



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

March 1, 2026
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 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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7631 W. North Gratiot Co. Line
Church for Occasional Use



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.

Pastoral Council	<i>Chairperson</i> - Dave Spindler
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Bob Wachowski	

Readings for the Week of March 2

Monday, March 2

Dn9:4b-10/Lk: 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 3

Is 1:10,16-20/Mt23:1-12

St. Vincent de Paul Church: 10:00 AM Morning Prayer

Wednesday, March 4

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

St. Vincent de Paul Church: 10:00 AM Mass

St. Patrick Church: 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 5

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

Friday, March 6

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

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

Saturday, March 7

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

St. Vincent de Paul Church: 4:30 PM Mass

Sunday, March 8

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

St. Vincent de Paul Church: 10:00 AM Mass

St. Vincent de Paul Church: 4:00 PM - Faith Weavers



†Patricia A. Angell

Mary Foote, Barb Smith, Judy Florian, Pam & Dave Kusbel, Melisa Peak, Larry Lethorn, Harold Moeggenborg, 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.

Meijer Simply Give Benefits - Food Pantry

The Meijer Simply Give donation cards are now available in the gathering area of church.

This program will run until March 28, 2026. These cards are only good at the **Mt. Pleasant Meijer.**

Benefiting our Food Pantry with each donation of \$10.00. Meijer will donate the same.

Double Match day will be held on March 7th and March 21st
Thank you for your participation

Navigating the Bible Workshop

Tuesday, March 10th, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Come and join us! We recently purchased brand new study Bibles for the Parish use. Come and see the different ways to use the study guides. The church wants us to know and love the Bible. The more we use the Bible the more we know God and his people. Reading scripture is fascinating and meaningful.

Stewardship

General Collection	2/21-22/2026 Year to Date	
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$11,265.00	\$ 225,752.65
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,796.00	\$ 185,472.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 230.00	
Capital Campaign	\$ 100.00	
Church in Central Eastern Europe	\$ 50.00	
Food Pantry	\$ 200.00	
Parish Outreach	\$ 5.00	
St. Leo Cemetery	\$ 100.00	
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$ 100.00	

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

On behalf of Isabella County Restoration House, a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time, energy, and hearts to support our mission. Sincerely, Brenda Faber-Gruss

Judy Travis will be turning 85 on March 9, 2026

**Birthday Cards can be sent to:
8974 East Walton Road
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858**



Dear friends in Christ,

Happy Lent. I say again, Happy Lent. I say that as a reminder that even though Lent has a penitential character that asks us to examine our faults, it is a time of spiritual renewal. This article comes courtesy of Soup Supper topic suggestion from Liz Bacon, "Spiritual Renewal in Lent."

The origins of the season of Lent trace back to a time when new converts to the faith were adults, and the weeks leading up to Easter were a part of the final preparation for baptism, with a period of fasting and reflection. Through the shift over the years to infant baptism, the focus of Lent has changed for most to either penitence, or reflection and renewal.

One aspect that can be lost in that is the realization that we must accompany those preparing for the Easter Sacraments with support, encouragement, and prayer. If we internalize Lent too much we can lose our sense of being there for others.

The penitential aspect of Lent is good and important, as long as the focus is kept on our being loved by God. In our asking for forgiveness from God, on a daily basis in self-examination, and just as important through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we must remember our forgiveness comes from God's love. We heard these words in the prelude of Eucharistic Prayer 1 for Reconciliation, which Fr. Fred used last week.

*Never did you turn away from us,
and, though time and again we have broken your covenant,
you have bound the human family to yourself
through Jesus your Son, our Redeemer,
with a new bond of love so tight*

that it can never be undone.

The whole of the human family is bound to God, not in dominance, not for control, but out of love. And as we travel the weeks forward through Lent and come closer and closer to the wood of the cross, we must see this as an act of love. And God views me worthy of this act of love, he views my neighbor as worthy of this love, and he even views my enemy as worthy of this love, and we must respond accordingly.

Finally, the pillars of Lent, prayer, fasting, AND almsgiving help us to conform ourselves to Jesus, so that the outsider looking at us sees Christ. The following intercessions for Morning Prayer for Friday of the 1st Week of Lent make this clear: in Christ, we are made for others.

*Teacher and Savior, you have show us your fidelity
and made us a new creation by your passion
keep us from falling again into sin.*

*Help us to deny ourselves today,
and not deny those in need.*

*May we receive this day of penance as your gift,
and give it back to you through works of mercy.*

*Master our rebellious hearts,
and teach us generosity.*

Let this season of Lent renew and refresh you in the love of Christ poured out for us. Rend your hearts, not your garments, so that the love of God fills the spaces in your heart that you may more fully exhibit the new creation you become at your baptism. Christian, not merely in name, but in love poured forth.

St. Patrick's Euchre Card Game Results:

Most loners: Matt Hoppe and Julie Willoughby

High Women: Rhonda Harrell

High Men: Harold Moeggenborg



Thank you to all of the volunteers, and yummy soups that were brought to our first of three soup suppers. The next soup supper is Thursday, March 12, 2026 - soup served at 6:00pm, speaker at 6:30 pm. Sign up sheets are in the gathering area to bring a soup to share.



50th Dedication Anniversary of St. Vincent de Paul Church & Mission Planning

Our parish needs your help with planning our 50th Dedication Anniversary and planning the next Parish Mission. If you would like to help, please include the following information and drop this slip into the collection basket or drop off to parish office.

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