan. 4

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.

Our Gifts to the Lord * December 22, 2019

Bldg. Improvement	\$	103.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	50.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	65.00
St. Vincent Cemetery	\$	20.00
St. Patrick Repairs	\$	100.00
Religious Retirement	\$	215.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	25.00

Gifts for Gen. Fund Collection Year to Date

Church Collection	\$ 5,649.00	\$112,439.50
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,273.00	\$131,825.00

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Diocese News & Notes www.saginaw.org

First Friday Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gruss at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, 615 Hoyt Ave., Saginaw on January 3 at 11am. It will be followed by a noon meatless lunch (\$7 cost) and a presentation by Bishop Gruss. Open to everyone!

Pastoral Care 102 Workshop **End of Life Care & Support**

Caring for individuals at the end of their lives requires a special understanding of needs, grieving and loss as well as the unique concerns of the family. Pastoral Care 102 is the second workshop in the series of Pastoral Care Training and will focus on providing spiritual care to the dying, deeper understanding of caregiver self-care and of hospice and palliative care. A certificate of completion be given to all those attending. All those who have completed Pastoral Care 101 are encouraged to attend. The workshop will be at the **Center for Ministry on Sat., Jan. 11, 9am-3pm**. Registration fee of \$15 covers lunch and materials. Contact Maria Coss at 989-797-6646

Dismemberment Abortion Ban Petition Complete

- Final petitions are being processed and will be delivered to the Secretary of State office on Monday, Dec. 23.
- Additional signatures were collected at the Trump Rally in Battle Creek on Dec. 18 and will be included.
- Barbara Listing, president of RTL is confident of a high validity rate of signatures.
- It is estimated that the final number of signatures collected will be between 375,000 and 400,000.

Thanks to all who were involved in this process! RTL and MCC will keep us updated on the petition which should be delivered to the legislature in Feb. or Mar for action.

Dear Friends in Christ,

There are times of the year when writing this column is especially challenging. It's early morning on the 23rd, the very end of Advent, the purple quickly fading like the last brilliant colors of a sunset over Lake Michigan.

But you will read this on the 28th or 29th, in the pure and radiant light of Christmas. Living in one liturgical season while anticipating another. But in reality this is our life as Catholic Christians. We spend our lives living in one season, while excitedly preparing for the next. We look forward to the "Christmas" of the heavenly banquet. We prepare to live forever in the radiant love of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

With peace and blessings my friends, and wishing you and all you family and friends a very Merry Christmas.

Deacon Todd

An 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.

Schedule for Christmas Season

Wednesday	Jan. 1	Holy Day, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, St. Vincent	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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