

MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, MAY 6TH**

\*6:30 a.m. Margaret Braun  
\*8:00 a.m. Vitalis Wise

**TUESDAY, MAY 7TH**

\*6:30 a.m. Elizabeth Parsons  
\*8:00 a.m. George Frank

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH**

\*6:30 a.m. John Leffers  
8:00 a.m. Norma Niemeyer ALL MASS

**THURSDAY, MAY 9TH**

\*6:30 a.m. Clovis Ernst  
\*8:00 a.m. Willard Lenkendofer

**FRIDAY, MAY 10TH**

\*8:00 a.m. Mary Gremaux  
\*5:30 p.m. Thomas Colligan

**SATURDAY, MAY 11TH**

8:00 a.m. Ollie & Anna Ohlman  
5:00 p.m. Frank & Lillian Palisieski

**SUNDAY, MAY 12TH**

7:15 a.m. Bernice Malcolm  
9:00 a.m. Dolores Kleber  
11:00 a.m. Pamela Beeler  
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

\*CHAPEL



SERVERS' SCHEDULE

**Saturday, May 18**

8:00 a.m. Jacob Kaiser, Rachel Kaiser  
5:00 p.m. Patrick Colligan, Jeremy Lill  
Dan Voors, Laura Schmidt

**Sunday, May 19**

7:15 a.m. Ben Royal, Emily Royal  
Matthew Amstutz, Patrick Dahm  
9:00 a.m. Sarah Klein, Matt Hunnicutt  
Keith Welch, Katie Schenkel  
11:00 a.m. Jason Reinhart, Jon Carter  
Tyler Secrest, Alex Brehm

NURSERY - May 19

9:00 a.m. Wendt

COFFEE AND DONUTS - Sunday, May 19

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

WEDDING BANS

III Eric Thompson and Carmen Robinson  
II Kurt Fitch and Alicia Harris  
I Derek Heckber and Sandy Kenchanh  
I Paul Schenkel and Sue Ellen Peters



RCIA

As we wind up the year and come to our last session, we give thanks for a community of believers who prayed and supported our new Catholics through their journey. It has been a wonderful year. We already have a new group of people starting in the Inquiry phase of their journey. Please keep them in your prayers.

MEN'S TEAM 32 CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 7 & 8, 2002

Are you looking for a way to revitalize your faith and make new friends? Sign up now for the next Men's Christ Renews His Parish Weekend on September 7 & 8, 2002. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. Contact Chuck Hollis at 471-9442.

YOU CAN SET PRISONERS FREE

Men needed to build ramps for wheelchair-bound people. We want to form a pool of willing men to call as we have requests. Your time and energy are all that you need to give. Work done on location Saturdays only. If God is calling you to this ministry, please call Jody at 637-8125 or Tom Braun at 493-2348.



PASTORAL COUNCIL

The parish Pastoral Council serves to advise the pastor on pastoral issues and assist in parish planning. The twelve members of the Council meet with the pastor on the second Wednesday of the month in the Spiritual Center. Members serve a three-year term of office. If you are interested in serving on the Council or can recommend a parishioner, please call the church office.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND

We are reinstating the Capital Improvement envelope in the monthly packet of the Sunday collection envelopes. We find this necessary because we need to begin to accumulate funds to help us pay for the following: a new school roof, Spiritual Center and rectory roof, organ repair and school boiler replacement. Some parishioners, having completed their building campaign pledge, will see this as an opportunity to continue giving in support of needed improvements for the maintenance and upkeep of the parish plant.

*"AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU."* John 20:21-22

Welcome SCC's, Divorced & Separated, RCIA graduates, etc! Take this time before Pentecost to refresh and renew your understanding of the Holy Spirit's anointing within you. God has given us everything we need to live this life through all of the hills and valleys, and be an example that will draw others to Him as we do so. But, do we make good use of His gifts? Join us Tuesday, May 7th, 7 - 9 p.m. in the Spiritual Center for a challenging time of reflection and recommitment. Questions? Call Cathy McLeish at 485-6481.

FUNERAL DINNER MINISTRY

During the month of May, the Rosary Society is sponsoring a fundraiser for funeral dinners. This provides an opportunity to inform or update our parishioners on how this ministry functions.

Following the death of a St. Vincent de Paul parishioner, a funeral dinner is offered to their family. If a dinner is wanted, one of four coordinators contacts a group of callers who telephone women of the parish requesting donations of vegetables, salads and desserts. The meat, bread, drinks, condiments, paper products and plastic ware are purchased by the Rosary Society. The family is not charged for this meal, but donations are gratefully accepted.

All of the women involved in this beautiful ministry are volunteers and are deserving of our heart-filled appreciation. A special thank you to Ann, Therese, Carole and Theresa, whose efforts to coordinate this service/ministry are exemplary. If you have any questions, please call Therese at 489-6741.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

FROM FRANCISCAN CENTER

Dear Fr. John, Sr. Kay and the entire Parish:

Somehow Thank You just does not seem to say enough to you for the generous donation to the Franciscan Center. The recent donation of \$1,700 from the Project Solidarity is such a blessing and treasured gift, that you have no idea how much we appreciate this.

The entire St. Vincent family should be commended for this donation. This donation not only is a financial gift, but it is a true representation of how important our work here is to the parish, and the community. I know this money could easily be spent on projects within the parish, but yet you choose to give it away, to help us feed the poor. That means more to us than you will ever know.

Fr. John, I am proud to be able to call St. Vincent's my home, and I would also like you to know that many of your parishioners are not only financial donors, but very strong volunteers as well. We have individual volunteers; classes and several Small Christian Communities and CRHP teams that come down to help us out on a regular basis. Without the generosity of St. Vincent's parish, its family members, and friends, we probably would not be in operation to the level we are today. I am very proud of the entire parish for their support to us, and I hope they are as well.

I want to personally invite you, and anyone from the parish to come to the center sometime, and see first hand exactly what we do down here. Just give me a call and we can schedule a time at your convenience.

Thank you again for your sincerest generosity, and know that we truly appreciate your support and generosity. May God bless you and the parish always. Thank you,

Keith M. Burns, Executive Director



**CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP**

"Loved my sisters." Cassie L.  
 "I helped my friend at school." Olivia K.  
 "I helped my art teacher hang up pictures after the Girl Scout Carnival." Hannah R.



**Meetings of the Week**

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS** – Monday, May 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (Spiritual Center)  
**MARRIAGE PREPARATION** – Monday, May 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OPEN HOUSE** – Monday, May 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Tuesday, May 7th, at 7:00 a.m. in the Church Conference Room  
**HASA BOARD MEETING** – Tuesday, May 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge  
**TWO BY TWO BIBLE STUDY** – Tuesday, May 7th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
**SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST** – Tuesday, May 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
**UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY SPIRIT** - Tuesday, May 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in Spiritual Center  
**ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT** – Wednesday, May 8th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
**WINGS** – Wednesday, May 8th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
**RE-MEMBERING** – Wednesday, May 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Convent Back Room  
**PASTORAL COUNCIL** - Wednesday, May 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
**BEREAVEMENT SESSION** – Wednesday, May 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel  
**YOUTH DETENTION MINISTRY** – Wednesday, May 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room #1 (Spiritual Center)  
**MOTHERS GATHERED IN PRAYER** – Thursday, May 9th, at 8:00 a.m. in the East Meeting Room  
**WINGS TOO** – Thursday, May 9th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
**DIVORCED AND SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP** – Thursday, May 9th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I** – Thursday, May 9th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room

**SCC PASTORAL FACILITATOR TRAINING**

Now that Pentecost has been held for all our Christ Renews His Parish weekends and new communities have started from them as well as elsewhere, we will hold the one-time required training session of new Pastoral Facilitators.

Whether you have said "yes" to lead your community that someone else has led before you, whether you are beginning a new community or whether you are asked by your community to consider this role in the future, please contact Sister Kay for two reasons:

1. If you have not already done so, call S Kay to have your name submitted to Fr. John for his specific appointment of you as "little pastor" of one of our communities. Basic Criteria to be a PF in our parish (beyond what your community needs of its leader(s):  
 Be a member of St. Vincent's  
 Be a practicing Catholic  
 Be approved by Fr. John for this parish responsibility
2. You need to register for the May 25th Pastoral Facilitators' Training Session, an experience of community with men and women who have been leading and would like to help you with your new role. This will be held in the Spiritual Center after the Saturday 8 a.m. Holy Mass until about 11:30 a.m.

**YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR**

May 5 Life Night  
 May 8 Ministry Hour  
 May 9 Pray at abortion clinic, 7 a.m.  
 May 10 Drop Off of Garage Sale Items 4 – 9  
 May 11 World Youth Day Garage Sale



**COSTUMES A HIT!**

Thank you Angie Harber, Tanya St. Louis, Mary Karp and Kellie Stanley for creating wonderful costumes for the retreat.

**GARAGE SALE ITEM DROP OFF**

Friday, May 10 from 4 – 9 p.m. Call Linda Kartje if you have questions 489-3776.

**GARAGE SALE**



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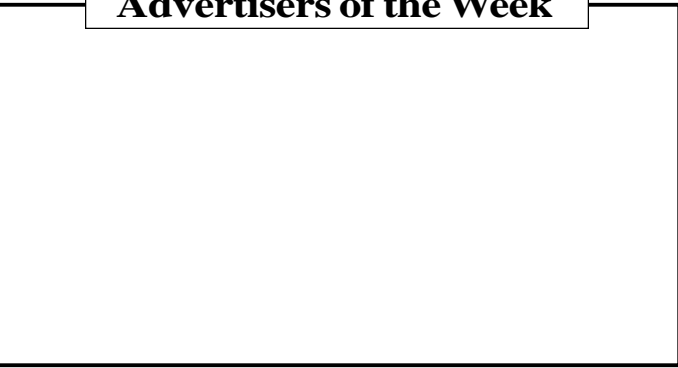
Turn the negative into the positive! Find out how at the next Jr. High Life meeting, Monday, May 13th, at 7 p.m. in the Church Gathering Space.

**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
May 9	May 16
May 23	June 20
June 13	
June 27	

**Advertisers of the Week**



Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

**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 would like some adult catechesis about the church, we invite you and them to attend our Re-Membering catechesis

sessions. All sessions are from 7 – 8:30 p.m. and are held in the convent meeting room across Wallen Road from the St. Vincent school. Session themes remaining include:

- May 8 Sacraments of the Church and Mass
- May 15 Morality/What is right and wrong?
- May 22 The Joy and Challenge of being a Christian in Community

If interested in attending, contact Tim Werling at 484-0067 or the church office at 489-3537.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

In a time of loss it is important to know that there is a place where you can be with others who understand your pain. This is a time when being with others who have walked their own path of grief may be of comfort and offer us solace in a way that our families and friends cannot give.

As a part of our service, St. Vincent de Paul Bereavement Ministry is holding a Bereavement Support Group Session. The time and dates remaining are: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on May 8, 15 and 22.

These sessions will be held in the Spiritual Center at St. Vincent's. It is our hope to provide a comforting atmosphere in which to share the grief and bereavement process and to offer emotional support. These groups have proven helpful to many. You are not alone in your pain and there is much that can be done to help the grieving process.

If this is what you are looking for, call Therese at 489-6741 or Evelyn at 637-6492.



## POSITIONS OPEN FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

There are three teaching positions open for the 2002-2003 school year. We are looking for a 6th grade teacher with an emphasis on math and science; a 2nd grade teacher; and a half-day music teacher. If you are interested in any of these positions, please call the school office at 489-3537.

### GERANIUM PICK-UP

Please remember to pick up your geraniums this Thursday or Friday (May 9 & 10) at school dismissal by the playground doors, or Saturday morning, May 11 at 9:00 a.m. DID YOU FORGET TO ORDER YOURS? A limited number of extra flats have been ordered. You may stop by to see what we have or call Melissa at 489-9801 to reserve yours. Thank you for supporting Girl Scouts.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR THE 2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR

Parents requesting tuition assistance for the 2002-2003 school year are asked to call the church office for an application no later than May 28th. Financial assistance is available to parents seeking a Catholic education for their child. However, it is necessary that the family demonstrate financial need.

## LARGE FAMILY FUND FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE

Is designed to provide financial assistance to families with three or more children in Catholic elementary and/or high schools. Information and application forms are available in the parish and/or school office. Completed forms are due in the Fort Wayne Catholic Schools Office by June 15, 2002. There will be only one distribution date in 2002.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

The next Blood Drive will be on Saturday, June 1, 2002. To schedule an appointment, call Bruce Cadwell at 484-0078.



### K OF C GOLF OUTING

The annual St. Vincent Knights of Columbus golf outing is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2002. Once again, we will be playing at Deer Track Golf Course, 19030 Tonkel Rd. Profits from this year's event will go towards St. Vincent Life Teen Program and their trip to Toronto to see the Pope. Cost is only \$60.00 which includes lunch at 12:30 p.m., 18 holes of golf, 1/2 cart, and warm-up balls for the practice range. To register yourself and/or your foursome, please call Greg Carlston at 490-4508.

## DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

Join us on Thursday, May 9, in the Spiritual Center at 9:00 p.m. It is a "just for fun" evening. We'll also be discussing our summer and fall plans.

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT RETREAT

A charismatic group who regularly meets at St. Anne Home, Randallia Drive, will host a Life in the Spirit Retreat on Saturday, May 18, 2002. The retreat will be held in the Spiritual Center from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. Registration at 8:30 a.m. after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in St. Vincent's Church.

## THE BLUE ARMY

The Blue Army First Annual Saturday Mass will be June 1st at 9 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop D'Arcy will offer the Mass. Devotions begin at 8:15 a.m. with confession and Scriptural meditation and rosary.

The breakfast will be held at St. Mary's with Bishop D'Arcy, Father Seculoff and Father Schmitt sharing some thoughts on the vision of Fatima.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$5.00 for adults, \$2.50 for children 12 and under, and free for children under 5. Add name of parish when requesting tickets.

Ads for the Program Booklet are due in by May 18. Prices are \$15.00 for small ad, \$30.00 for large ad. Checks payable to The Blue Army.

Mail to Jim Momper, Blue Army Treasurer, 8032 Westwood Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46818.

## 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. 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!

## PART TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY FOR IPFW STUDENTS

Good communication, customer service experience, good problem solving skills and knowledge of PC's/MAC's required.

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The IPFW IT Services Help Desk is hiring. You may fill out an application at <http://www.its.ipfw.edu/consultants/application.html> and drop it off at IT Services Help Desk in Kettler Hall Room 206, 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. For additional information, contact Jenny Gunkel, IT Services Help Desk Supervisor at (260) 481-6503.

## CHILD ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Mom on partial bedrest with 3rd baby needs help with 6 and 3 year olds in our home. Dates are: May 1 - May 31, M-F. Can be flexible with hours. Call 338-0828.

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

### MESSAGE TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Many members of St. Vincent's have been affected by the recent recession experienced in our economy.

Some by loss of long-held jobs, others through extended layoffs, and many through re-structuring or downsizing in local companies that have in the past provided long term employment and job security for many of our families.

Other parishioners may be experiencing the financial burdens caused by unexpected medical expenses of hospitalization, home nursing care, or the high cost of prescriptions not covered by insurance plans.

Whatever the causes may be, if you have any current needs that you are unable to take care of or manage in the way you have been able to do in the past, please be aware that your St. Vincent de Paul Conference, your fellow parishioners, are here for you in your time of need. We may not have all the answers, or immediate solutions to all of your problems, but we hope to be able to ease your burden in some way, and we would welcome the privilege to try. Please call us at 489-3537 so we may be of service in your time of need.

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## SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING

Catholic Charities' Salt & Light and St. Jude Parish are sponsoring a seminar on Socially Responsible Investing: Faith in Action. Discussion will include relevant Church teaching, social screens, Christian stewardship, and vehicles that offer responsible investing options. The seminar will be offered at 12:30 p.m. on Wed., May 8, at Catholic Charities in Fort Wayne, and at 7 p.m. on May 8 at St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne. All are welcome, especially those who invest and desire to put their faith and values into action. Contact Sean Wendlinder at Catholic Charities, (574) 234-3111.

## MEN OF ST. VINCENT'S



Would you like to learn more about the Knights of Columbus? Come to our "Open House" to find out what the Knights do and what we're about. Please bring your spouse. Refreshments will be available and the open house will only last one (1) hour.

Knights of Columbus Open House  
7:00 p.m. Monday, May 6, 2002  
in the Spiritual Center

Please confirm your attendance with Ray Ohlman at 637-5377. We hope to see you there.