



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

February 26, 2023

## The First Sunday of Lent

### 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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## 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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Parish Church

## FEBRUARY 26, 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

Kaylie Willoughby ( <i>Chairperson</i> )	Don Moeggenberg
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Roger Jacobs	

### 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 Jalouszynski	

## Community Prayer

### Monday, February 27

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday, February 28

Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

St. Vincent: 9:00am Morning Prayer

### Wednesday, March 1

Jon 3:1-10 . Lk 11:29-32

St. Patrick: 6:00pm Stations of the Cross & Potluck

### Thursday, March 2

Est CK12, 14-16, 23-25 / Mt 7:7-12

St. Vincent: 6:00pm Evening Prayer & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Friday, March 3

Ez 18:21-28 . Mt 5:20-26

St. Vincent: 1:00pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 4

Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

St. Vincent: 10:00am Introduction to the Bible

St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass, Soup Supper follows

### Sunday, March 5

The Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a / 2 Tm 1:8b-10 . Mt 17:1-9

St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass

### Please hold in Prayer:

✠Manuel Martinez, ✠Rose O'Brien, Kendall Lalone, Gabriella Gruca, Jerry McCaul, Coty Lob-singer, Nancy Scovill, Scott Smith, Emily Burch Jackson, Zora Walsh, 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 The K of C have 2 tables at the **FOCUS ON LIFE** benefit dinner for Central Michigan

Right to Life. It's at Buck's Run Golf Club on April 20. Tickets are \$20 student / \$30 individual / and \$240 for a table of 8. Doors open at 5:30pm and dinner at 6pm. Reservation forms are in our entries to be returned with payment by April 14. Checks payable to Right to Life of Central Mich.

**More Good News** Gabby started taking bottles and we are working more in so she can get her feeding tube out. The nurses and doctors have fallen in love with her. She has come so far since her pulmonary hemorrhage and other initial premature issues. We can't wait for everyone to meet her. With God's grace we are still hoping to bring her home sometime in March.

(Gabriella Gruca)

(Gabby, Katelyn & Tom Gruca)



### Stewardship February 19, 2023

General Collection	Feb 19, 2023	Yr. to Date
Church Collection	\$ 2,534.00	\$190,934.51
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,343.75	\$181,687.50

### Designated Funds Contributions

Building Fund	\$ 75.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$ 25.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$ 140.00
St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery	\$ 75.00
Parish Outreach	\$ 25.00
St Patrick Repair & Maintenance	\$ 200.00

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### **St. Vincent de Paul Film Series**

The second film night in our Films and Faith Series will be **Sun. evening, Feb. 26, 6:30** in the Hall. We will have a double feature on the life, work, and martyrdom of Stanley Rother, born in 1935 in rural Oklahoma, and beatified by our church (**the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. martyr**) in 2017. Reflecting on his service and the personal faith of those he served can help our Lenten journey. There will be refreshments.

### **Lay Ecclesial Ministry Application Period**

The application period is Feb. 1- May 15. For info/questions, contact Deb, [dpopielarz@diosag.org](mailto:dpopielarz@diosag.org), or 989-797-6660.

### **Diocesan Marriage Prep Workshop: April 15**

Engaged couples may attend at the diocesan center, 9am-4pm. Cost is \$90/couple & includes lunch. Sign up with Maria Coss, [mcoss@diosag.org](mailto:mcoss@diosag.org).

### **Diocesan Sponsored NCYC Event**

Our diocese reserved 107 spots for this event and less than 50 are left. *Fully Alive* will be Nov. 16-18 at the Indiana Convention Center. The diocese also has bussing and hotel accommodations. Cost: \$575 per person. See Deacon Todd if interested. Diocesan contact is Minerva, 989-797-6639.

**Little Black Books for Lent**, and pins and wristbands are in the main entry. Please take what you'd like.

### **VIRTUS—Protecting Our Children**

There will be live training sessions in **St. Louis** at Mount St. Joseph Church hall May 17, 6-8:30pm. Register online at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) with a current e-mail. Local contact is Rayna, 989-463-4579.

### **Women's Retreat**

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will offer a **Lenten Silent Retreat** for all women at the Center for Ministry Sat., March 18. The retreat starts at 9am, (registration at 8:30) and will end about 4 pm. The retreat leader will be Fr. Andy LaFramboise whose presentation will be "Then Their Eyes Were Opened: Kindling Eucharistic Faith." Mass, adoration, and Stations of the Cross included. Cost is \$27 (in advance /incl. morning snack & lunch). RSVP to Rita (989-635-7072) before March 13.

### **K of C Corner Free! Lenten Special**

To encourage men to attend the March 25 Saginaw Catholic Men's Conference, the K of Cs will pay your registration fee. Treat yourself to a day of feeding your heart, soul and mind during Lent. Call Bob at 989-854-2831

### **On Feb. 26, 2023, Our Diocese Turns 85**

Our diocese was established on Feb. 26, 1938, by Pope Pius XI with the appointment of William J. Murphy as our 1st Bishop. Bishop Murphy chose Saint Mary Church as the new Cathedral. Its territory included 16 counties, carved out the Diocese of Grand Rapids and the Archdiocese of Detroit.

**Earthquake Relief** Assist the thousands affected by dropping a check in our collection payable to St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Mark it ***Earthquake***.

### **We are stronger when we pray together!**

This Lent we will start our prayer tree. You are invited to write a special prayer or name of a loved one on a tag and add it to the tree. We can then all remember these intentions and pray together as a community during our daily prayers.

### **Grief Recovery Group**

***Feb. 27-Apr. 10, Mon. afternoon or evening (tba)***

This group is for support and education. It is open to anyone who has had a significant person in their life die. It may be a relative, a friend or a mentor. It may be a recent loss or one that happened some time ago. There is no time limit on grieving.

We all grieve as individuals but there are common patterns for the grieving process that are helpful to understand. Experiencing the support of others and the consolation of our faith can lead us to deeper healing

There are sign-up sheets in our entryways so that we can contact you. If you have questions please see Mary Moomey.

### **Planning Ahead**

Our parish will host a **Red Cross Blood Drive** in the St. Vincent Hall on Friday, March 31, noon to 5:45pm. To schedule an appointment, go to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code STVINCENT, or call 1-800-733-2767.

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