



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

February 18, 2024
The First Sunday of Lent

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, 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.



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Church for Occasional Use



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

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 (*Chairperson*)
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 Liz Bacon (*Secretary*)
 Jerry Jaloszynski

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 Sam Moeggenborg
 Bob Wachowski

Worship Opportunities

Monday, February 19

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 20

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

St. Vincent de Paul: 9:00 AM Morning Prayer

Wednesday, February 21

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32 St.

St. Vincent de Paul: 10:00 AM Mass

St. Patrick: 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross & Potluck

Thursday, February 22

1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

St. Vincent de Paul: 6:00 PM Evening Prayer

St. Vincent de Paul: 6:30 PM Rescue Project

Friday, February 23

Ez 18:21-28. Mt 5:20-26

St. Vincent de Paul: 3:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 24

Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

St. Vincent de Paul: 4:30 PM Mass

Sunday, February 25

The Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

St. Vincent de Paul: 10:00 AM Mass

Please hold in Prayer:

✠Arimilla Simon

Joanie Hogan, Adam Fisher, Marietta Dickman, Lynette Sova, 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.

Thank you so much for your prayers regarding my son Joe Wood had a lung transplant around Christmas time 2023. He is breathing on his own and will be going through rehabilitation.

Thank you again for your prayers Katy Larson .

The Food Pantry is requesting donations of Toilet Paper, Paper Towel, Kleenex, Laundry Soap and Dish Soap. Thank you!

ST. PATRICK EUCHRE GAME WINNERS

HIGH WOMEN

BARB SMITH

HIGH MEN

ROD WILLOUGHBY

DON KENNY

ARIK SANDERS



MOST LONERS

BOB MOEGGENBERG

MIKE MOEGGENBERG

DON KENNY

Stewardship

2/11/2024

General Collection

Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$3,963.05	\$187,135.75
Weekly Budget	\$5,480.77	\$180,865.41
Saint Vincent de Paul Repair & Maintenance	\$ 50.00	
Capital Campaign	\$2,980.00	
Food Pantry	\$150.00	
Parish Outreach	\$50.00	
Saint Patrick Repair & Maintenance	\$200.00	
Saint Patrick Cemetery	\$80.00	
Saint Vincent de Paul Cemetery	\$5.00	

Planning Ahead

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

Our parish will host a **Red Cross Blood Drive** in the St. Vincent Hall on Friday, April 12, 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.

Little Black Books for Lent, and pins and wristbands are in the main entry. Please take what you'd like.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on April 5-7, 2024. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

✠ **HOLY HOURS WITH BISHOP GRUSS** – The next Holy Hour for Vocations will be St. Joseph Parish Saginaw on Thursday, February 29, 2024. Look for the 2024 Holy Hour for Vocations schedule to be published on the diocesan website in the next couple of weeks <https://saginaw.org/holy-hours-vocations>.

✠ **FIRST FRIDAYS WITH BISHOP GRUSS** – Friday, March 1, 2024 at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption. All are invited to celebrate Mass with Bishop at 11:00 a.m. The topic for the luncheon talk will be on the SYNOD – Where we are and what we have learned so far. Please register to join Bishop for an informal presentation. To register visit the Diocese of Saginaw website at <https://saginaw.org/1stFridays> or call 989-799-7910.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope your Lenten journey has begun well. It was so wonderful to see so many of you at our Ash Wednesday services.

This year I have to fast from social media and snacking between meals. I chose those things to help develop greater discipline in my life. The social media fast will hopefully help my discipline my mind, while the avoiding snacks between meals will help discipline my body.

Only three days into the season, I am already noticing that I really needed this. The number of times I have unconsciously typed 'facebook.com' into my browser window on my desktop, or clicked that app on my phone without even thinking about it is shocking.

For most of my life, I have not been a sweets craving person. But the mini-Heath bars in the bowl on the coffee table here in my office are calling to me in a surprising way.

Ultimately this is really about disciplining the will. This is a great benefit of a fast. If we have a disciplined will, then we can make conscious decisions, rather than unconscious ones. Then, I can choose to use social media when I have time, rather than an unconscious thought that I may be bored. And then the snack between meals can become a single treat, or perhaps something healthy like a piece of fruit.

But the real fruit in this, I hope, is what comes after a developed will. If I can avoid the unconscious, I can then choose what really is best for me, more time for God and following his will.

Peace and blessings, Deacon Todd

All men of the Parish, there will be a COR meeting hosted by Steve Bacon on Saturday March 9, 2024 @ 8am in the Parish Hall. A light breakfast will be served.

Here is a recap of our "Souper Bowl" last weekend. KC dominated the 1st half on Saturday \$137 to San Fran's \$110. In the 2nd half, San Fran rallied, putting up a fantastic \$159, but it still wasn't quite enough to beat the solid second half of KC at \$136.51. In the end, KC went on to win the "Souper Bowl" \$273.51 to \$269, a mere \$4.51 spread.

The total raised in the Souper Bowl was \$542.51 and the real winner is Isabella Soup Kitchen and their clients.

Thank you for your support.
St. Vincent de Paul Christian Service Commission

The Capital Campaign Project is off to a great start as we are at 53% of contributions and pledges received.

Thank you for any amount that you give to help Caring for our Parish Home



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