

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

*6:30 a.m. David Freiburger
8:00 a.m. Florence O'Reilly & Lawrence Ohlman

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

*6:30 a.m. William Martin Family
8:00 a.m. Clarence Murray

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

*6:30 a.m. Ken Palmer
8:00 a.m. Duyane Amstutz ALL MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 a.m. Int. Grashoff Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

8:00 a.m. Robert Mosshammer

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

8:00 a.m. Robert Wilch
5:00 p.m. Catherine Hartman

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

7:15 a.m. Rita Miller
9:00 a.m. Ruthann Franke
11:00 a.m. Salvador Martinez Jr.
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

*CHAPEL



SERVERS' SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 1st

8:00 a.m. Joe Richardville, Abby Maxwell
5:00 p.m. Brian Burns, Ben Kartje
Patrick Colligan, Aaron Voors

Sunday, December 1st

7:15 a.m. Andrea Sarasien, Brian Key
Zach Meyer, Michael Heimann
9:00 a.m. Alex Lohnes, Andrew Kleber
Robert Kleber, Chelsea Markley
11:00 a.m. Mark DePrez, Ben Smith
Felicia Jones, Ian Garner

NURSERY - Dec. 1st

9:00 a.m. Adam & Colleen Krohn

NO COFFEE & DONUTS ON NOV. 24TH

- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

WEDDING BANNES

III Andrew Hollingsworth and Rachel Freiburger
III Ryan Wilson and Katie McCracken



LECTORS

If you haven't picked up your new workbooks and schedules, they are available in the East Meeting Room.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' & SACRISTAN SCHEDULES

Attention Eucharistic Ministers and Sacristans: Please stop by the Ministry Sacristy and pick up your new schedule.

MORE USHERS ARE NEEDED

Ushers are needed for the 5 p.m. and 7:15 a.m. Masses. Also, please sign up for Masses on Christmas and New Year's Day on the sign up sheet in the usher's room. Thank you.



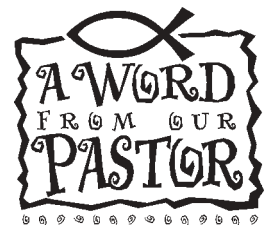
NEW CD

"Have Faith: Classical, Traditional and Contemporary Praise Music" is currently on sale through SCRIP! This CD was recorded by Tony Andorfer, and features the talents of local musicians including the following St. Vincent parishioners: Barbara Alderfer, Jeanne Baker-Dick, Jamie Burnham, Kate Burnham, Joe Cochran, Scott Kruse, Kieth Litton, Mary Helen Oxley,

Ryan Schipkowski, Pam Siela, Emilie Stanley, Sherri Stasell and Heather Strzelecki. The price of the CD is \$11. Profits will be put toward the organ rebuild fund.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Mass on this national holiday is at 9:00 a.m. You are invited to bring bread (the staff of life) and wine (a beverage connoting celebration) for a special blessing during the liturgy. You may then take these home to be shared with your loved ones at your family meal. Let us give thanks to God!



We are accepting today 200 turkeys which will be given to poor families that they may enjoy a nice Christmas meal. Thank you very much for helping to feed the poor in imitation of our patron, St Vincent de Paul.

May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day.
Fr. John

REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM WITH MATTHEW KELLY - DEC. 12

"Have you ever tried to find your way to a place you have never been before with no direction, no map, and no clear destination? Modern men and women have simply become disoriented. We have lost our way. By putting aside the goal of the Christian life - we have lost our spiritual North Star."

Mathew Kelly, "Rediscovering Catholicism"

Come join fellow parishioners in church on Thursday, December 12th, at 7 p.m. as we welcome Catholic author and speaker, Matthew Kelly, for a special Advent presentation.

With remarkable insight, Kelly dispels dozens of the myths that surround the practice and rejection of Catholicism today and provides a profound and practical vision of what will lead the Catholic Church to thrive again in the future.

ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE

Through the kindness of a parishioner, we have on hand three books written by MATTHEW KELLY, the lay evangelist who will be speaking in our church on Dec. 12. You may want to do some reading ahead; look for these titles in the Small Christian Community Resource Center in the East Meeting Room:

The Rhythm of Life
A Call to Joy
The Shepherd

WOMEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH - MARCH 7TH & 8TH,

The next Christ Renews His Parish weekend for women is scheduled for March 7-8th, 2003. This Christ Renews weekend is a chance to renew and recharge your faith in Christ. It is a time of prayer, reflection and fellowship. If you have not made a weekend, now is your chance. Please call Judy Meiklejohn at 490-6113 to make your reservation today.



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

MEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKEND

The next Christ Renews His Parish weekend for men will be held on February 22-23, 2003. It will enrich your spiritual life with fellowship, scripture and prayer. Call Len Piropato at 489-2294 or e-mail him at Lpiro@comcast.net.

RCIA NEWS

If you or someone you know would like to know more about the Catholic faith, its teachings and traditions, please call the church office. RCIA is an on-going process and an Inquirer can begin at any time. However, for those seeking baptism, the process is longer and any who hope to be baptized at the 2004 Easter Vigil, should be beginning now.

We have now expanded Break the Word to both the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. In this way, more of the community will get to see our catechumens and candidates.

CHILDREN HELP WITH FOOD COLLECTION

Thanks to the children of St. Vincent's school for making a great collection of food that we will use for our Thanksgiving food distribution. Thanks also to teacher, Jane Sandor, and Jay Hamrick for their valued assistance.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society



CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Praying for the poor." Zach K.
"I prayed for the homeless people." David E.
"I prayed for the sick." Jon E.

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE — Monday, November 25th, at 7:00p.m. in the Teachers Lounge
THE WORD – TWO BY TWO – Tuesday, November 26th, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Meeting Room
SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, November 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church
RCIA – Tuesday, November 26th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, November 27th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel

ROSARY MEETING TO FEATURE ARMSTRONG FLOWERS

The next Rosary Meeting will be held on Monday, December 2nd. Rosary will be recited at 6:30. Armstrong Flowers will be demonstrating Christmas flower arrangements. Everyone is asked to bring 2 dozen Christmas cookies to share.

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
THERE ARE NO SESSIONS IN DECEMBER.
January 9
January 23

Session II
January 16

DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

NOTE DATE CHANGE! Our next meeting for the Divorced/Separated Support Group will be THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, at 7:00 in the Spiritual Center. It will be a Potluck, with meat and condiments provided. Please mark your calendar now.

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 Deb Andrews at 489-3537.

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. Call Deb Andrews at 489-3537.

ADVENT MATERIALS

Advent calendars, daily meditations, Sunday readings, family prayers and more will be available after Masses this weekend and also next weekend, November 30 and December 1. Look for the large selection in the Gathering Space. A suggested donation will be listed.

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!

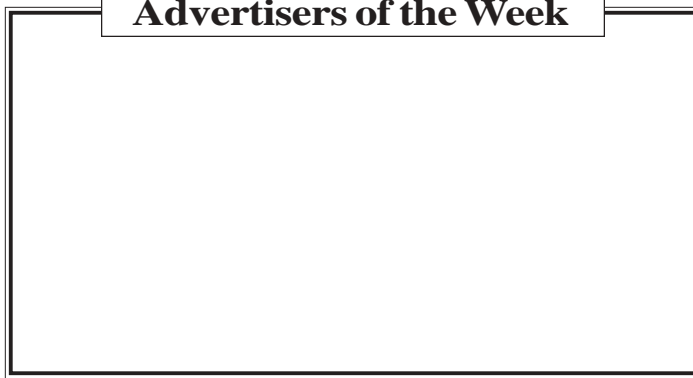
IMMEDIATE JOB OPENING

Immediate opening for someone interested in handling new construction sales, proposals, estimates, etc., for local elevator company. Please Fax resume to 482-5785 or call 492-8585 to schedule interview.

CLASSROOM INSTRUCTORS FOR ABSTINENCE

True Life Choices trains and certifies individuals to teach the message of abstinence to middle and high school youth in Allen, DeKalb, Steuben and Wells County schools. The next training session begins 1/22/03. Instructors receive more than 20 hours of intensive curriculum training and observe certified instructors teaching. Instructor compensation: \$16 p/class within your home county and \$18 p/class outside your home county. Instructor positions are part time. As an independent, you pick your schedule. Earn extra income with flexible schedule and still be home in time for your kids! Call True Life Choices at (260) 436-1119 and request an instructor application packet, or download an application from website www.TLC4abstinence.org. Deadline for applications is 12/13/02.

Advertisers of the Week



Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.



Bereavement Support Group

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 part of our service, St. Vincent's Bereavement Ministry is holding a Bereavement Support Group Session which will meet each Wednesday (except day before Thanksgiving) for 5 weeks. The time and remaining dates: 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 4 and 11. They will be held in the Spiritual Center.

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 healing process.

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



Thanksgiving Dinner

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER FOR SENIORS

Thursday, November 28th at the K of C Hall, 601 Reed Road from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Open to Seniors 55 years and older. Call 485-2005 to make reservations. Reservations are taken by phone. Transportation provided if necessary. No cost and donations are welcome.

K OF C MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The family Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 7, from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Dinner is at 6 p.m. If your last name begins with A-P, please bring a side dish. If your last name begins with Q-Z, please bring a dessert. Santa will arrive at 7 p.m. Please RSVP by November 29 to Dan Roy by phone (637-8010) or e-mail (DJABJ@aol.com) with the number of adults and children attending. Please provide the gender and age of the children as well.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER



Dec. 2	11:30 a.m.	Harvest House
Dec. 3	8:30 a.m.	The Word—Two by Two
Dec. 3	6:30 p.m.	HASA
Dec. 3	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
Dec. 4	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Dec. 4	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
Dec. 4	6:30 p.m.	School Board
Dec. 4	7:00 p.m.	Mardi Gras
Dec. 4	7:00 p.m.	Bereavement Session
Dec. 5	8:30 a.m.	Mothers Gathered in Prayer
Dec. 5	9:00 a.m.	WINGS TOO
Dec. 5	5:15 p.m.	Market Day
Dec. 7	8:00 a.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive
Dec. 7	8:30 a.m.	Youth Detention Ministry
Dec. 9	8:00 p.m.	Men's Club
Dec. 10	8:30 a.m.	The Word - Two by Two
Dec. 10	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
Dec. 10	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Dec. 11	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Dec. 11	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
Dec. 11	7:00 p.m.	Bereavement Session
Dec. 12	8:30 a.m.	Mothers Gathered in Prayer
Dec. 12	9:00 a.m.	WINGS TOO
Dec. 12	7:00 p.m.	Matthew Kelly
Dec. 15	8:00 a.m.	Kof C Family Breakfast
Dec. 16	11:30 a.m.	Harvest House
Dec. 16	7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds
Dec. 16	7:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Society
Dec. 16	7:00 p.m.	Junior High Life
Dec. 17	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
Dec. 17	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Dec. 18	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Dec. 18	6:30 p.m.	Athletic Booster Board
Dec. 18	7:00 p.m.	Mardi Gras Committee
Dec. 19	8:30 a.m.	Mothers Gathered in Prayer
Dec. 19	7:00 p.m.	RCIC Parent & Sponsor Meeting
Dec. 19	7:00 p.m.	Divorced/Separated Group Pot Luck
Dec. 20	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. VINCENT'S

There will be an American Red Cross Blood drive here at St. Vincent's on Saturday, December 7, 2002. Donation hours will be from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Parish Hall (old gym).



Blood Drive

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!



MAY GOD GRANT

ETERNAL LIGHT AND PEACE

to Maria Ammon; George Repka, spouse of Trudy Repka; and Lois Crapf, mother of Karen Horn.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

OF ST. VINCENT'S PARISH

Tracey Hahn, 5516 Joyce Avenue
Catherine Smith, 2410 Island Club Drive
Stephen and M. Jean Fauchier, 2019 Chancel Way
Michael and Jessica Henry, 1620 Thistle Lane
Rick and Victoria Martin, 2199 Bellevue Drive
Holly Stockert, 517 Blueberry Lane
Matthew and Lisa O'Connor, 6901 Penrose Drive
Bryan and Alissa Knippen, 5526-1 Old Dover Blvd.
Ken and Jan Davies, 836 Wolverton Drive
Kathleen Schaefer, 10914 Mill Lake Cove
Chad Watson, 3512 Ferndale Drive, #204
Brian and Colleen Maier, 1936-D River Run Trail
Ellona and Anthony Yoder, 7217 Wood Meadows Lane



BAPTIZED DURING

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Vincent Allen Dawson, son of
Brian and Sherry (Smith) Dawson
Vincent Joseph Fiacable, son of
Stephen and Caterina (Perri) Fiacable
Laury Elizabeth Hallaert, daughter of
Jackson Hallaert and Tamara Crossgrove
Colin Joseph Merkle, son of
Steven and Susan (Chambers) Merkle
Lydia Danielle Mihuc, daughter of
Daniel and Jennifer (Richardson) Mihuc
Claire Elise Waikel, daughter of
Matthew and Adrienne (Paonessa) Waikel
Sarah Lenora Holly, daughter of
Patrick and Liara (Dillon) Holly



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.



KIDS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, Dec. 7, from 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Have you been putting off Christmas shopping? We have a suggestion: LIFETEEN is hosting another "night out". Drop your children off at the Life House for our teens to baby sit (with adult supervision). The kids will go to the Parish Hall to play (expend energy) then back to the House for Movies and snacks. We do this FREE as a parish service (or you may make a free will donation). Space is limited, so call today to reserve your children's spot. (Angie Harber 486-9852 or kha4427125@aol.com).

NEW SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITITES POSSIBLE

1. IF YOU ARE A COUPLE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN AND HAVE WANTED TO JOIN A SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WITH THAT MAIN "FLAVOR", HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO PIONEER! With a few more couples we could begin our 47th community. Is this an invitation God is putting in front of you for adult faith growth? WE ALREADY HAVE A LEADER FOR THE GROUP. CALL me at 489-3537, ext. 207. SISTER KAY
2. ALSO, we have a request to start a MAINLY SINGLES (Men and Women's group, late 30's on up), as a SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. If anyone is interested in pursuing this, please contact S. Kay.



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.



LIFE TEEN REFLECTION

Last weekend was my 6th LIFE TEEN retreat. And God's power of conversion never ceases to amaze me. We had 18 extremely talented adults and 74 teens all ministering to one another. After the Life Teen Mass, when we returned, I took the opportunity to thank the LIFE TEEN Core Team who give SO much of their time, selflessly, to lead teens closer to Christ. I receive affirmation regularly from all of you, but they are just as deserving. If you know any of them, please take time to ask them about their ministry or send them a note to thank them for sharing their gifts with the young people of St. Vincent's. Even if you don't know them, please remember them and their families in your prayers.

This Thanksgiving my heart is full of gratitude to God for all the wonderfully loving people He has placed in my life. Cindy



YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- Nov. 24 Life Night: Come Again
- Nov. 27 Ministry Hour, 7:15 p.m.
- Nov. 28 Happy Thanksgiving: Abortion Clinic Closed, YEAH!
- Dec. 1 Advent begins
- Life Night: Care Packages
- Dec. 7 Kids' Night Out

TEENS, PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION

Teens who attend Carroll, Northrop, Leo, Snider, etc. Your prayers are needed on Thursdays (the day abortions are done in Fort Wayne). Please get your friends together before school, find a quiet hall, and pray the Rosary for an end to abortion. If you would like me to help get you started, please let me know.

Cindy

CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE FRESHMEN

If you know a freshman in college, please call or e-mail their address to Cindy Black at Cblack@SaintV.org or 637-7445, so we can send them a care package.



COLLECTION FOR BABY/ NEWBORN ITEMS

Bishop Dwenger's Pro-Life students, "Saints for Life", will be collecting baby items for the Crisis Pregnancy Center (Hope Center). A box will be placed near the west entrance of the

gathering space until December 1st for donations. Please drop them off before/after Mass or during the week, whatever is convenient for you. Items needed:

- New or gently used: baby clothes (infant to size 2), sleepers for newborns, snowsuits for newborns, coats, mittens, hats.
- New: diapers, sizes 3-6 (sizes 5-6 especially), baby wipes, lotion, powder, shampoo, soap, blankets, bottles and pacifiers.

JUNIOR HIGH LIFE

Thank you all 7th and 8th graders for attending our JHL Night, "Love One Another." We sure do have talented teens. The skits were great! Remember to pray for the poor and homeless.

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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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ANNUAL SAINTS DAY FOR 8TH GRADERS AT BISHOP DWENGER

Bishop Dwenger High School's annual Saints Day for current 8th grade students will be held on Friday, December 6th from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 496-4700 for more information. Students enrolled at St. Charles, St. Jude, St. Vincent, Queen of Angels, Precious Blood, and St. John—New Haven Catholic Schools do not need to pre-register.

GOOD RUNNING VEHICLES NEEDED

Donate your car, truck or van for a good cause. Many people are in need of a good running vehicle. And it is a tax write-off for you. Call the Saint Vincent de Paul Store at 456-3561.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no Religious Education or Preschool classes on Wednesday, November 27, and Sunday, December 1, in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Catechists who instruct seventh graders in the Religious Education program are Ellen Gephart, Deb Reinig, Beth Schuerman, and Ed Soberalski. The emphasis at this level is on The New Testament.

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST: RESPONSIBILITY
 "Most of us can read the writing on the wall;
 we just assume it's addressed to someone else."
 Ivorn Ball

SCRIP SALES – PURCHASE NOW FOR CHRISTMAS

We have a great selection for Christmas gift ideas. Purchase Scrip in the Gathering Space every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. **NO SUNDAY SCRIP SALES DEC. 1 AND DEC. 29.** Limited Quantities – Dec. 15 and 22 (9:00 Mass Quick Tip: Drop off your Scrip order at the Scrip table before Mass – it will be ready when Mass is over).

NEEDED: RIDE HOME AFTER SCHOOL

A child living in the Wheatridge Addition needs a ride home from St. Vincent's school as well as a ride to St. Vincent's on days with delays. Call Becky at 497-0199.



DC DREAMERS 8TH GRADE BAKE SALE

Come get your Thanksgiving baked goods at the St. Vincent 8th grade bake sale. The bake sale will be on Sat. November 23rd after the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, November 24th, after the 7:15, 9 and 11 a.m. Masses. All funds collected will help reduce the cost of the trip to Washington, D.C.

SUPER DISCOUNT CARDS

Super savings on 34 local merchants – dry cleaning, pizza, videos, ice cream, clothing, and much more! Only \$5.00 per card. The cards make wonderful Christmas gifts. All proceeds go toward St. Vincent Catholic School's 8th grade Spring trip to Washington D.C. Ask any St. Vincent 8th grader or call Karen Woodrum (489-2518) or Tami Peters (627-0730).

HIS SPIRIT AMONG US

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

On Wednesday's, our parish is privileged to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the day until 4 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel. We are required to have at least two people praying as long as the Sacrament is on the altar for this type of adoration. Please contact Mary Anne Brown at 489-4823 if you would like to do this and be scheduled for a specific hour. Drop-ins are welcome.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND

You are encouraged to use the Capital Improvement envelope found in the monthly packet of the Sunday collection envelopes. Your contribution to this fund is necessary because we need to begin to accumulate funds to help pay for the following: organ repair, school boiler replacement, updating the air conditioner in the spiritual center, and large repairs. 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.

CHRISTMAS AT UNIVERSITY OF SAINT FRANCIS

You are invited to celebrate the Christmas season on the University of Saint Francis campus with special events on the evening of Sunday, December 8, including candles lighted around Mirror Lake (visible from Spring Street), a Living Nativity staged next to the lake, and the Star of Bethlehem 2002 Show at the Schouweiler Planetarium.



Schedule for Sunday, December 8, 2002

- 2:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation Service
- 5:00 p.m. Star of Bethlehem 2002 Planetarium Show (Schouweiler Planetarium, Achatz Hall of Science)
- 5:45 p.m. Blessing of the Lighting of the Lake Candles (on the porch of the Bass Mansion library)
- 6:00 p.m. Living Nativity – 1st performance, next to Mirror Lake
- 6:30 p.m. Living Nativity – 2nd performance, next to Mirror Lake
- 6:30 p.m. Star of Bethlehem 2002 Planetarium Show (Schouweiler Planetarium, Achatz Hall of Science)
- 7:00 p.m. Mass in the Chapel, Trinity Hall
- 8:00 p.m. Star of Bethlehem 2002 Planetarium Show (Schouweiler Planetarium, Achatz Hall of Science)

There is no charge for the Lighting of the Lake and the Living Nativity. For the planetarium show, admission is \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for senior citizens and those under 18, with a \$14.00 maximum per family. For further information, telephone (260) 434-7722.

TWO SHELTERS NEED CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We are trying to decorate these two shelters for the Christmas season and are in need of the following items to make this happen: Christmas lights, decorations, stockings and canned foods for Christmas dinner. Also, please pray for sober, responsible, and loving clients. Call Barb Cox at 424-2500 for more information or if you can help.

*Volunteers
Needed*



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 672-4542.

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 Weilbaker 497-8212.

WHAT IS SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST?

Shepherds of Christ is for anyone who wants to spend one hour in front of the tabernacle praying the rosary and other traditional prayers for OUR priests and priests throughout the world. We also pray for many religious vocations and our own vocation in life as well as for our families. We meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel. Please stop by and pray whenever you can.



The following is a quote from Father Robert Dombrowski: "I learned a long time ago that any success I've had as a priest was because someone was praying for me. If you have never thought to pray for your priest before, I encourage you to pray for them now. You may be blessed by this effort in unimaginable ways."

GOOD NEWS

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Ez 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28; Mt 25:31-46

Hans Christoffersen

On the human level, there is a strange paradox in today's gospel. On the one hand, Jesus talks about the extraordinary vision of the Son of Man who will appear both as a shepherd and as a king to judge the world, "coming in glory with the angels" and "taking his seat on the glorious throne." Yet this king is not concerned with lording it over his subjects or interested in socializing with the powerful of the world; his concern is for the weak, the poor, and others who are far from thrones and glory.

Furthermore, when this king divides up humanity the dividing line is not between those who are innocent, sinless, noble, or pious and those who are heretics, blasphemers, or have evil intent. The dividing line has to do with acts of love. That could be tough enough, but the acts called for aren't really that extraordinary. None of them requires a long education, money for charity, or political influence, for example. When presented with what we "did" with these acts, there's little sense in saying, "I wasn't properly prepared" or "I didn't understand." We don't need to speak a foreign language to welcome a stranger; we are not asked to help the imprisoned escape but to visit them; and the request is not to heal the sick but to care for them.

These are things even children can do - all that is needed is love and empathy. Nevertheless, as we grow up, we manage to make it complicated and "difficult." Guitarist Eric Clapton sings about it in "Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out." As long as he had a lot of money, he had a lot of friends, but when he hit hard times he realized that "as for friends, I didn't have any." The distance is never long to a good party, but to visit someone who has fallen on hard times in the same neighborhood is often too far.

It is in this sore spot that Jesus hits us: "I am found far from the glorious, far from the glittering thrones where people think 'life' is happening." How many of us will then be asked to go to the right? And if we excuse ourselves with not knowing that this was where God is to be found, all we reveal is our low esteem for other human beings and our own calculating ways!

The royal throne of Christ will not be found in palaces, but in acts of love of human hearts.

Give thanks with music

Music is one way to give thanks to God.

Make these instruments to accompany your singing.

You will need:

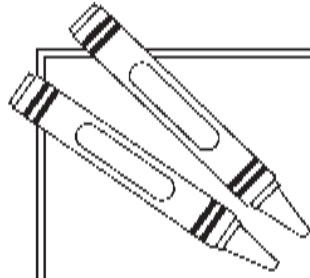
- ♪ 3 small coffee cans with lids
- ♪ 1/2 cup dry, uncooked pinto beans
- ♪ 1/2 cup uncooked popcorn
- ♪ 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- ♪ heavy-duty tape
- ♪ construction paper
- ♪ glue
- ♪ scissors
- ♪ markers

How to make the instruments:

Put the beans in one can, the popcorn in another and the rice in the third can. Put the lids on and tape them securely around the rim. Cover the outside of the cans with construction paper, and glue in place. Decorate the cans with markers or crayons.

How to play:

Shake the cans while you sing your favorite songs!



Just for KIDS

David's Psalm of Thanks

Find what David said. Match the words in the list to the word shapes.

1 Chronicles 16:8

what	call	thanks	known	to
Give	among	the	the	Lord
he	on	nations	his	has
done	name	make		

Give thanks
 to the Lord,
 and on his name;
 make known among
 the nations what
 he has done.

Answer: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known among the nations what he has done.