

St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Shepherd, MI

The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2026



Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready,
but those who were invited were not worthy to come.'

Go out, therefore, into the main roads
and invite to the feast whomever you find.'

The servants went out into the streets
and gathered all they found, bad and good alike,
and the hall was filled with guests.



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.

Food Pantry: Call Mon - Wed to set a Friday appointment. Food donations are welcomed on the first weekend of each month, or at our office Mon—Thurs, 10am-4pm.

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

Bulletin by Mail or email: call our office.
Adult Faith Formation: Opportunities will be announced.

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

Bulletin Deadline: Thursday at 10:00am

† Sacramental Information

Baptism of an infant:
Contact the parish office.

Adult Baptism/Confirmation (OCIA):
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



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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the Week of October 12

Monday, October 12

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 13

Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41

St. Vincent de Paul: 3-8:00 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament w/ Evening Prayer at 7:30PM

Wednesday, October 14

Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46

St. Patrick: 6:00 PM Mass - Potluck follows

Thursday, October 15

Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54

St. Vincent de Paul: 10:15 AM Morning Prayer

Friday, October 16

Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday, October 17

Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12

St. Vincent de Paul: 4:00 PM Rosary

St. Vincent de Paul: 4:30 PM Mass

Sunday, October 18

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

St. Vincent de Paul: 9:30 AM Rosary

St. Vincent de Paul: 10:00 AM Mass



Maggie Foote, Dan Hoffman, Don Moeggenberg, Gloria Fox, Mimi Wilmont, Mary Foote, Barb Smith, Judy Florian, Pam & Dave Kusbel, Melisa Peak, Larry Lethorn, Joe Wood, Ryan Noyes, Steve Gall, Donna Lefever, Zack G., Kendall Lalone, Frank Lapinski, Jerry McCaul, Nancy Scovill, Scott Smith, Teresa Arnold, Larry Noyes, Sister Marie Kopin, Jackie Enriquez-Aguirre, Kinsley & the Binkowski Family.

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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.

STEWARDSHIP

General Collection

10/3-4/2026

Year to Date

Saturday & Sunday Collection	\$ 3,472.00	\$ 69,749.05
Weekly Budget - 2026-27	\$ 7,217.00	\$ 101,038.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 27.78	
Food Pantry	\$ 215.00	
St. Leo Cemetery	\$ 60.00	
St. Patrick Cemetery	\$ 35.00	
St. Patrick Maintenance	\$ 200.00	
St. Vincent Cemetery	\$ 70.00	
St. Vincent de Paul Maintenance	\$ 50.00	

October 11, 2026

Dear friends in Christ,

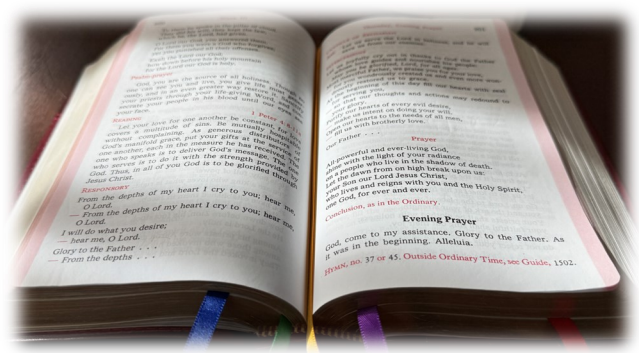
Yesterday was the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, and Fr. Fred had a great comment as a part of his homily about prayer. He said, "What a privilege it is to pray." What a wonderful thing to say. When I got back to the office, I saw a video from Steve Angrisano about the circle of prayer informing belief, which impacts our way of life, which impacts our prayer, and on and on.

When we celebrate baptism, at the Anointing after Baptism, the celebrant says, "He now anoints you with the Chrism of Salvation, that you may remain as a member of Christ, Priest, Prophet, and King, unto eternal life." We are called to exercise care for the Kingdom, as would a good and righteous King. As a prophet, we are called to go out to all the world, and share the Good News, that is to proclaim the Gospel.

And each of us are called to exercise the duties of the priesthood. Not ministerial in the manner of Fr. Fred and Fr. Loren, but every bit of the life of prayer that is our duty.

When we think of it as a duty, it might be viewed in a negative light, something we HAVE to do instead of something we GET to do. This is what Fr. Fred spoke of, the privilege. We have a God who loves us so much he desires a relationship with you. **You**, not y'all, but **you**, a **beloved child of God** who not only wants to **see you**, but **hear you** and **speak to you**. This is what prayer is all about, and we are blessed with many ways to communicate in this ever growing relationship with God. So how will you nurture this relationship today, tomorrow, unto eternal life.

In Christ's love, Deacon Todd



Eucharistic Adoration

October 13th from 3:00 to 8:00 PM

Exposition will begin at 3 PM with silent adoration until around 7:30 when we will pray Evening Prayer followed by Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are welcome!

Whether for 5 minutes or 5 hours, this opportunity for special time with our Lord can open your heart, fill your soul and grow your relationship with Him in ways unimaginable. If you can commit to a solid hour, please help us ensure that Jesus will not be alone by signing up.

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A wonderful opportunity to share food, fellowship and support our nine seminarians from the Diocese of Saginaw. A free will offering is being accepted.

I Heard it From Steve Angrisano

Those of us who had the privilege of worshipping with Steve Angrisano during the Parish Mission left with a fire in us, joy, & several things to think about. The following are a few points from Steve's message.

- incline the ear of your heart to the Lord.
 - Saint Bernard says to be a reservoir of grace. Those around you will experience it because it is overflowing.
 - Empty yourself of one thing filling space in your heart that was meant for God. Good things can be bad too like sports, work, etc. if they are taking up space meant for God.
 - listen to who God is calling us to be.
 - cup your hands over your mouth and breathe out. Feel the breath bouncing around your hands and face. As close as your breath is to you, God is to you. Maybe practice this and as you breathe out into your cupped hands also say "thank you."
 - what are your priorities and what has slipped? Think of a pyramid with the top being the most important. This should be God.
 - holiness is for all of us! Allow God to be a part of our lives every day. Let God be God in our lives.
 - be a reflection of God's goodness in the world. Treat all visitors as Christ. What would you do if that person were Jesus? In all situations ask yourself "what would I do if this were Jesus?"
 - instead of asking someone "are you OK?" consider asking them "what can I do for you?"
 - I know the source of joy and hope!
- "Just plough your row. Whatever row you were given the seed is yours to sow. It's not yours to worry if your land seems great or small. It's God who counts the harvest so you just plough your row."

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you need,
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Seek and Find Book Club

**Tuesday, Nov. 3rd at 6:00 PM or
Wednesday, Nov. 4th at 11:00 AM**

Please join us for an open discussion of The Acts of the Apostles from your Bible. Discussion will be aided by a commentary from You Can Understand the Bible by Peter Kreeft. Copies of the commentary are available in the vestibule of the church.

We will meet in the north classroom of the school. For questions please contact Beth Valdes: nescivi21@gmail.com

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10/12/2026 6:30 AIM	10/13/2026 10:00 Hearts & Hands 3:00 - 8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	10/14/2026	10/15/2026 7:00 Knights of Columbus Meeting	10/16/2026	10/17/2026	10/18/2026 8:00 AM COR
10/19/2026	10/20/2026 10:00 Hearts & Hands Office Closed - New Accounting Training at the Diocese	10/21/2026 Office Closed - New Accounting Training at the Diocese	10/22/2026 Office Closed - New Accounting Training at the Diocese	10/23/2026 Joint Finance/ Pastoral Council Meeting - 6:00 pm	10/24/2026	10/25/2026 4-7:00 PM Knight of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

Christmas Outreach 2026

Friends, it's time to start preparing for Christmas Outreach 2026 of Isabella County. We will continue to accept your generous donations thru the second week of December.

Small stuffed toys, bath toys, school supplies and items for pre-teens and teens. Small flashlights, hand warmers, nail polish, stuffed animals, playdough. Items may be dropped off in the Christmas Outreach box in the gathering space.

Thank you so much, Deb Hubble and Liz Bacon

As always, thank you for making a child's life a bit brighter and for your continued support.

From the Cemetery Committee

The parish completed another St. Vincent de Paul cemetery cleanup on Friday , October 2, from 8:30 AM until noon. Volunteers made sure the grave marker pins are still visible, cleared any leftover expired summer decorations, including live potted plants, edged the driveway, collected downed and dead tree branches and leaves, trimmed trees, string trimmed the whole cemetery, and straightened headstones. A sincere thank you to all the volunteers, Mike Turnwald, Kyle Turnwald, Kevin Turnwald, Randy Turnwald, Gary Koester, Gregg Krafft, Vince Wieferich, Marge Hetherington, Brad Hetherington, and Steve Hetherington. If you have any questions about the cleanup or would like to be added to the volunteer notification list please contact Steve Hetherington, 616-437-3159.

St. Leo Cemetery

The Cemetery Committee is planning a work bee at the St. Leo's Cemetery this Fall. A major task will be to fill in along the edges of the newly paved driveway with crushed concrete or stone. The regular Fall cleanup tasks will be completed as well depending on the number of volunteers. If you would like to be added to the volunteer contact list for St. Leo's, please call or text Steve Hetherington, 616-437-3159.



St Vincent de Paul Travels

John Frost, while traveling with his brother to watch the SpaceX launch in late September, went to Mass at Our Lady, Star of the Sea in Port Isabel, TX.



MONTHLY SPEAKER SERIES TO EXPLORE THE HOLY SPIRIT

As part of the Diocese of Saginaw's Year of the Holy Spirit, Bishop Robert Gruss invites the faithful to deepen their understanding of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity through a monthly speaker series beginning in June 2026 and continuing through May 2027.

This yearlong journey will explore the presence and power of the Holy Spirit throughout Sacred Scripture, the life of the Church, the sacraments, prayer, evangelization, family life, the saints, and the call to holiness. Each presentation led by local, regional and national speakers will offer practical insights into how the Holy Spirit continues to guide, strengthen, heal, and equip believers for mission today.

All talks are from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Center for Ministry
5802 Weiss St, Saginaw, MI 48603
*** Please note Doors Open at 6 PM ***

QUESTIONS? Email communications@diosag.org or call 989-797-6630

OCTOBER 14 - *Holy Spirit in the Life of Mary* (Dr. Mary Healy, author/Catholic Biblical Scholar, drmaryhealy.com)

NOVEMBER 11 - *Holy Spirit in the Work of the Sacraments* (Peter Herbeck, Renewal Ministries)



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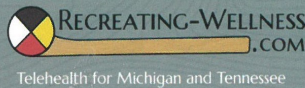
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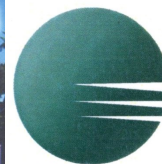
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