



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

December 13, 2020

The Third Sunday of Advent

Life In Our Community

Children's Faith Formation: Online until the end of December. Watch for news.

Praise & Worship: See page 2 for organized prayer at this time.

Food Pantry: Call the office Mon. or Wed. between 10am & noon to set Friday appointment. Food donations may be left in our church.

K of C: Normally 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: Opportunities will be announced.

Bulletin Deadline: Wed. at 10:00am

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 tentatively begin this fall. Call the parish to be on the class list.

Elementary Sacramental Preparation: Call Mary Moomey in our parish office for more information.

Reconciliation: Individual reconciliations on Dec. 19: 3-4pm, and prior to other Masses.

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.

Weekend Mass
Sunday 10:00am
Saturday 4:30pm

(Mask & Social Distancing Required)

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

DECEMBER 13, 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

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Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday.
Please call to schedule an appointment, 828-5720.

Community Prayer

Sunday, December 13

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thes 5, 16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday, December 14

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

Tuesday, December 15

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 / Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 16

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25 / Lk 7:18b-23
St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass *Livestreamed*

Thursday, December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17
St. Vincent: 10:00am Morning Prayer

Friday, December 18

Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25

Saturday, December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25
St. Vincent: 3:00-4:00pm Individual Reconciliation
St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38
St Vincent: 10:00am Mass *Livestreamed*

Please hold in Prayer:

†Donna Pinson, Janice Blanchard, Richard & Justine Bernard, Joan Whitmore, Al Dickman, Pansy Thaller, Russell Weitzel, Betty Langlois, Pat Welgs, Nancy McClintic Hopson, Barbara H., Rosie Kenny, Randy Apple, Karen Lee, Bob Dell, Ella Kenny, Cathy, Mike Ley, Mary Ann Slack, Ed Filhart, Larry Noyes, Joshua Morgan, Anna Hoffman, Bonnie Skalitsky, Jim Platt, Jim Langlois, Tom Krafft, Frank Lapinski, Delores Miller, Kinsley & the Binkowski Family, nursing home residents, and the sick and homebound.

Individual Reconciliation at St. Vincent

Saturday December 19 3:00-4:00pm
And prior to other Masses.

Christmas Liturgies

Please call 828-5720 or email office@stvincentdp.com to let us know which Christmas Mass you plan to attend.

Christmas Eve	December 24	3:00pm
Christmas Eve	December 24	7:00pm
Christmas Day	December 25	10:00am
New Year's Day	January 1	10:00am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Donations on-line

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Stewardship

Dec. 5 & 6, 2020

Building Improvement *	\$	458.00
St Leo Cemetery *	\$	85.00
St Patrick Cemetery *	\$	90.00
St. Vincent Cemetery *	\$	50.00
St. Patrick Utilities	\$	100.00
St. Patrick Repair & Maintenance	\$	100.00
Christmas *	\$	25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	145.00
Parish Outreach *	\$	70.00
Food Pantry *	\$	1,125.00
Religious Retirement	\$	730.00
Memorial Donation	\$	25.00
Campaign for Human Develop.	\$	70.00

* Includes online donations

	General Collection	Year to Date
Dec. 5 & 6	\$ 4,541.00	
Nov Online Sun Offerings	\$ 4,875.00	
Misc Sun Collection	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 99,072.11
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,625.00	\$106,375.00

Stewardship: Food for Thought

‘True joy, happiness and inner peace come from giving of ourselves to others. A happy life is a life for others.’

- Henri Nouwen

- From The Little Burgundy Book, Diocese of Saginaw

The Way

Before Christians were called “Christians,” they were called followers of “The Way.” We don’t know whether this was a name given by outsiders or adopted by Christians themselves.

What we do know is that Christianity has always been seen as a different way of life.

New Lector Schedules

Schedules for the first quarter of 2021 will be mailed the last week of December. (The first weekend of January is on the last schedule.) If there is a date before April when you are unavailable, please call Joyce in the office or email office@stvincentdp.com.

Faith Formation Classes: virtual until the end of Dec.

Serving the Community

Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Department **assists needy families at Christmas.** Help by making a donation, adopting a family, shopping or wrapping gifts. Contact Luke Meyer at 989-506-0518. Mail checks to *Shepherd Fire Department* 410 N. Chippewa St., Shepherd, MI.

Our next **Blood Drive** at St. Vincent’s is Jan. 27. We need a helper or two to unload the truck about 11am. Another would be helpful to check in donors and keep the snack table stocked. We can provide a statement for volunteer hours if it is helpful.

Thank you again for all your support of Christmas Outreach. Your gifts made a key difference in our success. Several of you volunteered to pack the stockings and fill the large bags with items for families. Outreach served about 400 families with coats, boots, bedding and Christmas stockings. May God bless you for your generosity.

A Small Correction From Fr Fred

I apologize but there are a couple small errors in my little book, *In December Darkness: Advent Hope*.

The citations for the Sunday scripture readings at the top of the article for today and next week (Dec. 13 & 20) are wrong. If you want to look up the scripture texts on which the article is based, find the correct listing in the bulletin’s weekly parish schedule. As they say: “To err is human.” And that I am. Thank you.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to the 3rd week of Advent, ushered in by Gaudete Sunday. Rejoice, Rejoice! Joy is something special, something far more than happiness. Turning to the great spiritual writer Henri Nouwen about Joy we hear:

“Joy is not the same as happiness. We can be unhappy about many things, but joy can still be there because it comes from the knowledge of God’s love for us. . . Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day. It is a choice based on the knowledge that we belong to God and have found in God our refuge and our safety and that nothing, not even death, can take God away from us.”

May this Advent prayer, also by Henri Nouwen, help you seek and hold fast to Hope, Faith, Joy and Love this Advent Season.

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparation for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your Kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness yet seeking the light.

To you we say “Come, Lord Jesus”.

Amen.

Peace and blessings,
Deacon Todd

LITTLE BOOKS Because of COVID-19, we of the Diocese of Saginaw, Inc. realize that many people watch Mass on TV or a device rather than attend in person. If you want a **Little Book for Advent (or Lent or Easter)** and do not come to our church building, you can order directly from www.littlebooks.org. Not a computer user? Call 1-989-797-6653.

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