

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 12TH

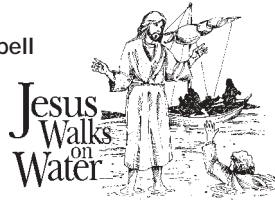
- *6:30 a.m. Florence Powell
- *8:00 a.m. Patricia Koehl

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH

- *6:30 a.m. Richard (Dick) Campbell
- *8:00 a.m. Lucille Schilling

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14TH

- *6:30 a.m. Gerard Theriot
- *8:00 a.m. Mary Anne Apperson



VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION

- 7:00 p.m. Frank Hartman

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 6:30 a.m. Liv. & Dec. Maloney/Gump Families
- 8:00 a.m. For The Parish
- 7:00 p.m. Dorothy Miller

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH

- *8:00 a.m. Douglas Munson
- *5:30 p.m. Catherine Schenkel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH

- 8:00 a.m. Todd Iott
- 5:00 p.m. Elaine Underhill

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH

- 7:15 a.m. Clarence Murray
- 9:00 a.m. Bill & Anne Newell (40th anniv.)
- 11:00 a.m. John Holubes
- 6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

***CHAPEL**

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 17th

- 8:00 a.m. Becky Vanderbosch, Chris Stump
- 5:00 p.m. Sean Weigand, Heather Daly
Alicia Swaim, Ryan Nielson

Sunday, August 18th

- 7:15 a.m. MacKenzie Mentzer, Paul Stange
Cody Newport, Ben Woenker
- 9:00 a.m. John Wood, Grace Morken
Ashley Reed, Meredith Barbieri
- 11:00 a.m. Justin Ransom, Sarah Van Antwerp
Trevor Yerrick, Alexandria Leonard

NURSERY - August 18th

- 9:00 a.m. Smith

WEDDING BANNES

III Derek Baron and Amanda Simmerman



NEWCOMERS REGISTRATION

Parish representatives will be in Church Conference Room TODAY, August 11th, after the 9 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES

The Knights of Columbus will hold blood drives on the following dates: September 28 and December 7, 2002 and March 15 and June 7, 2003 These dates are all on Saturday. The blood drive will be held in the Parish Hall each time from 8 a.m. til 12 noon. To schedule an appointment, call Bruce Cadwell at 484-0078.



WOW!

We can't thank the Knights of Columbus enough for the terrific job they do working around the parish. Thanks for all of your help!

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN

This Thursday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, a holy day of obligation. On this day we honor our Blessed Mother who has experienced the fullness of redemption by being raised body and soul into heaven. Mass times: Wednesday, Aug. 14th, 7:00p.m. Vigil Mass; and Thursday, Aug. 15th, 6:30 and 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious instruction for students in grades 1 thru 8 who do not attend St. Vincent's School will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning September 18 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoons beginning September 22 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. during the school year.

For children 3, 4 and 5 years of age, religious instruction during both the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses will be available in the school beginning September 22.

Registration for both programs mentioned above will be held after all Masses on August 10 and 11. Registration forms may also be picked up in the church office.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you interested in giving of your time and talent to build God's kingdom? Catechists are needed at nearly every grade level for the year ahead. High school and college students, singles, parents and retirees, do you have a desire to teach children in our community about our faith? Volunteer with a friend or spouse to share the responsibility and the joy. We have a variety of materials to utilize, and I will offer all the support I can to help you in your role as a teacher of the Catholic faith. Call Beth Amick at 489-3537 Ext. 204.

RCIA FOR CHILDREN

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children is a process of initiation into the Catholic Church for children over the age of seven, not baptized as infants, or baptized in another denomination, or baptized but have not been catechized in the Catholic Church.

The new session will be starting in September. Please call the church office for more information.

We are also looking for people that are interested in being sponsors for the children this fall. This is a wonderful ministry that benefits the entire family as they make this journey together into the Catholic faith. Please call Lisa Harris at the church office for more information.



**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.

NEW RADIO PROGRAM - "CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE"

WLYV 1450 AM will begin airing the program "Catholic Answers Live" on Thursday, August 1. The program will air Monday-Friday from 5 - 6 p.m. "Catholic Answers Live" is a live call in show focusing on Catholic Apologetics. Bishop D'Arcy has given his approval for this program to air, however the views of "Catholic Answers Live" do not necessarily reflect the views of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. To find out more about "Catholic Answers Live", contact Chris Langford at 672-9063 or ellenmhl@juno.com or Jim Roy at 483-1688. Also visit the web-site at www.catholic.com.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Helping my little sister and brother get breakfast." Meghan G.
 "I prayed for the sick." Jon E.
 "I thanked my Dad when we went camping in the backyard." Caleb K.
 "Played nice with my brother." Dak

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

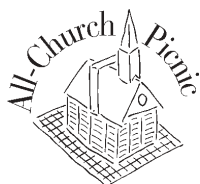
SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, August 13th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, August 14th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR HOME USE

Under the Homebound Ministry, St. Vincent's has a wheel chair, walker, shower chair, potty-chair, canes and crutches to loan out to parishioners. Please call Anne Newell at 637-6715 or the church office at 489-3537 to obtain any of these.

ROSARY RECITED WEEKDAYS AND SATURDAYS

Please join us before the 8:00 a.m. Mass weekdays and the 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning for recitation of the Holy Rosary. Rosary will commence twenty minutes before Mass. Hope to see you!!



VINCENTFEST!!

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Our 7th annual parish picnic, Vincentfest 2002, is set for Sunday, September 15th from 12 o'clock noon until 6 p.m. The location is the same as last year's event

(along the south side of the school). This year's picnic will once again have lots of family entertainment for all ages: 10+ small kids games, cake walk, youth games, bungee run, two moon walks, gladiator joust, double-shot basketball, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, bingo plus much more! We are very pleased to be serving Ed Fox's delicious Broasted Chicken Dinner again this year. This complete dinner will be available as a 3-piece serving for just \$6 dollars or a 2-piece serving for just \$5 dollars. Both include Ed's delicious broasted chicken, broasted potato or potato salad, side dish of coleslaw or applesauce, dinner roll, dessert and coffee or lemonade. Carry-outs will be available too. We encourage you to purchase your Broasted Chicken Dinner tickets ahead of time to be sure enough food is available (last year we ran out!). Chicken dinner tickets will be available after all Masses beginning next weekend (Aug. 17/18). We will also be serving hamburgers and hot dogs with chips, popcorn, ice cream, lemonade, coffee and soft drinks.

Entertainment for this year's event will be packed with an "All Star – All St. Vincent" lineup! Once again the cantors and musicians from the Life Teen Mass (aka "The Life Teen Band") will be playing familiar Christian songs and some new ones as well. Also performing at this year's celebration will be Emilie Stanley and Joe Cochran. Emilie and Joe both cantor at St. Vincent's and sound great together! We thank them for accepting the invitation to come and entertain us. And back this year are Craig Allen and Heather Strzelecki of "McVee Entertainment". Heather and Craig performed at Vincentfest a few years ago and really put on a great show. We're pleased to have them back. Although not yet confirmed as of this date, we hope the "Dick Brown and the Knights on the Town" jazz band will also be available for their excellent musical performance as well.

As with prior events, we rely on your support for another successful picnic. After all Masses next weekend (Aug. 17/18) an announcement will be made asking for donations of many cakes for the Cake Walk event and desserts for the Chicken Dinner. We also need a lot of volunteers to help set-up, work events and tear down. You can help make this year's Vincentfest another huge success by signing up after Mass in the Gathering area near the East Meeting Room. Mark your calendars and "Come Celebrate Parish Community" with your friends and family!

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!

RURAL CARRIER ASSOCIATE

U. S. Postal Service has openings for rural carrier associates. Ask for an examination by calling Toll Free (866) 999-8777. It is Announcement #31456.

MOTHER'S HELPER

Looking for someone to come into my home to help with housework, meals and children. Must love children! Ages 4, 1-1/2 and infant twins. Monday – Friday, 5 hrs. a day. Hours can be flexible. Please call 482-2400.

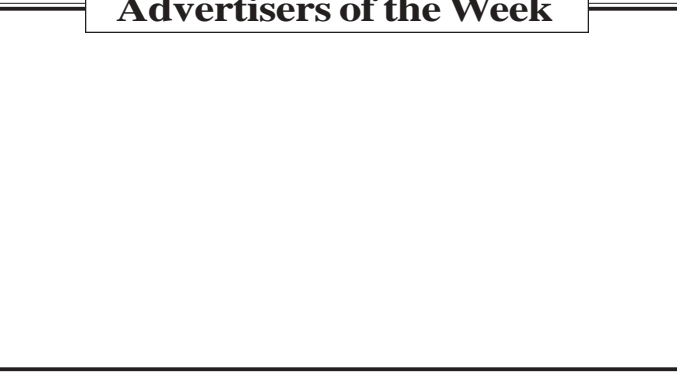
IN-HOME BABYSITTER NEEDED

Loving and energetic babysitter needed in our home 3 afternoons per week. Approximately 10 hours per week. \$8.00 per hour. Must be dependable. Please call 637-8987.

COUPLE TO COUPLE - The Couple to Couple League will begin a new series of four classes on modern, 99% effective Natural Family

Planning, beginning Sunday, August 18, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in Fort Wayne. Call Ron or Marilyn Shannon for further information (489-1856); and check out the Couple to Couple League's website at www.ccli.org.

Advertisers of the Week



Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING NEWS

Recently the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops declared this past July 21-27 as National Natural Family Planning Week to coincide with the anniversary date of July 25, 1968 when the encyclical letter "Humanae Vitae" was issued by Pope Paul VI.

In the Today's Catholic issue dated July 21, 2002, Fred & Lisa Everett dedicated their weekly column, "Family Life News & Notes", to this special week – Please, check it out! They also review the audiotape "Contraception: Why Not?" by Dr. Janet Smith, which explains excellently the reasons the Catholic Church teaching on birth control was courageously reaffirmed by Pope Paul VI.

As mentioned in the column, this audiotape (one FREE copy per request) can be yours by calling Valerie McCance at the South Bend Chancery office at (574) 234-0687 or e-mail her at vmcance@fw.diocesefwsb.org. This offer is good through the end of August.

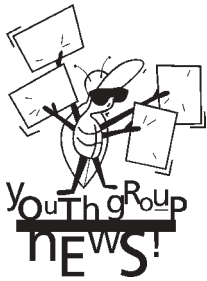
Or you can just pick up a FREE copy from our very own St. Vincent's pamphlet rack in the Gathering Space. If you don't see them there, or have any questions, please call Tom or Barb Kasting at (260) 338-0314. Also, please call us or watch the bulletin for upcoming NFP classes.

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. 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
 August 22
 September 12
 September 19
 September 26

Session II
 August 29



LIFE TEEN REFLECTION

This week we have a holy day of "opportunity." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was formally declared in 1950 by Pope Pius XII as a dogma of the Catholic Church. Assumption means "taken up," thus, this is the day we celebrate Mary being taken up to heaven, body and soul upon her death. Why is this so important? First of all, Mary's Assumption shows us Jesus' perfect love for His Mother. Then God revealed it to us so we can better understand Him and our humanness. We are beings of body and soul who are called to share in the fullness of divine life with the Lord in Heaven. Mary is a symbol of the Church, and of all Christians. Not only was she the first Christian, but she also models the will of God working in and through the Church. Teens, our Blessed Mother, Mary now reigns with Christ as the Queen of God's kingdom. Pray the Joyful and the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary this week and meditate on Mary's role from the annunciation through her coronation. How can you say "yes" to the will of God? How can you serve others and allow your soul to magnify the Lord? How can you better care for your body for your resurrection through Christ? Ask Mary, our mother, Queen of heaven, to pray for you and all your intentions (and mine too, if you would, please). I will do the same. Cindy

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- Aug. 11 Life Night: Welcome back Fr. Mark
- Aug. 12 Jr. High Life Core Team meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Life House (including Teens)
- Aug. 14 Ministry Hour 7:15 p.m.
- Aug. 15 Holy Day: Feast of the Assumption Pray at the Abortion Clinic
- Aug. 18 Life Night: Rosary

HEY SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS

If you are looking for ways to share your faith with others, God may be calling you to the Jr. High Life Core Team. Our meetings are on Monday nights and you may serve for one semester or the whole school year. If interested, let Cindy know soon.



WYD 2002 SCRAPBOOK

Life Teen is preparing to organize a scrapbook of their journey to WYD. If anyone has pictures that they would like to have in the book, please call Angie Harber 486-9852 or kha4427125@aol.com. We are looking for pictures of the departure, the return, the week in Canada, fundraising, and any other activities that went on before or after the trip. All pictures will be used so let's get lots of memories in the book. Also we are interested in any type of memories that teens would like to share (ex. funniest moment, disappointments, surprises, anything that you would like to document). Please just write it up and get it to me.

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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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FIRST-EVER JUNIOR-HIGH YOUTH RALLY/RETREAT



The Office of Catechesis and the Office of Youth Ministry have joined together to plan the first Junior High Youth Rally and Confirmation Retreat on October 26, 2002, at the Epworth Forest Conference Center in North Webster. This exciting event will be open to all 7th and 8th graders throughout the diocese, and will feature in a "Faithfest or World Youth Day atmosphere" a keynote by a member of the band 'Crispin', catechetical workshops, the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation and Mass. The theme of the day is "I'm a Believer," and the cost is \$15.00 per participant, which includes lunch and a rally tee shirt. Watch for brochures later this summer.

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SCHOOL REGISTRATION THIS

THURSDAY/OPENINGS GRADES 1 - 8

School Registration will take place Thursday, August 15th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We currently have openings for grades 1 - 8. If you are interested in enrolling your child at St. Vincent's school, please call the school office at 489-3537 Ext. 213.



PLEASE NOTE NEW SCHOOL DISMISSAL TIME

First Day of School for students is August 19th - 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. (This is a new dismissal time for this school year).

SUMMER PHOTOS FOR THE SCHOOL

Parents, bring summer candid shots of their children to the school office. Please put your name on the back if you want them returned.

SCHOOL LUNCHES



Due to rising costs and unchanged cost of school lunches for several years, it is necessary for us to raise the price of school lunches. Lunches for this school year will be \$1.40 for students and \$2.00 for adults. Lunches may be paid weekly or by purchasing a 20-day lunch ticket. Lunch tickets will be available for purchase at registration. The cost is \$28.00.

Thank you.
The Kitchen Staff

PART-TIME CAFETERIA HELP

If you are interested in helping in the St. Vincent's school cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., please come to the Church office to complete an application.

POSITIONS OPEN FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

There is a teaching position open for the 2002-2003 school year. We are looking for a part-time music teacher. If you are interested in this position, please call the school office at 489-3537.

ST.VINCENT'S UNIFORM EXCHANGE

If you have uniforms you'd like to sell or donate for the Uniform Exchange at Registration and Back-to-School Night, please contact Denise Molinaro at 489-7122.

PEACE PROGRAM NEWS

Just a reminder about the upcoming events in our Peace Program.

- ** Parent Meeting: Monday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center (Informational meeting with chance to sign up to help or send supplies for parties)
- ** Mediator Training: Monday, August 12 from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center (All Mediators, 7th & 8th graders MUST be present)
- ** Conflict Managers: Tuesday, August 13 AND Wednesday, August 14 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Spiritual Center on Tuesday, Wednesday in the school library. (Training for all NEW Conflict Managers. Must be present BOTH days. Students who have volunteered to help, come on the days you were assigned in the spring. It should be on the parent letter sent home at that time).

I am looking forward to seeing all of you again and hearing about your summer. Mrs. Yurosko

7TH GRADE ORIENTATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 - 4:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

It is not too late to sign up!! If you have not returned your reservation form that you received in May, please do so now or call the school office. Students report at 4:00 to the gym and parents are invited to a meeting in the Spiritual Center at 5:00. Dinner (6:30) for parents and students will culminate the afternoon activities. Last names that begin with A-L bring a dessert and M-Z bring a salad or chips.

MARKET DAY

St. Vincent's School is looking for a few people to coordinate the Market Day Program this year. This is about a 6 - 8 hours a month commitment that earns the school around \$4,000 a year. Please contact Tina Lombardo at 673-1041 for more information.

SCRIP IS BACK!!

Summer sales will be between 8 – 11 a.m. every Sunday in the Gathering Space. Watch bulletin for updates! Thank you for your support.

HELP THE D.C. DREAMERS

Businesses can advertise on the Super Discount Card at NO cost. Bring traffic into your place of business while helping the 8th graders earn \$\$ for the DC trip. Call Tami Peters at 627-0730 or Karen Woodrum at 489-2518 by August 16 to reserve an ad and for more information.

ATTENTION ALL ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL ATHLETES

The first day of practice will include registration for fall sports. You must turn in your physical form, consent form, and player fees or you will not be allowed to practice. There is a \$30.00 player fee for volleyball and football and a \$45.00 fee for cheerleaders. Forms are available in the church office. Any questions, contact Theresa Coonan at 489-3161.

NO VOLLEYBALL COACH – NO 7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

Attention: If no one steps forward to volunteer as coach for the 7th grade volleyball by Friday, August 16th, there will be no team this season. Anyone interested is asked to call Paul Cassabon at (260) 668-2027 or (260) 829-6579.



8TH GRADE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

These tryouts are going to be held August 12, 13 and 14 from 9 – 11 a.m. in the St. Vincent's Activity Center. Girls are to bring their physical forms, consent forms and fee of \$30.

RIDE TO KINDERGARTEN

If you are able to give our child a ride to Washington Center School for the noon session of kindergarten, please call Maureen at 489-4810.

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 \$1,628.00; for two children, \$2,440.00; and for three or more, \$3,255.00. Thus far this year, we are giving \$28,680.00 in financial assistance. Thank you very much for supporting our parish grade school.



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.

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.

VISIT THE LIVING PRESENCE IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In adoration we express our dependence on God and our gratitude for all that His love has provided for our salvation, especially for the gift of His living presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

BLUEBERRY PICKING

Moore's Blueberry Garden has U-pick blueberries. 89 cents per pound. Located at 6645 W. Dupont Road. Please call for picking times – 489-9509.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND

We have reinstated 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.

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. A training session will be held September 10.

LINDENWOOD RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER Programs 2002

Sept 27 – Oct 2 "Walking in Catherine's Shoes" Retreat
Please check out the website for more details on the 2002 workshops, retreats and programs – lw@lindenwood.org or call (260) 935-1780.



DIOCESAN DAY OF REFLECTION FOR CATHOLICS OF AFRICAN DESCENT

and all those involved in Black Catholic ministry will be held on Saturday, August 17, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. St. Mary's is located at the corner of Lafayette Street and Jefferson Boulevard in the downtown area.

The day will begin with registration, coffee and rolls from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Bishop John D'Arcy will join the group for Opening Prayer and remarks at 10:30 a.m. followed by Chandra Johnson, assistant to Fr. Edward Malloy, CSC, president of the University of Notre Dame, and a member of the campus ministry staff at the University, who will be the principal speaker. There will be other guest speakers and time for discussion and prayer throughout the day.

The day will conclude by 3:30 p.m. so that those interested may attend the regular Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.

PROLIFE UPDATE: FT. WAYNE ABORTION REPORT

384 babies have been killed at the local abortion clinic, this year as of June 6. This is an average of 17 per week in 2002. It has been confirmed that 2 abortion-minded mothers have decided to carry their babies to term in 2002. You are encouraged to join in prayer at the abortion clinic anytime between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. each Thursday. Come and go as your schedule permits. The facility is located at 827 Webster St., one block north of the public library.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

If you or a loved one is suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. Our retreats are held at a beautiful location at Sylvan Springs Resort, Rome City, Indiana sponsored by Our Lady of Rome City. More retreats are to be scheduled on the second weekend of every month from Sept. through April on a continuing basis. Current schedule includes: Sept. 13 – 15, 2002, or Oct. 11 – 13, 2002, or Nov. 8 – 10, 2002. 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. E-mail: ndsue33@hotmail.com. The cost is \$150 for all meals, private room, and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, financial assistance is available. The Holy Spirit really is fully present at these retreats and you will not leave the weekend without being spiritually affected. For a complete listing of retreat dates and locations contact 1-877-HOPE-4ME or visit the Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.



CONCERT BENEFITS
FRANCISCAN CENTER

The Franciscan Center, Inc. proudly presents a benefit concert featuring contemporary Christian artist, Greg Long, on Saturday, September 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Blackhawk Baptist Church, 7400 East State Street. Tickets go on sale August 1st.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
WILL HOST FORT WAYNE RECEPTION

Saint Joseph's College will host an informational reception for interested students and their parents to learn more about the educational opportunities available at the College. The Fort Wayne reception will be held Wednesday, August 28, 2002 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the law firm of Barrett & McNagny, 215 East Berry Street, Fort Wayne.

Saint Joseph's College, recently named a "character building" college by the Templeton Foundation, is a four-year, Catholic liberal arts college with over 40 majors and pre-professional programs. It is located in Rensselaer, Indiana, approximately 90 minutes from Chicago and Indianapolis, on a park-like campus of 340 acres and has an enrollment of approximately 1,000 students. Call 1-800-447-8781 to make your reservation.

8th ANNUAL LEIGHANN PALMER FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING

Proceeds go to the scholarship fund in remembrance of LeighAnn Palmer; one scholarship to a Bishop Luers Senior cheerleader going to college and one scholarship to an 8th grade girl at St. Therese going to Bishop Luers. Proceeds also go to various charitable organizations that benefit children. The golf outing planned for September 8th, will be a double shotgun Florida scramble at Fairview Golf Course. If you are interested in golfing, donating a door prize or if you or your company are interested in being a Hole Sponsor (minimum contribution \$100), please contact Mike Gigli at 672-2473 or Mike Palmer at 747-6918 for more details.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

Plan to attend a Hog Roast Fundraiser. Invite your family and friends and enjoy a fundraising event Jimmy Buffett-style (dinner, dance, entertainment and more) for Phil and Robin Roy who are adopting a child from the Ukraine and are having a Hog Roast to help defray the costs. This event will take place on Saturday, September 14th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Queen of Angels Activity Center. \$25.00 per person. Call Phil or Tracy Gerardot with any questions at 637-3208.



JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 47 BAND

The American Legion Post 47, St. Joe Road (across from Shoaff Park) invites young adults and older folks to join the American Legion band. All band instruments are welcomed, and one need not be a member of the legion to participate. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Come in and join us or call Bill Hernandez, Band Director at 484-8902 for further information.

BRIDGE ANYONE?

You are cordially invited to join the University of Saint Francis Bridge Club. This club has been in existence for approximately 40 years and consists of men, women and couples, who play once a month October through May. If you would like to enjoy a fun-filled relaxing time, and would like to make new friends, please call Ed Schaab at (260) 434-3266.

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.



Does God Listen to Kids?

Dear Padre,

Does God listen to the prayer of kids? Or does God just listen to grownups?

Your Friend,
Willie

Hi Willie,

Thanks for asking me this question. It's a really good question. I know God listens to kids' prayers, because when I was a kid, my little sister was so sick the doctor said she was going to die. It was just before Christmas, and I prayed to God that he could have all my Christmas gifts if he would not take my little sister. And you know what God listened to my prayer, and my little sister lived. (And God didn't even take my Christmas gifts.)

So I know for a fact that God listens to kids, and I just know God is going to listen to your prayers too. You see, when you pray to God you make God so happy. God loves to hear from you and to hear what you want. Sometimes the things you want are not so good, even though you think they are. As you grow up, you begin to learn more about what is really good for you and what is not, so your prayers begin to change.

But for now, just remember God will answer your prayers even if you can't see it right away. It is like putting a puzzle together. At first you can't see how all the pieces fit, but if you keep looking at it, suddenly you will see it. When you pray, keep looking for the answer. You will see it, and then you will know for sure that God was listening just to you.

The Padre
Fr. William J. Parker, C.Ss.R.