



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

**March 1, 2020**  
**The First Sunday of Lent**

## 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 at 4:00pm

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

## March 1, 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  
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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, March 2

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday, March 3

Is 55:10-11 / M6:7-15  
St. Vincent: 7:00pm Praise & Worship

### Wednesday, March 4

Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32  
St. Vincent: 9:00am Scripture & Communion Service  
St. Patrick: 6:00pm Scripture & Communion Service

### Thursday, March 5

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Mt 7:7-12  
St. Vincent: 4:30pm Meditation

### Friday, March 6

Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26  
St. Vincent: 9:00am Word & Communion Service  
St. Patrick: 5:00pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 7

Dt 26:16-19 / M5:43-48  
St. Vincent: 3:30-4:15pm Private Reconciliations  
St. Vincent: 4:00pm Rosary  
St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

### Sunday, March 8

*Second Sunday of Lent*  
Gn 12:1-4a / 2 Tm 1:8b-10 / Mt 17:1-9  
St. Vincent: 9:00am Rosary  
St. Vincent: 9:30am Mass followed by Breakfast & Whole Community Catechesis

## **K of C Corner**

The pro-life message, "It is my strong desire that pro-choice people should come to realize the deep love and hope we have for human life. We are not pro-life only because of our religious beliefs, but also because science and reason tell us that life begins at conception and each human being is unique."

Voices of the Pro-Life Generation  
by Jorge Eduardo Mendoza Gonzales  
*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.

### 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 its shelves. The pantry fund buys the groceries and our volunteers can give you a shopping list. Can you help?

### Next Weekend: Spring Forward!

Sunday, March 8 starts Daylight Savings Time. When you go to bed Saturday night, be sure to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

### 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:

Addison Christiansen Logan Schaufele  
Silas Huber Rylan Smith  
Gabriel Rau

### Our Gifts to the Lord \* February 23, 2020

Bldg. Improvement	\$	6.00
St. Vincent Cemetery	\$	10.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	25.00
St. Patrick Repair/Maintenance	\$	300.00
Food Pantry	\$	65.00

### Gifts for Gen. Fund      Collection      Year to Date

Church Collection	\$ 4,224.00	\$160,105.64
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,273.00	\$179,282.00

\* Gifts online are reported after the close of each month

Dear Friends in Christ,

My big “Fast” this Lent is from letting my phone dominate my life. I moved all my games, entertainment, news, and social media apps to the last screen where they will stay, tucked away in too many folders, for the season of Lent. The upshot with this is more time for prayer and reading. Last night, after getting home from St. Patrick, I settled in with the latest issue of America magazine. The TV purposefully off, I welcomed the quiet break from noise.

I was soon into the feature article -For God So Loved the World which dealt with dealing with a sense of dread in reference to global climate change. I was a little surprised that author claimed to have never heard anything regarding the environment in a homily. Perhaps it is a combination of farming life, the outdoor life of hunting/fishing and being surrounded by almost 22% of the worlds surface freshwater that makes it so easy for us here in mid-Michigan to think and talk about the environment and caring for God’s creation.

The article swam with quotes from Pope Benedict XVI, Pope John Paul II, along side Pope Francis. It mentioned Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker movement, C.S. Lewis and his essay -Living in the Atomic Age. But it was an “oft-quoted prayer” that caught my eye even from a column away. I saw the first four words “We cannot do everything” and knew immediately it was Bishop Ken Untener’s “Prophets of a Future Not Our Own”. Here is the quoted part.

*We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.  
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.  
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.  
We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.  
We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.*

The takeaway? That in the face of the seemingly impossible, individual actions no matter how small, do matter. No I will not stop global climate change on my own, but my reducing, reusing and recycling matters. No I will not solve the problems of abortion, immigration, economic imbalance, racism or any number of other global crisis on my own. But my prayer, my kindness towards others, my support of the neglected and my action does matter.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd

**Lenten Soup Suppers**

Join us on Saturdays March 21 & 28 following Mass for our traditional Lenten Soup Suppers. Enjoy home cooking on cold winter nights!



Five volunteers are needed to furnish a gallon and a half of soup each, as well as volunteers to supply bread/rolls, and cookies.

Contact Joan Whitmore, 989-854-4012, to volunteer. If she’s not home, leave a message and she’ll return your call.

**Series on the Mass:** On Thursdays through April 2, Gerri Clark and Mary Moomey are hosting a series on the Mass. 9-10:30am.

**Friday Fish Fries, St. Mary School Gym, Alma**

5:00-7:00pm. 3 pieces cod, fries or baked potato, mac & cheese, coleslaw, & a roll. Free 5 & under / \$8 ages 6-12 / \$12 ages 13-64 / \$10 age 65+. Take out available.

**Parish Pastoral Council**

There are three openings on our parish Pastoral Council due to terms ending. Please fill out this nomination form and return it to the office or drop it in the collection basket next week. 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 week-end Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church), and at least 18 years of age.

I nominate

\_\_\_\_\_ for parish Pastoral Council.



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