



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God

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

JANUARY 1, 2023

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.

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Cindy Gall	Tim Sieracki
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Community Prayer

Monday, January 2

1 Jn 9:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday, January 3

1 Jn 2:29—3:6 / Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday, January 4

1 Jn 3:7-10 / Jn 1:35-42

St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass

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

Thursday, January 5

1 Jn 3:11-21 / Jn 1:43-51

St. Vincent: 10:00am Morning Prayer

Friday, January 6

1 Jn 5:5-13 / Mk 1:7-11

Saturday, January 7

1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 2:1-11

St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, January 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass

Please hold in Prayer:

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.

Our Parish Office will be Closed Mon., Jan

January 20 is Our Diocesan March for Life

Our diocese is hosting an Ecumenical Event for the March for Life on Friday, January 20. Join Bishop Gruss and several area pastors for a Rally at the Cathedral followed by a March to Holy Family Parish for a Prayer Service. The event will run from 9am to noon and the theme is **“Changing Hearts & Savings Lives”** with the focus of spreading awareness and education of the many options available for women to choose life for their child. More details to come. All are welcome. For more information, contact Lori at lbecker@diosag.org or 989-797-6652.

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) or the parish office (989-828-5720) 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.

Stewardship December 25, 2022

The collection report for Christmas will be in next week's bulletin.

The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Saginaw Catholic Men's Conference

Putting on the Armor of God is the theme of this conference at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, 615 Hoyt Ave., Saginaw on March 25, 2023 from 8:30am—5:00pm. Priests, Deacons & those under 21 are free. The online ticket price is \$25 at www.eventbrite.com. Admission at the door is \$30. Lunch is included. Sponsored by Catholic Mens Fellowship of Saginaw..

Silent Retreat for Women Feb. 3-5

Go Deeper with God in the retreat opportunity at the Center for Ministry, Saginaw. Cost is \$185 for a private room and \$165 for a shared room. That includes 4 meals and 2 socials. Registration deadline is Thurs., Jan 26 at Saginaw.org/events or call 989-797-6654.

Pilgrimage to Italy: Oct 24-Nov. 2, 2023

Join Fr. Bill Rutkowski and Fr. Francis George on a pilgrimage organized by Corporate Travel Service, Northville, MI. This land only pilgrimage starts at \$3,349 per person/double occupancy and 8 nights at 4 start hotels. Group airfare is optional. An information evening is Wednesday, Jan. 18, 6:30pm in Christ the Good Shepherd Hall in Saginaw. 50 person limit. For a brochure or infor, contact Fr. Bill, 517-881-1132, or email brutkowski@diosag.org..

Two Ways to Help After Abortion Legalization

Walking with Moms in Need: This ministry is active in several parishes in our diocese. 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 which are distributed to local agencies that support those experiencing crisis pregnancies or need assistance after the birth of a child. For info, call Lori, 989-797-6652, or lbecker@diosag.org.

Asking for Help

If you would like to join a small group to pray the St. Michael Prayer after Mass on Sundays, you are welcome to join. See Cindy Gall or Madaonna Taylor after Mass

Dear Friends in Christ,

We usher in a new calendar year this weekend. And by that, I mean a new secular calendar because the liturgical new year started on November 28th with the first Sunday of Advent.

We sometimes look at a block of time, be it a week, a month, or a year, and judge whether it is good or bad. And the loss of loved ones often plays a large part in that evaluation. By that metric, the last few years have really stunk. But losing loved ones is a constant occurrence; even if I haven't lost someone I am close to, someone has. That is one of the reasons why we are called to reach out and care for one another. We care for one another and remember the blessing those who have passed on have been in our lives.

We also take this time of year to make grand plans and resolutions. Weight loss, healthy choices, giving up bad habits, and the list goes on. As disciples of Christ, we assess our years and lives one day at a time. God doesn't expect perfection from us, just improvement. The way to make "2023" a better year isn't a grand resolution plan for our weeks and months.

Simply put, we start by trying to be a bit better on January 1st than we were on December 31st. And then we do the same thing the next day, a bit better on January 2nd than on January 1st. Not everything all at once, but just a bit more thankful, a bit more loving, a bit more forgiving.

Dear friends, this is how we transform our lives, our families, and our world. And with praise and thanksgiving, as we lie down to sleep each day, we can look back at the good of this day.

Happy New Year, Happy New Day

Deacon Todd

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.

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