



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

February 23, 2020

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Life In Our Community

Children's Faith Formation: Classes are held at St Vincent on Sundays at 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 is held on Weds., at 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. private confessions Saturdays 3:30-4:15pm during Lent, Thurs., March 26, 6-8pm.

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

February 16, 2020

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

Bev Kalmar Nancy Scovill
Jackie Loomis Craig Shanteau
Don Moeggenberg Tim Sieracki
Judy Moldenhauer Kaylie Willoughby
Tom Moomey

Finance Council

Liz Bacon
Bill Daniels
Doug Dodge
Aaron Lloyd
Zachary Lobsinger
Tish Mallory

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, February 24

Jas 3:13-18 / Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 25

Jas 4:1-10 / Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

St. Vincent: 9am Mass & distribution of ashes

St. Patrick: 6pm Word & Communion Service & ashes

Thursday, February 27

Dt 30:15-20 / Lk 9:22-25

St. Vincent: 4:30pm Meditation

Friday, February 28

Is 58:1-9a / Mt 9:14-15

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

St. Vincent: 3:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 29

Is 58:9b-14 / Lk 5:27-32

St. Vincent: 3:30-4:15pm Private Confessions

St. Vincent: 4:00pm Rosary

St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, March 1

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Rom 5:12-19 / Mt 4:1-11

St. Vincent: 9:00am Rosary

St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass

K of C Corner

“As many prolife leaders have said,
the goal is not simply to make abortion illegal,
but to make it unthinkable.

In the end, the heart of the abortion debate
is deeper than a question of science
(when life begins)
or of law (a so-called right to abortion).

Rather, it is a question about
the very nature of freedom, sexuality,
and what it means to be human.”

'Abortion and the 'Infinite Game' by Alton Pelowski (Editor)
Columbia Magazine, January 2020.

Please hold in Prayer: Ella Kenny, Bob Dell, Mary Lou Willoughby, Jerry Degruise, Mike Ley, Larry Noyes, Rich Dominick, Mary Ann Slack, Janice Blanchard, Terri Grierson, 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.

Hearts and Hands: Wednesday, Feb. 26, 10am

Jackie Cline is hosting and you're invited! Bring your project, your gift of gab, and any ideas you have for Lent. There's always room at the table. February is *cold*, try out this warm hearted group.

Euchre!! Our St. Patrick site will host a Euchre card game on Saturday, Feb. 29th at 6:30pm. Please bring a snack. Everyone is welcome!

Food Pantry Shoppers Needed

Our pantry has remained successful and resilient for years because of parish and community support. The pantry needs a few shoppers to restock it's shelves. The pantry fund buys groceries and volunteers can give you a list. Can you help?

Parish Mission at Sacred Heart: February 23, 24, and 25 from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. All are welcome

Our Gifts to the Lord * February 9, 2020

Bldg. Improvement	\$	20.00
St. Vincent Cemetery	\$	85.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	300.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	91.00
St. Patrick Utilities	\$	10.00
St. Patrick Repairs/Maintenance	\$	600.00
Food Pantry	\$	150.00

Gifts for Gen. Fund Collection Year to Date

Church Collection	\$ 5,350.00	\$155,881.64
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,273.00	\$ 174,009.00

* Gifts online are reported after the close of each month

Children's Sacramental Class

Five of our younger parishioners are preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. It's a big step for them and a lot of time has gone into their preparation. Please hold them in prayer:

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| Addison Christiansen | Logan Schaufele |
| Silas Huber | Rylan Smith |
| Gabriel Rau | |

Grief Recovery Series at St. Vincent de Paul

The Catholic Grief Recovery Series is a six week program that enables you to become aware of the process of grief and how it affects your life. Any adult who has experienced a loss due to death three months ago or longer is welcome to attend. It may be loss of a spouse, parent, child, sibling, friend or mentor. The sessions offer education, support and spiritual comfort in an informal setting. There is no fee.

The weekly series **will begin Mon., Feb. 24** from 5:30-7:00pm. The series continues every Monday at the same time through March 30.

For more info or to register, contact Mary Moomey at 989-560-1107. This series is presented by St. Vincent de Paul Parish in cooperation with the Office of Christian Service, Catholic Diocese of Saginaw.

Series on the Mass

Note **Thursday, Feb. 27** as a day for establishing a Lenten routine. On Thursdays through April 2, Gerri Clark and Mary Moomey will host a series on the Mass. Very informative, very relaxed. 9:00-10:30am.

From the Michigan Catholic Conference 2020 Census: Count Begins in March

In March, you'll receive information in the mail from the federal government about the 2020 census and how to respond. This count occurs every ten years and will determine our state's representation in Congress for the next decade, as well as the way legislative lines are drawn at local levels. It will also play a significant role in how federal funding is distributed, impacting schools, hospitals, road construction, and more. When people are not counted, communities lose out. Make sure you are included in the census. Learn more at www.micatholic.org/2020Census.

Parish Pastoral Council

There are three openings on our parish Pastoral Council due to ending terms. Please fill out this nomination form and return it to the office or drop it in the collection basket by March 16. You may nominate yourself or someone else you believe would make a good Council member. Council members must be practicing Catholics and registered members of the parish, participants in parish worship life (in attendance at weekend Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church), and at least 18 years of age.

I nominate

_____ for parish Pastoral Council.

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe that Ash Wednesday is only one week away. It really seems like Christmas was only a couple of weeks ago, and we just celebrated Epiphany. I took a moment to look ahead to when Ash Wednesday falls next year, and it is even earlier, February 17th. In the next 9 years, till 2029, Ash Wednesday falls only 3 times in March and never as late as last years March 6th. It will fall on the feast of St. Valentine, TWICE, and its earliest arrival will be February 10th in 2027. We can enjoy the fact that it is so "late" this year.

We can sometimes get caught up in the penitential aspect of Lent and its rigors of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving and come to think of it as a time to be sad. But Lent is time to prepare for the overwhelming Joy of Easter. Just like when our Moms used to tell us not to eat a bunch of snacks just before a special meal because we'd ruin our appetite, Lent is a time to prepare our hearts for the bountiful feast of Easter.

For your Lenten fast this year I would like to make the suggestion that you in some way tie it to both prayer and almsgiving. If you give up the morning Latte, take the money you usually would spend every day and put it in your Rice Bowl, and donate it to the Food Pantry, Heifer International or another charitable cause that supports the poor. Then take that time that you get back, not driving to the coffee shop, standing in line and the time you spend drinking the coffee, and turn that time to prayer especially for those in need. Even if you give up something that doesn't normally cost money, you can make a monetary sacrifice to go with your prayer. Recall Bishop Gruss challenged us to spend 30 minutes a day in prayer, this may be the boost you need to get there.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd

Fish Fries at Sacred Heart Fridays during Lent, 4:30-7pm there will be fish fries to benefit SHA athletic programs and student athletes. Adults \$13 / 62+ Seniors \$12 / Take Out \$12 / Ages 6-12 \$7 / 5 & under Free.

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