



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

**December 17, 2023**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



## 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!

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

# December 17, 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.

## Worship Opportunities

### Monday, December 18

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

### Tuesday, December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

### Wednesday, December 20

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Saint Vincent de Paul: 10:00 am Mass  
 Saint Patrick: 6:00 pm Liturgy of the Hours during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Potluck

### Thursday, December 21

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

Saint Vincent de Paul: 10:00 am Morning Prayer

### Friday, December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

### Saturday, December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

**St Vincent de Paul: Reconciliation from 3:45 pm**

Saint Vincent de Paul: 4:30 pm Mass

### Sunday, December 24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Saint Vincent de Paul: 10:00 Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE

Isaiah 9:1-6, Titus 2:11-14; Gospel 2:1-14

Saint Vincent de Paul: 5:30 pm Christmas Carols

Saint Vincent de Paul: 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

### Monday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

Isiah 62:11-12, Titus 3:4-7; Gospel Luke 2:15-20

Saint Vincent de Paul: 10:00 am Christmas Day Mass

## **Please hold in Prayer:**

✠Virginia Lopez

Dorothy Huber, Ryan Noyes, Nancy McClintic-Hopson, 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.



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**If you would like to usher**

**Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00 pm**

**Please let Dave Kusbel know or call the office .**

**Just a couple weeks left**

**Meijer Simply Give - Benefits the Food Pantry**

The Meijer Simply Give donation cards are now available until December 30th, these cards are only good at the Mt. Pleasant Meijer.

Benefiting our Food Pantry with each donation of \$10.00.

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Thank you for your participation.

## **Stewardship**

<b>General Collection</b>	<b>12/10/2023</b>	<b>Yr. to Date</b>
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$ 3,083.00	\$ 109,282.90
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,480.77	\$ 131,538.48
<b>Designated Contributions</b>		
Building Improvement Fund	\$ 55.00	
Food Pantry	\$ 3,110.00	
Christmas Flowers	\$ 135.00	
Parish Outreach	\$ 25.00	
Religious Retirement	\$ 540.00	
Saint Leo Cemetery	\$ 90.00	
Saint Patrick Cemetery	\$ 10.00	
Saint Patrick Repair & Maint.	\$ 600.00	

Thank you!

To all who worked to make our Advent Program so enjoyable. Children and Youth who participated so eagerly. Also to all who helped in the church with the meal. As well as the parents, and families who supported your young ones and waited so patiently in the hallway while we rehearsed!

Peace, Mary Moomey

Friendly Reminder...

Monday December 18th  
Choir Practice 7-8:30 pm



Announcements from the Diocese

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Give your marriage a fun refresh of love, connection, and joy at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Apply at wwme.org or contact Chris and Darla Vinton at 517.667.0433.

Upcoming English 2024 experiences: January 19-21, at St. Brigid Parish, Midland, March 1-3, at the Center for Ministry, Saginaw, and April 12-14 at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt.

February 16-18, 2024 - Go Deeper with God – Women’s Silent Retreat: There is a wonderful opportunity to go deeper with God and awaken the spirit within at a women’s retreat on February 16-18, 2024, at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw. This will be a time to reflect with God in silence and experience many ways to open your heart during Lent. There will be times to journal, express your creativity, experience silent prayer, and participate in spiritual direction if you choose.

Check-in and social begin

Friday, February 16, at 7:00 pm. with the first session beginning at 8:00 pm. The retreat concludes on Sunday, February 18, at 11:00 am. The deadline to register is Thursday, February 8, 2024. To register, please go to the following link:

https://saginaw.org/node/3244. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Dore at dore@diosag.org or call 989.797.6654.

Dear Friends in Christ,

It has been a very busy week since I last wrote you. We have just finished our 3rd funeral and are preparing for tonight’s Communal Penance Service. This has been a great deal of work for many volunteers amid the preparation for Christmas in their own homes.

It is easy to lose sight of the big picture and even easier to forget the good in our lives in the middle of stress.

That is the start of an announcement that we will have a special treat after Mass on the 23rd & 24th. If you want a hint, I suggest you check out ‘A Blessing Bracelet’ on your favorite streaming service. I was able to see it on the Peacock Channel.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd



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