



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

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
9:00 am—4:00pm

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WELCOME!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; No matter what your current family or marital situation; No matter what your past or present religious affiliation; No matter what your personal history, age, background, race or color; No matter what your self-image or esteem; You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at St. Vincent de Paul Parish.



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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

JANUARY 8, 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.

Parish Pastoral Council

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Cindy Gall	David Spindler
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Parish Finance Council

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Liz Bacon (<i>Secretary</i>)	Bob Wachowski
Jerry Jaloszynski	

Please hold in Prayer:

✠ Jack Burtovoy, Gabriella Gruca, 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 Through the intercession of St. Jude and many prayers, surgery was successful. Thank God.

More Good News Many blessings to all who helped with Christmas Outreach – the donors of items and money, and the volunteers who helped throughout. You have become an essential part of this mission to serve the needy of Isabella County.

Thank You

To all the St. Vincent de Paul Parish community, I extend a deep and sincere thank you for your kindness to me during the Advent/Christmas seasons. I enjoy celebrating Mass with you, and also your love, friendship, and gifts year around. I could not ask for a better way to spend my retirement. So, THANK YOU.

—Fr. Fred

Community Prayer

Monday, January 9

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday, January 10

:Heb 2:5-12 / Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 11

Heb 2:14-18 / Mk 1:29-39

St. Vincent: 10:00am Morning Prayer

St. Patrick: 6:00pm Mass & Potluck

Thursday, January 12

Heb 3:7-14 / Mk 1:40-45

St. Vincent: 10:00am Morning Prayer

Friday, January 13

Heb 4:1-5, 11 / Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 14

Heb 4:12-16 / Mk 2:13-17

St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

Sunday, January 15

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Cor 1:1-3 / Jn 1:29-34

St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass

Stewardship December 25, 2022

General Collection	Dec. 25	Yr. to Date
Church Collection	\$ 4,764.00	
Christmas	\$ 2,595.00	\$129,685.51
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,343.75	\$138,937.50

Designated Funds Contributions

St. Leo Cemetery	\$	175.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	130.00
St. Patrick Repair & Maintenance	\$	200.00
Religious Retirement	\$	175.00
Archdiocese for Military Service	\$	200.00

Stewardship January 1, 2023

General Collection	Dec. 25	Yr. to Date
Church Collection	\$ 2,805.00	
Christmas	\$ 135.00	\$132,805.51
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,343.75	\$144,281.25

Designated Funds Contributions

Building Improvement Fund	\$	120.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	75.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	25.00
St. Patrick Repair & Maintenance	\$	20.00
Parish Outreach	\$	20.00
Food Pantry	\$	10.00
Memorial Donation	\$	50.00

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.

January 20 is Our Diocesan March for Life

Our diocese is hosting an event for March for Life on Friday, Jan. 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"***. 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.

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,

Today we celebrate the epiphany of the Lord. Webster's first non-divine definition of epiphany is a sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something. Perception of the essential nature of Jesus is what we celebrate today. Jesus Christ, born of a woman, is God.

Epiphany is celebrated in both the Eastern and Western churches, but commemorate different events in Christ's life as the Epiphany.

We in the western church recognize the visit of the magi to the Christ child. This is his manifestation to the Gentiles. In the Eastern church the day is celebrated recognizing Jesus' baptism in the Jordon, and God announcing the heavens "This is my beloved son..."

The second definition of epiphany in Webster's provides further insight, a grasp of reality through something usually simple and striking. Both of these events, a visit and a baptism, are simple yet striking. And much of Jesus' teaching follow the same pattern, a simple teaching that reveal a deep and essential truth.

Let 2023 be a year of epiphany's for us, grasping essential truth's, that we may manifest them to the world.

Peace and blessings,
Deacon Todd

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 star hotels. Group airfare is optional. An information evening is Wed., Jan. 18, 6:30pm in Christ the Good Shepherd Hall in Saginaw. 50 person limit. For a brochure or info, contact Fr. Bill, 517-881-1132, or email brutkowski@diosag.org..

Euchre!

Our St. Patrick's site will host a Euchre card game on Saturday, January 14 at 6:30pm. Please bring a snack. Everyone is welcome.

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