

Weekend Mass Sunday 10:00am (Livestreamed) Saturday 4:30pm (Mask & Social Distancing Required)

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# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

# February 14, 2021 The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Life In Our Community

*Children's Faith Formation:* 1st & 3rd Wed. at 6:30 at St. Vincent de Paul.

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

*Food Pantry:* Call the office Mon. or Wed. between10am & noon to set Friday appointment. Food donations may be left in our church.

*K* of *C*: Normally 2nd Wed. of month. 7:30pm

Bulletin by 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 prior to 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.

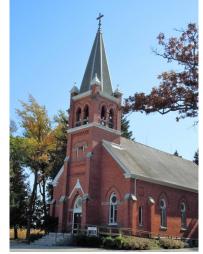
*Funerals:* Please contact us before or after contacting the funeral home.

https://www.facebook.com/stvincentdepaulparish/live

bttps://www.youtube.com/c/StVincentdePaulParishShepherdMI

# 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

# FEBRUARY 14, 2021

**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 KalmarNancy ScovillJackie LoomisCraig ShanteauDon MoeggenbergTimothy SierackiJudy MoldenhauerDavid SpindlerTom MoomeyKaylie Willoughby

Finance Council Liz Bacon Bill Daniels Doug Dodge Zachary Lobsinger Tish Mallory Kim Recker Bob Wachowski

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

# **Community Prayer**

<u>Monday, February 15</u> Gn 4:1-15, 25 / Mk 8:11-13

<u>Tuesday, February 16</u> Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 / Mk 8:14-21

# Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday JI 2:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass with ashes *Livestreamed* St. Patrick: 6:00pm Service with ashes

## <u> Thursday, February 18</u>

Dt 30:15-20 / Lk 9:22-25 St. Vincent: 10:00am Morning Prayer

# Friday, February 19

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

## Saturday, February 20

Is 58:9b-14 / Lk 5:27-32 St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

## Sunday, February 21

First Sunday of Lent Gn 9:8-15 / ! Pt 3:18-22 / Mk 1:12-15 St Vincent: 10:00am Mass *Livestreamed* 

#### Please hold in Prayer:

⊕James Langlois, Evelyn Burtovoy, Joshua Lukens, Sr. Marie Kopin, Fr. Joe Fix, Joe Kelso, Mary Lou Willoughby, Bob Courter, Janice Blanchard, Al Dickman, Richard & Justine Bernard, Pansy Thaller, Betty Langlois, Pat Welgs, Nancy McClintic Hopson, Rosie Kenny, Randy Apple, Bob Dell, Ella Kenny, Cathy, Mike Ley, Mary Ann Slack, Ed Filhart, Larry Noyes, Joshua Morgan, Jim Platt, Tom Krafft, Frank Lapinski, Delores Miller, Kinsley & the Binkowski Family, nursing home residents, essential workers, and the sick and homebound.

#### Stewardship: Food for Thought

Jesus said to them, "A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. (Jn. 10:10)

We may think of God as someone who sends sufferings, trials, challenges, tests . . .

God is a purifying fire, someone who does the right thing for us, but sometimes it hurts.

But nowhere in the Gospel does Jesus come across as someone who comes to bring hardship, a rough road. What he does say is that these kinds of things happen in life, and he wants to be there with us when they happen.

There is a great difference between seeing God as the one who sends suffering, and seeing Jesus as a close friend who wants to walk with me through every rough spot.

- From The Little Burgundy Book, Diocese of Saginaw

<u>Stewardship</u>	February 6 8	. <u>7, 2021</u>
Building Improvement *	\$	282.00
St Leo Cemetery *	\$	45.00
St Patrick Cemetery *	\$	138.00
St. Vincent de Paul Ceme	etery * \$	35.00
St. Patrick Repair & Main	tenance \$	70.00
Food Pantry *		145.00
Parish Outreach *	\$	95.00
* Includes January on-line donations		

	General Collection	Year to Date
Feb. 6 & 7	\$ 3,641.00	
January on-line	\$ 5,625.00	\$ 156,824.28
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,625.00	\$ 148,000.00

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend you should receive a mailing from the parish with a great deal of information. First a letter from the St. Vincent de Paul Finance and Pastoral Councils regarding the status of the current Christ's Mission Appeal. We understand that over the course of the last year people's financial status may have changed. But it is still vitally important that the parish communicates the status of its finances, as we do with the quarterly reports in the bulletin, and the status of its obligations as we are doing with this letter. Thank you for giving the letter and the Christ's Mission Appeal your prayerful consideration.

Also included is a brief overview of the Disciple Maker Index survey we are doing with the entire diocese. This survey opens on Ash Wednesday and continues until March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 11:59PM. The preference is that you complete the survey online, both for ease of data entry and for the environment, as the printed survey is 14 pages. It really isn't that long, but there are a couple places in the survey were answers take you to different questions, and both options need to be available in printed form. The survey is anonymous and will help the parish and the diocese as we all continue to journey on the road of Christian discipleship.

The last part of the mailing is the upcoming Lenten Schedule for 2021. It lists our various prayer opportunities and programs; some in person, some virtual, and some both. We are all continuing to work to provide safe, fulfilling and beautiful worship and catechesis. I hope that you are able to join in some manner with these great opportunities.

One note that is not in the letter, but was announced last night at Night Prayer. The regular Tuesday, Thursday and Friday livestreams will be coming to a close on the Friday after Ash Wednesday. This was a decision that was hard to make and not without a little sadness. The Livestream celebration of Night Prayer at St. Vincent de Paul began on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 on Wednesday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent. It was intended to be a bridge for when we couldn't gather at all and had no public celebration of Mass. By my rough count we have gathered to pray Night Prayer 193 times since that day last March. That doesn't include the Stations of the Cross, Coffee and Catch-up's, Catechetical sessions along with Livestreamed Sunday Masses, weekday Masses and Funerals will all continue. While it is time for me to step back from the livestream celebration of Night Prayer, I hope and pray that those who have made it a regular part of their life will continue to take that time to pray, and let God's love seep into their hearts.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd

#### Marriage Preparation Workshop (Virtual/online)

Sat., March 13, 2021; 9am – 3:30pm This Diocesan event helps couples understand what it means to get married in our Church. It covers: Marriage as Sacrament, Intimacy, Natural Family Planning, Communication and Conflict Resolution. Register by Mar. 8; fee is \$50 per couple, Call Linda, 989-

#### End of Year Contribution Statements

797-6660 or lmilco@dioceseofsaginaw.org

Statements are available on request. Call our office.

#### Food Pantry Needs

Spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, noodles, cereal, Kleenex, toilet paper, cake mixes, cans of fruit, hamburger helper, and laundry detergent.

#### **Scam Alert**

Deacon Todd was alerted by a parishioner that she was contacted by him via text asking to purchase iTunes cards for someone in the hospital battling cancer. This is a scam. Deacon Todd, Fr. Fred, nor any of the staff here will ever ask you to transfer money or purchase an untraceable gift card for emergencies or otherwise.

## Children's Sacramental Prep. Class

This year we have four children who will join us at the table. Preparing right now are Grace Bennett Jasper Moeggenborg Gage Mikek Riley Wiltse Please offer them encouragement and keep each in your prayers.

