

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

March 27, 2022 The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

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 January

Reconciliation: Individual reconciliations prior to Masses. In Lent, Saturdays. 3-4pm and Communal Service Mar.29, 6-8pm.

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

MARCH 27, 2022

<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.

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Parish Office Hours: Mon. through Thurs., 9am—4pm

Monday, March 28

Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 29

Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

St. Vincent: 10:00am Morning Prayer

St. Vincent: 6:00-8:00pm Communal Reconciliation

with private confessions

St. Vincent: 6:45pm Book Study No Greater Love

Wednesday, March 30

Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

St. Vincent: 10:00am Morning Prayer

St. Vincent: 10:45 Bible Study (St. Vincent room)

St. Patrick: 6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 31

Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

St. Vincent: 6:00pm Evening Prayer with

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, April 1

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 St. Vincent: 1:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 2

Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53 St. Vincent: 4:00pm Rosary St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, April 3

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45

St. Vincent: 9:30am Rosary St Vincent: 10:00am Mass

Please hold in Prayer:

⊕Dorothy Burch, People of Ukraine, Karolyn Hoffman, Dorothy Huber, Evelyn Burtovoy, Bob Dell, Sr. Marie Kopin, Rosie Kenny, Ella Kenny, Larry Noyes, Frank Lapinski, Delores Miller, Kinsley & the Binkowski Family, nursing home residents, essential workers, and the sick and homebound. (Please note: After a period of time, names will be deleted from the list above. If you'd like a name put back on the list, just give us a call.)

Diocesan Mass of Atonement

WHEN: Tuesday, March 29, 2022; 6:00 PM **WHERE:** Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw. Registration not required. Livestreamed.

On March 29, Bishop Gruss will celebrate our Diocese's Mass of Atonement, laying before God the sorrow of all victims of child abuse and neglect, in particular, the victims of child sexual abuse by clergy.

Women's Convention: Beacons of Light

You're invited: April 29-30, in Frankenmuth at the Bavarian Inn Lodge & Conference Canter. Five speakers will be presenting. Three bishops will be presiding at Liturgy at Blessed Trinity Church, Frankenmuth. Registration deadline is April 1. Information? email *rfmaher48453@yahoo.com* or call Rita at 989-635-7072.

Many Hands Make Light Work!

April 6 is *Garden Maintenance Day* at St. Vincent de Paul Church. The work bee starts at 1:00pm and the weeds won't stand a chance! Please bring gloves and garden tools. See you there!

Also keep in mind that we will be tidying up our cemeteries. Please remove Christmas items.

Stewardship			March	20,	2022	
Building Improvement			\$	50	0.00	
St. Leo Cemetery			\$	85	5.00	
St. Vincent Cemetery			\$	120	0.00	
St. Patrick Cemetery			\$	30	0.00	
St. Patrick Repair & Maintenance			∍ \$	20	00.0	
Music/Memorial			\$	100	00.0	
Easter Flowers			\$	105	5.00	
Catholic Relief Services			\$	50	0.00	
General Collection Collection						
March 20	\$	4,902.0		,	27.13	
Weekly Budget	\$	5,027.0	0 \$19	91,0	26.00	

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

When I Was Hungry....

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help with the Mobile Food Pantry.

With your help we were able to load food into vehicles for <u>65</u> families.

-Bill Stonebrook

Children's Faith Formation

This weekend (March 27) classes will not meet for Faith Formation. Classes will meet next weekend (April 3) as usual.

Even Little Ones Missed Events During Covid

It's time to remind our children that fun things happen here at our parish! The Easter Egg hunt will be held after our 10am Mass on Easter Sunday. Bring something to put your eggs in, and bring boots in case of rain.

Lay Ministry Applications

Interested in becoming a lay minister? Participate in a virtual information meeting on Sat., April 23, 1:30-3:00pm. For information and the link, contact Deb, *dpopielarz@dioceseofsaginaw.org* or 989-797-6660.

Marriage Preparation Workshop at Diocese

An in-person workshop for engaged couples will be help April 23, 9am-4pm at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw. Cost is \$40 per person, lunch & beverages provided. Register with Maria Coss, mcoss@dioceseofsaginaw.org.

Catholic Relief Services Collection March 27

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the U.S.. For more than 75 years, CRS has been providing expertise and compassion to the very poorest in more than 100 countries on five continents.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I pray this message finds you and your family and friends well this day. Last week we were happy to have Bishop Gruss celebrate with us. We have had quite the variety of presiders at Mass and are delighted to have Fr. David Parsch this weekend, before Fr. Fred returns to us on the 5th Week of Lent.

When Fr. Kevin W. was with us, I took him out to dinner with some folks, and he told this joke. How many Catholics does it take to change a lightbulb? Change, what is change? It was a great laugh, but it also couples nicely with Bishop Gruss's question of *are we on fire for our faith*, and if we aren't on fire, why are we here.

Fire is a good symbol of change, or as Bishop would say, conversion. Fire changes a substance, both in its chemical composition and its physical form. Conversion changes our inward being and our outward way of living life. We are all called to change continuously throughout our faith life. There are times of plateaus and rapid growth, along with regressions, but there is never a time that we graduate.

The joke that Catholics don't like change points to our misunderstanding of fundamental truths. The practice of the faith, of what the church proclaims, does not change week in and week out.

There has been a deeper understanding of Revelation that has gone on over the almost 2000 years of the church, but in general, the faith the church professes has remained stable. But we are greatly misguided to think that we are able to remain an unchanged disciple. We are called to continuously pray and evaluate our relationship with God, the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and see to what manner of change we are being led.

As we enter the second half of Lent and prepare for Easter joy let us pray "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth."

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd

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