



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

May 15, 2022

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Life In Our Community

Children's Faith Formation: Classes resume in the fall. 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 January

Reconciliation: Individual confessions are heard one half hour 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.

Weekend Mass
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 10:00am (Livestreamed)

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

May 15, 2022

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

Parish Pastoral Council

Kaylie Willoughby (*Chairperson*) Judy Moldenhauer
Nancy Scovill (*Vice Chair*) Tom Moomey
Jackie Loomis (Secretary) Craig Shanteau
Cindy Gall Tim Sieracki
Roger Jacobs David Spindler
Don Moeggenberg

Parish Finance Council

Doug Dodge (Chairperson) Kim Recker
Leah Rau (*Vice-Chair*) Sam Moeggenberg
Liz Bacon (Secretary) Bob Wachowski
Bill Daniels

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

Community Prayer

Monday, May 16

Acts 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 17

Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 18

Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8

St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass

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

Thursday, May 19

Act 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11

St. Vincent: 10:00am Morning Prayer

Friday, May 20

Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 21

Acts 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21

St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, May 22

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts:15:1-2, 22-29 / Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 / Jn 14:23-29

St Vincent: 10:00am Mass

K of C Corner
Thank you! Thank you! Thank You!
The Knights award
St. Vincent de Paul Parish
a (*virtual*) silver medal for their support!
This years Yard Sale during the Festival
made \$3,249.65!
That is the second best revenue amount
ever for this event!
On behalf of those who will benefit from
your generosity, we say thank you from
the bottom of our hearts!

Please hold in Prayer:

People of Ukraine, Norm Burmeister, Sr. Marie Kopin, Frank Lapinski, Kinsley & the Binkowski Family, nursing home residents, essential workers, the sick and homebound.

Who is Graduating?

We would love to honor our high school and college graduates at an upcoming Mass, and we would love to see them in caps & gowns. Call the parish office and let us know!

Presentation at Sacred Heart, Mt. Pleasant

Beth Bauer, who serves our diocese in support of Marriage & Family Life, will present *We are her for such a time as this*. Beth touches on these topics:

- ◆ Being born for this moment in history.
- ◆ There is a blueprint for our lives.
- ◆ The Biblical world view
- ◆ Christendom era vs. today's Apostolic Era.
- ◆ Being *created, captured, and rescued*.

For more information, call Sacred Heart, 772-1385.

Stewardship	May 8, 2022	
Building Improvement Fund	\$	75.00
St. Vincent Cemetery	\$	5.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	75.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	60.00
Food Pantry	\$	90.00
Parish Outreach	\$	105.00
General Collection	Collection	Year to Date
May 8 Collection	\$ 3,679.00	\$233,913.13
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,027.00	\$226,215.00

Dear Friends in Christ,

Let me begin with a word of thanks to you from Erin and myself. We very much appreciated your prayers and offers of assistance as we dealt with COVID. We are well along the way to full recovery.

Last night both the Pastoral and Finance councils met in their bi-annual joint session. We discussed the results of the Synod listening sessions, and I want to share with you some of that and how the parish is beginning to respond. The executive summary is as follows:

- * In three total sessions, approximately 65 people participated, including facilitators.
- * Parish is welcoming and does liturgy well. (N.B. The parish has had the same sacramental minister for the last 13+ years, through 4 different parish administrators)
- * Parishioners are concerned with how to reach the fallen away and the young.
- * Parishioners would like to see more opportunities for small groups and more staff for young people.



As a start to our response, I am directing the parish, along with the councils' support, to respond in the following way:

1. We will reach out to 15 fallen-away families with children who were baptized since 2000 to join us for a special mass on June 12, 2022 – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This outreach will be done through mailings, personal invitations, and prayer.
2. We will create a job description and part-time position for a Youth Minister for our parish. This new position will require significant support from the parish, both in prayer and stewardship.
3. This fall, we will work on a new Parish pictorial directory that allows us to reach out to all parishioners and update our records.

Finally, a special subcommittee of the Finance Council made presentations on Building and Grounds repairs that need to be undertaken. This committee will now prioritize this list of what can be accomplished by staff and parish teams and what requires outside contractors. One item of concern is energy efficiency and aging infrastructure. We will be replacing all fluorescent lights, of which there are over 650 in all our buildings, with L.E.D. fixtures. Volunteers will handle this project, so the only cost is for the new bulbs. We will also replace the 1,000,000 BTU low-efficiency boiler and water heaters in the school and social hall. This will be paid out of parish savings, offset by donations to the Building and Grounds Fund.

The hope is that we spend this money to help make the parish more efficient in doing the critical work of evangelizing, so we spend our resources doing the work of Christ.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd S. Lovas

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