



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

February 25 2024
The Second 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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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

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Worship Opportunities

Monday, February 26

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 27

Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

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

Wednesday, February 28

Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

St. Vincent de Paul: **No Mass**

Saint Patrick: 6:00 pm Liturgy of the Hours during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Potluck follows

Thursday, February 29

Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

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

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

Friday, March 1

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

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

Saturday, March 2

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

St. Vincent de Paul: 4:00 PM Rosary

St. Vincent de Paul: 4:30 PM Mass, Soup Supper follows

Sunday, March 3

The Third Sunday of Lent

(Cycle A readings) Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

St. Vincent de Paul: 9:30 AM Rosary

Children's Liturgy of the Word

St. Vincent de Paul: 10:00 AM Mass, Coffee & Donuts follows

Please hold in Prayer:

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 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.

The Mass of Atonement has been scheduled for **Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 6:00 PM at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption.** The Mass of Atonement is offered in recognition of child sexual abuse, especially by clergy. Reconciliation through the Sacrament of the Mass is an important means of healing for those who have been abused, as well as their friends and family members. All are encouraged to attend to pray in union with those who have suffered child abuse. The Mass will also be livestreamed: <https://saginaw.org/cathedral-live>

Little Black Books for Lent,

and pins and wristbands are in the main entry. Please take what you'd like.



*I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot;
 together we can do great things.*

-St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Thank you for your gift to CMA and the work of the Church!

Stewardship

2/18/2024

General Collection

Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$2,792.25	\$189,928.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,480.77	\$186,346.18
Capital Campaign	\$10,895.11	
Food Pantry	\$15.00	
St. Leo Cemetery	\$28.00	
Saint Patrick Repair & Maintenance	\$235.00	
Saint Patrick Cemetery	60.00	
Saint Vincent Repair & Maintenance	\$50.00	
Saint Vincent de Paul Cemetery	30.00	

Planning Ahead

Coffee & Donuts March 2-3, follows Mass

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.

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.

✠ 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.

A **Lenten Silent Retreat** will be offered to all women of the Diocese by the Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw on Saturday, March 9. The retreat starts at 9 AM (registration begins at 8:30) and will end at approximately 4 PM.

The retreat leader will be Dr. Dan Osborn whose presentation title will be "Bride and Branch: Growing Closer to the Lord." Mass, rosary, and Stations of the Cross will be included. The cost for the retreat is \$25 (in advance /incl. morning snack & lunch. Please RSVP with Rita Maher (989-635-7072) before March 4.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I was recently reading a liturgical guideline book titled Liturgy With Style and Grace, a wonderful text for examining how the liturgy works in a parish. There is always a delicate balance between doing things the way we always have, and making changes not for the sake of change, but because it leads to something deeper or better. In the side bar of the section on Lent it had this reflection on the season.

“Lent is not tidy. Days grow longer (the word “Lent” comes from “lengthen”), the ground thaws, and the next thing we know, everything is filthy. Our windows need washing, our temples need cleansing, the earth itself needs a good bath. The English names of these months come from the ancient words that reflect the need to roll up our sleeves this season: February (“purification”) and March (“the spirit of war”). Good names. Winter doesn't leave without blustery battles that push things over and mess things up and even break things. Lent, if we honestly face its fury, will leave the landscape littered with bits and pieces of ourselves.”

So we live in this time, reflecting on the mess around us and in our lives. We stare at the disorder and grime, the chaos and the aches of our lives. We gather up the pieces as best we can, and wonder “What now?”

We can in this time, remember the one who gave us a pure heart to begin with. We can turn to the Divine Physician who can heal our aches and clean our wounds. We can come to the Master Builder, and ask him to put the broken pieces together again, and bring order to our lives. It is this or foolishly live in a way we don't need to live, and aren't made to live. We can be whole.

Peace and blessings,

Deacon Todd

Lenten Soup Supper Saturdays

February 24th
March 2nd
March 9

Sign up sheets are available at the church entrance for soups and help with set-up /clean up



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.

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