

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 3RD

- *6:30 a.m. Bob Eifert
- *8:00 a.m. William & Anna Maloney

TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH

- *8:00 a.m. Anthony Barile

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH

- *8:00 a.m. Robert "Bud" Richter

THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH

- 8:00 a.m. Norbert Weins ALL MASS

FIRST FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH

- *8:00 a.m. Dolores Kleber

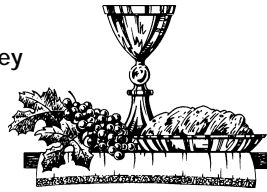
SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

- 8:00 a.m. Todd Iott
- 5:00 p.m. Paul & Magdalen Roth (60th anniv.)

SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH

- 7:15 a.m. Rose Anne Plasterer-Dix
- 9:00 a.m. Ben Nowak
- 11:00 a.m. James G. Lee
- 6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

***CHAPEL**



SERVERS' SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 8

- 8:00 a.m. Christina Brown, Casey Newport
- 5:00 p.m. Patrick Colligan, Bradley Springer
- Katelyn Springer, Melanie Wagner

Sunday, June 9

- 7:15 a.m. Nate James, Andrea Sarasien
- Mitchell Vanderhagen, Michael Heimann
- 9:00 a.m. Andrew Kleber, Blake Arnold
- Kristina Gutknecht, Laura Schmidt
- 11:00 a.m. Thomas Brunner, Samantha DePrez
- Mark DePrez, Tyler Secrest

NURSERY - June 9

- 9:00 a.m. To be announced



WEDDING BANNS

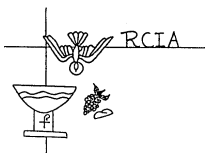
- III Eric Scherf and Christy Mikol
- II Brian Shultz and Joann Kalb
- I Thomas Dettmer and Kathleen Moran
- I John Loesch and Nicole Fischer
- I Jack Seldon Miller and Vivian Suelzer

DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of our Divorced/Separated Support Group will be Thursday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. Watch the bulletin for details.

SUNDAY SUMMER ATTIRE

With the warm weather upon us, we tend to dress more casually. We need to be reminded that proper and modest attire should be worn at Sunday Mass during the summer months. When we gather as members of the Body of Christ to worship the Lord, we should dress for the occasion. Our attire is a reflection of our interior disposition.

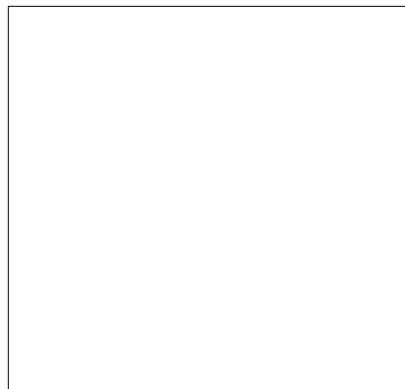


RCIA

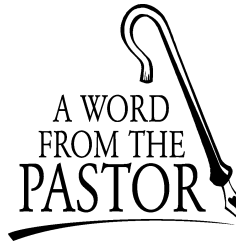
Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, its teachings and traditions? The RCIA is an ongoing process. Call the church office for more information.

ATTENTION: ALL ORGANIZATION HEADS

Please note that the date for the annual Calendar Scheduling Meeting is Thursday, June 13th, at 6:30 p.m. in the East Meeting Room.



Congratulations to Vito and Beryl Palumbo on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on May 31st. May they be blessed with health and happiness.



FROM THE PASTOR:

I have asked Beth Amick of our parish to serve on the pastoral staff as the new Director of Religious Education. Beth replaces Vicky Luetzelschwab who has served as the DRE for 3 years. I am grateful to Vicky for all the time and effort she put into the religious education program. She was faithful in carrying out her responsibilities and totally dedicated to her work.

Beth Amick, who is a life-long member of the parish, is leaving Carroll High School where she taught for a good number of years. In addition to having a good foundation in the Catholic faith, Beth brings a strong background in education to the DRE position. She did her undergraduate work at the University of St. Francis here in Fort Wayne and went on to receive her M.A. at the same institution. Many of you know Beth, as she and her husband, Dave, are faithful and active members of the parish.

The last day of classes for our parish grade school is Thursday of this week. The eighth grade graduation Mass is Monday evening. It has been a good school year, and I am so grateful to Sandra Guffey, the principal, and Beth Kleber, the vice-principal, for their strong leadership. Our school is blessed with an excellent faculty and supporting staff as well as parents who give many hours in volunteer service. All are deserving of a good summer break. May all the children of our parish have a safe and relaxing summer.

Next Sunday we will be marking the first anniversary of the dedication of our church. The time has gone by so swiftly, and we have much for which to be thankful.

Fr. John



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.

NEWCOMERS REGISTRATION

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

WHY DO I HAVE TO BE REGISTERED IN MY PARISH?

It is necessary that you be registered in the Parish for a number of reasons...baptism of a child, marriage, letter of recommendation for sponsors for baptism or confirmation, death, etc. We wish to encourage all who have not done so, to register at your earliest convenience. We want to remind the newlyweds to register, as they are no longer included on their parents' registrations. Also, if you are moving, please phone the church office and give us that information.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Picking up toys and obeying Mom and Dad." Alexa K.
"I behaved well at the store with Mom and Dad." Mike G.
"Doing my own laundry." Zach K.

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, June 4th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
HASA BOARD – Tuesday, June 4th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge
FINANCE COMMITTEE – Tuesday, June 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, June 5th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
SCHOOL BOARD – Wednesday, June 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge
BEREAVEMENT TEAM – Wednesday, June 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

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.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKEND SIGN UP

Listen to your heart, and take advantage of this opportunity to renew or enhance your relationship with God by attending a Christ Renews His Parish weekend. The women's weekend is September 21 and 22. Christ could be calling you for a chance to enrich your spiritual life with fellowship, scripture and prayer. Please call Carol Tarbell at 489-9649 to sign up.

TRAINING SESSIONS FOR FAITH BASED INITIATIVE

The training is completed in one session. When taking a client you will be coupled with a social worker who will manage the case. All training sessions will be at Lutheran Social Services located at 3326 S. Calhoun across from South Side High School. The sessions are from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and food will be supplied. Training sessions will be held June 4, July 2, August 5, and September 10.

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.

GIFT BEARING MINISTRY

We would like all parishioners to have the opportunity to carry the gifts of bread and wine to the altar during the part of the Mass called the "Presentation of the Gifts." Before Mass, just pick up the "Last Supper" plaque from the gift table located in front of the Baptismal Font and take it to your pew. This is a great way to mark a special date such as an anniversary or birthday. As representatives of the church community, we ask that appropriate attire be worn. Hint: Early arrival could assure your family's or group's turn at this ministry and also a pew in the center aisle.

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)
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!

PAYROLL ASSOCIATE/HR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

If interested, contact Amy Reihing, American Red Cross Indiana-Ohio Blood Services
1212 East California Road 46825
(260) 480-8294, FAX (260) 480-8201, or reihinga@usa.redcross.org

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS NEEDED

Fort Wayne Community Schools is looking for 4 full time speech-language pathologists to work with a variety of speech disorders in school-age population, K-12. CF is available. Contact: Dave Amick, 1200 S. Barr St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802 Work (260) 425-7526 Home (260) 489-9179

REGULAR/SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

We are accepting applications for regular and/or substitute teaching positions at the elementary and secondary levels for the 2002-2003 school year. We have 2 recruitment nights planned. The first one is on June 11 at St. John the Baptist School at 4500 Fairfield, Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807. The second is on June 13 at St. Charles Borromeo School at 4910 Trier Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46815. The time for both events is 6 p.m. For more information and application, please contact: Catholic Schools Office, P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, IN 46801-0390. Phone: (260) 422-4611 or Fax: (260) 426-3077.

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.

EXPERIENCE A TOUCH OF HEAVEN

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.

Advertisers of the Week



Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

LIFE TEEN REFLECTION

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. As Catholics, when we partake in communion, we consume the Body and Blood of Christ. Today's gospel makes it clear that the bread and wine are not just symbolic of Jesus' Body and Blood. When the Jews asked Him, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus does not say that He doesn't really mean His flesh, or that bread represents His Body. He replies, "For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Transubstantiation (now that's a big word with an even bigger meaning) is when the total substance of bread and wine are changed into the total substance of body and blood and only the external appearance remains unchanged. That is the part that can be hard to accept. Christians believe Jesus raised Lazarus; we believe Jesus walked on water; our faith is centered on believing in Jesus' resurrection from the dead. If God can do that, He can certainly make a wafer of bread into His Body. When we hear the words "The Body of Christ" and we respond, "Amen," we are saying we believe in the real presence. Today and every time we receive our Savior we should rejoice in Jesus' promise, "whoever eats this bread will live forever."

Cindy

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- June 2 Body and Blood of Christ Procession, Adoration and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament, following the Life Teen Mass. All are welcome.
- June 5 Ministry Hour
- June 6 Pray at abortion clinic
- June 9 World Youth Day Raffle Drawing after Life Teen Mass



LIFE TEEN OFFICIALLY WELCOMES NEW FRESHMEN

Join us Sunday, June 16th, for the Life Teen Mass and a Summer Spectacular Life Night afterward. All high school teens, from ALL schools, Freshmen through Seniors, come and bring your friends!

PARENTS OF JR. HIGH KIDS

If you will have a 7th or 8th grader (at any school) next year, please pray to see if God is calling you to serve on the Jr. High Life Core Team. Contact Cindy Black Cblack@SaintV.org or 637-7445 for more information.

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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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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2002 COULD BE FOR YOU!

Interested in meeting the Pope and more than 100,000 youth from around the world, but have no one else with whom to go? Then come join us at World Youth Day! The Office of Youth Ministry has put together a package designed for high-school youth age 16 and older who want to attend WYD but lack the connections. Contact Chris Culver at (574) 257-4294, ext. 205, or visit www.diocesefwsb.org/WPD.

SENDING FORTH PILGRIMS TO WORLD YOUTH DAY

Approximately 500 - 600 persons will be traveling in July to Toronto, Canada for World Youth Day. A diocesan Sending Forth celebration is planned at Camp Mack, Milford, Indiana, on Sunday, June 23, 2002, from 1 - 5 p.m. The afternoon will consist primarily of Reconciliation and Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy. At the conclusion of Mass, the pilgrims will be sent forth with a blessing from Bishop D'Arcy.



POSITIONS OPEN FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

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

SCRIP SALES - JUNE 9TH

Don't hesitate! Scrip sales will occur on only one Sunday in the month of June. Purchase your Scrip after the 7:15 and 9:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, June 9th.

BOX TOPS/CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

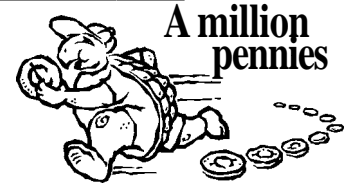
We are collecting BoxTop for Education logos. All you need to do is clip the Box Top logos from participating General Mills and Betty Crocker products. Our school gets 10 cents for each Box Top collected. This year, we are raising money towards our Strategic Plan Fund. The more we collect, the more we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

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.



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 EAST MEETING 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
June 13	June 20
June 27	
NO SESSIONS IN JULY	



LOST AND FOUND

Are you missing some things? Found on church property are a watch with black band, a guardian angel coin from the candle money box, and a large soccer tie tack. Stop in or call the church office at 489-3537 to claim these items.

CHILDCARE PROVIDER

Now accepting all ages. Fenced 1 acre, smoke-free environment. Fun activities and educational toys for all ages. Lunches and snacks provided. Provide care up until 5:30 p.m. Lima Road area. Full-time \$65-\$75 weekly rate (depending on age). Part-time - depends on schedule. Call Lisa at 489-7329.





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.

St. Vincent's St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference

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.

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 CHURCH OFFICE.**

VOLUNTEER NEEDED AT MISS VIRGINIA'S MISSION HOUSE

St. Mary's Ministries oversees the operation of Miss Virginia's Mission House which continues to distribute food to the poor. Currently a Manager's Assistant is needed. This person should be able to volunteer 5 - 10 hours per week and help stock shelves, pick up and deliver food to the Mission House. If interested, please call Gene at 426-0176 or St. Mary's at 424-8231.

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 489-3054.



ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

The Accessibility Committee has been involved in various stages of the building and renovation of our parish. As a committee, we have faithfully pursued our call to provide fullness of parish life for all people with disabilities. The committee invites you to offer suggestions on further improvements that can be made to meet your needs. Please contact committee chairpersons, Kris Gill 489-3178 or Jennie Weillbaker 497-8212.

GARAGE SALE HELPS

FORT WAYNE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

The Fort Wayne Christ Child Society will sponsor its annual Garage Sale on Friday, June 14, 2002 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Saturday, June 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon at Queen of Angels Church Basement, 1500 West State Blvd. Funds from this sale will be used to help the poor children in our area. All items for sale have been donated solely by members of the Christ Child Society. We regret that donations from outside sources cannot be accepted. (No early sales)



NATURAL BIRTH CONTROL

Do you feel something missing in your marital life? Consider that it might be the results of unnatural methods of birth control. Get off those unhealthy methods and learn the natural way to plan your family with the Couple to Couple League. Its philosophy is in accord with Catholic teaching. Learn a natural method that is just as effective as the Pill, with no harmful side effects. For more information concerning the 99% effective Natural Family Planning Classes, call Jody and Susie Brinker at 486-3099. Classes start June 2, in our home near St. Charles, from 7 to 9 p.m.

INITIAL SESSION FOR NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

This initial session is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2002, at St. Jude's Parish, Fort Wayne, from 7 - 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.

CHOOSE LIFE - POPE JOHN PAUL II SPEAKS FROM THE HEART

"I would like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision.... Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope." (Evangelium Vitae)

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?

Have you heard the news? A new hospital has opened in your neighborhood! It is Parkview North Hospital and we are happy to be serving the north side of town. We are looking for volunteers of all ages to serve the community. There are many opportunities available. For those of you who are interested, please contact Ann Atchley, Parkview North Volunteer Coordinator at 673-4542.

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.

CEMETERY LOTS AVAILABLE

Two cemetery spaces at Covington Memorial Garden "Garden of Last Supper" are for sale. Going price currently is \$825/per space. Any reasonable offer will be considered. Please contact Sherry Miller at the parish office - 489-3537 Ext. 209.



CEMETERY SITE AVAILABLE

A parishioner has a lot in Highland Park Cemetery located in the St. Vincent's Garden. If interested, call Jody at 637-8125.

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.

SAILING AWAY ...

Please remember to save your personal size items from hotels and ships for our Bags of Blessings Project. Last year we delivered over 300 bags to our community. Call Terri Ferro 637-1400 or Kellie Stanley 637-6041 for pick-up or drop off information.

ITALY PILGRIMAGE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

There are still reservations available to join Fr. Chris Young on a pilgrimage to Italy, September 16-26, 2002. Please join us for an informational meeting to discover all the wonderful highlights of this exciting trip. This meeting is Sunday, June 9, at 6:15 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo's Hession Parish Center. So please bring your questions and your checkbook to reserve a place before time runs out. To receive a free brochure, call Fr. Chris at 482-2186.

GERMANFEST MASS

On June 9, 2002, St. Peter's will host the 9:30 a.m. German Mass in celebration of Germanfest. Father Charles Herman will officiate the Mass in German. Thomas Remenschneider will direct the Fort Wayne Maennerchor and Damenchor in the singing of German hymns. Immediately following Mass, bratwurst, potato salad and dessert will be served on the side lawn of St. Peter's. All are invited to join in celebrating our German heritage.

K OF C FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus, Council 451, 601 Reed Road, Fort Wayne, is sponsoring their monthly ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH FRY on Friday, June 7th, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 if under 12. Fish, cole slaw, scalloped potatoes and drink. All are welcome.

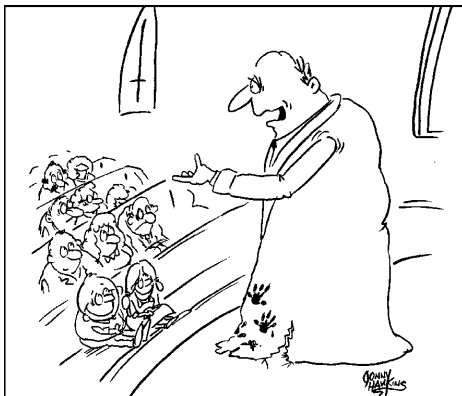


7TH ANNUAL SAINTS OPEN GOLF OUTING

The Bishop Dwenger Alumni Association is sponsoring the 7th Annual Saints Open Golf Outing on Tuesday, June 11, 2002. The 4-person Florida scramble will be held at the Pine Valley Country Club. Cost is \$125 per person or \$500 per team. This includes cart, green fees, lunch, dinner, and refreshments. Proceeds will benefit the chemistry lab renovation. Call Dennis Fech at 496-4706 for more information or visit www.bishopdwenger.com and go to the alumni link.

AN EVENING WITH MATTHEW KELLY

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will host "An Evening With Matthew Kelly" on Thursday, June 13, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Matthew is an amazing young man with a powerful message to all Christians. Adults and teens are encouraged to attend. Admission is free.



"And, once again, I'm reminded of Jesus's words, 'Let the little children come unto me.'"



Is the consecration the most important part of the Mass?

Dear Padre,

I was always taught that the consecration of the Mass was the moment when the bread and the wine were turned into the body and blood of Jesus. In the old Mass I remember as a kid, the consecration was the most sacred moment of the Mass, but today it doesn't seem that way. Has something changed?

George R.

Dear George,

You asked if something has changed. Well... no and yes. When the Mass is celebrated, the bread and the wine become the true body and blood of Jesus when the priest speaks the words of the institution narrative, or as you remember it, the words of consecration. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says so quite clearly (1353). So it would seem that the answer to your question is a simple no, nothing has changed. But of course it is not that simple. That is why I answered your question with a "no and yes."

The Council of Trent tried to clear up the confusion surrounding the sacrament of the Eucharist in the minds of the people. It declared that the words of consecration, spoken by the priest over the elements of bread and wine, were the essential core of the sacrament. After the Council of Trent, Pope Plus V established the way Mass would be said. In that Mass, which remained unchanged until Vatican II (1962-65), the high point of the Mass was definitely the consecration. The bells were rung, the host and the chalice were elevated for all to see, anyone who might be standing at that moment dropped to their knees, heads were bowed, everything stopped.

But remember I said "no and yes" to your question. Things did change with Vatican II. The Church moved us away from just seeing the presence of Christ in the consecration and asked us to see Christ present in a much larger way. The Constitution on the Liturgy reminded us that Christ is present in the priest who celebrates the Mass; he is present in the Scriptures that are proclaimed at each Mass; he is found in the assembly of the faithful who gather in prayer at Mass; and of course in the great eucharistic prayer said at every Mass, one part of which is the institution narrative. In this way, everything that takes place at Mass is supremely important and not just one particular moment.

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