



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

December 18, 2022

The Fourth 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
Monday - Thursday
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WELCOME!

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7631 W. North Gratiot Co. Line
Church for Occasional Use



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

DECEMBER 18, 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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Cindy Gall	Tim Sieracki
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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 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday, December 20

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

Wednesday, December 21

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep3:14-18 / Lk 1:39-45
St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass

Thursday, December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56
St. Vincent: 10:00am Morning Prayer

Friday, December 23

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

Saturday, December 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Lk 1:67-79
St. Vincent: 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25

Sunday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord
Is 59:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18
St. Vincent: 10:00am Christmas Day Mass

Please hold in Prayer:

✠Tom Weaver, Nancy Scovill, Scott Smith, 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 Parish Movie Night

See a great movie Sunday (Dec. 18) evening 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. Friends welcome!

Ministry Schedules for 1st Quarter 2023

New schedules for Lectors, Communion Ministers and Altar Servers are in the main entry. Please take yours.

VIRTUS Code of Conduct Updates

Personnel who visit the homebound, especially individuals who live alone or are frequently alone at the time of visits, are encouraged to do so in the company of another adult whenever possible. They are highly encouraged, but not required, to participate in Safe Environment education.

Effective date is January 1, 2023.

Stewardship December 11, 2022

General Collection	Dec. 11	Yr. to Date
Church Collection	\$ 4,340.00	\$118,317.51
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,343.75	\$128,250.00

Designated Funds Contributions

Building Improvement Fund	\$	120.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	75.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	35.00
St. Vincent Cemetery	\$	55.00
Food Pantry	\$	140.00
St. Patrick Repair & Maintenance	\$	750.00
Parish Outreach	\$	25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	55.00
Religious Retirement	\$	1,030.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$	20.00
World Mission Sunday	\$	5.00

When You Can't Change a Situation, You can Make it Easier

The loss of a loved one is difficult, and knowing that someone is experiencing that pain can be heart wrenching, but nothing you can do will change it.

What you **can** do is help with funeral luncheons by donating food or serving.. The many hands that help with the dinner and those who attend the dinner show a grieving family that they are not alone and that you care.

Please call Joan (989-854-4012) to get on our call list, or to update your telephone number. We're missing lots of cell phone numbers as people have dropped their land lines.

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.

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.

Two Ways to Help After Abortion Legalization

Walking with Moms in Need: This is active in several parishes. The goal is to enable pregnant women to successfully carry their children to full term and then acquaint them with community resources. To be connected to this ministry contact Beth 989-797-6655, or bhauer@diosag.org.

Mother Teresa Endowment Fund: This diocesan fund collects donations and then distributes funds to local agencies.. For info, call Lori, 989-797-6652, or lbecker@diosag.org.

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 prayer-

Dear friends in Christ,

In one week, we will finish our Advent journey of this year and enter the joyful Christmas season. We will rejoice in the Christmas liturgies' festive decor and grand gatherings.

We will also probably be a little saddened. We will miss those who aren't with us this year. Sometimes, it is because some brothers and sisters haven't returned to gathering with us. Many of you speak to me regularly about this challenge. Our role is not to nag people back to church. We announce the gospel by our lives, invite and prepare the way of the Lord. As Bishop Ken said, "We are ministers, not messiahs!

We also recognize our sadness because we miss those who have returned to the Lord. Even though we in our hearts would never separate them from God's presence, we still miss them. We must be loving and caring to those who are missing loved ones at this time of year. We are the keeper of our sisters and brothers. A kind word or a card goes a long way

And let us all be welcoming at our Christmas Liturgies. Together may we celebrate the birth of a Child that is the source of our hope and the reason for our faith. Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd

Thank You

Thanks to all who provided the lunch for family and friends, to Father Fred for such a nice service for Ted, to Deacon Todd for all his help.

—Judy Hoffman

Reconciliation

Nativity of the Lord will be having a Penance Service on Tuesday December 20th starting at 6pm at Mt. St. Joseph, St. Louis.

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