

Weekend Mass Sunday 10:00am (Livestreamed) Saturday 4:30pm (Masks required if you aren't immunized)

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# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

# July 18, 2021 The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Life In Our Community

*Children's Faith Formation:* Classes have finished for this year. Program resumes in fall.

*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: 2nd Wed. of month. 7:30pm

Bulletin by Mail or email: 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. Bible Study Thursdays, 11am.

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/StVincentdpPaulParishShepherdMI

# 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

# JULY 18, 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**

# Monday, July 19

Ex 14:5-18 / Mk 6:30-34

# <u>Tuesday, July 20</u>

Ex 14:21-15:1 / Mt 12:46-50

#### Wednesday, July 21

Ex 16:1-5; 9-15 / Mt 13:1-9 St. Vincent: 10am Mass

# <u>Thursday, July 22</u>

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 / Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 St. Vincent: 10:00am Morning Prayer

# Friday, July 23

Ex 20:1-17 / Mt 13:18-23

#### Saturday, July 24

Ex 24:3-8 / Mt 13:24-30 St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

# Sunday, July 25

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:42-44 / Eph 4:1-6 / Jn 6:1-15 St Vincent: 10:00am Mass Live & Livestreamed

#### Please hold in Prayer:

Dorothy Huber, Evelyn Burtovoy, Mary Lou Willoughby, Joe Kelso, Ed Filhart, Joshua Lukens, Sr. Marie Kopin, Janice Blanchard, Richard Bernard, Pansy Thaller, Betty Langlois, Rosie Kenny, Randy Apple, Bob Dell, Cathy, Ella Kenny, Mike Ley, Mary Ann Slack, Larry Noyes, Jim Platt, Tom Krafft, Frank Lapinski, Delores Miller, Kinsley & the Binkowski Family, nursing home residents, essential workers, and the sick and homebound.

**Update on Joshua Lukens**: He has been released from the hospital and will be staying in S.E. Michigan for the time being. Send cards to our office and we will forward. Continued prayers always appreciated.

#### **Employment Opportunity**

Our Lady of Hope, Clare, has an opening for a Secretary for 25 hrs/ week. Must be a practicing Catholic. Job description and application available in the Parish Office or online at *www.olhclare.org*. Questions, contact the Parish Office at 989 386-9862. Applications accepted until the position is filled.

#### A Befriender Ministry Informational Evening will

be at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Saginaw on Thur., Aug.26, at 7pm. BeFriender Ministry offers caring companions to listen, empathize, and be a reminder of a loving and supportive faith community. Ministers are trained to offer support through listening, prayer and presence. Hear the history of Befrienders in our Diocese, an overview of the program, what to expect in training and stories from Befriender Ministers on how this has impacted their lives and ministry. No commitment is required. There is no cost to attend but registration is necessary. For info or to register please contact Lori Becker at 989.797.6652.

#### Ready for U.S. Travel Again?

Join Fr. Marcel Portelli on a 2-day pilgrimage to pray at 2 cathedral basilicas, a shrine, and several other churches in Ohio and Kentucky. Deluxe motorcoach departs Sept. 14 from the Diocesan Center. \$155 includes hotel. For info call (248) 250-6005.

Stewardship July 11, 2021			
Building Improvement		\$	98.00
St. Leo Cemetery		\$	80.00
St. Patrick Cemetery		\$	10.00
St. Patrick Repair & Maintenance		\$	150.00
St. Vincent Cemetery		\$	35.00
Saginaw Diocese Priest Retirement		\$	120.00
Food Pantry		\$	90.00
Parish Outreach		\$	175.00
General Collection Year to Date			
July 11, 2021 \$	2,445.00	\$	5,770.00
Weekly Budget \$	5,027.00	<b>\$</b> 1	10,054.00
(Note: New Fiscal Year began July 1, 2021)			

**"Believe it or Not! For Catholics"** By: Dr. Dan Osborn, Offices of Formation and Permanent Diaconate (*Excerpts from DioceseofSaginaw.org*)

In the spirit of "Ripley's Believe It or Not" here are seven Catholic truths that some might find surprising...

#### Jesus is not a human person.

The teaching of the Church is that Christ is only a divine person (the second person of the Holy Trinity, the eternal Son of the Father). This divine person took on a human nature when he was conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary (the Incarnation). That is, he took on a human body and a human soul. So when Jesus weeps at the tomb of Lazarus, it is God weeping. And when Jesus dies on the Cross to save us, it is the second person of the Trinity experiencing death in his human nature.

#### Divorced Catholics are not automatically prevented from receiving Holy Communion.

The Church teaches that, unless the divorced Catholic is aware of being in a state of grave sin, she/he is as free to receive Holy Communion as any other Catholic. It is when a divorced Catholic attempts a civil second marriage without a decree of nullity that a prohibition against receiving Holy Communion would normally come into play.

#### The Catholic Church allows married priests.

There are around 20 recognized rites in the Catholic Church. In the U.S., we tend to think only in terms of the Latin rite. But as the Catechism notes, there are other rites. All of these rites are truly Catholic and are fully in union with the Bishop of Rome (the pope). The decision to allow or not allow married priests is a matter of discipline, not doctrine, and some Catholic rites do allow married priests. Even in the Latin rite, married ministers who come into full communion with the Catholic Church are sometimes ordained to the priesthood even though they have wives and children.

#### Bishops, priests and deacons are not the ministers of the sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

In the Latin rite of the Catholic Church, the man and the woman getting married are the ministers of the sacrament of Holy Matrimony, not the priest or deacon presiding.

#### The Catholic Church is not a religion of guilt.

Our religion is about liberation from guilt and shame, thanks to the saving love of Jesus Christ. The sweet words of absolution that we hear in Confession show that we are a religion of true freedom.

#### The Catholic Church is radically sex-positive.

The Church accepts the plan for human sexuality that God has revealed, namely, that sexual activity is reserved to married couples (a husband and wife). St. John Paul II made a groundbreaking contribution in his "theology of the body." Google "Theology of the Body Institute" to learn more about insights on sex, gender and the human person.

#### Faith and science are meant to be friends, not enemies.

Vatican I teaches that "although faith is above reason, nevertheless, between faith and reason no true dissension can ever exist, since the same God, who reveals mysteries and infuses faith, has bestowed on the human soul the light of reason." History is filled with great Catholic scientists like Fr. Georges Lemaître. Jesuit priest and father of the big bang theory.

#### VIRTUS (Protecting Our Children) Update

Our diocesan program mandates that all employees and everyone who volunteers to work with children of our parish must attend a VIRTUS session at least every three years. A session will be held here at St. Vincent de Paul on Friday, August 20 at 9:30am. Please plan on attending if you would like to work in our parish with children in some capacity. Call our office to register.

**Food Pantry Needs:** Ketchup, mustard, noodles, cereal, Kleenex, toilet paper, cake mixes, cans of fruit, Hamburger Helper, & toothbrushes.

#### Parish Pastoral Council

You may be looking right past the nomination form below. Did you know there are **perks** to joining the Council? First, you'll be rubbing elbows with movers and shakers in our parish. Second, you'll have your choice of prime parking spaces when you attend meetings. Third, you'll be spared from any TV reruns that are airing during the meetings. Fourth, it's the best way you'll ever find to spend your two cents worth!

#### Parish Pastoral Council

Our parish has an opening on our parish Pastoral Council. Please fill out this nomination form and return it to the office or drop it in the collection basket. Nominate yourself or someone else you believe would be 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

