St. Vincent de Paul Parish

November 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Weekend Mass
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 10:00am

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Monday - Thursday
9:00am - 4:00pm

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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.

St. Patrick, Irishtown
7631 W. North Gratiot Co. Line
Church for Occasional Use

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

November 30, 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.

Pastoral Council	*Chairperson* - Dave Spindler
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Worship Opportunities

Monday, December 1
Is 4:2-6 (second choice)/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 2
Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 3
Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
St. Vincent de Paul: 10:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 4
Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
St. Vincent de Paul: 10:15 AM Morning Prayer

Friday, December 5
Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 6
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
St. Vincent de Paul Parish: 4:00 PM Rosary
St. Vincent de Paul Parish: 4:30 PM Mass

Sunday, December 7
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Dismissal for Children's Liturgy of the Word
Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-1
St. Vincent de Paul Parish: 9:30 PM Rosary
St. Vincent de Paul: 10:00 AM Mass

✞Rosemary "Rosie" Kenny
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.

NEXT WEEK
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

Looking for Volunteers
That would like to help decorate the church for Christmas on Monday, December 22, 2025 @ 9:00 am

See: Diane Courter or Erin Lovas

Stewardship

General Collection	11/22-23/2025	Year to Date
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	$ 5,138.00	$ 117,505.65
Weekly Budget	$ 5,796.00	$ 115,920.00
Campaign for Human Dvlpmnt	$ 220.00	
Capital Campaign	$ 127.78	
Food Pantry	$ 515.00	
Military Archdiocese of the US	$ 100.00	
Seasonal Flowers	$ 250.00	
St. Leo Cemetery	$ 140.00	
St. Patrick Cemetery	$ 85.00	
St. Patrick Maintenance	$ 200.00	
St. Vincent de Paul Maintenance	$ 10.00	

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Little Books
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The Little Blue Advent Books are available for free in the back of

Thank you to all that participated in the Meijer Simply Give Program. The food pantry received $4,350.00. It is very appreciated.

Christmas Choir rehearsal

Thursday - December 4, 6:00 pm

Thursday - December 11, 6:00 pm

Thursday - December 18, 6:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Opportunity

Attention men ages 18 and above considering or interested in joining the Knights of Columbus organization?

We invite you to a special service for that purpose at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Beal City.

Thursday, December 4, - 6:30 pm

For additional information please call Bob 989-854-2831 or 989-330-4890 Jerry

Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year. Seven years ago, for my first Advent letter here at SVdP I wrote, "As the vibrant colors of the trees outside have faded away, the color green inside the church comes down as well. The green that has been our constant reminder to grow in faith is replaced with a vibrant purple to usher in the season of Advent, a reminder to prepare. It seems that the weeks leading up to Christmas are constant preparation, baking cookies, decorating, and shopping. Let us remember this season to prepare our hearts, both now and throughout the coming year. During the season of Advent, we look forward to the fulfillment of the new covenant in the blessed hope and coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ"

Preparing our hearts is such a critical part of our journey of faith and our celebration of Mass. In the insert this weekend you will read about the youth who went to NCYC and how awesome the experience was, especially Mass. That was due, in part to taking two and a half days to prepare for the celebration.

I would like to challenge us all in this new liturgical year to prepare our heart a little more for Mass each week. Maybe you can read the readings in advance, or perhaps spend five minutes in quiet meditation on Sunday before leaving for church. Just like to you can't start Thanksgiving day with a frozen turkey, we can't start Mass with a frozen heart. So lets us all join together in preparing for our encounter with he Lord.

Peace & blessings, Deacon Todd

Congratulations to Lynlee Marie Loomis daughter of Jonah & Cora Loomis, granddaughter of Bob & Chanda Mallory. Baptized on November 23, 2025—Solemnity of Jesus Christ the King

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