

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

*6:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Leilani Mullis
8:00 a.m. William & Sarah Malone

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

*6:30 a.m. Robert Ambrisco
8:00 a.m. Kay Barry

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

*6:30 a.m. Lucille Forbrich
8:00 a.m. William Martin Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

*6:30 a.m. Clarence & Mary Frances Bechtel
8:00 a.m. Agnes Lawyer

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

8:00 a.m. Chris Ellert ALL MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

8:00 a.m. Joan Novy
5:00 p.m. Special Int. Nielson Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

7:15 a.m. Willard & Wilma Lenkendofer
9:00 a.m. Dolores Kleber
11:00 a.m. E.J. Germann
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

*CHAPEL



FROM THE PASTOR:

Last Sunday was an eventful day. We had the Rite of Acceptance at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses, introducing to the congregations the candidates and catechumens in our Rite of Christian Invitation of Adults (RCIA). This rite of welcoming is a very poignant and lovely ceremony, and, as always, was well planned by Judy Mockenhaupt, our RCIA director. The new candidates and catechumens will be coming regularly to the 9:00 a.m. Mass and leave after the homily for the breaking of the Word.

Then at noon, parishioners started to arrive for our parish picnic, Vincentfest. A light rain had fallen in the early morning, and by early afternoon the weather was perfect for the picnic. Throughout the afternoon, beautiful music filled the air, provided by several musical groups performing under the tent. Children were running all around enjoying the games and attractions. The adults, too, were enjoying themselves engaging in good conversation over delicious food. The RCIA ministry had a free lemonade stand.

Many volunteers worked closely together to make the picnic a success, and I thank them for all their work. But I must single out Bruce Cadwell who was responsible for directing and organizing the picnic. He did a wonderful job!

The afternoon ended on a sour note for me. About 4:30 p.m., I was informed that the fire alarm had gone off in the church. Of course, you immediately tense up as you go to address the problem, hoping that it is a false alarm. Thank God, it was a false alarm, but I wasn't sure until I made a number of frantic phone calls (on a cell phone because the phone system had shut down) and after the firemen assured me everything was okay. In addition to this, we discovered that the air conditioning unit in the basement of the church was leaking fluid, and this was of concern to me. About 5:45 p.m., I returned to the picnic, had a hamburger and returned to the rectory for some rest, I was so tired. At 8:45 p.m., we (the priests) heard the confessions of the teens in our Life Teen program, after they had had a session on a timely topic. It was a nice way to end a very eventful day.

Friday, Sept. 27, is the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul. It is fitting that we honor this great saint who watches over our parish community. Church law allows us to transfer the feast day to the nearest Sunday, hence, we will, with the entire parish community, celebrate the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul on the weekend of September 28/29. According to church law, when a feast is transferred to another day, there is to be no commemoration of the saint on the day listed in the liturgical calendar. However, an exception may be made for special gatherings; so on Friday at 8:00 a.m., we will be having Mass in the church with all the school children present. In this way they will honor this holy priest who was a friend and servant of the poor. Of course, I will not be here, but you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Fr. John

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 28th

8:00 a.m. John Wood, Justin Ransom
5:00 p.m. Erin Hennessey, Jon Moore
Mark DePrez, Patrick Hunnicutt

Sunday, September 29th

7:15 a.m. Justin Martin, MacKenzie Mentzer
Cody Newport, Molly Workman
9:00 a.m. Sarah Nix, Hana Geswein
David Weigand, Candice Frane
11:00 a.m. Jason Reinhart, Jamie Reinhart
Ben Smith, Jessica Lynch

WEDDING BANS

- III William Madden and Sarah Seyfert
- II Matthew Tracy and Shannon Flener



NURSERY - Sept. 29th

9:00 a.m. Krohn

9:00 NURSERY WELCOMES YOUR CHILD

Parents... The 9:00 nursery is located off the Gathering Space behind the parent's alcove. If you are finding that your child (age 1-3) is having a difficult time at Mass, you may want to consider participating in this co-op. Please call Rita at 489-0522 for more information or to get registered.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' SCHEDULES

Please stop by the Ministry Sacristy and pick up the new Eucharistic Minister Schedules.

COFFEE & DONUTS HELP NEEDED

Needed: A coordinator to help organize the ministry of Coffee & Donuts after the 9 a.m. Mass. No experience is needed, just a desire to be a part of the ministry of hospitality at St. Vincent's. Three families split up the C&D weekends (each coordinator is in charge one Sunday out of four) and make sure that enough supplies and workers are there. Don't worry, we don't get up early to fry the donuts - they are delivered! If interested or need more information, call Scott or Cathy McLeish at 485-6481.



MISS VIRGINIA'S (INNER CITY HOPE CORP.) NEEDS FOOD

Miss Virginia's Mission House would like to thank all of you at St. Vincent's Church who donate the last Sunday of each month to Miss Virginia's Mission.

Gene Ashby has taken the responsibility of serving our less fortunate. Gene sometimes runs

out of food before the doors close and he has to turn people down. Miss Virginia's is in desperate need of more food. The Mission House gives out food to over 250-400 families in the days that they are open.

Remember that on the last Sunday of each month, St. Vincent's has a collection of food for Miss Virginia's Mission House. So, on the weekend of September 28 - 29, let us do our part in helping to meet the need of these needy families. Also, if you know of any sources of large quantities of food, please contact Gene at 426-0176.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"I got ready for school on time." Derek
"I help my Mom cook." Samantha N.
"Helping my sister." Cassie L.

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

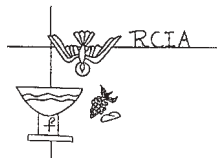
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – Monday, September 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel
PARENTING CLASS #3 – Monday, September 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
THE WORD – TWO BY TWO – Tuesday, September 24th, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Meeting Room
SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, September 24th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church
RCIA – Tuesday, September 24th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, September 25th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
WINGS – Wednesday, September 25th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE – Wednesday, September 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
MOTHERS GATHERED IN PRAYER – Thursday, September 26th, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Meeting Room
WINGS TOO – Thursday, September 26th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I – Thursday, September 26th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, September 26th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
RCIC PARENT/SPONSOR MEETING – Thursday, September 26th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

CRAFT SHOW TO BE HELD AT ST. VINCENT'S

St. Vincent's Rosary Society is sponsoring a Craft Show on Sat., Oct. 26th, in the school gym. Table rental is \$30.00. Call Mareta at 637-8205 for more information.

DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

Come join us on Thursday, September 26, at 7:00 in the Spiritual Center. The topic is "self image", and our presenter will be Cathy McLeish. For more info, call the church office at 489-3537.



RCIA NEWS

At the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses this weekend, 12 people entered the catechumenate through the Rites of Acceptance and Welcoming. Our new catechumens are: Amanda Meyer, David Loucks and Jennifer Knorr. Our candidates are: Christina Conley, Brian Davis, Robin Downey, Brian Fleming, Jeff Henschel, Amy Lipnicky, Steve Maxwell, Melanie Rohloff and Kim Starost. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing process. The time involved differs with the baptized/unbaptized and the catechized and uncatechized. Each person's circumstance is different. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, call the church office and ask for Judy. A brief interview will help determine where you are in the process.

HAVE YOU BEEN CONFIRMED?

Any adult desiring to be confirmed, please call the church office at 489-3537 and ask for Judy.



YES, ARTS & ENVIRONMENT FOR CHURCH CAN USE YOUR HELP
Year-round or by the season. We have artists. Now – come help us make it happen! Call Karen or Mike (637-4727) or Joan (489-1477).

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!

GOOD MEN WANTED

You are invited to attend a Knights of Columbus Open House to be held on Thursday, October 3, at 7 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. Your spouse is invited and encouraged to attend with you. Refreshments will be available from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. The program will be over by 8:00 p.m., followed by social time. Dress is casual.
Come and get acquainted with the "Knights" and also learn about the activities of the St. Vincent's Knights of Columbus Council. Please call Ray Ohlman at 637-9192 if you plan to attend so we can plan refreshments accordingly. We're looking forward to seeing you on October 3.



FALL LEAVES?

Once again the Knights of Columbus will offer fall leaf cleanup for the elderly and disabled. Please contact Jim Cox II at 492-7705 for help. Please call before the leaves fall, and enjoy the color change!

Advertisers of the Week



Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS!

Are you interested in joining a small group of women who meet every other Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in sharing our faith? If interested, call Sr. Kay 489-3537 Ext. 207 or Gerry 637-3935.

AND...

If you are interested in joining an SCC that meets at another time, call Sr. Kay.

ALL AMERICAN BLOOD DRIVE

AT ST. VINCENTS – GET A FREE T-SHIRT!

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive here at St. Vincent's on Saturday, September 28, 2002. At this blood drive, the Red Cross will be giving away free t-shirts with an American flag on them to everyone who comes in to donate blood in remembrance of the tragic events of September 11th. Donation hours will be from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Parish Hall (old gym).



There is always a great need for all types of blood, especially around holidays when an increased number of people are injured in auto related accidents.

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 appointment 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!

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Sept. 22 Life Night: To Know Love
Sept. 23 Jr. High Life, 7 p.m.
Sept. 25 Ministry Hour, 7:15 p.m.
Sept. 26 Pray at Abortion Clinic, 7 a.m.
Sept. 29 Life Night: Turbulence Ahead

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

If you have any ideas to show that Life Teen supports life at ALL stages, let Cindy know.

LIFE TEEN NEEDS YOUR TIME AND TALENT

We are growing! To continue our growth and reach out to more teens, we need your time and talents. There are so many ways to help Life Teen. We have put together a Life Support list with things varying from prayer support to sewing costumes to building props. Lists are at the back of church or you can get one on the website: www.SaintV.org. Please look over the list. If you can help in any way, you will be leading teens closer to Christ.



JR. HIGH LIFE – "ZIP YOUR LIP"

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to the next Jr. High Life Night, Monday, September 23rd, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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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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COMMUNITY IN CHRIST
"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love."
Lao-Tzu

POSITION OPEN FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

There is a need for part-time teaching assistant for grade 5. If you are interested in this position, please call the school office at 489-3537.

ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL TEACHER RETIRES

Mrs. Betty Gulyas, second grade teacher for St. Vincent's School for 17 years, has retired. A Retirement Party in honor of Mrs. Gulyas will be held on Sunday, Oct. 6, from 2 – 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

PANTHER CUBS BASKETBALL

Coming November 2, the Panther Cubs Basketball program will be starting for all boys and girls, 2nd through 4th grades. This will be a seven-week program; sign up will be in next week's school menu.



D.C. DREAMERS FALL DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Please join us Friday, October 18th, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the D.C. Dreamers Fall Dinner and Silent Auction. This event will highlight the talents of our 8th graders. Menu: Casa Spaghetti, Lasagna and Salad. Tickets are \$6.00 each, children 3 & under free. Please contact Theresa Coonan at 489-3161 for tickets.

STUDENT COUNCIL REMINDER

St. Vincent's Student Council is looking for guest speakers. These people would come to talk to our students about quality in the workplace. This will be on the morning of Oct. 22 during our "Quality Week." If you would be willing to do this, please call Mrs. Sandor at 489-3537 ext. 483.

SCRIP SALES

Weekly sales every Sunday from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. and following Life Teen Mass in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This is the opening week for Religious Education classes held both on Wednesday and Sunday. We have 554 children enrolled in grades 1 – 8. The response has, indeed, been generous on the part of adult catechists. However, two classes must be divided because of the large number of students in each; therefore, two additional catechists are needed, one for first grade and one for grade seven on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. Please consider this rewarding ministry.



The Sunday morning Preschool program during the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses has an enrollment of 132. Several high school students and adult volunteers are serving as catechists for these little ones, ages 3, 4, and 5. A catechist is needed for one class of 3 year olds at the 11:00 Mass.

The Religious Education department asks your prayers for the children and catechists as we move forward with our year of instruction in the Catholic faith. If you feel a pull toward teaching children about our beliefs and Christian heritage, please call Beth at 489-3537, Ext. 204.



ARE YOU HUNGRY?

Do you lie awake at night wondering how you will feed your children? Let's join together to help people asking these questions – over 250 people per WEEK that go to the Franciscan Center in need of food. On the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, let's fill the empty shelves of the Franciscan Center's food pantry!

Non-perishable items needed are: canned goods, boxed goods, cereals, soups, canned meats, baby foods, pasta, canned juices, plastic sandwich bags, napkins, paper towels, and paper lunch bags.

Bring the items to church on the weekend of Oct. 5-6. By lending our neighbors a helping hand, we can share our blessings with those most in need. Thank you for your support!

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

WOMEN'S CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

The Women's Co-Spiritual Directors will be discerning a new Co-Spiritual Director. If you know someone you would like to nominate, please send a letter explaining why you are nominating that person. She must have gone through the Christ Renews His Parish weekend and team. Please send nominations to Laurie Grashoff, 11625 Trade Wind Cove, Fort Wayne, 46845. Please, no self-nominations.

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.

HAUNTED CASTLE

The official opening of the St. Vincent Scout's HAUNTED CASTLE will be Thursday, September 26th, and will continue every Thursday through Sunday, through Halloween Night (but closed Monday thru Wednesday except for Halloween week itself, when the Castle is open every night). Hours are from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. weeknights and Sundays, but until 11:00 p.m. on each Friday, Saturday, and Halloween Night. Cost for all ages is \$8.00 for the Haunted Castle, \$8.00 for the Black Forest/Super Maze/Vortex, and \$8.00 for Pharaoh's Revenge: The Mummy Lives! We also offer a 3-PAK ticket for all three haunts for \$18.00. Group rates are available by calling the Haunted Castle at 489-1763. Discount coupons for \$5.00 off the 3-PAK price are available at Root's Camp & Ski on North Clinton and at area Taco Bell restaurants. You can also print \$3.00 Haunted Castle coupons from the web site at www.hauntedcastle.com. A special DRESS REHEARSAL pre-view night for all attractions is open to parishioners and guests on Wednesday, September 25th, from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Cost will be just \$6.00 for one event, or \$12.00 for all three events, on this night only.

Also, the St. Vincent 8th Grade D.C. Dreamers are raising money for their trip next spring. Contact them for advance-sale discount 3-PAK tickets, valued at \$18.00 and good for any night, including dress rehearsal, for only \$10.00 each. Pre-sale tickets are available only thru September 24th.