



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

March 19, 2023

The Fourth 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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Monday - Thursday
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WELCOME!

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

MARCH 19, 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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Community Prayer

Monday, March 20

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 81-21, 24a

Tuesday, March 21

Ex 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

St. Vincent: 9:00am Morning Prayer

St. Vincent: 6:00pm Communal Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 22

Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass

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

Thursday, March 23

Ex 39:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 24

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10-25-30

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

St. Patrick: 6:00pm Mass and Potluck

Saturday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38

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

St. Vincent: 3:00-4:00pm Private Reconciliation

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

Sunday, March 26

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45

St. Vincent: 9:30am Rosary

St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass

K of C Corner

The Shepherd Knights of Columbus will hold their annual sale to benefit community and charitable causes during the Maple Syrup Festival. They will accept donated items for the sale (no clothing, please). If you have a question about items you'd like to donate, please call Bob Wachowski, 989-854-2831.

Please hold in Prayer:

Kendall Lalone, Gabriella Gruca, Jerry McCaul, 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

Isabella County Restoration House will host a fundraiser April 15 in Sacred Heart's Parish Hall, Mt Pleasant. See the flyer on our bulletin boards..

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.

Diocesan Marriage Prep Workshop: April 15

Engaged couples may attend at the diocesan center, 9am-4pm. Cost is \$90/couple & includes lunch. Call Maria Coss, mcoss@diosag.org.

Stewardship March 12, 2023

General Collection	March 12, 2023	Yr. to Date
Church Collection	\$ 2,858.00	\$ 206,892.51
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,343.75	\$ 197,718.75

Designated Funds Contributions

Building Fund	\$ 11.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$ 25.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$ 55.00
St. Vincent Cemetery	\$ 100.00
Food Pantry	\$ 15.00
St Patrick Repair & Maintenance	\$ 120.00
Emergency/Earthquake Relief	\$ 300.00
Seasonal Flowers	\$ 110.00
Parish Outreach	\$ 75.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 30.00

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.

“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 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

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 Monday.

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.

We can use a couple of **volunteers** to help unload the truck and set up the tables & stations. and then repack the truck when the drive ends. Set up is about 10:00am and the drive ends at 5:45pm.

If volunteers could stay after the Red Cross leaves and help set up the tables for our April 1st **Palm Sunday Celebration** that begins in the hall, we'd really appreciate it. Give our office a call if you can help, 989-828-5720.

Interested in Prison Ministry?

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says, “I was in prison, and you came to me.” Right now someone is waiting for a Bible, Holy Communion, or for someone to listen. Training and mentoring are available at no charge.. Please see Deacon Todd for more information.

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..

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last Sunday, Erin and I traveled to Chicago to partake in a lecture series on the Wonder of Creation at the Catholic Theological Union. The speaker was Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ, director of the Vatican Observatory. It was an excellent lecture, if a little short, that pointed out the difference between nature and creation and that creation is not a point of time in the past but ongoing. Br. Guy was commenting on the immensity of the universe; our planet revolves around 1 star in 1 galaxy with ~100 billion stars, and there are over 100 billion galaxies in the universe. That means there is something like 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 stars in the universe. We might mistakenly think in comparison that we are small and insignificant. Another, and proper way of thinking about that, is how big God must be that knows even our innermost thought.

While listening to the lecture, I was reminded of the recent work of the evangelization team, which began by pondering the question: Why is there something rather than nothing? The simple answer is, of course, God. But even beyond that, we acknowledge that God, who needs nothing from the universe itself, creates it through an ongoing act of love. We hear this in the first creation story, the first chapter of Genesis, which reaches its zenith in verse 31, “*God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.*” You and I, everyone we have ever met, everyone who ever was, and whoever will be, regardless of their circumstances, were created in love as a very good part of a very good universe.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd S. Lovas

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This weekend we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection which gives food to hungry and vulnerable people, and supports displaced refugees here and abroad. Please give generously and show Christ's love to those most in need. More at www.wscch.org/catholic-relief.

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