



# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

November 23, 2025

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**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.

Knights of Columbus meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month. @ 7:00pm

*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

**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, November 24**

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday, November 25**

Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday, November 26**

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19  
St. Vincent de Paul: 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Vigil Mass

**Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving Day**

Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

**No morning prayer or bible study today.**

**Friday, November 28**

Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday, November 29**

Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36  
St. Vincent de Paul Parish: 4:00 PM Rosary  
St. Vincent de Paul Parish: 4:30 PM Mass

**Sunday, November 30**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44  
St. Vincent de Paul Parish: 4:30 PM Rosary  
St. Vincent de Paul: 10:00 AM Mass



Elizabeth (Betty) Simon, Marianne Jones, Barb Smith, Judy Florian, Pam & Dave Kusbel, Melisa Peak, Larry Lethorn, Scott Smith, Harold Moeggenborg, Jim Kanine, 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, Jackie Enriquez-Aguirre, Kinsley & the Binkowski Family. 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 prayer list, please contact the office.*

**Planning Ahead:**

**The 5th Annual Holly Jolly Baked Potato Bar will be on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm in the social hall.**



**Volunteer Sheets are in the gathering area**

**Free to the Public**

**Holly Jolly parade starts at 6:00 pm**

**Please pick up your St. Vincent de Paul Parish Advent/Christmas 2025 letter, in the gathering area. They are in alphabetical order.**

**If you do not see your envelope please write your name and address on the sheet of paper.**

**Thank you**

**Stewardship**

<b>General Collection</b>	<b>11/15-16/2025</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$ 3,323.00	\$ 112,367.65
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,796.00	\$ 110,124.00
Campaign for Human Dvlpmnt	\$ 515.00	
Military Archdiocese of the US	\$ 95.00	
Parish Outreach	\$ 5.00	
Seasonal Flowers	\$ 95.00	
St. Leo Cemetery	\$ 90.00	
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$ 35.00	
St. Patrick Maintenance	\$ 200.00	
St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery	\$ 50.00	

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Dear friends in Christ,

I received a great question via email recently, and I thought that the response to the question was worth sharing with everyone. The question was "Why doesn't St. V ring bells during the Consecration? It's such a pleasant reminder of how important it is. My kids have noticed differences between ours and other parishes and have asked questions...which is good, means they're paying attention lol!"

It is great that kids are asking questions, and this one is interesting. It is an important time in the Mass and there is an option for the use of bells at that time. One crucial thing to recall is that whenever the church leaves options in the ritual text, it is rooted in part in the church's universality, which is what the word catholic means: universal. Options in the Missal are optional because, at times, a need may arise.

Number 150 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) states, "A little before the Consecration, if appropriate, a minister rings a small bell as a signal to the faithful. The minister also rings the small bell at each elevation by the Priest, according to local custom."

Those two sentences have two qualifications, 'if appropriate' and 'according to local custom.' If appropriate, asks us, when would it be appropriate to ring bells to get the attention of the faithful? If the bulk of the faithful did not understand the language, it may be one instance. Another might be a huge church like the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, which seats 9,000+ people in the upper church. There is a reasonable possibility that the people in the distant parts of the church have poor visibility. In these instances, there is a reasonable need for the people's attention to be drawn to the altar.

It has not been the custom of St. Vincent de Paul Parish for long before the present time. Also, Bishop Gruss does not use bells at his Cathedral Masses. By not using the bells, we are upholding the longstanding tradition of the area.

**Congratulations to  
Elena Judith Gruca  
daughter of Thomas  
and Katelyn Gruca,  
granddaughter of  
Paul & Pat Gruca.  
Baptized on  
November 16, 2025**



For the faithful gathered at St. Vincent de Paul, celebrating in the full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgy that we are called to in the document *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the need for bells is not present. The practice is rooted in a time when language, distance, and culture separated the people from the Eucharist. The Latin that most did not understand, the Eucharist hidden by the priest facing away, and the culture of 'the Priest says Mass' while I pray my rosary inhibited our full, active, and conscious participation in the unifying liturgy. This is not the case in the liturgy of the day.

Speaking from personal experience at other places, I find my attention to these moments and the sacred actions taking place at the altar is broken by the sudden ringing of the bell. But as I said, that is my personal experience. Every option has trade-offs for people. I love incense, but there are many who would be bothered by lots of incense. My greatest wish is that the well-celebrated liturgy of the church each Sunday draws every parishioner into a deeper relationship with the triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Peace and blessings, Deacon Todd

## Christmas Outreach Update

A sincere thank you to the many who have donated items for those in need in our community. We are still looking for toothpaste and men's deodorant.

Please scan the QR Code listed here for those who wish to sign up to volunteer at Morey Courts for this charitable event or find a link to volunteer on Facebook



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