

Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 10:00am

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St. Vincent de Paul Parish

March 26, 2023 The Fifth 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 28 at 6:30pm at Mount St. Joseph, St. Louis, and Apr.1 from 3-4pm at St. Vincent, Shepherd.

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.

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 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 (*Chairperson*) Nancy Scovill (*Vice Chair*) Jackie Loomis (*Secretary*) Brenda Faber-Gruss Cindy Gall Roger Jacobs Don Moeggenberg Judy Moldenhauer Tom Moomey Craig Shanteau David Spindler

Parish Finance Council

Leah Rau (*Chairperson*) Doug Dodge (*Vice-Chair*) Liz Bacon (*Secretary*) Jerry Jaloszynski Kim Recker Sam Moeggenborg Bob Wachowski

Community Prayer

<u>Monday, March 27</u> Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / Jn 8:1-11

<u>Tuesday, March 28</u>

Nm 21:4-9 /Jn 8:21-30 St. Vincent: 9:00am Morning Prayer St. Vincent: 6:30pm Mount St. Joseph, St. Louis Communal Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 29

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 /Jn 8:31-42 St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass St. Patrick: 6:00pm Stations of the Cross & Potluck

Thursday, March 30

Gn 7:3-9/ Jn 8:51-59 St. Vincent: 6:00pm Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, March 31

Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42 St. Vincent: 1:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 1

Ez 37:21-18 / Jn 11:45-56 St. Vincent: 10:00am Introduction to the Bible St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass begins in social hall

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mt 21:1-11 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mt 26:14—27:66 St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass begins in social hall

K of C Corner

The Shepherd Knights of Columbus will hold their annual sale in the St. Vincent hall 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

There was a good turnout for Family Game Night last Sunday! We'll do it again sometime!

More Good News

There will be an *Easter Egg Hunt* after the 10am Easter Mass on the north lawn of the church. Dress for the weather!

<u>Needed in our Food Pantry:</u> paper products,, personal care items, kitchen & cleaning supplies, liquid dish soap, and laundry detergent.

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 Training and mentoring available at no charge. See Deacon Todd .

Parish Position Posted

Our parish will hire a secretary/bookkeeper. A description of the position is on the diocesan website: *https://saginaw.org/employment*. The website also provides information on our open positions for Director of Music Ministry and Coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Instructions on *How to Apply* are on the job description page.

Lay Ecclesial Ministry Application Period

Application period is Feb. 1- May 15. For info, call Deb, 989-797-6660 or *dpopielarz@diosag.org*.

The **<u>Stewardship Report</u>** will appear next week.



Our Holy Family statue is here! We'll install and bless it on Apr.16, the Second Sunday of Easter.

Diocesan Sponsored Youth Event Nov.16-18

Our diocese reserved 107 spots for this event and 22 are left. *Fully Alive* will be at the Indiana Convention Center. Diocese also has bussing and hotel accommodations, \$575/person. See Dcn. Todd.

Planning Ahead & Saving Lives

A **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be in St. Vincent Hall on Fri., Mar. 31, noon to 5:45pm.

Volunteers needed to unload the truck (10am) and set up tables & stations. and reload when the drive ends (5:45pm). Call if you can help.

If volunteers could stay after the drive and help set up the tables for our April 1st **Palm Sunday Celebration** that begins in the hall, we'd appreciate it.

Diocesan 2023-24 Pro-Life Events

The Office of Parish Life & Evangelization announces the following:

November 8, 2023 – March for Life in Lansing organized by Nat'l March for Life & RTL of Mich. *January 19, 2024* – Nat'l March for Life, Washington D.C. Bishop Gruss will join us and thousands. Also attend a Students for Life Summit Jan. 20. Save: Jan. 18–21. Call Lori Becker, 989.797.6652. Dear Friends in Christ,

With Spring finally here, our hope turns to better weather. With that, and finally snow-free sidewalks, more people will be spending time walking around the Village of Shepherd. We, as a parish, are also looking forward to this as well, as we will process outside our doorways.

Processions are significant liturgical gestures. We begin and end Mass, led by the cross, in the procession of the ministers to and from the altar. Between, there is the procession of the Book of the Gospels from the altar to the ambo; the elevation of the book signifies the sacredness of Christ's words in the Gospel.

Members of the congregation process the offerings of the Eucharist to the presider, symbolizing all of us laying our gifts before the altar. And the Communion procession starts first vocally as the Communion hymn begins while the priest receives communion. "Its purpose is to express the communicants' union in spirit by means of the unity of their voices, to show joy of heart, and to highlight more clearly the "communitarian" nature of the procession to receive Communion" (GRIM 86).

Processions are a profound statement of our unity and walking together in Christ. In the next couple of weeks, other processions will be a part of our liturgies. We will process, weather dependent, on Palm Sunday (and the Saturday Vigil) out from the social hall and along Chippewa, Wright & 5th Street to the main entrance of the Church. On Holy Thursday, we will process together, following the Eucharist, from the Church to the Altar of Reservation prepared in the Social Hall. Then on the Sunday following Easter, at the end of Mass, we will process out from the Church to the Grotto. We will carry the new Holy Family Statue, which we will install and bless in the Grotto.

We understand that processions may be physically taxing for some people. If you can, we hope you will join us as we walk together and demonstrate that "We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord."

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd S. Lovas

<u>"Come and See" Dinner with Bishop Gruss</u> Men ages 14 & up may attend this dinner here at St. Vincent Apr 11, 5:30pm with a Holy Hour at 7pm

Vincent Apr.11, 5:30pm with a Holy Hour at 7pm. RSVP Fr Andy LaFramboise, *alaframboise@diosag.org*

