



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

October 29, 2023

## The Thirtieth 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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## 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

**October 29, 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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Roger Jacobs	

**Parish Finance Council**

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Liz Bacon ( <i>Secretary</i> )	Bob Wachowski
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**Worship Opportunities**

**Monday, October 30**

Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday, October 31**

Saint Vincent de Paul: 7:30 pm Evening Prayer  
Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday, November 1**

**All Saints Day**

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a  
Saint Vincent de Paul: 6:00 pm Mass

**Thursday, November 2**

(All Souls' Day)  
Saint Vincent de Paul: 10:00 am Morning Prayer

**Friday, November 3**

Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday, November 4**

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11  
**St Vincent de Paul: Reconciliation from 3:45 pm**  
Saint Vincent de Paul: 4:00 pm Rosary  
Saint Vincent de Paul: 4:30 pm Mass

**Sunday, November 5**

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12  
Saint Vincent de Paul: 9:30 am Rosary  
Saint Vincent de Paul: 10:00 am Mass

**Please hold in Prayer:**

Jan Ackerman, Koren F. ,Butch Ballauer, Don Kenny, Ryan Noyes, Sharon Shaw, Donna, Nancy McClintic-Hopson, 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, Teresa Arnold, Larry Noyes, Sister Marie Kopin, Kinsley & the Binkowski Family, Nursing Home residents, and the sick and the homebound.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 7th at 6:00 in the parish hall.

**Save the Date! Sunday December 10.**

Advent Program after Mass followed by lunch in the hall. All children in the parish are invited to take part even if you can't attend Faith Formation every Sunday.

Children who participate will receive a special prize for their willingness to help us make something special for our parish family.

It will be a short, simple program but fun

More details to follow.

See Mary Moomey if you have questions.

<b>General Collection</b>	<b>Stewardship 10/22/2023</b>	<b>Yr. to Date</b>
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$ 3,886.00	\$ 69,923.50
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,480.77	
<b>Designated Contributions</b>		
Food Pantry	\$ 20.00	
Building Improvement Fund	\$ 25.00	
Parish Outreach	\$ 20.00	
Saint Leo Cemetery	\$ 30.00	
Saint Patrick Cemetery	\$ 95.00	
Saint Vincent de Paul Cemetery	\$ 25.00	
Saint Patrick Repair & Maint.	\$ 200.00	
World Mission Sunday	\$ 495.00	

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

We want to extend a special thank you to Father Fred, Deacon Todd, and all of parishioners who expressed their sympathy and condolences to our family for our mom's passing. St. Vincent has been our family parish for over 70 years so it was a blessing to have the visitation and funeral mass at the church.

Warm regards,  
The Dorothy Nartker Family

Donna Doepker, a member of our parish will turn 101 on her birthday November 3, 2023. If you would like to send her a card, please send to: Donna Doepker P.O. Box 215, Shepherd, Mi 48883

  
This ministry and others are made possible through your gift to Christ's Mission Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

**K of C Scrapbooking Day**  
**Saturday, November 4**   
there will be scrapbooking  
in the St. Vincent Hall, 9am-9pm.

Watch for Deacon Todd in his dinosaur costume! He will be handing out candy in celebration of Halloween **October 31st from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.**



Dear Friends in Christ,

I was away at school a little while ago for a few days during the week. In the middle of that trip, I drove to Cincinnati with one of my professors to take in a day at a liturgical conference. The conference's theme was centered on the Directory for Masses with Children, promulgated 50 years ago this November 1st. The directory focuses on celebrating Mass with children, including those Masses with adults as the majority or in Masses where children are the majority with only a few adults.

Many of the speakers and much of the table discussion related to how we can better engage children in the Sunday Liturgy. First and foremost was that children belong at Mass. From the fussy infant to the highly engaged High School student, all belong at Mass. One speaker said that while we sit and stand, pray, and sing as our way of celebrating the liturgy, an infant or young child, looking around and taking everything in is their way of celebrating. Our duty is to encourage parents to bring children, and we must support them when they are here.

We have worked in being supportive in a number of ways. We now have changing stations in all bathrooms. We have book bags for young children, including books on the Mass, to help them understand the liturgy. We try to encourage children to serve at Mass in varied ways, but we must work on that.

We also need to help them engage with the Liturgy of the Word. Starting on the First Sunday of Advent, on one Sunday each month, children will be dismissed from the church to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word on their own, using the Lectionary of Masses with Children. Older children will help proclaim the readings and psalms, and I will join them in dismissal to preach a homily specifically geared toward children. We will then all return to the church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

This practice will hopefully accomplish several benefits—first, the better understanding of the sacred scripture and moving from Word to Sacrament. Secondly, in practicing with the children, hopefully, we can raise a group of young Lectors to help proclaim the word on Sundays with the whole congregation. Following that, encourage those over 16 to join the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion ministry. Liturgical ministry belongs to the entire church, not just the young or the old, but each one ministering from the gifts that God has given.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this undertaking might produce abundant fruit in this parish community and, from there, the whole world.

Peace and blessings,  
Deacon Todd S. Lovas

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