



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

March 10, 2024
The Fourth 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.

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Worship Opportunities

Monday, March 11
 Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 12
 Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
 St. Vincent de Paul: 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 St. Vincent de Paul: Communal Penance Service 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 13
 Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
 St. Vincent de Paul: 10:00 AM Mass
 St. Patrick: 6:00 PM Liturgy of the Hours during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Potluck follows.

Thursday, March 14
 Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
 St. Vincent de Paul: 6:00 – 7:30 PM An Evening of Mercy and Peace
 St. Vincent de Paul: 6:30 PM Rescue Project

Friday, March 15
 Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 St. Vincent de Paul: 3:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 16
 Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
 St. Vincent de Paul: Reconciliation 3:30 – 4:10 PM
 St. Vincent de Paul: 4:00 PM Rosary
 St. Vincent de Paul: 4:30 PM Mass

Sunday, March 17
 The Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
 St. Vincent de Paul: 9:30 AM Rosary
 St. Vincent de Paul: 10:00 AM Mass

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 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.

Its time to Spring 1 hour ahead



Sunday March 10, 2024

Aquinas College Open House –

Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to noon

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Stewardship

General Collection	3/3/2024	
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$ 3,533.00	\$ 209,421.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,480.77	\$ 197,307.72
Capital Campaign	\$ 12,050.00	
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 145.00	
Easter Flowers	\$ 255.00	
Food Pantry	\$ 265.00	
Parish Outreach	\$ 25.00	
Saint Leo Cemetery	\$ 150.00	
Saint Patrick Repair & Maintenance	\$ 220.00	
Saint Patrick Cemetery	\$ 20.00	
St Vincent de Paul Blding Fund	\$ 240.00	
Saint Vincent de Paul Cemetery	\$ 25.00	

Monday March 18, 6:00 PM

St. Patrick Irishtown, Bishop Gruss will be joining us in celebration of Saint Patrick's in celebration of the Solemnity transferred from Sunday. Mass will be followed by an Irish Potluck. Bring your favorite dish like soda bread, Irish coddle, potato pancakes, or another Irish inspiration! All welcome



Planning Ahead

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.

The Shepherd Knights of Columbus will hold their annual sale April 25th, 26th, 27th in the St. Vincent hall to benefit community and charitable causes during the Maple Syrup Festival. They will accept donated items for the sale (no clothing). If you have a question about items you would like to donate, please call Bob Wachowski, 989-854-2831 or Jerry Jaloszynski, 989-330-4890

Lay Ecclesial Ministry Application Period

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



Leading up to the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19, join us in praying the St. Joseph Adoption Novena. Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, we will pray the Lord blesses all who travel upon the path of adoption. Visit respectlife.org/adoption-novena for the novena, which begins March 10.

Dear Friends in Christ,

We celebrate Laetare Sunday this weekend, and things look and sound a little different this weekend. The following teaching is borrowed from the Diocese of Lansing.

Why is the Fourth Sunday of Lent called Laetare Sunday?

- The name comes from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon for Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" — "Rejoice, O Jerusalem".
- The fourth Sunday marks the half-way point of the Lenten season, even though the Thursday before Laetare Sunday is the actual middle day of Lent.
- Signs of joy are allowed on this day, expressing our belief in the hope of the resurrection and to inspire us as we continue our Lenten commitments to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Symbolizing joy, rose-colored Mass vestments may be worn instead of purple, to indicate the contrast between Laetare and the other Sundays of Lent. According to the Roman Missal, instrumental music is permitted and the altar may be decorated with flowers.
- The tradition of using the color rose is thought to come from the tradition of the Golden Rose; at one time popes sent golden roses to Catholic heads of state in Europe on this Sunday.
- The Fourth Sunday of Lent was once called Refreshment Sunday, or the Sunday of the Five Loaves, for the miracle of the boy with loaves and fishes in the Gospel of John.
- The Fourth Sunday of Lent was also previously observed as Mothering Sunday, in reference to Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, where the faithful are called "sons and daughters of God". Families visited the church where they were baptized, or made offerings to the cathedral, or mother-church, on this Sunday.

I borrowed the following insight of 'shock' regarding the joy of today's celebration.

What a shock! Joy in the middle of a penitential season during which we are expected to grieve for our sins? Yes, that's right. Especially in our culture where the ningas-kugon (Filipino phrase meaning to start something with great enthusiasm and quickly loose interest or fail to follow through) mentality is prevalent, this "interruption" in a long penitential season seeks to encourage us further to persevere and never relent, for Easter is just around the corner.

Stand firm in your Lenten practices my dear friends, the reason for our joy is just Around the corner. Peace and blessings, Deacon Todd.

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>

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