

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

*6:30 a.m. Florence Powell
8:00 a.m. Joseph Putarik

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

*6:30 a.m. Ralph Schimmele
8:00 a.m. Naomi Alles

VIGIL

6:00 p.m. Marie Ammon

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST

NEW YEARS DAY

9:00 a.m. Rita Buescher
11:00a.m. For The Parish

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2ND

*6:30 a.m. James Crabill
8:00 a.m. Philip Galloway

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD

8:00 a.m. Elaine Underhill
*5:30 p.m. Dolores Kleber

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH

8:00 a.m. Int. Rosary Society
5:00 p.m. Joel Strausborger

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH

7:15 a.m. Dominic Lombardo Sr.
9:00 a.m. Larry Raidt
11:00 a.m. Edward Hilker
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

*CHAPEL



SERVERS' SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 4th

8:00 a.m. Joe Richardville, Trevor Yerrick
5:00 p.m. Rachel Yankowiak, Patrick Colligan
Elizabeth Nicola, Aaron Voors

Sunday, January 5th

7:15 a.m. Mitchell Vanderhagen, Brian Key
Justin Shutt, Zach Meyer
9:00 a.m. Candice Frane, Ashley Gross
Annie Hunnicutt, Patrick Hunnicutt
11:00 a.m. Bill Workman, Erin Hennessey
Austin Leffers, Janessa Leffers

NURSERY - January 5th

9:00 a.m. Charles and Beth Tapley



WEDDING BANNES

III Stephen Thomas and Amanda Meyers

WEDDING POLICY

Weddings in the parish should be scheduled at least six months in advance of the wedding day. This will allow us to do the necessary preparation as required by the diocese. Also, active membership in the parish is required for at least six months prior to setting a date for the wedding. The wedding date may be set only by contacting one of the parish priests.

SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS GOODIES

The Ladies of St. Vincent are having their Byron Health Center After Christmas Party on Jan. 8th, at 2:30 p.m. We are requesting any candy, cookies and leftover Christmas goodies. Please bring to church office or call Sally Stone 489-9294 or Mary Anne Melvin 489-3470 for pick-up.



OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO GIVING TREE!

A genuine THANK YOU is extended to everyone that purchased gifts for the Giving Tree! Over 800 gifts were distributed throughout the Fort Wayne area! Through Catholic Charities, St. Vincent's adopted 14 families and provided each with Christmas gifts, including 2 sewing machines and 3 bikes. Each man at the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission received two specifically requested gifts - 1 want and 1 need. We adopted 8 young families through Whittington Homes & Services. We provided needed sweat suits to the YWCA Domestic Violence Program. Nearly 100 gifts were given to SCAN (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect) to take to their clients on home visits and distribute as needed. The Christ Child Society, an organization that gives layettes to needy babies going home from the hospital and "My Stuff Bags" to children removed from their homes, received supplies to work with. The residents at University Park Nursing Home and Kingston Care Center each received a gift. Crossroads-Fort Wayne Children's Home received various items to provide comfort to their residents - emotionally troubled children and young adults. Matthew 25 received a stock of hats, scarves, and mittens to give to patients in need of a little warmth. A number of other families were given Giving Tree gifts along with food from the St. Vincent de Paul Society. St. Vincent's parishioners continue to share Jesus' love throughout the city. Rest assured your gift made someone's Christmas much brighter.

Thanks
for your participation

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be NO regular Wednesday adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on New Year's Day, January 1.

Keep in mind that 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.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKENDS:

MEN'S - FEB. 22 AND 23 WOMEN'S - MARCH 8 AND 9

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 February 22 and 23, 2003, or the Women's Christ Renews His Parish Weekend on March 8 and 9, 2003. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. Men, contact Len Piropero at 489-2294 or e-mail him at Lpiro@comcast.net. Women, contact Judy Meiklejohn at 490-6113.

DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

Come join us on Thursday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m. IN THE CHURCH CONFERENCE ROOM. Our presenter will be Mary Jo Todoran, MSW, ACSW, LCSW. She will be addressing the topic of Depression in both Adults and Children. We invite anyone in the parish, to whom this topic would be of interest, to join us. For more info, call the church office at 489-3537.

SNOW REMOVAL! - The Knights of Columbus are offering snow removal for those in need, elderly, disabled, etc. without charge, donations accepted. If we did so for you last year, please call and confirm. Please call before snow flies! You may also use this number as a resource for help with odd jobs around the house. Please call Jim Cox II at 492-7705.

MAY GOD GRANT ETERNAL LIGHT AND PEACE

to Brian Houlihan, spouse of Jill, father of Joseph and Jared, brother of Jim and Patrick Houlihan; Frances Bloodgood; James Swihart; Ryan Ringler, spouse of Thelma Ringler; Virginia Baker, mother of Suzie Johnson; Richard Fitch, Sr., spouse of Phyllis, mother of Sarah Hudson and Larry Fitch; Kenneth Haffner, spouse of Betty and father of Timothy Haffner; M. Helen Waikel, mother of Rita Phillips; Linda L. Morrison, mother of Cindy Oskey; Robert Young, father of Randy Young; Mark Winebrenner, brother of Monte Winebrenner; and Molly Fisher, mother of Patricia Arbuckle.



CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"I cleaned my room." Chelsea
 "Helping with the toy room." Maddy E.

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

YOUTH DETENTION MINISTRY – Saturday, January 4th, at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room #1

ROSARY SOCIETY TO MEET AT 'THE FACTORY'

Rosary Meeting is set for Jan. 6th at The Factory. We will need reservations. Please contact Theresa Hughes 484-7014, Jane Meyers 489-6073 or Maureen Yankowiak 637-5532 by December 30th. We will eat at 6:30 p.m.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY REPORT

During the three-month period ending Dec. 31, 2002, the St. Vincent's Conference, through the generosity of you, the parishioners, has made the following disbursements to assist clients:

Utilities	\$ 1,497
Food and Personal Items	2,093
Rent	3,707
Travel Aid	343
Furniture/Appliances	630
Third World Assistance	135
Client Insurance	59
Auto Accessories, Repairs	42
Other Client Assistance	250
Miscellaneous Disbursements	50
Medical Expenses	362
Total Disbursements	\$ 9,167



Fifty-seven families or individuals were helped.

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.

NEED A TAX BREAK?

Donate your running car, truck or van to Saint Vincent de Paul Store before Dec. 31st. Call the store at 456-3561.



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.

TWO CHRISTMAS CD'S FEATURING TOM DIDIER AVAILABLE

Tom Didier has two Christmas CD's available. A portion of the profits will be donated to the organ fund. Great for gifts! Available after Masses at the Scrip table.

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!

OFFICE ASSISTANCE

Fort Wayne Eye Associates-Lake Avenue is looking for someone to do chart prep and filing part-time, 10-20 hours a week. No nights or weekends are required. Hours are flexible. Pays \$6 - \$7 per hour. No experience is necessary but must be able to pay great attention to details. Apply in person or contact Kim at 426-5663 for more information.

PART-TIME DENTAL ASSISTANT

Matthew 25 Dental Clinic needs a part-time Dental Assistant (X-ray certified, if possible). Paid position, 12-16 hours/flexible. Please contact Suzy Beard 489-1837.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ENVELOPE: CHURCH ORGAN

Thank you for using the Capital Improvement envelope found in your monthly packet of Sunday



Organ Fund

collection envelopes. Your contribution to this fund will help defray the cost of the repair and improvements on our church organ. The estimated cost of this project is \$130,000. Some of our parishioners, having completed their building campaign pledge, will see this as an opportunity to continue giving in support of our building.

Advertisers of the Week



Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

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.



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	Session II
January 9	January 16
January 23	February 20
February 13	
February 27	

WINGS REGISTRATION

Wings, a Bible Study/faith sharing group for women of our parish, is accepting registrations for the Winter/Spring session. We meet on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center. Childcare is available. Our Winter/Spring session begins on Wednesday, January 8, 2003. We will continue our study of "The Catholic Way: Faith for Living Today", by Bishop Donald W. Wuerl. This book is a reflection on the content of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. For more information, call Sarah Garrison (637-1409) or Julie Fox (489-0111). New members are welcome!

January



CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2003

Jan. 4	8:30 a.m.	Youth Detention Ministry
Jan. 6	7:00 p.m.	Development Committee
Jan. 7	8:30 a.m.	The Word – Two by Two Bible Study
Jan. 7	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
Jan. 7	6:30 p.m.	RCIA
Jan. 7	6:30 p.m.	HASA Meeting
Jan. 8	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Jan. 8	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
Jan. 8	6:30 p.m.	School Board
Jan. 8	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council
Jan. 8	7:00 p.m.	CRHP Continuation
Jan. 8	7:00 p.m.	Bereavement Committee
Jan. 8	7:00 p.m.	Mardi Gras Committee
Jan. 9	8:30 a.m.	Mothers Gathered In Prayer
Jan. 9	9:00 a.m.	WINGS TOO
Jan. 9		True Life Choices Parent Meeting
Jan. 9	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation I
Jan. 9	7:00 p.m.	Divorced/Separated Support Group
Jan. 13	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee
Jan. 13	8:00 p.m.	Men's Club
Jan. 14	8:30 a.m.	The Word – Two by Two Bible Study
Jan. 14	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
Jan. 14	7:30 p.m.	RCIA
Jan. 15	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Jan. 15	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
Jan. 15	6:30 p.m.	Athletic Booster Board
Jan. 16	8:30 a.m.	Mothers Gathered In Prayer
Jan. 16	9:00 a.m.	WINGS TOO
Jan. 16	5:15 p.m.	Market Day
Jan. 16	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation II
Jan. 17	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Jan. 17		K of C Fish Dinner
Jan. 20	1:15 p.m.	Harvest House
Jan. 20	7:00 p.m.	Building and Grounds
Jan. 21	6:45 a.m.	Finance Committee
Jan. 21	8:30 a.m.	The Word – Two by Two Bible Study
Jan. 21	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
Jan. 21	7:30 p.m.	RCIA
Jan. 22	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Jan. 22	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
Jan. 22	7:00 p.m.	Mardi Gras Committee
Jan. 23	8:30 a.m.	Mothers Gathered In Prayer
Jan. 23	9:00 a.m.	WINGS TOO
Jan. 23	7:00 p.m.	Divorced/Separated Support Group
Jan. 23	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation I
Jan. 23	7:00 p.m.	Disability Team
Jan. 25	8:30 a.m.	Disciples in Mission Leadership Training
Jan. 26		K of C Superbowl Party
Jan. 27	7:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Society
Jan. 28	8:30 a.m.	The Word – Two by Two Bible Study
Jan. 28	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
Jan. 28	7:30 p.m.	RCIA
Jan. 29	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Jan. 29	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
Jan. 30	8:30 a.m.	Mothers Gathered In Prayer
Jan. 30	9:00 a.m.	WINGS TOO

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF ST. VINCENT'S FAMILY

Fernando and Susan Ruiz, 10008 Monticello Boulevard
 Mary Ann Stabile, 1519 Woodland Crossing
 Sara Tempel, 10064 Jefferson Way
 Cristina and Jason Stein, 8617 Shearwater Pass
 Timothy Helbing, 5403 River Run Trail, Apt. C
 Janice Panyard, 5515 Le Steele
 Glenn and Julie Ceckowski, 3024 Water Wheel Run
 Matthew and Therese Talluto, 9009 Wallen Lane
 Marvin and Jocelyn Basse, 6710 Co. Rd. 19, Auburn
 Gina and Kent Harman, 13709 Split Rock Cove
 Eric and Ann Kraeutle, 12224 Cornerstone Point Boulevard, Grabill
 William and Sarah Madden, 2526 Northway Drive
 Michael and Kimberly Nielsen, 2730 Sweet Cider
 Della Thacker, 10210 Monticello Boulevard
 Lawrence Gruss, 2831 Briardale Drive



BAPTIZED DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Alivia Renee and Austin Robert Buescher, twin children of
 Robert and Monica (Cochran) Buescher
 Taya Estine Haffner, daughter of
 Timothy and Shelly (Ramsey) Haffner
 Abigail Marie Hull, daughter of
 Kevin and Stacy (Wilson) Hull
 Megan Elizabeth Paul, daughter of
 Gregory and Joan (Rokusek) Paul
 Hannah Marie Rogers, daughter of
 William and Elizabeth (Smith) Rogers
 Joseph August Didier, son of
 John and Lisa (Harter) Didier
 Lauren Michelle Feely, daughter of
 Patrick and Michelle (Debets) Feely
 Alexander Robert Gregory, son of
 Robert and Tracia (Neuman) Gregory
 Jillian Eugenie Harter, daughter of
 Joel and Denise (Berghoff) Harter
 Christian Joseph Lapp, son of
 Mark and Tedra (Neuman) Lapp
 Lexi Francis Renfrow, son of
 Allen and Amy (Hoffman) Renfrow
 Courtney Marie Scoles, daughter of
 Richard and Jennifer (Schenkel) Scoles
 Elizabeth Lucille Stureman, daughter of
 Antony and Pamela (Watercutter) Stureman
 Andrew Allen Collins, son of
 William and Mary (Ginn) Collins
 Michael Ivan Myers, son of
 Daniel and Karen (Lothamer) Myers
 Gretchen Anne Gmitter, daughter of
 G. Scott and Beth (Eagan) Gmitter
 Elizabeth Lynn Knorr, daughter of
 David and Jennifer (Lester) Knorr
 Aidan Michael Rogers, son of
 Michael and Marceline (Syndram) Rogers



NEW YEAR'S EVE BABYSITTING

Need childcare for New Year's Eve? Please call 637-7333. Safe, fun environment.

CHRISTMAS CHORAL FESTIVAL

A Christmas Choral Festival will be presented by the Catholic parishes of Fort Wayne and surrounding areas on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 5th at 2:30 p.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church, Randallia at E. State Blvd. Open to the public – no admission fee – free will offering. Our Diocesan National Pastoral Musicians Association is sponsoring this Choral Festival.



YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Dec. 29 Feast of the Holy Family
Core Christmas Party
Jan. 2 Alumni Mass and Breakfast, 8 a.m.
Jan. 5 Epiphany — Life Night
Jan. 6 JHL



3RD ANNUAL LIFE TEEN ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Welcome, anyone back from college or still in high school. On Thursday, January 2, join us for Mass at 8 a.m. in the church, then breakfast at the Life House. Then if you can, head to the clinic to pray for an end to abortion.

JR. HIGH LIFE

Jesus is our greatest gift. He is with us always. May He bless you this Christmas. We'll see you January 6th for our social.

LIFE PARENTS

If you are the parent of a teen and would like to get involved in or learn more about Life Parents, please contact Cindy Black soon at 489-3537 Ext. 228 or e-mail CBlack@SaintV.org

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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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GIVING 'HOPE' TO YOUNG MOTHERS

Thank you for the many beautiful and useful items of clothing, toiletry supplies and toys collected for our ministry that offers hope for the future, help for the present, and healing for the for the past. Our clients are being so blessed by the many items that were collected from your parishioners through the youth at Bishop Dwenger High School. Each year we give out over 300 layettes (a layette consisting of a shopping bag full of items such as sleepers, receiving blanket, heavy blanket, 2-piece outfits, socks, onesies, diapers, and toiletry items.)

May God richly bless each of you who contributed so that our clients might be blessed.

With grateful heart, Judi Hapke, Executive Director of
A Hope Center (formerly Pregnancy Crisis Center)



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.

CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE

5:00 p.m. – 1450 AM

Dec. 30 - Mon. Kids' Open Q & A - Fr. Serpa
Dec. 31 - Tues. Who Wants To Be An Apologist? - James Akin
Jan. 1 - Wed. Q & A Open Forum - Karl Keating
Jan. 2 - Thurs. From the Heart - Rosalind Moss
Jan. 3 - Fri. Q & A Open Forum - James Akin



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Religious Education classes will resume on January 19, for those who attend on Sunday and on January 22, for those who attend on Wednesday.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION for second graders will be on Saturdays, January 11 and January 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the church. As a community we pray for these little ones who come to the Sacrament for the first time to seek forgiveness and to be reconciled with the church. Parents are reminded to follow the prayer service and examination of conscience each evening with their child.

Parent meetings for First Eucharist will be held on Sunday, February 9, or Monday, February 10, in the church at 7:30 p.m. Mark your calendar to attend one of these important meetings.



CONFIRMATION will be on Monday, February 24. The Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, February 1, at 12:00 noon. Attendance at this parish retreat is **REQUIRED** for those who did not attend the youth rally in October.

For eighth graders in Religious Education, classes continue **AFTER** Confirmation takes place until mid-May. The eighth grade curriculum includes a course study on morality.

Students, who have been confirmed, now have an even greater responsibility to live moral Christian lives. The studies in morality include units on choosing life, chastity, justice, the Commandments, and Beatitudes, for example. Exploring these topics is essential for adolescents who must be equipped to make correct moral decisions in a culture that often denies the existence of sin and belittles virtue.

SCRIP SALES

There **WILL BE** Scrip sales this weekend, Dec. 28/29. Purchase Scrip in the Gathering Space today from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

(9:00 Mass Quick Tip: Drop off your Scrip order at the Scrip table before Mass – it will be ready when Mass is over).

COACH A TEAM THIS SPRING

The St. Vincent's Athletic Director is searching for Spring sports coaches for 5th grade boys' soccer, 7th & 8th grade softball, and track for all grades. If you are interested, please contact Paul Cassabon at 489-3537 Ext. 218.

DWENGER BASKETBALL SCHOOL FOR GRADES K - 8

Bishop Dwenger High School will again be sponsoring the Saint's Basketball School for students in grades K-8. The five Saturday series will be held on January 11, 18, 25 and February 8, 15. Grades K-3 will meet from 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.; Grades 4-8 will meet from 10:30 – 12:00 noon. Instructors are Dave Scudder, Girl's Basketball Coach and Matt Kostoff, Boy's Basketball Coach. Cost of the 5-day series is \$40.00. Each attendee will receive a T-shirt. Checks should be made payable to Dave Scudder and returned to Bishop Dwenger High School. Registration is also available at the door.



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD SCHOOL ACCEPTING PRESCHOOLERS

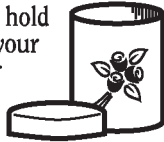
It is time to register your Preschooler at Most Precious Blood School, 1529 Barthold St., Fort Wayne, 46808, now enrolling 3 yr. olds, 4 yr olds, and Pre-K. We have a variety of choices for days and hours. Classes begin Jan. 6th, 2003. Call 424-4832 for more info.

CURSILLISTAS' DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

On Saturday, January 11, 2003, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Fort Wayne, there will be a special day of spiritual renewal for all Cursillistas in the Diocese. Please join us for this day of reflection. A \$5 donation for lunch is suggested. Please e-mail: fwsbcursillo@hotmail.com or call (260) 424-5314 (Patti Hobbs) to register. De Colores!

Make a New Year's Time Capsule

Make a container to hold your treasures and your wishes and goals for the New Year.



You will need:

- small storage tin (You may have a cookie-, popcorn- or candy-tin leftover from the holidays. If you don't have a tin, a shoebox will work.)

- goals for the coming year
- permanent markers ■ paper
- glue ■ tape ■ scissors ■ paint
- paintbrush
- little treasures (photos of friends or family, small toys, coins, etc.)

How to make it:

- Wash and dry the tin.
- Decorate the tin with the markers or paint. (If the tin already has a design, you can use that one. Or you can decorate pieces of paper and then glue them to the tin's lid and sides.)



- Mark your name and the date on the lid.

- On a piece of paper make a list of goals – things you would like to accomplish during the year. (For example, be a better student, be more helpful around the house, make new friends, etc.)

- On another piece of paper write some of the important things that happened last year. (For example, got a new puppy, went on a fun vacation, learned to ride a bike, etc.)

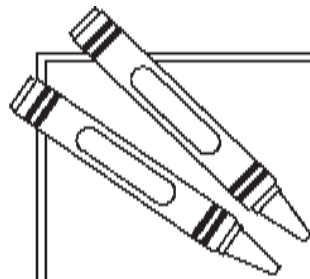
- Place the list of goals in the tin along with any little treasures you want to include.

- Tape the lid onto the tin.

- Store it in a safe place (for example, your closet, under the bed, etc.).



- Open the tin on the next New Year's Day. Did you accomplish all your goals? Did you remember what was in the tin?



Just for KIDS

"Who Am I?"

It's a new year and you may be thinking about time, birthdays and how old you'll be this year. Below are some people from the Bible and the ages they reached.

First, fill in the name of each person. If you need help, look up the verses in the Bible. Next, find the age of each person by matching the number under the blanks to the sum of the digits in the ages listed. For example, if the number under the line is 11, it could be 290 (2+9+0=11) or 47 (4+7=11).

Names:	Abraham	Joseph	Adam	Moses	Isaac	Noah	Jesus	Sarah
Ages:	33	110	120	127	175	180	930	950

1. I was God's first man. I lived to be _____ years old.

Who am I? _____ (Genesis 5:5) (12)

2. I built an ark when God flooded the earth. I lived to be _____ years old.

Who am I? _____ (Genesis 9:29) (14)

3. God said that my offspring would be as many as the stars in the heavens.

I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (Genesis 25:7) (13)

4. I was close to 90-years-old when God said that I would have a son. I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____ (Genesis 23:1) (10)

5. My parents were Abraham and Sarah. I lived to be _____ years old.

Who am I? _____ (Genesis 35:28) (9)

6. My brothers left me in a pit in the wilderness. I lived to be _____ years old.

Who am I? _____ (Genesis 50:26) (2)

7. When I was 3-months-old, I was placed in a basket in the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. I lived to be _____ years old. Who am I? _____

(Deuteronomy 34:7) (3)

8. I began my life in a barn with animals. I lived to be _____ years old.

Who am I? _____ (Luke 2:7). (6)

Answers: 1. 950; Adam; 2. 930; Noah; 3. 175; Abraham; 4. 127; Sarah; 5. 180; Isaac; 6. 110; Joseph; 7. 120; Moses; 8. 93; Jesus