



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

**December 6, 2020**  
**The Second 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. 8: 4:30-5:30pm and Dec. 12 & 19: 3-4pm

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

# DECEMBER 6, 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

Beverly Kalmar Nancy Scovill  
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Judy Moldenhauer David Spindler  
Tom Moomey Kaylie Willoughby

### Finance Council

Liz Bacon  
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Bob Wachowski

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

## **Community Prayer**

### Monday, December 7

Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

### Tuesday, December 8

Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38  
St. Vincent: Individual Reconciliation 4:30-5:30pm  
St. Vincent: Immaculate Conception Mass 6:00pm

### Wednesday, December 9

Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30  
St. Vincent: **NO MASS TODAY**

### Thursday, December 10

Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15  
St. Vincent: 10:00am Morning Prayer

### Friday, December 11

Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

### Saturday, December 12

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 10ab / Lk 1:26-47  
St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

### Sunday, December 13

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

### Please hold in Prayer:

Richard Bernard, Janice Blanchard, Joan Whitmore, Al Dickman, Pansy Thaller, Russell Weitzel, Betty Langlois, Sr. Marie Kopin, 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 Reconciliations Set at St. Vincent

Tuesday	December 8	4:30-5:30pm
Saturday	December 12	3:00-4:00pm
Saturday	December 19	3:00-4:00pm

**Tuesday, December 8, is a Holy Day** of Obligation. It is the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Mass is at 6pm.

### Christmas Liturgies

Please call 828-5720 or email [office@stvincentdp.com](mailto: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

click on this icon on our website, or visit <https://osvhub.com/stvincent-de-paul-church/funds> (Use Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome or Firefox as your browser.)



### Stewardship

### Nov. 28 & 29, 2020

Building Improvement	\$	3.00
St Leo Cemetery	\$	75.00
St Patrick Cemetery	\$	50.00
St. Patrick Repair & Maintenance	\$	100.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	80.00
Religious Retirement	\$	250.00
World Missions	\$	75.00
Campaign for Human Develop.	\$	240.00

### General Collection Year to Date

Nov 28 & 29	\$ 4,019.00	\$ 88,631.11
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,625.00	\$101,750.00

**Stewardship: Food for Thought**

*'The promotion of the practice of stewardship is important for the mission of the Church and for the spiritual wellbeing of each individual Christian. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of time, talent and treasure.*

*- Pope Benedict XVI*

*- From The Little Burgundy Book, Diocese of Saginaw*

**Fund Raising**

Fund raising has to do with paying bills, with raising the money needed to run an organization.

Fund raising is like bringing your fair share of food to a potluck.

Fund raising is a financial matter.

Stewardship is also a financial matter but, more fundamentally, a spiritual matter.

**This Week: Religious Retirement Collection**

Earlier in the year we had a collection for the retirement of priests in our diocese. Now we turn our attention to elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order members. Maybe they served you as a teacher or as a medical worker. The stipend they received was minimal, and now their retirement needs bolstering. You can help. Repay their previous services to you with a donation to this collection. Envelopes are in your packets or available in our entries. Checks are payable to our parish.

**Faith Formation Classes** will continue online / virtual until the end of December at least.

**Serving the Community**

Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Department assists needy families at Christmas. You can help by making a donation, adopting a family, shopping or wrapping gifts. Contact Luke Meyer at 989-506-0518. Mail checks to *Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Department* 410 N. Chippewa St., Shepherd, MI 48883.

**LITTLE BOOKS** Because of COVID-19, we realize that many people do not attend in person. If

you want a **Little Book for Advent** (or Lent or Easter) and do not come to our church building, order directly from [www.littlebooks.org](http://www.littlebooks.org). Not a computer user? Call 1-989-797-6653.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Doing some research this week on another topic, I found myself looking up an old instructor of mine online. I stumbled upon a reflection of his that was so timely. In last week's homily I spoke of the two halves of Advent; the second half which is preparing for the celebration of Jesus' Nativity, and the first half watching for Jesus' second coming some time in the future.

My former instructor was speaking about Advent, and talked about Saint Bernard of Clairvaux teaching on the three comings of Christ. Digging further I found the following, a portion of a homily by St. Bernard on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. May it bring you to rest and consolation.

*"We know that the coming of the Lord is threefold: the third coming is between the other two and it is not visible in the way they are. At his first coming the Lord was seen on earth and lived among men, who saw him and hated him.*

*At his last coming All flesh shall see the salvation of our God, and They shall look on him whom they have pierced. In the middle, the hidden coming, only the chosen see him, and they see him within themselves; and so their souls are saved. The first coming was in flesh and weakness, the middle coming is in spirit and power, and the final coming will be in glory and majesty.*

*This middle coming is like a road that leads from the first coming to the last. At the first, Christ was our redemption; at the last, he will become manifest as our life; but in this middle way he is our rest and our consolation.*

*If you think that I am inventing what I am saying about the middle coming, listen to the Lord himself: If anyone loves me, he will keep my words, and the Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Elsewhere I have read: Whoever fears the Lord does good things. - but I think that what was said about whoever loves him was more important: that whoever loves him will keep his words.*

*Where are these words to be kept? In the heart certainly, as the Prophet says I have hidden your sayings in my heart so that I do not sin against you. Keep the word of God in that way: Blessed are those who keep it.*

*Let it penetrate deep into the core of your soul and then flow out again in your feelings and the way you behave; because if you feed your soul well it will grow and rejoice."*

Peace and blessings,  
Deacon Todd

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