



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

December 11, 2022

The Third Sunday of Advent

Life In Our Community

Children's Faith Formation: Classes follow Sunday Mass. Contact Mary Moomey for information 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.

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

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

DECEMBER 11, 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
Nancy Scovill (<i>Vice Chair</i>)	Tom Moomey
Jackie Loomis (<i>Secretary</i>)	Craig Shanteau
Cindy Gall	Tim Sieracki
Roger Jacobs	David Spindler
Don Moeggenberg	

Parish Finance Council

Leah Rau (<i>Chairperson</i>)	Kim Recker
Doug Dodge (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)	Sam Moeggenborg
Liz Bacon (<i>Secretary</i>)	Bob Wachowski
Jerry Jaloszynski	

Community Prayer

Monday, December 12

Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 13

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 / Mt 21:28-32

St. Vincent: 6:00pm Penance Service

Wednesday, December 14

Is 45:6c-818, 21c -25 / Lk 7:18b-23

St. Patrick: 6:00pm Mass & Potluck

Thursday, December 15

Is 54:1-10 / Lk 7:24-30

St. Vincent: 10:00am Morning Prayer

Friday, December 16

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8 / Jn 5:33-36

Saturday, December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17

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

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

St. Vincent: 4:00pm Rosary

St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7 / Mt 1:18-24

St. Vincent: 9:30am Rosary

St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass (Adult choir following)

St. Vincent: 6:00pm Vespers

St. Vincent : 6:30pm Movie *The Fourth Wise Man*

Please hold in Prayer:

✠Linda Meyer, Nancy Scovill, Scott Smith, Emily Burch Jackson, Patty Miller, Zora Walsh, Larry Lethorn, Teresa Arnold, Ryan Noyes, Larry Noyes, Sister Marie Kopin, Kinsley & the Bin-kowski Family, disaster victims, nursing home residents, and the sick and homebound.

Good News

Shepherd Rotary Club sponsored a food drive for our Food Pantry and the generous Shepherd community not only donated food, but also over \$400!

Parish Movie Night is scheduled for Sunday evening , Dec. 18 at 6:30pm in St. Vincent's Social Hall. Children and adults can enjoy **The Fourth Wise Man**, a movie produced by the Paulist priests. The film is a great way to prepare for Christmas. Refreshments will be served. The Film will start after Vespers in the church.

VIRTUS Code of Conduct Updates

The Code of Conduct for Personnel Working with Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults (a.k.a. Code of Conduct), replaces the Standards of Ministerial Behavior for those Working with Children and Young People.

The Code of Conduct applies to everyone, including those who are not required to have Safe Environment training and criminal background checks.

Effective date is January 1, 2023.

Stewardship December 4, 2022

General Collection	Dec. 4	Year to Date
Church Collection	\$ 4,439.00	
On-line	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 113,977.51
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,343.75	\$ 117,562.50

Designated Funds Contributions

Building Improvement Fund *	\$	270.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	95.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	155.00
St. Vincent Cemetery *	\$	30.00
Food Pantry *	\$	85.00
St. Patrick Repair & Maintenance	\$	770.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	75.00
Religious Retirement	\$	50.00
Christmas	\$	75.00

(* Includes on-line donations)

Dec. 11 - Religious Retirement Collection

This collection is held across the US. Hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources to meet the needs of aging members. Your gift helps with medications, nursing care, and more. Show your thanks for the service of elderly religious order members by giving generously. . Learn more at www.retiredreligious.org.

Found

A transponder key (must be present to start your vehicle with your key) was found at St. Vincent. If you have lost one, please call the parish office,

Children's Sacramental Prep Classes

The starting date has been changed to Jan. 15.

Ministers Needed!

There are openings for Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers and lectors for the Holy Day Masses Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, and for Christmas Masses. Please sign up in the Sacristy or call the office.

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.

The Pastoral Council has 1 vacancy that we would like to fill soon! Please contact Council Chair Kaylie Willoughby at willo1km@cmich.edu for more information.

For Your December Calendar

Private Penance: 3:00-4:00pm Dec. 17
Advent Communal Penance with Private Reconciliation at St. Vincent, 6:00pm, Dec. 13
Vespers: 6pm St. Vincent, Sun Dec. 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.

Annual Christ's Mission Appeal

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 have exceeded 75%. It takes all of us to reach the parish goal. Please prayerfully consider a pledge.

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Tuesday, December 13th, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at a Communal Penance Service at 6:00 PM. Fr. Fred Thelen, Fr. Loren Kalinowski, and Fr. Paul Werley will be present with our own Fr. Fred to hear our individual confessions.

Before and after that moment of individual confession and absolution, we will pray communally. Beforehand, we will listen to God's mercy proclaimed in sacred scripture, confess our general sinfulness together, and ask for God's mercy. After our confessions, everyone is invited to remain in the church. When all have been absolved of their sins, we will sing a hymn of praise to God's mercy, pray in thanksgiving for that gift, and be sent forth in Peace.

Why do we choose to remain afterward? The Rite of Penance reminds us, "Penance always therefore entails reconciliation with our brethren and sisters who remain harmed by our sins." Seldom does harm caused by our sin remain only between God and us. Penance also heals the Body of Christ, the Church. This celebration of thanksgiving in God's mercy is also a liturgical mirror to Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, verse 7, " ... in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

So my dear friends, avail yourselves of this beautiful experience of God's mercy and compassion at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, Dec 13th. To facilitate the liturgy occurring around dinner time, we will serve a straightforward soup supper with two choices of soup, from 5:00- 5:45 pm, in the Parish Social Hall.

Peace and Blessings,

Deacon Todd

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