

#### 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

# December 19, 2021 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### Life In Our Community

Children's Faith Formation: Contact Mary Moomey for information.

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

Food Pantry: Call to set a Friday appointment. Food donations welcomed on the first weekend of each month, or at our office Monday-Thursday., 10am-3pm.

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.

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 begin in the fall. Call the parish to be on the class list.

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

Reconciliation: Individual reconciliations prior to Masses. Communal Service Dec. 14 at 6:30pm.

*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.



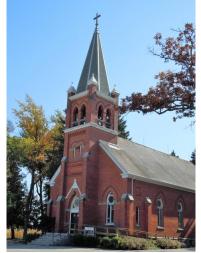
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St. Vincent de Paul, Shepherd 168 E. Wright Ave. Parish Church

### **DECEMBER 19, 2021**

<u>Parish Mission Statement:</u> 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, 9am—4pm

## Community Prayer

## Monday, December 20

Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38

### Tuesday, December 21

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-45

## Wednesday, December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56

St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass

St. Patrick: 6:00pm Prayer Service & Potluck

#### Thursday, December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66

St. Vincent: 10:00am Morning Prayer

### Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve

(Advent) 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Lk 1:67-79 St. Vincent: 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

#### Saturday, December 25

Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18

St. Vincent: 10:00am Christmas Day Mass

(No Mass at 4:30pm today)

#### Sunday, December 26

Holy Family Sunday

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 / 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Lk 2:41-52

St Vincent: 10:00am Mass Live & Livestreamed

#### Please hold in Prayer:

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

#### **January Mass Ministry Schedules**

New schedules are in the main entry of our church. Please take yours.

## Central Michigan Area Concert Band

Conductor Joseph Radtke will present a Christmas Concert at 2pm on Sunday,
Dec. 19, at the Masonic Path-

ways Doig Chapel (south of the main entrance).

Enjoy a potpourri of holidav

music performed by your friends, neighbors, and co-workers in the

finest community entertainment tradition!

Complimentary admission—tickets not needed!

Many thanks for the generous support you gave this year's Christmas Outreach. Whether you gave your time as a volunteer, or gave items, all have been most appreciated. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the wrapping paper, ribbons, and other items. -Christmas Outreach

Stewardship D	ecember 12, 2021
Building Improvement Fund *	\$ 90.00
St. Leo Cemetery *	\$ 85.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$ 60.00
St. Vincent Cemetery *	\$ 35.00
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Seasonal Flowers	\$ 115.00
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Parish Outreach *	\$ 100.00
Religious Retirement *	\$ 1,197.00
Campaign for Human Develop.	* \$ 35.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 65.00
Misc. Donation *	\$ 60.00
* Includes Nov. on-line donations	
General Collec	tion Year to Date
December 12, 2021 \$ 3,974	.07
Nov online Sun giving \$ 4,790.	
Weekly Budget \$ 5,027.	

#### Sacramental Prep for Children

This year we'll combine lessons and projects that will be done at home (easy-to-do activity materials provided) and some lessons and activities for parents and children that will be done at St. Vincent de Paul Church.

The first required meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 11 from 6:30-7:30pm. Other meetings at the church are at the same time on Feb. 1, Feb. 22, and April 5.

First Holy Communion is Sunday, May 1. Rehearsal is Saturday, April 30 in the morning (time tba).

If you have questions, please talk to me or Deacon Todd.

Peace,

Mary

## Celebration Schedule St. Vincent de Paul Church

#### **Christmas Eve Mass**

Dec. 24 5pm

## **Christmas Day Mass**

Dec. 25 10am (No Saturday Vigil Mass)

Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family

Dec. 26 10am

## **Solemnity of Mary**

Jan. 1 10am (No Saturday Vigil Mass)

### **Epiphany of the Lord**

Jan. 2 10am

### **Christmas Celebrations Nearby**

St Paul the Apostle, 121 N. Union St., Ithaca Christmas Eve Dec 24 4:00pm

St Martin de Porres, 4010 W Cleveland Rd, Perrinton Christmas Eve Dec 24 7:00pm

St. Paul the Apostle

Christmas Day Dec. 25 12:01am

St. Martin de Porres

Christmas Day Dec.25 11:00am

Mt St Joseph, 605 S Franklin St., St Louis

Christmas Eve Dec. 24 4:30pm & 7:00pm Christmas Day Dec. 25 10:00am

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are one week out from Christmas and the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, and our worship together is going to be wonderful. The Mass times are 5:00 pm for Christmas Eve on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> and 10:00 am on Christmas Day. We will have caroling before both Christmas Masses. There will be overflow seating available in the decorated social hall for the Christmas Eve Mass, which will also afford social distancing for those who desire it. Ministers of Holy Communion will distribute the Blessed Sacrament in the social hall.

As we cannot Vigil the feast of the Holy Family on Christmas day, there is no Saturday Vigil. There is one Mass for the feast of the Holy Family at 10:00 am on Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. We will keep the social hall set up for overflow as needed on Sunday.

I want to take a moment to discuss the placement of the creche inside the church. I know the creche has been placed at the foot of the altar in times past, anchoring the decorations there. The purpose of the creche in our church is not for decoration but rather for devotion. In placing it to the side of the sanctuary, individuals and families can draw near and contemplate the birth of Christ and the Holy Family in quiet prayer. The creche should draw us into a prayerful experience even in our homes. We recognize that the King of the universe and the Lord of all creation came to us as a helpless child in this time of prayer.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd

The family of Rita Gall wishes to express their thanks to Father Fred, Deacon Todd, Mary Moeggenborg, Dave Spindler and Gerri Clark for their part in Rita's memorial service and the celebration of her funeral mass.

A special thanks goes to Joyce Feltman for her help organizing the luncheon and all of the kitchen help who made it a success. Excavating, Bulldozing, Ponds, Septic Tanks & Drain Fields, Demolition, Water, Sewer Lines.

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