



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

May 21, 2023

## The Ascension 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

*Reconciliation:* Individual confessions are heard 1/2 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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St. Vincent de Paul, Shepherd  
168 E. Wright Ave.  
Parish Church

**MAY 21, 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
Nancy Scovill ( <i>Vice Chair</i> )	Judy Moldenhauer
Jackie Loomis ( <i>Secretary</i> )	Tom Moomey
Brenda Faber-Gruss	Craig Shanteau
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 Jalszynski	

**Community Prayer**

**Monday, May 22**

Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33  
St. Vincent Hall: 6:30pm AIM Ministries

**Tuesday, May 23**

Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday, May 24**

Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19  
St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass  
St. Patrick: 6:00pm Evening Prayer & Potluck

**Thursday, May 25**

Acts 22:30; 23:60-11 / Jn 17:20-26.  
St. Vincent: 10:00am Morning Prayer

**Friday, May 26**

Acts 25L13b-21 / Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday, May 27**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / Jn 21, 20-25  
St. Vincent: 4:30pm Mass

**Sunday, May 28**

Pentecost  
Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 19:3b-7, 12-13 / Jn 20:19-23:  
St. Vincent: 10:00am Mass

**Please hold in Prayer:**

John Florian, Kendall Lalone, Frank Lapinski, Jerry McCaul, Nancy Scovill, Scott Smith, Emily (Burch) Jackson, Zora Walsh, Teresa Arnold, Ryan Noyes, Larry Noyes, Sister Marie Kopin, Kinsley & the Binkowski Family, nursing home residents, and the sick and the homebound.

**Good News!**

Congratulations to all graduates everywhere, including **Joel Bendele**, grandson of Jerry and Beverly Bendele, and **Clayton Peak**, grandson of Harold and Mary Moeggenborg. Special congratulations to **Lili Catrell**, daughter of Steve and Allison Catrell, and **Natalie Lloyd**, daughter of Aaron and Briana Lloyd. Both Lili and Natalie are in the top 10 of the Shepherd High School class of 2023. May God bless you and all graduates in your future endeavors.

**Blood drive at Shepherd United Methodist**

**Tuesday, May 30, 2023 Noon—4:45pm**  
**107 W Wright Ave, Shepherd**

Walk-ins welcome. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 1-800-733-2767, or online at [Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org). The sponsor code is Shepherd UMC. You must have a photo ID or a donor card to donate.

**Minding the Meditation Garden**

A number of helpers showed up before the Maple Syrup Festival to assist Tim in tending our Meditation Garden. Many thanks for their efforts go out to:

Diane & Bob Courter	
Jackie Loomis	Tina Stalter
Elizabeth Simon	Julie Willoughby

**Stewardship May 13 & 14, 2023**

General Collection	May 13 & 14	Yr. to Date
Collection	\$ 5,834.60	\$ 257,651.87
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,343.75	\$ 245,581.50

**Designated Funds Contributions**

Building Improvement Fund	\$	50.00
St. Leo Cemetery	\$	175.00
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$	45.00
St Vincent Cemetery	\$	5.00
Food Pantry	\$	215.00
Parish Outreach	\$	65.00

### **Attention Teens!**

The Pastoral Council has 2 vacant positions for parish youth representatives age 14-18. Please contact Pastoral Council Chair Kaylie Willoughby at [willo1km@cmich.edu](mailto:willo1km@cmich.edu) for more info.

### **Casual Maintenance Opening**

St. Vincent de Paul seeks a casual Maintenance person for the church and parish/cemetery grounds. The schedule is approximately 15 to 25 hours weekly; some nights and weekends may be required. Please send your resume and completed Diocese of Saginaw application to [office@stvincentdp.com](mailto:office@stvincentdp.com) or drop it off at the parish office during regular business hours. Call 989-828-5720 or above e-mail with questions.

### **Full Time Parish Position Posted**

Our parish will hire a secretary/bookkeeper. See the website: <https://saginaw.org/employment>. That site also has info on two more open positions here. **How to Apply** info is on the job description page.

### **Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat**

The pain & grief of abortion runs deep and wide, but love, mercy, forgiveness and healing from our Lord are available to all. Anyone touched by abortion is invited to attend Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat July 7-9 in Ann Arbor. For info or to register, Call or text Beth, 734-879-0427 or email, [toheal4give@outlook.com](mailto:toheal4give@outlook.com), or call

### **Quo Vadis (Where are you going?) Camp**

High school-aged men are invited to attend the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw's **Quo Vadis** camp experience.

The camp will include a variety of outdoor activities as well as offer time for prayer and fellowship and will run from 2pm, Sunday, July 23 to 4pm, Tuesday, July 25 at the Ralph A. McMullan Conference Center in Roscommon, Mich. The cost is \$50.

For more info go to <https://saginaw.org/event/catholic-diocese-saginaws-quo-vadis-camp-experience>. You can also email Fr. Matthew Gembrowski, [mgembrowski@diosag.org](mailto:mgembrowski@diosag.org)

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have touched on a few things we know about stewardship. It has something to do with giving, giving of ourselves and what we have. We all have to participate in stewardship; it doesn't belong to only a few people. Our giving should match our means and talents; it should vary throughout our life, increasing when possible.

I love this quote I stumbled across. "However, stewardship is more than a fund raising scheme or mobilization of the church workers, for it holds a broader and far reaching significance to [the] Christian life. Stewardship means total 'responsibility.'"

We all share the responsibility of caring for the parish. It is said that the Church doesn't have a mission so much as God has a mission; we, as the Body of Christ or the Church, are instruments of that mission.

We are reminded of that in this weekend's readings. The next to the last line in Matthew's Gospel is "*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*" Mt 28:19-20a. We are sent to do things.

In Acts, Jesus responds to the question of "What are you going to do?" with marching orders for the apostles. "*It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*"

When the angels notice the apostles staring at the sky, the question "*why are you standing there looking at the sky?*" comes across as a prodding them to get to work.

Stewardship is part of our responsibility as disciples. It's done even when we find it hard, even when we might disagree, because we do it with God. The last line of the Gospel reminds us that this is not an empty gesture. "*And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.*" Stewardship is an intrinsic part of our Christian DNA, done with and for God... until the end of the age.

Blessings,

Deacon Todd



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