

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
Gerri Schmidt	Parish Secretary (<i>part-time</i>)
Carol Garcia	Homebound Ministry
Jeanne Heintzel	Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson
Karen Martino	Wedding Coordinator

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 4TH

*6:30 a.m. Florence Wassenhove
8:00 a.m. George Frank

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH

*6:30 a.m. Chris Ellert
8:00 a.m. Clarence & Mary Frances Bechtel

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH

*6:30 a.m. Helen Ann Thompson
8:00 a.m. Int. School Office Staff ALL MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH

*6:30 a.m. William Martin Family
8:00 a.m. Mary A. Clabaugh

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH

8:00 a.m. Jerry Russo
*5:30 p.m. Mercedes M. Pichardo

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

8:00 a.m. Tony Theriot
5:00 p.m. Dolores Kleber

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH

7:15 a.m. Rose Anne Plasterer-Dix
9:00 a.m. Homer Haag
11:00 a.m. William D. Key
6:00 p.m. For the Parish (LifeTeen Mass)



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 9th

8:00 a.m. Bradley Springer, Katelyn Springer
5:00 p.m. Rachel Yankowiak, Chelsea Klinker
Mark Voors, Aaron Voors

Sunday, March 10th

7:15 a.m. Brian Key, John Marx
Nate James, Erika Roy
9:00 a.m. Bradley Frane, Candice Frane
Hana Geswein, Jon Moore
11:00 a.m. Tessa Moeller, Austin Leffers
Janessa Leffers, Molly Tomlinson

NURSERY - SUNDAY, March 10th

9:00 a.m. Lepper

COFFEE AND DONUTS - Sunday, March 10th

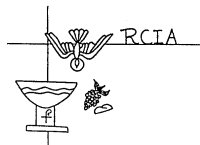
Come join your fellow parishioners in the Parish Hall after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

LOST AND FOUND

A Motorola pager has been found in the church. A car key was found in the Parish Hall after the Mardi Gras on Feb. 9th. Please stop in or call the office at 489-3537 if these items are yours.



Lost and Found



At next Sunday's 9:00 Mass, the Elect will go through the second Scrutiny. The gospel is the Man Born Blind. The question for us is "where are my blind spots?" Please continue to pray for our Elect and Candidates.

ANNUAL NOTRE DAME ATHLETIC

FUNDRAISER WRAP-UP PARTY

March 11th at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All the men who helped with this year's fundraiser for St. Vincent Athletics are invited for an evening of food and fun. Men's Club meeting will follow.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Thank you very much for returning your stewardship of treasure pledge card. You received this through the mail with a letter from me. Once again I am grateful to Nick and Ann Gray for their stewardship witness talk on Saturday and Sunday, February 2/3. I hope you appreciated hearing their message. May God bless you a hundred-fold for being a good steward of the gifts God has bestowed on you. In giving generously of your time, talent and treasure, you glorify God.

Fr. John



RAISING A FAMILY IN 2002 IS A TREMENDOUS CHALLENGE

But parents and grandparents, and everyone else in the family, can find plenty of positive support and insights into that challenge in TODAY'S CATHOLIC. A subscription to 47 issues is a small investment with gigantic returns. Subscribe today. Pick up a small envelope in the back of church and place your subscription envelope in the collection basket, or call (260) 456-2824 and charge to your Visa or MasterCard.

ST. VINCENT EMPLOYERS-UNEMPLOYED LINK

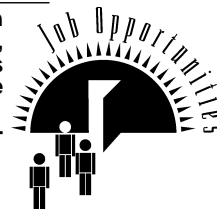
Realizing that many people in our parish and area have lost their jobs and are looking, we want to help. In response to a parishioner's request, we are beginning a new column here in the parish bulletin.

We are asking you as owners and managers of businesses in the area to:

— Send by TUESDAY MORNING, IN WRITING OR E-MAIL

(stvincentchurch@hotmail.com or www.saintv.org)

1. An open position you are aware of
 2. The name of the company and address
 3. The contact person and how to reach him or her
- God is in every part of our journey!



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

NEWCOMERS REGISTRATION

Parish representatives will be in Church Conference Room next Sunday, March 10th, after the 9 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

Lenten Penance Services are scheduled at the following area churches:

Our Lady of Good Hope	7:00 p.m.
St. Charles	7:00 p.m.
St. Jude's	7:00 p.m.

Fathers John, Mark and Joe will be helping out at these services.



AMERICAN BISHOPS' OVERSEAS APPEAL

When we contemplate the face of Jesus we can see the faces of the men and women of today, especially those who are suffering and in need. The work of the agencies involved in the Church's international social ministry serve "Jesus in disguise" and manifests our Catholic Christian call to action for the least among us without consideration of borders and origins.

The American Bishops' Overseas Appeal (ABOA) - next week's collection helps fund the work of Catholic Relief Services, the Holy Father's Relief Fund, and the U.S. bishops' Migration and Refugee Services and international peace and justice programs. Your support of ABOA is an important step in expressing solidarity with the poor, the oppressed, the refugee, the migrant worker, and other disadvantaged and powerless people in whom we find Jesus and come to know him.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"I prayed with my family." Evan W.
 "I helped my mom dust." Olivia K.

Meetings of the Week

- LITURGY MEETING – Monday, March 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
- TWO BY TWO BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, March 5th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
- TECHNOLOGY MEETING – Tuesday, March 5th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge
- HASA BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, March 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge
- SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, March 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
- RCIA – Tues., March 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
- DISABILITY TEAM – March 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Convent Back Room
- ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, March 6th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Church
- WINGS – Wednesday, March 6th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
- SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, March 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
- BEREAVEMENT TEAM – Wednesday, March 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel
- MOTHERS GATHERED IN PRAYER – Thursday, March 7th, at 8:00 a.m. in the East Room
- WINGS TOO – Thursday, March 7th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
- MOMS – Thursday, March 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Life House
- BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I – Thursday, March 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
- SCOUT FISH FRY – Friday, March 8th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- DISABILITIES RETREAT – Saturday, March 9th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center and Parish Hall

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.

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.

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 re-member 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.



Advertisers of the Week

Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

LIFETEEN REFLECTION

Teens, thank you for your openness to last week's Life Night. I hope your "homework" was an enjoyable assignment and that you reap the rewards of following Jesus' commandment to "love one another as I love you." That is something we must continually strive to do. We talked about loving everyone, not just our friends and how that requires that we get to know others. We have to care about them and their well being as much as our own. We should have a deep hope that everyone we meet know God and are on the way to eternal life. If we keep that goal in mind, we are more likely to love them as we should. For instance, I frequently stop at a particular coffee shop. Sometimes the girls working are not dressed modestly and are adorned with tattoos and body piercings. If I stop to think how much God loves them unconditionally, then it is easier for me to be loving toward them. The same holds true at home when I am angry with my husband. (BTW, we will celebrate our 10th wedding anniversary this week!) Instead of thinking I'm right about everything and he should see that, if I stop to remember that God loves us both the same, then I can love him like Jesus says. Jesus loved the woman at the well, with all her sin, just as much as He loved His disciples. And He loves you and me as much as the woman at the well! Cindy

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- March 3 Life Night
Bring food items for St. Vincent de Paul Pantry
- March 4 Planning meeting for Jr. High Life, 7 p.m.
- March 5 Mass and Breakfast, 6:30 a.m. in the Chapel
- March 6 Ministry Hour
- March 7 Pray at abortion clinic at 7 a.m.
- March 10 Life Night

"HEAR ME CALLING" - SPRING RETREAT

Teens, registration forms are finally available for the spring retreat. The dates are April 26-28. Demand is high and space is limited, so get your forms in right away! Come join us for a weekend to grow in faith and friendships. High school teens from all schools are welcome.

MALLS4SCHOOLS BENEFITS BISHOP DWENGER WITH YOUR HELP

Help Bishop Dwenger High School earn their share of \$25,000 in the Malls4schools event at Glenbrook Square and Commons. Take your receipts to the redemption booth next to American Greetings. Each dollar you spend equals one point for Bishop Dwenger. You can also earn double points for any purchase made on March 16 and 17. Receipts must be redeemed on that day.

HEALTH CAREERS OPEN HOUSE AT UNIV. OF SAINT FRANCIS

The University of Saint Francis invites all interested students and their families to Health Careers Open House: Sunday, April 14, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Doermer Center at the corner of Spring Street and Leesburg Road. Talk with faculty, tour simulation labs, obtain financial aid information, and learn more about the many health care majors, from certificates to master's degree programs, offered by USF. For further information, contact the Office of Admissions at 260-434-3279 or 800-729-4732.

DWENGER ART DEPARTMENT NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Bishop Dwenger Art Department is looking for the following items to complete art projects: a toaster oven in working condition for baking clay and pump motors from fountains the sculpture class are designing. If you have any of these items, please call or drop them off at the church office (489-3537).



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is available in the Gathering area. Pick up your copy today!

GIRLSCOUTRETREAT

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.



HAVE YOU HEARD THE LORD "WHISPER" IN YOUR EAR?

Adoration affords us the opportunity to become quiet, quiet enough to hear what His Spirit is saying, and calm enough to reflect upon the deeper meaning of experience, in order to learn what God wants to reveal to us through persons and events in our lives.



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.

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
March 7	March 14
April 11	April 18
April 25	

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.

SCRIP SALES IN THE CHURCH

Sales will be held every other Sunday. Sale date: 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.



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

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.

BOX TOPS/CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

We are 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.

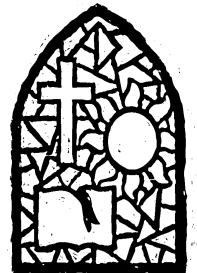
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

If you are interested in donating one of the eighteen lower windows in the ambulatory of the nave of the church, the cost is \$7,000. These attractive stained glass windows enhance the beauty of the church, and it will be wonderful to have them all in place. We are establishing a stained glass window fund for smaller donations.

Also, we are now finalizing the design of the stained glass windows in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. There will be a total of seven lower windows in stained glass with each depicting an angel at a cost of \$8,900 per window.



Eventually we will be placing stained glass in the upper windows of the nave; this is necessary to reduce glare. The windows in the great dome will not be done in stained glass but will remain as they are.

TUTOR NEEDED

A parishioner is in need of a tutor for college-level chemistry. This is an ideal opportunity for a retired person, although anyone interested should call the church office at 489-3537.

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.

REDCROSSBLOODDRIVE

AT ST. VINCENT'S - MARCH 16TH

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive here at St. Vincent's on Saturday, March 16, 2002. Donation hours will be from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Parish Hall (gym).

Giving blood is safe, easy and extremely important. You cannot contract AIDS or any other disease from giving blood. If you are at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and you are in good general health, you are most likely eligible to donate blood. It is recommended that you eat a light meal before you donate and drink plenty of fluids before and after. This will help those that feel light-headed after donating. If you've been deferred due to low iron, taking a multi-vitamin for a few days prior to the blood drive will ensure that you will be able to donate.

Blood donation takes less than an hour... the actual blood collection takes only 8-10 minutes. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will have priority. Also, childcare will now be provided to make donating more convenient. Call Bruce Cadwell at 484-0078 to schedule your donation (or if you have any questions).

Don't forget to make an appointment and mark this important date on your calendar! PLEASE HELP BY DONATING THIS LIFE-GIVING GIFT OF BLOOD. THANK YOU!



Blood Drive



MEN WANTED

We want to issue an invitation to all eligible men of the parish to join the Knights of Columbus - St. Vincent's Council. The Knights is a service organization of Catholic men which is involved in both our church and our community by helping the less fortunate, supporting our youth programs, our seminarians, and the Right to Life effort. Knights work as volunteers when needed at St. Vincent's and on

projects within our community. In addition, we relax and enjoy each other and ourselves at dances, hayrides, dinner theater and other such social events.

You can be as active in the Knights of Columbus as your time allows. You might choose to be an officer in our organization or limit your participation to flipping an occasional pancake at one of our Sunday parish breakfasts.

If you want to join us or want more information first, please call Ray Ohlman, membership director, at 637-5377. We look forward to welcoming you to our council.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE CONCERT

Saint Joseph Hessen Cassel Knights of Columbus, US Hwy 27 South, is hosting a Free Concert featuring the A Cappella, Christian recording group "One Generation" TONIGHT, Sunday, March 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. All area churches are invited, so bring the whole family and a friend to an evening of wonderful music. Co-sponsors are Our Lady of Good Hope, Saint Vincent's and Council 451. Admission is free and open to the public

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.



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.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION AT QUEEN OF ANGELS

You can register your child for preschool at Queen of Angels Catholic School on Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall. Children must be 3 years old by July 1, 2002 to enroll in the 3-year-old class, or 4 years old by July 1, 2003 to enroll in the 4-year-old class. Please bring the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if applicable), immunization record and registration fee of \$100.00. For more information, please call Kathy Melton or Paula Johnson at 483-8214.

PROJECT SOLIDARITY

As good stewards of God's generous gifts, we pledge to commit 3% of our parish's income, off the top, to the poor and needy. This is money we could use for parish needs; however, we recognize that there are those whose needs are greater. What we give to the poor in the name of Christ will be returned to us a hundredfold. God will not be outdone in generosity. Mindful of our patron, St. Vincent de Paul, it is with joy that we help those in need.

DEAR PARISHIONERS OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHURCH:

On behalf of the staff at the Franciscan Center, Inc. we would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to you for your volunteer hours in the year 2001. During the past year we were blessed to have a total of 4,056 individual volunteers, and a total of 8,776 hours. This is an average of 2.16 hours per person that walked in the door to help us out.

St. Vincent's parish donated a total of 343 volunteers and 761 hours of service to the ministries of the Franciscan Center. Your generosity is beyond belief, as this represents a total of 8.67% of the entire volunteer base from your great parish. There is no way that we could be open or provide the services that we do without your help.

Again we thank you for your volunteerism and generous support of our ministries for those less fortunate in our community. May the good Lord bless you today and always and keep you in His loving care.

The Staff of the Franciscan Center, Inc.

Big Thank You!

FRANCISCAN CENTER NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

The Franciscan Center needs your help. Our supply levels have dropped dramatically, and we are requesting your help. We are in need of the following items:

- Sandwich sacks
- Snack size bags
- Gallon Size storage bags
- Brown paper grocery bags
- Cash Donations

You may drop these off at the center: 4643 Gaywood Drive on Mon-Thurs 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Thank you for your support and love of the needy of our great community.

****NOTE: ANY OF THESE ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE.**

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST. PAUL'S

Please join the prayer support group for an end to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 416 W. Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne every Thursday morning 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Mass at 12:10 p.m.

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