



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

September 10, 2023

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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St. Patrick, Irishtown
7631 W. North Gratiot Co. Line
Church for Occasional Use



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

September 10, 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	(Vacancy)
Roger Jacobs	

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Worship Opportunities

Monday, September 11

Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11

AIM Ministries—Saint Vincent Hall: 6:30pm

Tuesday, September 12

Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 13

Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Saint Patrick: 6:00pm Mass & Potluck

Thursday, September 14

Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Saint Vincent de Paul: 10:00am Morning Prayer

Friday, September 15

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 (441)/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday, September 16

1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

Golf Outing 9:00am

Saint Vincent de Paul: **No Mass**

Sunday, September 17

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Saint Vincent de Paul: 10:00am Mass

Please hold in Prayer:

Zora Walsh, Steve Gall, Mick Feltman, Donna Lefever, Zack G., 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.

Rosary Rally at Michigan's State Capitol

Wednesday, September 13, 3:00 pm in front of the steps at the Michigan State Capitol building in Lansing where we will be led in prayer for our state and nation. It will last about an hour. Please bring chairs, water and your rosary.

On **Saturday, September 16 at 9am** we'll have our **Golf Outing**, a fun day of golf and fellowship at Maple Creek Golf Club. A sign-up sheet is in the back of St. Vincent Church. **Registration deadline is September 9.** Details? Contact Ed Hohlbein (989-621-9776) or Bill Stonebrook (517-899-6697).

There is NO 4:30pm Mass on September 16.

On **Sunday, September 17** we'll hold the annual **parish picnic**. Sign up sheets at the entry of the church for a dish to pass.

Mobile Food Pantry will be Wednesday September 20. From 1-3pm. Located in our parking lot.

We need volunteers please.

Sign-up, sheet located at the entry of the church.

	Stewardship	
General Collection	9/3/2023	Year to Date
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$2,361.00	\$42,436.50
August On-Line Collection	\$4,635.00	
Weekly Budget	\$5,480.77	\$54,807.50
Designated Contributions		
Food Pantry	* \$375.00	
Building Improvement Fund	* \$595.00	
Parish Outreach	\$20.00	
Saint Leo Cemetery	* \$110.00	
Saint Patrick Cemetery	\$20.00	
Saint Patrick Repair & Maint.	\$100.00	
Christ Mission Appeal	* \$200.00	
* Includes On-Line Collection		

Dear Friends in Christ,

I struggled with my morning prayer this morning on Tuesday, September 5th. I must have been somewhat distracted as I kept reading words that weren't exactly on the page. In particular, I kept messing up parts of the first antiphon and the first psalm of the day, Psalm 43.



Psalm 43, along with Psalm 42, form a single long lament. The commentary in my bible states, "The psalmist is far from Jerusalem and longs for the divine presence that Israel experienced in Temple liturgy." It's a pleading to God to make His presence known.

It is particularly interesting because I kept changing the plea to God to a personal statement of action. The antiphon morphed from "*Lord, send forth your light and your truth*" to become 'I send forth your light and your truth'. Later on in the verses "*let these be my guide*" became 'that I may guide.' Talk about being a little full of myself. I completely changed the tone and meaning of the Psalm by my error.

While I frequently preach on the need for action, that our faith compels us to action, it is the faith of the heart, not the head that does that. As Fr. Fred shared last weekend, God desires a relationship with us, and God initiates the relationship. Laments longing to feel God's presence are good, and simply praying them, correctly, is a powerful reminder of our need for God. Even when times are tough and we are frustrated and feel alone, we may call to him. The Psalm ends with the hope we all need.

"Hope in God; I will praise him still, my savior and my God."

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd

EMHC certification training is for people who never served as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and who feel called to this ministry. Thursday 9/21/2023 at 7:00pm – 8:30pm at St. Mary University Parish, 1405 S. Washington Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI. Presenter: Fr. Jim Bessert. Prayerfully consider entering ministry, it is very rewarding, and Jesus finds you worthy. Upon receiving the EMHC certification there will be training within the Parish.

[Come and join Us!](#)

Bishop Robert Barron's short (100 pages) book, [This is my Body](#), is part of the Eucharistic Revival. It has 4 chapters and will meet the four Saturdays of October starting October 7, from 10-11:30am. Coffee and a Continental Breakfast will be available. There is no cost for this class. Books are provided. This is a great way to learn and share with each other, the ways this great amazing gift enriches our lives. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering place.

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Wednesday, November 8 - Michigan March for Life in Lansing:

The Michigan March for Life is an excellent opportunity for advocates for life of all ages from across the state to join with one voice on behalf of the defenseless! A strong showing of support on the first anniversary of the devastating passage of pro-abortion Proposal 3 sends a powerful message to our elected officials, the citizens of our state, and the nation at large. Join us as we peacefully advocate for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death.

Details for the event are available at <https://rtl.org/event/march/>

A Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled in the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall **Friday, Sept. 22**, from 12pm to 5:00pm. Volunteers to unload the truck around 10am are welcome. Give Blood. Help save lives!

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