

# St. Vincent de Paul Parish

Shepherd, MI  
October 4, 2026



**“Jesus said to them, ‘Did you never  
read in the Scriptures:  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
by the Lord has this been done,  
and it is wonderful in our eyes?’”**

Gospel: Matthew 21:33–43

October 4, 2026



Parish Office Hours  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00am - 4:00pm

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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.

**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 contacting the funeral home.



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# Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Readings for the Week of October 5

### Monday, October 5

Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37

### Tuesday, October 6

Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42

### Wednesday, October 7

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4

St. Vincent de Paul: 10:00 AM Mass

St. Patrick: 6:00 PM Evening Prayer - Potluck follows

### Thursday, October 8

Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13

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

### Friday, October 9

Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26

### Saturday, October 10

Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28

St. Vincent de Paul: 4:30 PM Mass

### Sunday, October 11

### Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

St. Vincent de Paul: 10:00 AM Mass



✠Ella Kenny, 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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| General Collection                     | 9/272026    | Year to Date |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Saturday & Sunday Collection           | \$ 1,648.00 | \$ 62,847.05 |
| Weekly Budget - 2026-27                | \$ 7,217.00 | \$ 93,821.00 |
| September On-line Collection           | \$ 4,600.00 |              |
| Capital Campaign                       | * \$42.00   |              |
| Parish Outreach                        | \$ 50.00    |              |
| St. Leo Cemetery                       | * \$ 60.00  |              |
| St. Patrick Cemetery                   | * \$ 110.00 |              |
| St. Patrick Maintenance                | \$ 200.00   |              |
| St. Vincent Cemetery                   | * \$ 35.00  |              |
| St. Vincent de Paul Maintenance        | * \$ 275.00 |              |
| * Denotes September On-line Collection |             |              |

**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.

**October 4, 2026**

Dear friends in Christ,

What an amazing week it has been, many people with varying gifts and talents coming together to prepare the church, the grounds, and the hall for a amazing celebration. Then a wonderful Mass with Bishop Gruss on the anniversary of our church's dedication. And two fulfilling nights of parish mission with Steve Angrisano. At the center of it all, Jesus, through the power and working of the Holy Spirit calls together an incredible parish family.

Before morning prayer this morning I was looking at all the mums in front of the altar, and how they are all in different states of blooming. Many were tightly compact last Sunday, but a few were fully open, and even more now. It reminds me that each of us is on our own faith journey, and we are all at different places on the path. That is good, because the variety itself is beautiful and the Holy Spirit continues to help us bloom.

For those who attended the mission, I have a homework assignment for you. Ask your self this

question, "What was the one special message from the mission I need to share with someone?" Then share it with someone who went to the mission. Then share it again with someone who didn't go. For me, it is that God is always as close as the feeling of my breath on my cheeks. I am glad to share that with you.

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.

Sign-up sheets are in the back of church, or you can scan the QR code to the left to sign up online.



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# Knights of Columbus®

## Dinner is done!

Please join the Shepherd Knights of Columbus for their annual Spaghetti Dinner to support Seminarian Education on October 24th from 4 to 7 PM

A wonderful opportunity to share food, fellowship and support our 9 seminarians from the Diocese of Saginaw. A free will offering is being accepted.

### I Heard it in the Homily

The church is greater than a building of people gathering for worship. Here we see and experience the love and mercy of God that continues to shape the mission that each of us is called.

The origins of the parish began in 1908. Remember the sacrifices of people building it so we can experience the love of Jesus. This building was set up and dedicated to the worship of God. It becomes a sacred space where we encounter Jesus. "This is where I dwell." God makes himself present and known to all who gather in his name. This is not a sacred space because it is beautiful. It is sacred because God chooses to be present here. When you love others, God is present.

The deeper reality is God often chooses what is weak by worldly standards to accomplish His goals. He sees those who have worked and sacrificed here, not because we were strong, but because God is faithful.

Look back at the history of the parish. We see ordinary people doing extraordinary things because they trusted in God. They made sacrifices so future generations could have a place to worship. This is God's story written through the sacrifices of ordinary believers. Generation after generation can encounter Jesus Christ and become his disciples.

What is God calling us to do next? What will the next 50 years look like? Don't think of the condition of the building but the condition of our hearts. If the Holy Spirit is in us, we can accomplish extra extraordinary things! St. Vincent de Paul said our vocation is to go all over the world and set people's hearts on fire; to do what the son of God did, enflame it with his love!

Be on fire for Jesus! The world needs our parish to be alive for Jesus. The Lord is still writing his story right here. May this parish continue to be a place where Jesus Christ is magnified.

### Looking for Fellowship?

#### Join our new Fellowship Planning Committee!

We are looking to form a dedicated team to help plan and host fun-filled fellowship gatherings **once a month after the weekend Masses.**

This is a wonderful, rewarding way to serve your parish community and connect with one another.

If you are interested in being a part of this monthly planning and service ministry, please leave your name and phone number with Heather in the parish office 989-828-5720 or contact Marti Snyder 989-506-4268.

We will reach out to you soon with more details.

Thank you for your heart to serve!

### Seek and Find Book Club

**Tuesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM or  
Wednesday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM**

Please join us for an open discussion of I Am a Son of Saint Augustine: Pope Leo XIV on His Favorite Saint from Word on Fire.

We will meet in the north classroom of the school. Copies are available in the vestibule of the church, please pay \$2 each to the office or at book club.

For questions please contact Beth Valdes: [nescivi21@gmail.com](mailto:nescivi21@gmail.com)

## October 4, 2026

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10/5/2026<br>11:00 Funeral<br>– Ella Kenny<br>@ St. Patrick<br><br>6:30 AIM | 10/6/2026<br>10:00 Hearts<br>& Hands<br><br>6:00 Seek<br>and Find<br>Book Club                      | 10/7/2026<br>11:00 Seek<br>and Find<br>Book Club<br><br>6:30—Rome<br>and<br>Florence<br>Highlights<br>@ St. Patrick | 10/8/2026                                            | 10/9/2026  | 10/10/2026 | 10/11/2026<br>4:00 Faith<br>Weavers |
| 10/12/2026<br>6:30 AIM                                                      | 10/13/2026<br>10:00 Hearts<br>& Hands<br><br>3:00—8:00<br>Exposition of<br>the Blessed<br>Sacrament | 10/14/2026                                                                                                          | 10/15/2026<br>7:00 Knights<br>of Columbus<br>Meeting | 10/16/2026 | 10/17/2026 | 10/18/2026                          |

### 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.



## 2026

# PARISH MISSION

## Feed My Faith

Praise & Worship ~ Nourishing Presentations ~ Adoration

*ALL are welcome!*



**OCTOBER 25, 26, & 27**

6:30 - 8:00 PM

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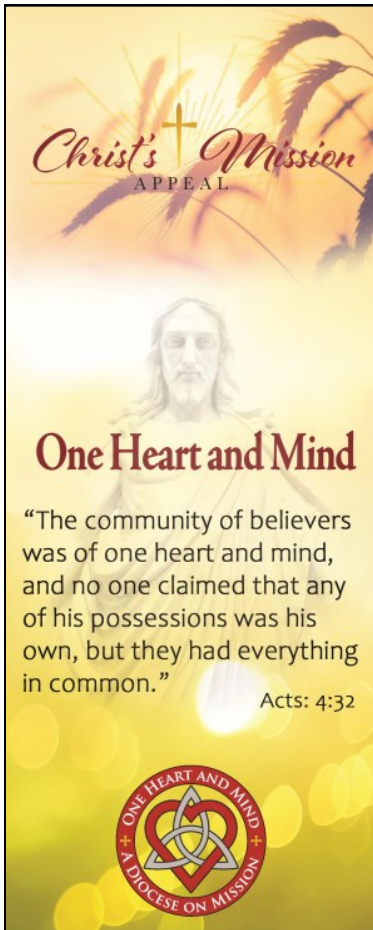
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**2026-27 CHRIST'S MISSION APPEAL**  
**COMMITMENT WEEKEND OCT 3/4**

Come, Holy Spirit, Come! This weekend officially launches our 2026-27 Christ's Mission Appeal. The theme continues to be "One Heart and Mind." This phrase comes from the Acts of the Apostles, which describes the early Christian community: "The whole group of believers was of one heart and mind."

The 2026-27 allocation for St. Vincent de Paul parish is \$53,240 based on 17% of the past 3 years average Sunday and Holy Day Collections. Last year's allocation was \$51,757 and over \$57,274.00 was raised. 50% of the overage goes right back to the parish, while the rest helps parishes that are struggling financially to achieve the goal. I am happy to say that the St. Vincent de Paul has exceeded its goal for the past 9 years running, and am sure the parish will do great things once again in support of Christ's mission for our diocese.

**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](mailto: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](http://drmaryhealy.com))

**NOVEMBER 11 - *Holy Spirit in the Work of the Sacraments*** (Peter Herbeck, [Renewal Ministries](http://Renewal Ministries))



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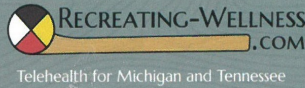
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