



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

March 12, 2023

## The Third 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 1/2 hour prior to Masses. Also March 25 & Apr. 1 from 3-4pm, Mar. 21 at 6pm, & Mar. 28 at 6:30pm, Mt St. Joseph, St. Louis

*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.

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

## MARCH 12, 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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Cindy Gall	David Spindler
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 Jaloszynski	

## Community Prayer

### Monday, March 13

2 Kgs 5:1-5ab / Lk 4:24-30

### Tuesday, March 14

Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35

St. Vincent: 9:00am Morning Prayer

### Wednesday, March 15

Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19

St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass

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

### Thursday, March 16

Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23

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

### Friday, March 17

Feast of St. Patrick

Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34

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

St. Patrick: 6:00pm Mass and Irish Potluck

### Saturday, March 18

Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14

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

St. Vincent: 4:00pm Rosary

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

### Sunday, March 19

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Eph 5:8-14 / Jn 9:1-41

St. Vincent: 9:30am Rosary

St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass

## 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

### Please hold in Prayer:

Kendall Lalone, Gabriella Gruca, Jerry McCaul, Coty Lobsinger, 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 Deal the Cards!** St. Patrick's will host **Euchre** on Saturday, March 11 at 6:30pm. All Welcome! Please bring a snack.

### We are stronger when we pray together!

Our prayer tree is in the church. Write a special intention or name on a tag and add it to the tree so we can pray together as a community.

### 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 and enter sponsor code STVINCENT, or call 1-800-733-2767.

### Stewardship March 5, 2023

General Collection	March 5, 2023	Yr. to Date
Church Collection	\$ 4,721.00	
Feb. online collection	\$ 4,010.00	\$204,034.51
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,343.75	\$192,375.00

### Designated Funds Contributions

Building Fund *	\$ 235.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$ 25.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$ 55.00
Food Pantry *	\$ 210.00
St Patrick Repair & Maintenance	\$ 220.00
Emergency/Earthquake Relief	\$ 125.00

\* Includes on-line donations.

**Lay Ecclesial Ministry Application Period**

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

**“Come and See” Dinner with Bishop Gruss**

Men ages 14 & up (pastors & parents welcome) may reserve seats at this dinner (free) on Tuesday, April 11, here at at Vincent de Paul Parish Hall. Dinner is at 5:30pm and there will be a Holy Hour starting at 7:00pm. RSVP to Fr. Andy LaFramboise, [alaframboise@diosag.org](mailto:alaframboise@diosag.org)

**Mass Ministry Schedules**

New scheduled for April, May and June will be ready March 25 & 26. If you have dates you wish to be scheduled (or not scheduled), please call the parish office.



**ST. PATRICK’S DAY**  
 Mass will be at 6:00pm, March 17 at St. Patrick, Irishtown to celebrate the day. Mass will be followed by an Irish Potluck. Bring your favorite dish like soda bread, Irish coddle, potato pancakes, or another Irish inspiration! All welcome.  
 St. Patrick Day falls on Friday in the 4th Week of Lent. There’ve been inquiries about whether or not the abstinence from meat will apply on St. Patrick Day. Bishop Gruss has granted the dispensation from abstaining from meat on this particular day, but is asking you to replace that Friday for another day to abstain from meat

**Focus on Life**

The 2023 Benefit Dinner will be April 20 at 6pm at Buck’s Run Golf Club. Featured speakers are Jon and Della Seeley. Cost is \$20 student/\$30 individual/\$240 for a table of 8. Questions can be directed to Pastor Ted Orwig, 989-572-8829 or [orwigted@yahoo.com](mailto:orwigted@yahoo.com)..

**A Very Timely Gift...**

It is also a very appreciated gift! The Tim Bissel Family donated a self-propelled snow blower to our parish. We didn’t see it coming (but we will surely see where it’s been!). If you see Tim or a family member, please say thanks!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Over the last couple of months, I have been meeting with a small group of people on a long-term project. In a nutshell, you can call it ‘**The Evangelization Project.**’ We have discussed where the parish has been, post-COVID, and where God calls us to be as a parish community. We have discussed disengagement factors, what we do well as a parish, and where we need to improve. Most of all, we have acknowledged the central importance of each parishioner, everyone in the community, and everyone throughout the world, needs to experience a life-changing personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

So I’d like to introduce you to this small group of passionate individuals and ask that you pray for them as we go forward.

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| Butch & Maggie Ballauer | Morgan Monte      |
| Dan & Cathy Converse    | Dave Spindler     |
| Roger & Debbie Jacobs   | Marti Snyder      |
| Zach Lobsinger          | Kaylie Willoughby |
| Todd & Erin Lovas       |                   |

We’ll share more information in the next couple of weeks, especially about our need to be **RESCUED.**

**Family Game Day** is in St. Vincent Hall March 19! Take a Sunday break from Lenten fasts to spend time with family and friends gathered around a board or card game. We will officially begin following faith formation but you are welcome to the hall before that time. Bring snacks to share; we will order pizza and have beverages available. Bring a game of your own or choose from a pile on the table. And feel free to bring friends!

Peace and blessings,  
Deacon Todd S. Lovas

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

**Catholic Relief Services Collection**

Next weekend we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection which gives food to the hungry and supports displaced refugees to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously and show Christ’s love to those most in need. More at [www.wscch.org/catholic-relief](http://www.wscch.org/catholic-relief).

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