

ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHURCH

1502 E. WALLEN ROAD
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA 46825

MASSES SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:15, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m. - Life Teen Mass

Weekday and Holy Day
Masses as scheduled in
the bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Anytime by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sunday following the last Mass; also baptisms may be scheduled during Sunday Mass. Baptismal Catechesis is required prior to baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please keep us informed of the sick and homebound, particularly when there is serious illness.

ST. VINCENT De PAUL PARISH SCHOOL

A Catholic education for children, grades one through eight.

Kathy Palmer - School Secretary

Ellen Ryan - School Secretary

Deborah Reinhart - School Secretary (*part-time*)

Office Hours: 7:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Registration for new members is held on the second Sunday of the month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

CATECHUMENATE

We welcome persons interested in embracing the Catholic faith. Please call the church office.

COFFEE AND DONUTS - After the 9:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Items should be into the church office in written form by Tuesday noon. (Monday noon during a holiday week.)

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Monthly announcements will be inserted in the bulletin of the last Sunday of the month. Deadline for calendar items will be Monday noon preceding that Sunday.

TELEPHONES

Church Office 489-3537
Church Fax 497-9405
E-Mail stvincentchurch@hotmail.com
Religious Ed. Office Ext. 235
Youth Ministry Office Ext. 228
Director of Music Ext. 210
Spiritual Center Ext. 222
School Ext. 213
School Attendance Line Ext. 214
School Kitchen Ext. 220
Convent 489-5928
Wedding Coordinator 489-7860
Scout Lodge 489-1763
Prayer Line Laurie 637-8146
Prayer Line Dolly 489-4461
Counselor Pager 496-2076
Counselor Home 450-0474

PARISH STAFF

Fr. John Kuzmich Pastor
Fr. Mark Gurtner Associate Pastor
Fr. Joseph Gaughan Associate Pastor
Sr. Mary Catherine (Kay) Jarema, S.S.N.D. . . Pastoral Associate
Judy Mockenhaupt Pastoral Associate
Sherry Miller Business Administrator
Sandra Guffey School Principal
Vicky Luetzelschwab Dir. of Religious Education
Tony Andorfer Director of Music
Jay Hamrick Maintenance
Cindy Black Youth Director
Mary Berkshire Parish Secretary
Carol Wurst Parish Secretary
Geri Schmidt Parish Secretary (*part-time*)
Carol Garcia Homebound Ministry
Jeanne Heintzel Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson
Karen Martino Wedding Coordinator

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

*6:30 a.m. Robert "Bud" Richter
8:00 a.m. Donald Morgan

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

*6:30 a.m. Mark Schirmeyer
8:00 a.m. Pamela Beeler

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

*6:30 a.m. Clovis Ernst
8:00 a.m. Int. School Aides

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

*6:30 a.m. Rita Miller
8:00 a.m. Helen Wehrle

FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST

8:00 a.m. Dec. Members Zager Family
*5:30 p.m. Gerard Theriot

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

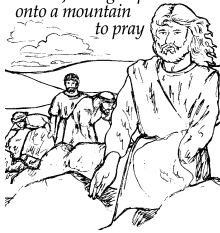
8:00 a.m. Int. Rosary Society
5:00 p.m. Margaret & Martin Braun

SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD

7:15 a.m. Bob & Thelma Schuerman
9:00 a.m. Michael Nagel
11:00 a.m. John Holubes
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

*CHAPEL

Jesus, Peter, John
and James go up
onto a mountain
to pray



FROM THE PASTOR:

Our Lenten Parish Mission, which entailed much planning, was a spiritually uplifting event. Parishioners commented on how much they appreciated the Mission and how it helped them to make a better Lent. I am grateful to Sister Kay and the Mission Committee, the musicians and cantors for all they did to make the Mission a success. Thank you very much.
Fr. John



BARE SHELVES - PLEASE HELP

The St. Vincent de Paul Society provides food for those in need. Please help feed the poor by bringing non-perishable food items to all the Masses the weekend of March 2 and 3. As always, thank you for your generosity.



LADIES! IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Now is the time to take advantage of the opportunity to renew or enhance your relationship with God by attending a Christ Renews His Parish weekend. The Women's weekend is next weekend, March 2-3, 2002. Listen to your heart. Christ could be calling you for a chance to revitalize your faith, prayers, reflection, and fellowship. For information about the women's weekend, call Deb Fosnaugh at 489-0811.

LENTEN WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
All 6:30 a.m. Masses will be in the chapel. The 8:00 a.m. Mass will be in the church.

SERVERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 2nd

8:00 a.m. Joe Richardville, Michael Heimann
5:00 p.m. Pat Burns, Brian Burns
Elizabeth Nicola, Melanie Wagner

Sunday, March 3rd

7:15 a.m. Andrea Sarasien, Marissa Freson
Crista Romano, Kelsey Weller
Adrienne Witzigreuter, Ryan Cybulski
Lauren Polaski, Stefan Coonan
11:00 a.m. Greg Freeman, Dom Lombardo
Sal Lombardo, Ian Garner

NURSERY - SUNDAY, March 3rd

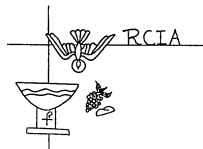
9:00 a.m. Garringer

NURSERY SCHEDULER NEEDED

The 9:00 nursery is in need of a scheduler. Responsibilities include collecting information from parents registering their children and preparing a schedule every 3 to 4 months. For more information, please call Karen Fitch at 489-5867.

HATS OFF TO THE PARISH FOR SAVING MEIJER RECEIPTS

Remember saving your Meijer receipts last September thru December for the benefit of the school kitchen? Well, it was WORTH IT!! Your help in collecting these Meijer's receipts netted the school kitchen a total of \$904.74.



RCIA

At next Sunday's 9:00 Mass, our Elect will go through the First Scrutiny. We join in solidarity with them, as we are all called to scrutinize our lives. Please continue to pray for our Elect and Candidates.

**ADULTS AND TEENS -
HAVE YOU BEEN CONFIRMED?**

Bishop D'Arcy has announced that adult confirmation will be on May 26, 2002 at the Cathedral. If there is anyone who for whatever reason has not been confirmed, please contact Fr. Mark at the church office by March 1 (489-3537). There will be a six-week preparation course which is MANDATORY.



ATTENTION: ALL MINISTERS

(Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Homebound Ministers)
Please note the following dates for our Spring reflections:

Saturday morning March 16
8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Monday evenings April 15 and 22
7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
Saturday morning May 4
8:30 to 11:30 a.m.



All reflections will be held in the Spiritual Center. Please remember that ministers MUST attend one of these reflections in order to remain active in your ministry.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This traditional Lenten devotion will be conducted on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m. The church is open throughout the week for persons who wish to make the Stations privately.

MAY GOD GRANT ETERNAL LIGHT AND PEACE



to Mark Brown, spouse of Connie Brown; John Beilhart, father of Patricia Schrimper; Margaret Gardner-Moore; Mary Stevens, mother of Marilyn Fischer; Mercedes M. Pichardo, mother of Mireya Soto; Peter J. Paonessa, father of Peter Paonessa; Mary Solon; Michael Korff; Roy Sutton, spouse of Constance Sutton.

RE-MEMBERING CHURCH

During our faith journey, we may at times have felt pulled or pushed away from the church, or perhaps just simply drifted away. If you or someone you know has been away from the church, we invite you and them back. During the Easter season, April - May, our St. Vincent parish will host catechesis sessions for those desiring to remember with the church. Perhaps you or someone you know is not ready for or desiring catechesis at this time but simply want an opportunity to talk about the faith journey and the church. We will gladly meet with you. To inquire about Re-membering or the Easter season catechesis sessions, or to set up a meeting to just talk about your faith journey, contact Tim Werling at 484-0067 or the church office at 489-3537. Please be open to the call of the Holy Spirit in your life this Lenten season. Encourage an inactive Catholic to come back to the church.

FAITH, FAMILY, FRIENDS

You'll find stories about these subjects, and much more, in TODAY'S CATHOLIC newspaper. Long-time subscribers know there's no better way to stay up to date on issues or events in the Catholic Church, from local to international. Join them. And be "in the know." Pick up a small envelope in the back of church and place your subscription envelopes in the collection basket, or call (260) 456-2824 and charge to your Visa or MasterCard.



CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"I helped my mom pack my lunch." Ben B.
 "Do what my mom and dad tell me to do." Monica
 "I prayed for the poor people." Jon E.
 "I used my manners when we had company." Caleb K.



Meetings of the Week

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY – Monday, Feb. 25th, at 7 p.m. in the Chapel
 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT – Monday, Feb. 25th, at 7 p.m. in the Teacher's Lounge
 PROJECT SOLIDARITY – Monday, Feb. 25th, at 7 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, Feb. 26th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 RCIA – Tues., Feb. 26th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Mission in the Church
 LITURGY MINISTRY PLANNING – Tuesday, Feb. 26th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
 ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, Feb. 27th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Church
 WINGS – Wednesday, Feb. 27th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 MARDI GRAS WRAP UP MEETING - Wednesday, Feb. 27th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
 MOTHERS GATHERED IN PRAYER – Thursday, Feb. 28th, at 8:00 a.m. in the East Room
 WINGS TOO – Thursday, Feb. 28th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 MOMS – Thursday, Feb. 28th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Life House
 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I – Thursday, Feb. 28th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
 DIVORCED AND SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, Feb. 28th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 WOMEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH AGAPE – Friday, March 1st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
 WOMEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKEND – Friday and Saturday, March 2nd and 3rd

LIFE TEEN REFLECTION

Can you imagine what it was like for Peter, James and John to witness the Transfiguration of Jesus? Many of you who have been on a Life Teen retreat can relate. In the Gospel, they went up a mountain by themselves, as we go away from Fort Wayne; leaving friends and family. The three disciples saw Jesus' face shine bright as the sun, like on retreat, we experience Jesus in a whole new light. Peter said, "Lord, it is good that we are here" and wanted to make tents for them to stay. Teens call this the "Jesus high" and don't want to leave. Just as they came down from the mountain, we too must return home with our special instructions from Jesus: to share the experience of the Risen Lord with others by allowing His light to shine through us. Doesn't this make you anxious for the spring retreat!?! Cindy

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

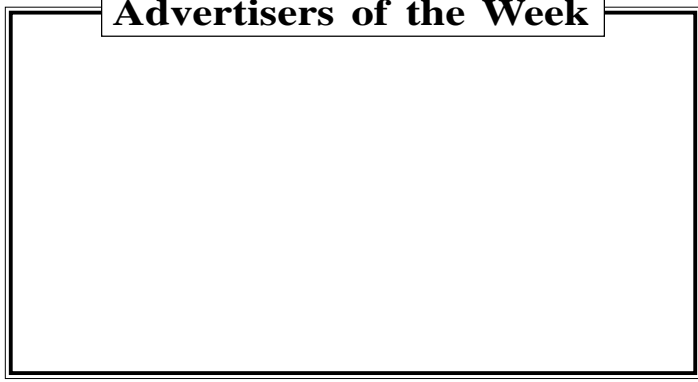
Feb. 24 Life Night: Break It Down, Build It Up
 Feb. 25 Jr. High Life: Coffee House
 Feb. 26 Mass and Breakfast, 6:30 a.m. in the Chapel
 Feb. 27 Ministry Hour, bring food for the poor
 Feb. 28 Pray at abortion clinic at 7 a.m.

JR. HIGH LIFE COFFEE HOUSE

Hey all you 7th and 8th graders, come hang out and sip a cup of joe (we will have other drinks too) as the Parish Hall is transformed into the Life Teen Coffee House. Join us Monday, Feb. 25 from 7 – 8:30 p.m.



Advertisers of the Week



Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

SUCCESSFUL PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser for World Youth Day. As Joanne Scully, Angie and Keith Harber can attest, the kids wore the teens out!

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 For information about St. Vincent's Youth Ministry, contact Cindy Black at 489-3537 Ext. 228 or e-mail cblack@saintv.org
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HANDS ACROSS THE LANDS

The Office of Catechesis for the Fort Wayne/South Bend Diocese is planning a service trip to Mexico this summer for High School youth. Application requirements include at least one year of Spanish and a letter of intent stating why the student would like to go on this trip (must include how he/she plans to use this experience to benefit others in the parish upon return). Twenty students from across the diocese will be selected to participate. The deadline for submission of letter of intent is March 15. For more information, contact Jane Cors Smith, Coordinator of Hispanic Catechesis at (219) 259-9994 Ext. 207.

INTENSIVE SPANISH IMMERSION EXPERIENCE...

Will take place from June 1-7, 2002, at Marian Pastoral Center. The event begins at noon on Saturday, June 1st, and ends at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 7th. Participants will stay the week at the center. A native speaker from Mexico will teach the classes. Besides the usual drills and paper work involved in learning a language, there will also be exposure to Spanish prayers, Mass, videos, music, and games in order to reinforce the language learning. Diocesan and parish employees and parish volunteers can attend for the price of the materials. Others in the community may attend as space permits for a fee. To register or for additional information, call Jane Cors Smith, Diocesan Coordinator of Hispanic Catechesis at (219) 259-9994 Ext. 207.

CINDERELLA PROJECT

Last chance to donate your gently used prom dress to the Cinderella Project for girls who can't afford one. Drop off dresses at any PEERLESS CLEANERS location by February 28th. Project sponsored by the Fort Wayne Medical Society Alliance."

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

SESSIONS PLANNED FOR FT. WAYNE

On March 11, 2002, there will be a Natural Family Planning class in the Community Room at St. Vincent de Paul. The class runs from 7 to 9 p.m. This class is conducted by the diocesan Office of Family Life and is open to engaged and married couples. The fee for the session is \$25.00. Registration is required. To register, call (574) 234-0687 or contact the church office.

RETREAT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

When: Sat., March 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Where: St. Vincent de Paul Church
 Who: Adults (18 and over) with mental, physical, or emotional challenges
 What: Presentations by individuals who understand the challenges you are facing
 How: For more information or to register, call
 Mary Becker Donna Macino
 Office of Catechesis Office of Catechesis
 (260) 422-4611 Ext. 358 (260) 422-4611 Ext. 358

DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

Come join us on Thursday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. Mary Jo Todoran, ACSW, LCSW, will be our speaker. The topic is "Anger vs. Assertiveness". Call the church office if you need more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

March 1	7:00 p.m.	Women's Christ Renews His Parish Agape
March 2 & 3		Women's Christ Renews His Parish Weekend
March 4	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Commission
March 5	9:00 a.m.	Two by Two Bible Study
March 5	5:30 p.m.	Technology Committee
March 5	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
March 5	6:30 p.m.	HASA Board
March 5	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
March 5	7:00 p.m.	Disability Team
March 6	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
March 6	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
March 6	6:30 p.m.	School Board
March 6	7:00 p.m.	Bereavement Team
March 7	8:00 a.m.	Mothers Gathered In Prayer
March 7	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
March 7	6:30 p.m.	MOMS
March 7	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation I
March 8	5:00 p.m.	Scout Fish Fry
March 9	9:00 a.m.	Disabilities Retreat
March 11	7:00 p.m.	Natural Family Planning Class
March 11	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
March 11	8:00 p.m.	Men's Club
March 12	9:00 a.m.	Two by Two Bible Study
March 12	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
March 12	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
March 13	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
March 13	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
March 14	8:00 a.m.	Mothers Gathered In Prayer
March 14	9:00 a.m.	WINGS TOO
March 14	5:15 p.m.	Market Day
March 14	6:30 p.m.	MOMS
March 14	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation II
March 14	7:00 p.m.	Divorced and Separated Support Group
March 15	5:00 p.m.	Scouts Fish Fry
March 15	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
March 16	8:00 a.m.	K of C Blood Drive
March 16	9:00 a.m.	Ministers' Reflection
March 17	6:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Society Retreat
March 18	9:00 a.m.	Small Christian Community Directors
March 18	1:15 p.m.	Harvest House
March 18	7:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Society
March 18	7:00 p.m.	Building and Grounds
March 18	7:00 p.m.	Project Solidarity Committee
March 19	9:00 a.m.	Two by Two Bible Study
March 19	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
March 19	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
March 19	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
March 20	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
March 20	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
March 20	7:00 p.m.	K of C
March 21	8:00 a.m.	Mothers Gathered In Prayer
March 21	9:00 a.m.	WINGS TOO
March 21	6:30 p.m.	MOMS
March 23	9:00 a.m.	RCIA Retreat
March 26	9:00 a.m.	Two by Two Bible Study
March 26	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
March 27	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

GET READY FOR SPRING—MOWERS FOR SALE

St. Vincent's parish has for sale a Toro Groundmaster 217D, 52" mower deck with grass collector and a White zero-turn, 62" mower deck with 18 hp Briggs engine. Call 489-3537 Ext. 217.

2ND SHIFT CUSTODIAN

NEEDED FOR SCHOOL

Custodian needed for St. Vincent School. This is a 2nd shift, part-time position. Apply at Church office between 8:30 and 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

OF ST. VINCENT'S PARISH

Joseph and Pamela Brita, 11420 Brougham Run
Jackson Hallaert, 8614 Wave Circle, Apt. A
Kevin and Amanda Klengenberger, 6917 Hillsboro Court
Jeffrey and Lynn Henschel, 9015 Wallen Lane
Jeff and Kristen Morris, 10211 Avalon Way #7
Seleena Olivas, 11420 Brougham Run
Joseph Brita, Jr., 9218 Norwich Court
James Stieglitz, 8130 Calera Drive
Chelsea Blanchette, 932 Bethany Lane
Sally Mason, 1003 Woodland Springs Place
Daniel and Carla Kohonen, 8224 Stand Ridge Run
Michael and Deborah Lewandowski, 2516 River Park Drive
Brian and Laurel Silva, 10534 Willow Creek Drive
Patrick Nicole, 1303 Pion Road
William and Judi Andorfer, 230 Fiddlers Cove
Paul and Suzanne Geoffroy, 5706 Kruse Drive
Joseph and Carol Palazzolo, 6505 Oak Forest Trail
Christopher and Molly Pelkington, 3422 Amulet
Shirley Vlaskamp, 10620 Lantern Bay Cove
Tara and Nathan Jackson, 8014 Franchesca Way



BAPTIZED DURING

THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Mya Rose VanderHagen, daughter of
Mark and Denise (Rousseau) VanderHagen
Ashley Lynn Bishop, daughter of
Robert and Lois (Lindsay) Bishop
Samantha Morea O'Brien, daughter of
Daniel and Gina (Amick) O'Brien
Collin Andrew and Sydney Danielle Coil, twin children of
Brent and Theresa (Herman) Coil
Coral Elizabeth Hakey, daughter of
Jason and Eileen (Oberle) Hakey
John Anthony Turner, son of
Anthony and Mary (Hile) Turner
Rachel Madonna Siela, daughter of
Rudi and Pamela (Madonna) Siela
Jordan Richard Watercutter, son of
David and Margaret (Johnson) Watercutter
Julia Grace Hunnicutt, daughter of
Todd and Mary (Carpenter) Hunnicutt
Erin Elizabeth Strzelecki, daughter of
Frank and Heather (Mitchell) Strzelecki
Caroline Grace Eby, daughter of
Carl and Kristin (Unrue) Eby
Brian Joseph Tippmann, son of
Peter and Margaret (Gladioux) Tippmann



FELLOWSHIP

DUC IN ALTUM:

PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP!

This 7th Annual Bishop's Retreat for College Students and Young Adults will be held at Sylvan Springs in Rome City on March 15, 16, and 17, 2002. Speakers will include Fr. Mark Gurtner, Ms. Mary Pohlman and Bishop D'Arcy. Discussions, reflections, reconciliation, and Sunday morning liturgy

will be offered. The price is great — \$45.00 covers the cost of all food and lodging! The retreat content will be directed to those 18-40 years of age: single, married and single-again.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE OF QUIET PRAYER AND DEVOTION?

The Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio, invites you or your group/organization to make a pilgrimage. The Franciscan Friars would be most happy to welcome you. For more information, please call (419) 396-7107 or visit our website www.olcshrine.com.

DEAR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS:

Classes will resume on Wednesday, February 27th. Thank you.
Religious Education Office



2ND GRADE PARENTS:

This is a reminder that the Eucharist Parent Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 24th after the Life Teen Mass. We will meet in church this time. If you have any questions, contact the Religious Education office at 489-3537 ext. 235.

BOX TOPS/CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

We will begin collecting Box Top for Education logos. All you need to do is clip the Box Top logos from participating General Mills and Betty Crocker products. Our school gets 10 cents for each Box Top collected. This year, we are raising money towards our Strategic Plan Fund. The more we collect, the more we earn.



We will also collect Campbell's soup labels. This will allow us to pick various merchandise from the Campbell's catalog.

We will have a collection box between the exit doors at the west entrance of the Gathering Area. Thank you for supporting our school. For more information or questions, call Ann Barbieri at 482-3735 or Vicki Yoder at 637-4113.

SCRIP SALES IN THE CHURCH

Sales will be held every other Sunday. Sale date: Feb. 24, March 20 and March 24. Scrip will be sold after the 7:15 and 9:00 Masses in the Gathering Space near the Church Office.

We offer a variety of restaurant, grocery, gasoline and retail merchants. Proceeds benefit not only the St. Vincent's HASA, but now a portion of the profit may be accumulated toward a family's tuition. Please refer to the T.I.P. Procedure available at the Scrip table. Support from the parish community is very much appreciated.

Questions or arrangements can be coordinated by calling Julia Thill at 489-7064.

BABY, OH BABY!! SAVE THOSE LABELS!

If you have a baby eating Heinz baby food, please save your labels. Each label is worth a 6-cent donation to Riley's Children Hospital in Indianapolis. A small box is between the west exit doors of the Gathering Space. Any questions, please contact Kellie Stanley 637-6041.

MAYBE YOU'VE NOTICED, MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T

The Family Life Ministry of St. Vincent's has built a container to hold and collect 1 million pennies. We've placed it in the west wing of the Gathering Space next to the doors of the church office. The children of St. Vincent's School have been bringing their pennies to the children's All Mass during the week and pouring them into the container and watching it grow. With the million pennies, the Family Life Ministry will purchase a statue of the Holy Family to be placed in the church. So, save your pennies throughout the week and bring them by the container. We'll watch the pennies grow in number and the end result will be a beautiful statue of the Holy Family for our church.



ST. VINCENT'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

This annual garage sale will be held on April 6th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please start saving your gently used clothing, toys, etc. Drop off times will be Wednesday, April 3, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday, April 4 and 5, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. More information will be coming soon.

WRESTLING CAMPSIGNUP

The Bishop Dwenger wrestling camp and CYO wrestling begins on February 25 in the wrestling room at Dwenger. 1st through 4th graders will have camp from 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. and 5th through 8th graders will be from 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$10. For more information, contact Coach John Bennett At 486-5805 or 496-4700.

TUITION ASSISTANCE ENVELOPES

When you use your Tuition Assistance envelope found in the monthly packet of collection envelopes, you help provide a Catholic school education for children whose parents need financial help. Tuition for one child in our grade school is \$1,356.00; for two children, \$2,034.00; and for three or more, \$2,712.00. Thus far this year, we are giving \$27,169.86 in financial assistance. Thank you very much for supporting our parish grade school.

17th WORLD YOUTH DAY PACKAGE - JULY 22-JULY 29

Bishop John D'Arcy invite young adults (18-40) to join this pilgrimage of prayer with young adults from around the world. Bus from Fort Wayne cathedral. Five nights accommodations. Breakfast daily, Sat. dinner in park. Admission to all WYD events. Pass for city public transportations. Bus available for side trips in Toronto area. Limited available space on first come, first served basis. Cost: \$400. (Deposit of \$125 per person required at registration, final payment due April 15). Contacts: Sr. Gloria Ann Fiedler at (260) 483-3661.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2002 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, July 22 - arrive in Toronto; Tues., July 23 - opening celebration; Wed.-Fri., July 24-26 - attend morning teaching sessions led by cardinals and bishops from around the world, Eucharist and Reconciliation opportunities available, solemn celebration of the Stations of the Cross; Sat., July 27 - Vigil of prayer with Holy Father and night filled with music and entertainment, overnight stay in Downsview Park; Sun., July 28 - Morning Mass with Holy Father and conclusion of WYD 2002. Depart for USA.

GIRL SCOUT RETREAT

The annual St. Vincent's Girl Scout Retreat will be held at the Scout Lodge on Saturday, March 9, for Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, and Senior Girl Scouts. Mass will follow and include a recognition of girls receiving religious medals and achievement awards. The theme for this year's retreat is "Take Up Your Cross." The girls will learn how the cross calls us to lives marked by prayer, patience, humility, courage, and selflessness and will participate in activities (crafts, games, snack and service project) that reinforce the idea that the cross is the ultimate symbol of Christ's victory for each of them. All Girl Scout parishioners are invited. Students of St. Vincent's School should have received information from their troop leaders. To receive a registration packet, please call Monica Gloudemans 627-3439 by March 4.



HACIENDA DAY! A SPECIAL BENEFIT FOR ST. VINCENT SCOUTS

Hacienda Mexican Restaurant on Dupont Road at Lima Road, has offered a special opportunity to the St. Vincent Scouts. Anyone may simply use the following certificate on Sunday, February 24th at that location, and Hacienda will donate 20% of your bill for the day to St. Vincent Scouts. You may even purchase Gift Certificates that day for future use (however, use of old certificates will not contribute to the donation). So enjoy a special meal during the day with your St. Vincent friends or neighbors, and help the Scouts at no additional cost! Please share the coupons with everyone you know. Only one coupon per table is required, but the coupons may not be distributed at the restaurant that day. Thank you for your help!

HACIENDA MEXICAN RESTAURANTS
"GIVES BACK" FIESTA
GROUP: St. Vincent Scouts
DATE: Sunday, Feb. 24th
LOCATION: Lima at Dupont Roads
You must receive this token from your organization prior to your event. Distribution of this token on Hacienda property will disqualify the organization from receiving any proceeds. Gift cards will not be accepted to make payment for your purchase with this token.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The St. Vincent's Youth Detention Ministry is seeking individuals over 18 years old with a heart for incarcerated youth. To be part of this ministry, an occasional commitment on a Sunday morning or an evening during the week is required. We are also seeking a back up guitarist for our sing-a-longs. If interested, please contact Bob Swindler at 490-8150. Those of us in this ministry are firm believers in the power of prayer. We ask you, our fellow parishioners, to join us in prayer for the intention of these youth.



FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you have a family member who is homebound and would like to visit or to receive Holy Communion, please call the church office. Also, if a family member is admitted in the hospital through the emergency room, please call. We are only notified of scheduled admissions. Thank you. Carol Garcia 489-3537.

CARING FOR YOUR AGING PARENTS

Are you dealing with an elderly parent and being forced to make difficult decisions regarding living arrangements and health care? A book has been written by Monica and Bill Dodds entitled "Caring For Your Aging Parent - A Guide For Catholic Families". The authors deal with these issues and more. If you are interested in a copy, please call Carol Garcia at 489-3537.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

Attendance at two Baptismal Preparation Sessions is required before your child is baptized. They are Session I and Session II. You may attend Session II before Session I, if necessary. Each session will begin at 7:00 p.m. AND WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW CHURCH CONFERENCE ROOM. It is recommended that you attend before the birth of your child so that there will be no delay in setting a date for the baptism once the baby is born. Godparents, too, are welcome. Please call the church office to register for your sessions.

Session I	Session II
Feb. 28	March 14
March 7	April 18
April 11	
April 25	

HAND IN HAND - INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS

Orientation and Information Meeting about international adoptions will be held on Monday, February 25, 2002, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Dupont Public Library. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Hand in Hand at (219) 636-3566 or indiana@hihiadopt.org.

Hand in Hand is a non-profit agency begun in 1974 by a missionary's wife. We currently place children from nine different countries (including China, Guatemala, Haiti, Moldova, Philippines, Russia, Vietnam, Ukraine, and Thailand).



SIGN UP TODAY!

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH CONTINUATION COMMITTEE

We will be discerning a couple or two individuals for the Committee's service ministry of Weekend Facilitators. If you have been on a past Christ Renew's team and feel called to serve in this three year ministry, which includes attending the Continuation meetings and the Men's and Women's weekends twice a year, please send a letter to Steve Grashoff at 11625 Trade Wind Cove, Fort Wayne, IN 46845. In this letter answer the following questions: What was your previous

team experience and ministry? How did you hear this call? How do you feel you could best serve this ministry? For more information call Steve Grashoff at 637-8146.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

These are Blood Drive dates through June 2002: Saturdays, March 16 and June 1, 2002. To schedule an appointment, call Bruce Cadwell at 484-0078.

MAKE YOUR LENT SPECIAL - VISIT THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The hours we spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament are the nearest thing to heaven for us. During the time spent in adoration we allow God to touch us; we open ourselves to Him; we surrender to Him; we hear His words of love; we respond.

On Wednesday's, our parish is privileged to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the day until 4 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel. We are required to have at least two people praying as long as the Sacrament is on the altar for this type of adoration. Please contact Mary Ann Brown at 489-4823 if you would like to do this and be scheduled for a specific hour. Drop-ins are welcome.

ST. JUDE'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN



A Day of Recollection for Ladies will be held at St. Jude Church on Monday, March 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fr. Tom Shoemaker will be the presenter. Coffee and donuts served at 9 a.m.,

program begins at 9:30 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. and Mass at 1 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and we'll furnish the dessert and coffee.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat on March 8-10, 2002 or April 12 - 14, 2002 at Sylvan Springs Resort, sponsored by Our Lady of Rome City, Rome City, Indiana. The weekend retreat will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or registration contact: Sue at 616-683-4958 or 616-683-7831 or email: ndsue33@hotmail.com. The cost is \$150 for meals, private room, and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available!! For a complete listing of retreat dates and locations, contact 1-877-HOPE-4 ME or visit the Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org

PURDUE SINGERS AGAIN COMING TO CATHEDRAL

On Sunday, March 3, the Purdue Singers will again perform a concert at 2:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne. The concert is free and open to the public. For more than 60 years, Purdue Musical Organizations have served Purdue University as ambassadors of goodwill in concert performances. The Purdue Singers performed last year in the Cathedral to the delight of a small audience.



THE ONCE-IN-AWHILE CHOIR

This special choir has begun rehearsing in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne on all Wednesday evenings during Lent at 7:00 p.m. They will perform at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in singing with the Choir is asked to begin attending the Wednesday evening rehearsals.

STUDY GROUP TO EXAMINE THE "THEOLOGY OF THE BODY"

Learn about Marriage, Celibacy, the Eucharist, and more, with an audio crash course on Pope John Paul II's "Theology of the Body". You are invited to join a study group to listen to and discuss these tapes together. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays starting March 1, 2002, at the home of Vince and Becky Barry, St. Charles area. For information or to register, please call Tom and Barb Kasting at 338-0314.

CHILDCARE OPENINGS

At-home mother has opening for childcare in her home. Please, call Tabetha at 490-1596.

Will provide childcare. For more information, call Janet at 484-8884.

NANNY NEEDED

A nanny is needed from May 1, 2002 to mid/end of August for two boys, ages 6 and 3. If interested, call 338-0828 for details.