



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

March 23, 2025

## THIRD 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 Monday - Wednesday to set a Friday appointment.

Food donations are welcomed on the first weekend of each month, or at our office Monday-Thursday, 10am-4pm.

*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:* Thursday 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

# March 23, 2025

**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.

<b>Pastoral Council</b>	<i>Chairperson</i> - Dave Spindler
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## Stewardship Reflection

*"And he told them this parable: There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener... 'cut it down.' He said to him in reply 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down.'" Luke 13:6-9*

As the gardener cultivated the fig tree, stewards are also called to cultivate the talents of one another. The truth is that talents not used are lost to us and others.

<b>Stewardship</b>		
<b>General Collection</b>	<b>3/16/2025</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$ 5,851.00	\$ 244,090.06
Weekly Budget	\$ 5796.00	\$ 220,248.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 330.00	
Food Pantry	\$ 65.00	
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$ 110.00	
St. Patrick Maintenance	\$ 200.00	
St. Vincent Cemetery	\$ 20.00	
St. Vincent de Paul Maintenance	\$ 30.00	



Jim Smith, Allison (Burch) Carr, Nicole Wieferich, Harold Moeggenborg, Genie Stark, Zora Walsh, Emily (Burch) Jackson, MK, Mark Moeggenborg, Jim Kanine, Doyle Walker, Bill McClintic, Joe Wood, Dorothy Huber, Ryan Noyes, Steve Gall, Donna Lefever, Zack G., John Florian, Kendall Lalone, Frank Lapinski, Jerry McCaul, Nancy Scovill, Scott Smith, Teresa Arnold, Larry Noyes, Sister Marie Kopin, Kinsley & the Binkowski Family, Jackie Enriquez-Aguirre  
Nursing Home residents, and the sick and the homebound.

*If you are aware of someone that would like to be added to... or taken off our prayers list. Please contact the office.*

## Worship Opportunities

### Monday, March 24

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30

### Tuesday, March 25

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4--10/Lk 1:26-38  
St. Vincent de Paul: 9:00 AM Morning Prayer

### Wednesday, March 26

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19  
St. Vincent de Paul: 10:00 AM Mass  
St. Patrick Church: 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross-Potluck follows

### Thursday, March 27

Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23  
St. Vincent de Paul: 10:00 AM Morning Prayer  
St. Vincent Hall: 6:00 PM Soup Supper - 6:30 pm Speaker

### Friday, March 28

Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34  
St. Vincent de Paul: 3:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 29

Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14  
St. Vincent de Paul: Reconciliation 3:30 PM - 4:10 PM  
St. Vincent de Paul: 4:00 PM Rosary  
St. Vincent de Paul: 4:30 PM Mass

### Sunday, March 30

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
St. Vincent de Paul: 9:30 AM Rosary  
St. Vincent de Paul: 10:00 AM Mass

### Monday, April 1

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16  
St. Vincent de Paul: 6:00 - 7:30 PM Communal Penance Service

## A Note from the Music Director

JOIN US in song for Holy Week!  
Feeling a call to rejoice in our Savior's resurrection through your voice?  
Rehearsals will begin:

Monday March 24, at 6:00 pm in the church.

Monday March 31, at 6:00 pm in the church.

Monday April 7, at 6:00 pm in the church.

Monday April 14, - if needed for touch up

\*Please contact Mary Moeggenborg at [moeggenborgsugarbush@gmail.com](mailto:moeggenborgsugarbush@gmail.com) if you will be singing so she will have your folder ready.

*The door closest to the parish hall is open to ALL who want to join!*

### Liturgical Ministers

**New schedules for Lectors, Communion Ministers and Altar Servers are ready for pick up in the gathering area.**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

The Shepherd Knights of Columbus will hold their annual sale April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> in the St. Vincent de Paul social 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

### Cemeteries:

**If you would like to purchase a cemetery resting plot or foundation for a resting plot at St. Leo, St. Patrick or Saint Vincent de Paul. Please contact the office.**

**Please remove all winter decorations from the cemetery by April 1.**

**Decorations remaining after that date will be removed.**

**At the St. Vincent Cemetery there is a compost pile at the south/ east end of the cemetery.**

**\*Please discard any plants from there containers.**

**Thank you.**

Dear friends in Christ,

One of the primary purposes of the season of Lent for the longest time has been as a final period of preparation for those coming to the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. This is especially in my heart this year as this coming week is the 20th anniversary of my entering the waters of Baptism at St. Mary Church in Alma.

In four short weeks we will again celebrate the Easter Vigil with Sacraments of Initiation. Last Sunday at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption Bishop Gruss called Jonah Loomis to the Elect and the waters of Baptism at the Easter Vigil. He further encouraged Owen Howard and Brad Bennett to hear the Lord's call to conversion in the faith of their baptismal covenant as they make a solemn profession of faith at the Vigil with Confirmation and Eucharist.

Along with their sponsors, it is our duty to hold them continually in prayer in these final weeks of preparation and share with them our love.

Peace and blessings, Deacon Todd



Fr. Marcel Portelli invites you to join him on a prayerful 11 day pilgrimage to Greece in the footsteps of St. Paul. We'll visit Philippi where Paul the Apostle delivered his first sermon and established the first church in Europe, Mars Hill in Athens where he spoke to the philosophers, Corinth and the site of St. Paul's trial. We'll visit the House of the Virgin Mary in Ephesus in Turkey where she lived until her Assumption. On our 3-day cruise we'll discover the captivating Greek islands of Mykonos, Crete, Santorini, and even pray in the grotto on Patmos Island where St. John wrote the Book of Revelation.

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