



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

January 21, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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Parish Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00am - 4:00pm

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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, 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.

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

January 21, 2024

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

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Leah Rau (*Chairperson*) Kim Recker
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Liz Bacon (*Secretary*) Bob Wachowski
Jerry Jaloszynski

Worship Opportunities

Monday, January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 23

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday January 24

2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
Saint Vincent de Paul 10:00 am Mass
Saint Patrick:6:00 pm Evening Prayer & Potluck

Thursday, January 25

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Saint Vincent de Paul:10:00 am Morning Prayer

Friday January 26

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday January 27

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
Saint Vincent de Paul: 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday January 28

FOURTHSUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Saint Vincent de Paul:10:00 am Mass

Please hold in Prayer:

Lynette Sova, Bill McClintic, Joe Wood, Dorothy Huber, Ryan Noyes, Nancy McClintic-Hopson, Steve Gall, Mick Feltman, Donna Lefever, Zack G., John Florian, Kendall Lalone, Frank Lapinsk, 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.

Contribution Statements are ready to be picked up in the office. Just stop in.

January 20, 2024

1:30 to 7:00pm ; Including Mass and Supper

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO THE LORD

An afternoon of reflection with the Eucharistic Prayer

Weekly Prayer Hours

The church is open for prayer daily from 9am to 3pm

Lay Ecclesial Ministry Application Period

The application period is Feb. 1- May 15.
For info/questions, please contact Deb,
dpopielarz@diosaq.org, or 989-797-6660.

All men of the Parish, there will be the first COR meeting hosted by Steve Bacon on Saturday January 27, 2024 @ 8am in the Parish Hall. A light breakfast will be served.

Stewardship	1/14/2024	
General Collection		
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$9,918.00	\$148,505.70
Weekly Budget	\$ 150.00	\$158,942.33
Capital Campaign	\$3,500.00	
Food Pantry	\$ 150.00	
Parish Outreach	\$ 5.00	
Saint Vincent de Paul Building Improvement Fund	\$ 65.00	
Saint Patrick Cemetery	\$ 60.00	
Saint Patrick Repair & Maintenance	\$ 200.00	

Planning Ahead

Join Us, Saturday, February 3,
Family Game Night following Mass

K of C Scrapbooking Day , Saturday
February 10 in the Parish Hall 9am-9pm.
Lots of table space, snacks, beverages &
supplies available.

From The Purple Butterfly

Bishop Gruss will be joining us on
Monday March 18, 6:00 pm at
Saint Patrick's in celebration of
Solemnity transferred from Sunday.

Our parish will host a **Red Cross Blood
Drive** in the St. Vincent Hall on Friday,
March 29, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
To schedule an appointment, go to
RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor
code.
STVINCENT, or call 1-800-733-2767.

Thank you

to the St. Patrick & St. Vincent de Paul
family for all the support, kindness,,
generosity, prayers, and cards received
for the passing of our Mom, Virginia Lopez

With thankfulness we wish to express our
sincere gratitude to Father Fred for the
beautiful funeral Mass, Deacon Todd for
his assistance and thoughtful vigil service
and rosary.

Thank you to the musicians for singing
beautifully, also the funeral luncheon staff,
also to all who donated food to the
luncheon.

We are very blessed by all of you.

Love and prayers,
Bryan & Isabel Galloway & Family
Eugene & Mary Lopez

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last weekend in his homily Fr. Fred began with call and response, and then he concluded with discussion of vocations as an outcome of call and response with God. He and I both share a common vocation to Holy Order, though different in degree. Erin and I share the vocation of married life and there are many parishioner who share the vocation of generous single life. Sister Marie Kopin who has recently joined our choir lives out the vocation to religious life. These are the 'classical' vocations that the church speaks about – Holy Orders, Religious Life, Married Life, Generous Single Life.

The interesting thing about these vocations is that they are only a small facet of the total view of the word Vocation. The word vocation is used 55 times in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and few of them relate directly to Holy Order, Religious Life, etc. The definition of the word vocation in the Catechism begins "The calling or destiny we have in this life and hereafter. God has created the human person to love and serve him; the fulfilment of this vocation is eternal happiness." Some uses of the word in the Catechism include.

"The vocation of humanity is to show forth the image of God..." CCC #1877

"...the common vocation of all Christ's disciples, a vocation to holiness and to the mission of evangelizing the world." CCC #1533

"Society should permit each of its members to fulfill his vocation. In particular, the common good resides in the conditions for the exercise of the natural freedoms indispensable for the development of the human vocation." CCC # 1907

"They should encourage them in the vocation, which is proper to each child, fostering with special care any religious vocation." CCC #1656

Particularly noted in that last quote is that a religious vocation is preceded by a universal vocation. We will always struggle with religious vocations if we don't acknowledge the universal vocations on a personal, a family, a parish, and a diocesan level. The question, not just young people but for all of us, is not "What to I want to do with my life?" but rather "What is God calling me to do with the gifts that he has given me?"

This is not easy; it requires a surrender to God's will. But we must remember the end goal, for "the fulfilment of this vocation is eternal happiness."

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd

VIRTUS—Protecting Our Children- Safe Environment Training **Everyone is invited to attend**

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Location: Sacred Heart Parish Administrative office
302 S. Kinney Avenue; Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Time: 5:00 - 7:30 PM Contact: Vicki Duffett (989) 772-1385; vduffett@sha.net

To participate in this LIVE training session, the following is required: Register at www.virtusonline.org/virtus.

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