



St. Vincent de Paul Parish



November 5, 2023

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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,

K of C: 2nd Wed. of month. 7:30pm

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.

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.



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



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

November 5, 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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Worship Opportunities

Monday, November 6

Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 7

Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 8

Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33

Saint Patrick: 6:00 pm Mass & Potluck

Thursday, November 9

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Saint Vincent de Paul: 10:00 am Morning Prayer

Friday, November 10

Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, November 11

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15

St Vincent de Paul: Reconciliation from 3:45 pm

Saint Vincent de Paul: 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, November 12

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Saint Vincent de Paul: 10:00 am Mass

Please hold in Prayer:

Jan Ackerman, Koren F., 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.

What: Sacred Heart Academy Fundraiser / Shop for SHAgala

When: Saturday November 18th 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Sacred Heart Parish Hall and Gym

Free Admission

EUCHRE!

Our St. Patrick's site will hold a Euchre card game on Saturday November 18th at 6:30pm.

Please bring a snack. Everyone is welcome.

Pastoral Council Meeting is Tuesday November 7th at 6:00 pm in the parish hall.



“Do not neglect to do good and share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.”

Stewardship

General Collection	10/29/2023	Yr. to Date
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$ 3,586.40	\$ 73,509.90
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,480.77	\$ 98,653.86

Designated Contributions

Building Improvement Fund	\$ 50.00
Food Pantry	\$ 25.00
Saint Leo Cemetery	\$ 180.00
Saint Patrick Cemetery	\$ 30.00
Saint Vincent de Paul Cemetery	\$ 15.00
Saint Patrick Repair & Maint.	\$ 200.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 150.00

Michigan March for Life

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!

Information on the State March for Life in November and the March for Life in Washington D.C. in January is available at <https://saginaw.org/life-march> or you may contact Lori Becker, Coordinator of Diocesan Outreach, at 989.797.6652 or lbecker@diosag.org.

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.

Meijer Simply Give Benefits the Food Pantry

The Meijer Simply Give donation cards are now available in the back of the church. The program will run from October 1 to December 30, 2023. These cards are only good at the Mt. Pleasant Meijer. Benefiting our Food Pantry with each donation of \$10.00. Meijer's of Mt. Pleasant will donate the same.

**Double match day will be held on
December 16, 2023.**

Thank you for your participation

Dear Friends in Christ,

Around the year 155 AD, Justin Martyr wrote his 1st Apology to Emperor Antoninus Pius, arguing against the persecution of Christians. In theological use apology, or apologetics, means something very different than how we use the word today. Rather than admitting fault or asking forgiveness, Justin Martyr's apology is a systemic defense of the Christian faith, which also provides a detailed explanation of the practices of the Christian believers of the time. Chapter 67 (it's really more of a paragraph), which describes the 'Weekly worship of the Christians' is worth seeking out for how similar their celebration on Sunday in 155 AD is to our gatherings on Sunday.

Speaking on the Eucharist in chapter 66, Justin Martyr explains

For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as **Jesus Christ our Saviour, having been made flesh by the Word of God**, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise have we been taught that **the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word**, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, **is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh.**

There is an excellent parallelism here. Jesus Christ, the Word, was made flesh, as we hear in the Prologue of John's Gospel. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory."* That which was invisible became visible as a gift from God for our salvation.

In the Eucharist, the visible bread and wine remain visible and sensible in all ways as they were before consecration. Yet, only looking with eyes of faith or looking with our hearts, we are, through the gift of God, able to see what is otherwise invisible: Jesus' Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd



Please join us for coffee and donuts after Mass Saturday November 11 and Sunday November 12th.



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