



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

December 8, 2019
The Second Sunday of Advent

Life In Our Community

Children's Faith Formation: Classes are at St Vincent's on Sundays, 10:45-11:45 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, Weds., 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.

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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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.



St. Patrick, Irishtown
7631 W. North Gratiot Co. Line
Church for Occasional Use



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

DECEMBER 8, 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

K of C Corner

"In the battle of good and evil,
we can only be in one of two places—
on the front lines or AWOL.
Too often, we men fail to fight to the end.
We surrender to the culture, to social pressure
and to the weakness within."

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

Please hold in Prayer: Mike Ley, Rich Dominick, Mary Ann Slack, Ed Filhart, Janice Blanchard, Terri Grierson, Larry Noyes, Joshua Morgan, Kim Craven, Anna Hoffman, Jim Platt, Bonnie Skalitsky, 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.

Community Prayer

Monday, December 9

Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38
St. Vincent: 7pm Mass for the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 10

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

Wednesday, December 11

Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30
St. Vincent: 9:00am Word & Communion Service
St. Patrick: 6:00pm Word & Communion Service

Thursday, December 12

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a: 12:1-6a, 10ab / Lk 1:26-47
St. Vincent: 4:30pm Meditation
Mt. St. Joseph, St. Louis: 7:00pm Taize Prayer

Friday, December 13

Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19
St. Vincent: 9:00am Word & Communion Service

Saturday, December 14

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13
St. Vincent: 4:00pm Rosary
St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11
St. Vincent: 9:00am Rosary
St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass
Shepherd Methodist Church: 4pm Ecumenical Prayer Service followed by Potluck

Our Gifts to the Lord * November 24, 2019

Bldg. Improvement	\$	3.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	125.00
St. Vincent Cemetery	\$	25.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	50.00
St. Patrick Repairs	\$	85.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	245.00
Memorial Donations	\$	25.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	295.00

<u>Gifts for Gen. Fund</u>	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church Collection	\$ 3,096.00	\$ 93,355.50
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,273.00	\$ 110,733.00

Our Gifts to the Lord * December 1, 2019

Bldg. Improvement (incl. online)	\$	116.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	75.00
St. Vincent Cemetery	\$	5.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	25.00
St. Patrick Repairs	\$	100.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	65.00
Food Pantry	\$	1,186.00
Parish Outreach/Evang. (online)	\$	30.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	5.00

<u>Gifts for Gen. Fund</u>	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Church Collection	\$ 3,830.00	
Nov. online gifts	\$ 1,750.00	
In Church & Online	\$ 5,580.00	\$ 98,935.50
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,273.00	\$ 116,006.00

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. 16. It may seem early, but Christmas will claim some of our work time!

Hearts and Hands to Meet Wed., Dec. 11

The coffee will be ready at 10am at the home of Jackie Cline. Bring your projects, share some conversation, and check your list twice! Maybe you have a gift idea for someone who's stumped, or a charitable goal for the group. Bring it along!

Dec. 7: Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

30,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests benefit from this collection. They served for years for little or no pay, and now their communities lack adequate savings for eldercare. Your support offers vital support for necessities, such as medications and nursing care. Please be generous.

Weekly Bible Study Wed., 9:30am, St. Vincent church library.

Supporting Our Food Pantry

Meijer's Simply Give Campaign Goes to Jan. 4

There's still a **bonus day!** If you purchase a \$10 card on Double Match Day (Fri., Dec. 13) your \$10 card purchase will be matched by Meijer so that your gift becomes \$20.

Shepherd Fire Dept. and Christmas

Last year firefighters moonlighted as Santa's elves and created Christmas for 75 children, delivered food for 20 family Christmas dinners, and gave 180 gifts to senior citizens.

They would like to do more this year with your help. 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Give the best gift this Christmas - time with you. Refresh your marriage by attending a Marriage Encounter weekend Jan. 31-Feb. 2 at the Comfort Inn, Farmington Hills or Feb. 28-Mar. 1 at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Go to wwme.org to apply or contact Chris & Darla at 269-953-8287

Christmas Concert: The Shepherd Bar & Restaurant presents the Central Michigan Area Concert Band under the direction of Joseph Radkte Sunday, Dec. 8, 3pm in Shepherd Public Schools Auditorium. Come for a potpourri of holiday music. Free admission.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last Sunday Fr. Fred was unable to make it to St. Vincent de Paul for Mass due to the weather. We are very thankful each and every time Fr. Fred makes the journey to celebrate Mass with us. After contacting the diocese I made the decision that we would have Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest (SCAP). Thankfully there were enough Hosts in the tabernacle for us to receive Holy Eucharist as well.

I had a few people mention to me how "out of order" the celebration seemed. This is somewhat intentional. Paragraph #16 from the ritual text for SCAP clearly states "Any confusion in the minds of the faithful between this kind of liturgical assembly and a Eucharistic celebration must be carefully avoided. These celebrations should increase the desire of the faithful to be present at and participate in the celebration of the Eucharist."

Those who were present will recall that the collection of monetary offerings was taken up after the Communion rite. During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, #22 from of the Roman Missal III states "It is desirable that the faithful express their participation by making an offering, bringing forward bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist *and perhaps other gifts to relieve the needs of the church and of the poor.*" Monetary gifts are very important, needed and appreciated, but during Mass the liturgical focus is on the bread and the wine. Their part in the Sacrifice of the Mass is of paramount importance. Taking up the monetary collection after the rite of communion during SCAP reinforces the fact that the Eucharistic Sacrifice did not take place, but the support of the church and the poor is still an important duty of the faithful.

If you have any further questions for me regarding Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a priest feel free to contact me. Please continue to prayer for Fr. Fred, all the senior priests of the Diocese of Saginaw that lovingly serve, and that young men and women may be touched with the grace of God and moved to offer themselves as candidates for the priesthood and religious life.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd

Thank you

We, the Dean Stalter Family, would like to extend our deep appreciation for the thoughts and prayers provided by the St. Vincent de Paul Parish during this very difficult time.

We would especially like to thank Fr. Fred Kawka, Deacon Todd Lovas, Bev Kalmar, Marie Green, Don Kenny, Barb Hohlbein, Joan Whitmore, Mary Moegenborg, Joshua Lukens, and the rest of the choir for their assistance in making the service very special.

We would also like to thank Joyce Feltman, Joan Whitmore, and Tim Sieracki for their assistance with the dinner. Your professionalism was appreciated by everyone involved.

Thank you everyone from the bottom of our hearts!

-The Dean Stalter Family

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