



St. Vincent de Paul Parish

May 17, 2026

The Ascension of the Lord
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.

Parish Hall Rental Bookings:
St. Patrick: Call Betty, 989-463-2503
St. Vincent: Call the parish office

Bulletin Deadline: Thursday at 10:00am

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 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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Readings for the Week of May 17

Monday, May 18

AIM 6:30pm - 8:00 pm
Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 19

Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 20

Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
St. Vincent de Paul: 10:00 AM Mass
St. Patrick: 6:00 PM Evening Prayer - Potluck follows

Thursday, May 21

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
St. Vincent de Paul: 10:15 AM Morning Prayer

Friday, May 22

Acts 25:13b-21/ Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 23

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
St. Vincent de Paul: 4:30 PM Mass

Sunday, May 24

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11/1Cor 12:3b-7,12-13/Jn20:19-23
St. Vincent de Paul: 10:00 AM Mass



✚Julie Sunderman

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

Spring Caregiver Training at
Isabella County Commission on Aging
2200 S. Lincoln Rd. Mt. Pleasant
Friday May 22, 2026
-Session One - 10:00-11:30
- Lunch 11:45-12:45 — Session Two - 1:00-2:30
FREE PUBLIC EVENT

<u>May 2-3, 2026 Collection</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
SUNDAY COLLECTION - \$ 4,955.00	\$ 277,569.16
WEEKLY BUDGET - \$ 5,796.00	\$ 243,432.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - \$ 55.56	
CEMETERY - ST LEO \$ 60.00	
CEMETRY - ST. PATRICK \$ 30.00	
CEMETERY - ST VINCENT DE PAUL \$ 70.00	
FOOD PANTRY - \$ 200.00	
PARISHOUT REACH - \$ 40.00	
St. VINCENT De PAUL BUILDING IMPRVMT. - \$80.00	

<u>May 9-10, 2026 Collection</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
SUNDAY COLLECTION - \$ 4,293.00	\$ 281,862.16
WEEKLY BUDGET - \$ 5,796.00	\$ 249,228.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - \$ 80.00	
CEMETERY - ST LEO \$ 50.00	
CEMETRY - ST. PATRICK \$ 200.00	
CEMETERY - ST VINCENT DE PAUL \$ 176.00	
FOOD PANTRY - \$ 40.00	
PARISHOUT REACH - \$ 60.00	
St. VINCENT De PAUL BUILDING IMPRVMT. - \$ 100.00	

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THANK YOU!!! Jackie and Butch Loomis for donating the red mulch that is adorned around the Meditation Garden.

Sat. May 23 - 8:00 AM
Men's Group Cor Meeting

Sat. May 23
Memorial Day Cemetery Services
9:30 am - St. Leo Cemetery
10:15 am - St. Patrick Cemetery
11:00 am - St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery

Sat. June 7 - 2:30 PM
Eucharistic Procession
Come join in a Eucharistic Procession around the grounds of the church, with Benediction and communal consecration to the Eucharist, followed by a reception.

Sun. Sept. 27 - 11:00 AM
Mass with Bishop Gruss
Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Vincent de Paul Church with festivities to follow in the Social Hall

Mon. Sept. 28 & 29
Parish Mission
Come be energized in our engaging mission with Steve Angrisano.

From the 50th Anniversary Committee

If you would like to share your time and/or talent please join us for a meeting to help organize the upcoming 50th Anniversary for the dedication of St. Vincent de Paul church. The next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on May 31 immediately following 10am Mass.

We are looking for old photos of our present church for the upcoming 50th Anniversary. If you have photos please bring them into the office. We will need to determine if the quality of the photo is clear enough to be scanned.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I pray that your pilgrimage of 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory is progressing well. This weekend, you should be on days 11 and 12 for Saturday and Sunday to be on track for consecration on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus on June 7.

Earlier this week, on day 6, the author speaks of 6 seismic shifts in our prayer life, and one stood out to me: "Give yourself to prayer."

I was reminded of my first silent retreat, when I was so eager to get to work that on the first morning, I said to my spiritual director, "I'm ready to get to work." Sister replied, "No, you are not. Go for a walk or two, take a nap, listen to some instrumental music, take another walk, and rest." Day 2 was essentially the same: "I ready" and "No, you are not." It took until day 3 of a 6-day retreat before I was 'not quite, but close enough' in a place to actually begin the retreat. I was so focused on doing prayer and my faith journey that I couldn't see I needed to simply be.

I needed to give myself to prayer without an agenda. I needed to approach this sacred time with God with a carefree timelessness that says, "I am here, Lord, and I know you are here as well; give me the grace to simply be with you."

This weekend we complete 1/3 of our pilgrimage. But we are also a pilgrim people for life; let us journey onward together.

Easter blessings, Deacon Todd

Diocese of Saginaw - New Announcements

Year of the Holy Spirit: One Heart – One Mind: As the Catholic Church prepares to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, Bishop Gruss will proclaim the Year of the Holy Spirit in the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw — from Pentecost 2026 (May 24) through Pentecost 2027 (May 16). Our hope is that it will be a year to deepen our relationship with the Holy Spirit, the 3rd person of the Holy Trinity. A special Mass is planned for Sunday, May 24, 2026, at 10:30 AM, at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption. For a list of events, videos and resources, go to saginaw.org/holy-spirit-year.

May 30, 2026 – Catholic Rural Life Mass in Gagetown: Bishop Gruss will celebrate the unique Catholic culture of rural life with Mass and a luncheon on Saturday, May 30, 2026. Rogation Day Procession begins at 11:00 AM. The celebration is being held at the Octagon Barn, 6948 Richie Rd, Gagetown. All are welcome for the procession and Mass! [See Deacon Todd for details.](#)



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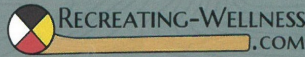
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