



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

December 24, 2023
FOURTH 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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Parish Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
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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

December 24, 2023 - CHRISTMAS EVE

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.

Please hold in Prayer:

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

Worship Opportunities

Monday, December 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Isiah 62:11-2, Titus 3:4-7 Gospel Luke 2:15-20
Saint Vincent de Paul: 10:00 am Mass

Tuesday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday, December 27

1Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Friday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Saint Vincent de Paul: 4:00 pm Rosary
Saint Vincent de Paul: 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 31

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14, Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19, Colossians 3:12-21; Gospel Luke 2:22-40
Saint Vincent de Paul: 9:30 am Rosary
Saint Vincent de Paul:10:00 am Mass

Monday, January 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Numbers 6:22-27, Galatians 4:4-7;
Gospel Luke 2:16-21
Saint Vincent de Paul:10:00 am Mass

Events Resuming in January 2024

Hearts & Hands: Tuesday, January 2
Coffee & Donuts January 6 & 7, following Mass
Faith Formation: Sunday January 7,
Bible Study: Wednesday January 10,
Children's Sacramental Prep: Thursday January 11,



Stewardship

General Collection	12/17/2023	Yr. to Date
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$ 6,594.00	\$ 115,876.80
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,480.77	\$ 137,019.25
Designated Contributions		
Building Improvement Fund	\$ 56.00	
Food Pantry	\$ 125.00	
Religious Retirement	\$ 405.00	
Seasonal Flowers	\$ 25.00	
Saint Leo Cemetery	\$ 60.00	
Saint Patrick Cemetery	\$ 150.00	
Saint Vincent de Paul Cemetery	\$ 55.00	
Saint Patrick Repair & Maintenance	\$ 500.00	

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 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.. The deadline to register is Thursday, February 8, 2024. To register please go to the following: <https://saginaw.org/node/3244>. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Dore at dore@diosag.org or call 989.797.6654.



If You Receive an Email or Text Message Asking for Gift Cards From One Of Our Clergy, It’s a Scam Called Phishing.

Phishing scams use deceptive language to lure people into providing their personal or financial information or providing the scammer with valuables like gift cards.

No member of the clergy or the staff, would ever ask you via text, “Hey, I don’t have any time, but could you quick send me \$100 in iTunes?” or something similar. Phone and online scams become more prevalent during the holidays. Don’t reply to any suspicious emails or texts. Verify the request in a different way.

Dear Friends in Christ,

We gather today in the waning hours of the season of Advent, ready for the joyful celebration of the Christmas season.

Christmas is not just the celebration of the Eve and the Day, whatever the secular world tells us. Christmas extends all the way up to the Baptism of the Lord on January 8th, 2024.

In joyful preparation for the celebration of Christmas throughout the season I am enclosing a blessing for your use at home. The two prayers below for Blessing of a Christmas Tree are excerpted from the book Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers, published by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), a great resource no home should be without.

Blessing of a Christmas Tree

Lord our God,

We praise you for the light of creation:

the sun, the moon, and the stars of night.

We praise you for the light of Israel:

the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son:

he is Emmanuel, God-with-us,

he Prince of Peace who fill us with the

wonder of your love.

Lord God,

Let your blessing come upon us

as we illumine this tree.

May the light and cheer it gives

be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.

May all who delight in this tree

come to the knowledge

and joy of salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

We wait, and watch, with hope filled patience in this Holy season of Advent. We await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd

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