



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

March 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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Parish Office Hours
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.



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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.

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Readings for the Week of March 16

Monday, March 16

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 17—Memorial of St. Patrick, Bishop

Ez 47:1-9,12/Jn 5:1-16

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

St. Patrick Church: 6:00 PM Mass followed by potluck

Wednesday, March 18

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

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

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

Thursday, March 19

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday, March 20

Wis 2:1a,12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

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

Saturday, March 21

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

St. Vincent de Paul Church: 4:00 PM Rosary

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

Sunday, March 22

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn11:1-45

St. Vincent de Paul Church: 9:30 AM Rosary

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



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.

Central Michigan Right to Life Benefit Dinner

Right to Life Tickets on Sale Now!

Please join us on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at

St. Vincent de Paul Social Hall for our

Annual Focus on Life Benefit Dinner.

We will be featuring special guest speaker Lisa Gigliotti, who is a decades-long leader in the work to safeguard Michigan from physician-assisted suicide.

Questions? Call Liz Bacon at (915) 256-5987 or e-mail lizb1974@hotmail.com.

Hosted by Right to Life of Central Michigan.

5:30 p.m. doors open



6:00 p.m. dinner & program

This week is the collection The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities, work for peace and reconciliation, and support the marginalized. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which helps Jesus in disguise.

Stewardship

General Collection	3/7-8/2026	Year to Date
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$ 3,319.00	\$ 236,631.65
Weekly Budget	\$ 5,796.00	\$ 197,064.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 180.00	
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 75.00	
Easter Flowers	\$ 195.00	
Food Pantry	\$ 15.00	
St. Leo Cemetery	\$ 190.00	
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$ 40.00	
St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery	\$ 100.00	
St. Patrick Maintenance	\$ 200.00	
St. Vincent de Paul Maintenance	\$ 55.00	

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Memorial of St. Patrick March 17, 2026, 6:00 pm
The Patronal Feast of St. Patrick Church:
Please join us for Mass and a potluck afterward in the social hall.

Dear Sacramental Formation Families,

We are filled with joy as you walk with your children toward the beautiful sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. This is a special time of deepening their relationship with Jesus. As we all prepare, we want to focus on the grace found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). The Catholic Church teaches that this sacrament must precede First Communion, helping children understand God's immense love and the joy of seeking His forgiveness.

Upcoming Date:

Please mark your calendar for the **Family Penance service on Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 pm.**

We encourage families to pray together, reflecting on how this sacrament prepares them to receive the Eucharist—the source and summit of our faith. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions to Mary Moomey.

Choir rehearsal Schedule for Easter

Monday - March 16 - 6:00 pm

Monday - March 23 - 6:00 pm

Sunday - March 29 - after Mass



Dear friends in Christ,

This past Thursday Fr. Fred spoke about the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our soup supper. He spoke about how the sacrament developed over time, and the question arose as to when in time and who decided be the sacrament as we know it today. Here is a (very) brief timeline.

Early Church (< 250 AD) - Public Penance—Once in lifetime. May go for years before absolution. Later on, some sins confessed privately, still lengthy period.

Synod of Carthage - *Lapsi* (those who had lapsed in faith) could be readmitted to the church.

~6th Century - The Celtic Church—due to isolation from continental church and little understanding of public penance brings about development of private penance (confession, satisfaction, reconciliation)

4th Lateran Council (1215)- 21st canon states the faithful must confess their sins yearly to their own priest or obtain his permission, and that priests may not break the seal of confession.

Council of Florence (1439) - Penance is the 4th sacrament (of 7) and defines; the matter which is the 3 acts of the penitent (contrition, oral confession, satisfaction), and the form (the words of absolution).

14th Session of the Council of Trent (Nov. 25, 1551) - Clearly defined that Penance is a Sacrament instituted by Christ to reconcile the faithful to God as often as they fall into sin following baptism.

Saturday, March 21st

Join us for Euchre in the Saint Patrick's Social Hall at 6:30 pm. \$5.00 Donation. Please bring a snack to share. All are welcome!



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Men need authentic brotherhood.

Families need holy husbands and fathers.

The world needs courageous men to witness to Jesus Christ.

Open to All Men.

Gentlemen-

It has come to my attention that we will be working the MI Drive on the 28th of this month. So, we are canceling the meeting for this month. It looks like the 18th of April is a good date for me, as the 4th it is Easter Vigil, the 11th I will be in Saginaw for training and the 25th I will be recovering from foot surgery.

Steve Bacon



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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