



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

December 4, 2022

## The Second Sunday of Advent

### Life In Our Community

*Children's Faith Formation:* Dec. classes follow Sunday Mass on 4 & 11. Contact Mary Moomey for info and/or registration.

*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. Registration forms in our entries. Classes begin Jan. 8 after Mass.

*Reconciliation:* Individual confessions are Dec 17, 3-4pm. Communal Service with private confessions held Dec. 13 at 6pm

*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**

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### WELCOME!

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Parish Church

## DECEMBER 4, 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 one another.

### Parish Pastoral Council

Kaylie Willoughby ( <i>Chairperson</i> )	Judy Moldenhauer
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### Parish Finance Council

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Liz Bacon ( <i>Secretary</i> )	Bob Wachowski
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## Community Prayer

### Monday, December 5

Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

### Tuesday, December 6

Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

### Wednesday, December 7

Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30

St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass

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

### Thursday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

St. Vincent: 6:00pm Mass

### Friday, December 9

Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

### Saturday, December 10

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

St. Vincent: Children's Choir Practice 9-10:30am

St. Vincent: 3:00-4:00pm Private Reconciliations

St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

### Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass

(Adult Choir Practice after Mass)

St. Vincent: 6:00pm Vespers

### Please hold in Prayer:

Emily Burch Jackson, Patty Miller, Zora Walsh, Larry Lethorn, Teresa Arnold, Ryan Noyes, Larry Noyes, Sister Marie Kopin, Kinsley & the Binkowski Family, disaster victims, nursing home residents, and the sick and homebound.

### Good News

Our fabulous chefs offer you a soup supper on Dec. 13 from 5:00pm to 5:45pm in St. Vincent Hall. That will leave you time to scoot over to the church for our Reconciliation Service at 6pm.

### For Your December Calendar

Mass for the Immaculate Conception of Mary will be on Thursday, December 8 at 6:00pm

Individual Confessions: 3:00-4:00pm Dec. 10, & 17 at St. Vincent

Advent Communal Penance with individual Confessions: St. Vincent, Dec. 13, 6pm  
(Join us for 5:00-5:45pm Soup Supper)

Vespers: 6pm St. Vincent, Sun Dec. 4, 11 & 18

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Mass St. Vincent 5:00pm

Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass St. Vincent 10am

Dec. 31 & Jan. 1: St. Vincent, Regular Schedule

Jan 7 & 8: Epiphany St Vincent, Reg. Schedule.

### Safe Environment (VIRTUS) Policy Updates

All diocesan and parish **employees** are required to read and complete VIRTUS monthly training bulletins. Although not required, volunteers and ministers are strongly encouraged to read & complete VIRTUS monthly training bulletins as well.

Effective date is January 1, 2023.

### Stewardship November 27, 2022

<b>General Collection</b>	<b>Nov. 27</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Church Collection	\$ 4,780.00	\$ 105,188.51
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,343.75	\$ 117,562.50

### Designated Funds Contributions

St. Leo Cemetery	\$	75.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	25.00
St. Vincent Cemetery	\$	60.00
St. Patrick Repair & Maintenance	\$	300.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	195.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	40.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement	\$	20.00

**Dec. 11 - U.S. Religious Retirement Collection**

Hundreds of religious communities lack the resources to meet the needs of aging members. Your gift helps with medications, nursing care, and more. Show thanks for their service by giving generously. Info at [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org).

**Sharing Our Faith**

**Faith Formation** classes follow 10am Mass on Dec. 4 & 11, then break and resume Jan. 8.

**Children's Sacramental Prep.** classes begin on Jan. 8. Registration forms are in the church.

**Do you have input?**

The Mass Ministry Schedule for the 1st quarter of 2023 will be Dec. 17/18. Let us know by Dec. 12 if there are dates in Jan., Feb. or March when you will be unable to participate.

Also, if you are able to be a Communion Minister or altar server at a **Christmas Mass or Dec. 31/ Jan. 1 Mass**, please let us know (989-828-5720 or [office@stvincentdp.com](mailto:office@stvincentdp.com)).

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

The Shepherd United Methodist Church will host a Blood Drive in their Parish Hall, 107 W. Wright Ave., on Wed., Dec. 14, noon to 5:15pm.

To schedule an appointment, log onto [red-crossblood.org](http://red-crossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: ShepherdUMC or call 1-800-733-2767.

**The Pastoral Council** has a vacancy that we would like to fill soon! Please contact Council Chair Kaylie Willoughby at [willo1km@cmich.edu](mailto:willo1km@cmich.edu) for more information.

**A Special Thank You** to all my friends at St. Vincent Parish for the wonderful birthday cards & prayers for my 100th. It will never be forgotten. Also thanks to Fr. Fred & Deacon Todd. God Bless You. -- Donna Doepker

**Annual Christ's Mission Appeal**

This is an opportunity to give God thanks. Your generosity allows for the continuation of many ministries while engaging in evangelization.

As of Nov. 23, this diocesan appeal is at 52% of its goal. Only one parish has surpassed its goal so far, but six more are over 75%. Our parish was at 58% on November 23..

Dear Friends in Christ,

In a little more than a week from now, we will gather together for a communal penance service. This service on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm is the liturgical counterpart to the Confiteor we pray at mass on the Sundays of Advent.

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done,  
and in what I have failed to do;  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God

In the first part, we admit to God and each other that we are broken and need God's mercy. We share our mutual brokenness by praying out loud and together. No one is so perfect that they don't need God's infinite mercy.

In the end, we share our need for each other's prayers. We ask Mary and all the Angels and Saints to intercede for us. But there is a humble aspect of admitting that we need each other's support in seeking God's mercy.

This need for support is why the Communal Penance service is so essential. Whether we need to confess our sins individually, the need to support each other means we should all take part in this beautiful service. This is a wonderful evening of communal prayer, gentle music, and private prayer before Christ's presence in the tabernacle.

Let us gather together on December 13<sup>th</sup> and support each other in coming before God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd



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