

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH**

- \*6:30 a.m. Virginia Cole
- 8:00 a.m. Joan Smith
- 7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH**

- \*6:30 a.m. Marguerite Hinkle
- 8:00 a.m. Robert Richter

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH**

- \*6:30 a.m. Pam Beeler
- 8:00 a.m. Mark Schirmeyer

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH**

- \*6:30 a.m. Clovis Ernst
- 8:00 a.m. Lucille Schilling

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH**

- 8:00 a.m. Marie Ammon

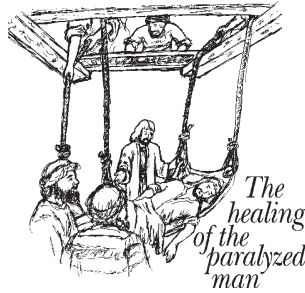
**SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST**

- 8:00 a.m. Int. Rosary Society
- 5:00 p.m. Stephen Busch

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND**

- 7:15 a.m. Margaret Braun
- 9:00 a.m. Dolores Pemberton
- 11:00 a.m. Lawrence Ohlman & Florence O'Reilly
- 6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

\*CHAPEL



SERVERS' SCHEDULE

**Saturday, March 1st**

- 8:00 a.m. Jason Reinhart, Jamie Reinhart
- 5:00 p.m. Rachel Kaiser, Mike Widner  
Elizabeth Nicola, Dan Voors

**Sunday, March 2nd**

- 7:15 a.m. Andrea Sarasien, Brian Key  
Justin Shutt, Emily Royal
- 9:00 a.m. Stephanie Woodrum, Annie Hunnicutt  
Patrick Hunnicutt, Sarah Nix
- 11:00 a.m. Jon Carter, Janessa Leffers  
Hana Geswein, Kip Kinder

SACRISTAN MINISTRY

- Saturday March 1 5:00 p.m. Tom Ryan
- Sunday March 2 7:15 a.m. Rick and Pam Marx
- 9:00 a.m. David and Michelle Lallow
- 11:00 a.m. Mary Osborn

NURSERY – Sunday, March 2

- 9:00 a.m. Mark and Sarah Garringer

WEDDING BANS

III Lucas Smith and Angela Cutigni



MOMS – MINISTRY OF MOTHERS SHARING



This ministry is taking registrations for the winter session. Open to all women who want to develop self-esteem, relationship skills, and a more defined sense of their own spirituality while facing the challenges of raising a family. The session begins Tuesday, February 25th, at 7 p.m. and will run for 8 weeks. Call Ann Arnold at 489-8426 to register. Space is limited!

MAY GOD GRANT

ETERNAL LIGHT AND PEACE TO

Christine Mae and Mary Darlene Heinkel, twin granddaughters of Chester and Mary Dray; Robert C. Johnson; John Daly, Sr., father of John Daly, Jr.; Margaret George, mother of Nancy Ricci; Joseph W. Eifrid, Sr., son of Joseph Eifrid, Jr.; and James Samek, father of Mary Jo Todoran.



FROM THE PASTOR:

Last week you heard Joe and Kathy Schenkel speak at Mass about their practice of Christian stewardship. They acknowledged that God has blessed them with wonderful gifts, gifts that they want to share with the community. I hope their witness talk moved you to give prayerful thought to how you use your gifts of time, talent and treasure. Stewardship should be for all of us a way of life. May God strengthen us to be good stewards of God's many blessings. You will be receiving from me this week through the mail an invitation to renew your commitment of time, talent and treasure. Thank you for taking this opportunity to renew your commitment to be a faithful and active member of this parish community.

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This is a final reminder that now is the time to renew your subscription or to become a new subscriber to "Today's Catholic", our diocesan newspaper. Thank you for bringing this paper into your home.

Fr. John

FROM THE



"LET'S TALK ABOUT ..."

During the six Sundays of Lent, there will be a dialogue series entitled "Let's Talk About ...". These will be in the East Conference Room following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Bring your questions. Bring your insight. Let's discuss how to live Christ's teachings in our daily lives. Directed by Marilyn Fech.

March 9	Let's Talk About War
March 16	Let's Talk About Raising Children
March 23	Let's Talk About Christianity in the Workplace
March 30	Let's Talk About Homosexuality
April 6	Let's Talk About Scripture Reading
April 13	Let's Talk About Heaven and Hell



PALM BRANCHES

We will be burning palm branches blessed on Palm Sunday of last year. You may bring your blessed palm branches from home and place them in the basket located in the Gathering Space. The ashes from the burnt branches will be used in our Ash Wednesday ceremony. The LAST day palms will be received is March 2nd.

LENTEN MATERIAL MADE AVAILABLE

As in past years, Lenten pamphlet materials will be available at all Masses during this weekend, February 23 and 24, and next, March 1 and 2. There are daily meditations, morning and evening prayer, Holy Hour devotions, Stations of the Cross and family meditations. For the children, there are I Spy and sticker books. The parish offers this as a service. Donations are accepted to help pay the bill.

MARDI GRAS 2003 – MARCH 1, 2003

6:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

St. Vincent's 40th Annual Mardi Gras Event is planned for Saturday, March 1, 2003. This year's King and Queen of Hearts, Brian and Diane Pelkington, invite you to share in a great long-running tradition. Tickets will be on sale after the weekend Masses. Ticket prices are \$25.00 per ticket or \$45.00 per couple. This year's theme is "Let the Good Times Roll" Casino Night. Your ticket price includes all of the beverages you can drink, dinner furnished by Casa's, dancing to the band "Nostalgia" (5 decades of Rock and Roll), two hours of fun and gambling (with proceeds going toward the LIFETEEN program and the Organ Rebuild Fund), souvenirs, and lots of door prizes that you will have the chance to bid on with your winnings. If you have any questions, please call Angie Harber 486-9852 or e-mail AngieHarber@aol.com. (Large groups are welcome and table groupings can be reserved with the purchase of a group of tickets).



**MEETINGS OF THE WEEK**

CONFIRMATION – Monday, February 24th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church  
 ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY – Monday, February 24th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel  
 THE WORD – TWO BY TWO – Tuesday, February 25th, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Meeting Room  
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, February 25th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
 F.A.I.T.H. – Tuesday, February 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Life House  
 RCIA – Tuesday, February 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, February 26th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
 WINGS – Wednesday, February 26th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 DISCIPLES IN MISSION TRAINING – Wednesday, February 26th, at 6:45 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE – Wednesday, February 26th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room  
 MOTHERS GATHERED IN PRAYER – Thursday, February 27th, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Meeting Room  
 WINGS TOO – Thursday, February 27th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I – Thursday, February 27th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room  
 DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, February 27th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 YOUTH DETENTION MINISTRY – Saturday, March 1st, at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room #1  
 NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SESSION – Saturday, March 1st, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center

**DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP**

Come join us on Thursday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center as we learn about stress and ways we can deal with it. Our featured speaker is Dian Sullivan, ACSW, LCSW. For more information, call the church office at 489-3537.

**F.A.I.T.H. (FINDING ANSWERS IN THE HOLY SPIRIT)**

This group will be a resource and support for couples struggling with infertility in a warm and caring atmosphere. The group will meet Tues., Jan. 28th, at 7 p.m. in the Life House. The objectives of the group are to provide support and understanding to couples with infertility and to be a resource for couples regarding infertility treatments, adoption and the church's teachings. Please contact Amy Bartee 497-8257, if you are planning to attend or with further questions.

**CATHOLIC SERENDIPITY BIBLE SALE**

As a service to our parishioners and courtesy of a great price reduction through Cathedral Bookstore, volunteers will be selling these Bibles. Hard cover (\$25) and soft cover (\$19) will be sold after all Masses Feb. 22-23, March 1-2. Money due at time of purchase. If you would like to help after a Mass, contact Mary Osborn at 497-7435.

**GROUP LEADERS – DISCIPLES IN MISSION**

The list of participants for your DM faith-sharing groups are in the process of being organized and will be mailed to you in the near future. Questions? Call Scott McLeish 485-6481 or Kris Gill 438-2589.



**PARTICIPANTS – DISCIPLES IN MISSION**

If you have registered to participate in a Disciples in Mission faith-sharing group, please pick up your participants booklet in the East Meeting Room after Mass. Questions? Call Kris Gill 438-2589, Scott and Cathy McLeish 485-6481 or Sister Kay 489-3537 Ext. 207.



Remember to pray for Disciples in Mission using the prayer card you received in the mail.

**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!

**MATTHEW 25 DENTAL CLINIC NEEDS:**

Part-time X-ray certified dental assistant and a part-time dental office person. Very rewarding work. Please contact Suzy Beard at 489-1837.

**OPENINGS AT U.S. POSTAL SERVICE**

Vehicle Motor Operator, Tractor Trailer Operator and Rural Carrier Associate positions are available. Call Personnel in Indianapolis at 1-866-999-8777. For the Rural Carrier position, the Announcement Number requested is #47618; for the Auto mechanic – Fort Wayne #52486; South Bend #52484 and Indianapolis #52472.

**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.

**Advertisers of the Week**

Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

**ATTENTION: ALL MINISTERS**

(Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Homebound Ministers) Please note the following dates for our Spring reflections:

Monday evening	March 10	7:00 p.m.
Saturday morning	March 22	8:30 a.m.
Thursday evening	May 1	7:00 p.m.

All reflections will be held in the Spiritual Center. Please remember that ministers MUST attend one of these reflections in order to remain active in your ministry.

**ADULTS AND TEENS – HAVE YOU BEEN CONFIRMED?**

Bishop D'Arcy has announced that adult confirmation will be on June 8, 2003 at the Cathedral. If there is anyone who for whatever reason has not been confirmed, please contact Fr. Mark at the church office by March 8 (489-3537). There will be a six-week preparation course which is MANDATORY.

**CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH NEWSLETTERS**

Please pick up the Christ Renews His Parish Newsletter at the back of church this weekend. Find out how you can participate in helping bring others closer to Christ!

**NEW HOURS FOR ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR LENT**

On four Wednesdays during Lent the hours of Eucharistic Adoration will be extended and followed by Benediction. On March 12th and 19th, and on April 2nd, Adoration will begin after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and close at 7:00 p.m. On March 26th, Adoration will follow the 8:00 a.m. Mass and close at 5:30 p.m.

Two committed people are needed for each hour of the extended Adoration hours. Please call Francie McComb at 489-6716 to sign up.



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

OF ST. VINCENT'S PARISH

Harry and Mary Guingrich, 9832 Dupont Lakes Drive #1-A  
 Dorothea McArdle, 11430 Coldwater Road  
 Gerald and Alice Gavin, 13019 Columa Bay  
 Rick and Mary Trego, 6313 Midchannel Way  
 Janice Konchalski, 8230 Medallion Place  
 Peter and Maria Wright, 258 Northeast Drive  
 Joseph and Amanda Salazar, 1112 Brittany Place  
 Brian and Anne Havern, 11024 Scarlet Oak Run  
 Charles and Tiffany Luong, 1315 Bluff Pointe Way  
 Rick and Leisa Fredbloom, 2029 Deer Lodge Place  
 David and Sandra Harper, 5707 Horseshoe Bend

BAPTIZED DURING

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Levi Francis Renfrow, son of  
 Allen and Amy (Hoffman) Renfrow

BAPTIZED DURING THE

MONTH OF JANUARY

Nicholas Alan Johnston, son of  
 Michael and Laura (Keller) Johnston  
 Sydney Barbara Steinforth, daughter of  
 Steven and Tammy (Franke) Steinforth  
 Jenna Nicole-Suzanne Reed, daughter of  
 George and Stacy (Bittner) Reed  
 Thomas Matthew Williams, son of  
 Lester and Amy (Stump) Williams  
 Andrew Larsen, son of  
 William and Lenore (Johns) Larsen  
 Katie Bo Dillman and Kelly Tao Dillman, twin daughters of  
 Brian and Diane (Mierau) Dillman  
 Gabriel Anthony Richard Goebel, son of  
 Chad and Andrea (Doehring) Goebel  
 Brayden Hastings LaPan, son of  
 Karl and Kelly (Bartee) LaPan  
 Ryan Shay McCann, son of  
 Jeffrey and Janet (Bobay) McCann



"WALKING THE TALK"

I bow to the sacred in all creation.  
 May my spirit fill the world with beauty and wonder.  
 May my mind seek truth with humility and openness.  
 May my heart forgive without limit.  
 May my love for friend, enemy and outcast be without measure.  
 May my needs be few and my living simple.  
 May my actions bear witness to the suffering of others.  
 May my hands never harm a living being.  
 May my steps stay on the journey of justice.  
 May my tongue speak for those who are poor without fear of the powerful.  
 May my prayers rise with patient discontent until no child is hungry.  
 May my life's work be a passion for peace and nonviolence.  
 May my imagination overcome death and despair with new possibility.  
 And may I risk reputation, comfort and security to bring this hope to the children.  
 (Prayer for the Decade of Nonviolence/Pax Cristi)



TWO WEEKS LEFT TO SIGN UP

FOR THE WOMEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS WEEKEND

The next Christ Renews His Parish weekend for women is scheduled for March 8-9, 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.

MISSING ANY DISHES????

If you brought food to any function and are missing a dish, please pick it up in the Spiritual Center in the room across from the kitchen. Any dishes uncollected will be placed in the HASA Garage Sale on April 5th.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

- March 1 8:30 a.m. Youth Detention Ministry
- March 1 8:30 a.m. Natural Family Planning
- March 1 6:30 p.m. Mardi Gras
- March 3 7:00 p.m. Development Committee
- March 4 8:30 a.m. The Word - Two by Two Bible Study
- March 4 6:30 p.m. Shepherds of Christ
- March 4 6:30 p.m. HASA Meeting
- March 5 8:00 a.m. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
- March 5 9:00 a.m. WINGS
- March 5 7:00 p.m. RCIA
- March 5 7:00 p.m. Bereavement Team
- March 6 8:30 a.m. Mothers Gathered In Prayer
- March 6 9:00 a.m. WINGS TOO
- March 6 7:00 p.m. RCIC Parent and Sponsor Meeting
- March 6 7:00 p.m. Disability Team
- March 8 and 9 Women's Christ Renews His Parish Weekend
- March 9 10:00 a.m. "Let's Talk About ..." Part 1
- March 10 8:00 p.m. Men's Club
- March 11 8:30 a.m. The Word - Two by Two Bible Study
- March 11 6:30 p.m. Shepherds of Christ
- March 11 7:00 p.m. RCIA
- March 12 8:00 a.m. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
- March 12 9:00 a.m. WINGS
- March 12 6:30 p.m. School Board
- March 12 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council
- March 12 7:00 p.m. Mardi Gras Committee
- March 13 8:30 a.m. Mothers Gathered In Prayer
- March 13 9:00 a.m. WINGS TOO
- March 13 5:15 p.m. Market Day
- March 13 7:00 p.m. Baptismal Preparation I
- March 13 7:00 p.m. Divorced/Separated Support Group
- March 14 Scout's Fish Fry
- March 15 8:00 a.m. K of C Blood Drive
- March 15 8:30 a.m. Natural Family Planning Session
- March 16 10:00 a.m. "Let's Talk About ..." Part 2
- March 17 1:15 p.m. Harvest House
- March 17 7:00 p.m. Building and Grounds
- March 18 6:45 a.m. Finance Committee
- March 18 8:30 a.m. The Word - Two by Two Bible Study
- March 18 6:30 p.m. Shepherds of Christ
- March 18 7:00 p.m. RCIA
- March 19 8:00 a.m. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
- March 19 9:00 a.m. WINGS
- March 19 6:30 p.m. Athletic Booster Board
- March 19 7:00 p.m. RCIC
- March 20 8:30 a.m. Mothers Gathered In Prayer
- March 20 9:00 a.m. WINGS TOO
- March 20 7:00 a.m. Baptismal Preparation II
- March 21 6:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- March 22 8:30 a.m. Minster's Reflection III
- March 23 10:00 a.m. "Let's Talk About ..." Part 3
- March 24 7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society
- March 24 7:00 p.m. Liturgy Meeting
- March 25 8:30 a.m. The Word - Two by Two Bible Study
- March 25 6:30 p.m. Shepherds of Christ
- March 25 7:00 p.m. RCIA
- March 25 7:00 p.m. F.A.I.T.H.
- March 26 8:00 a.m. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
- March 26 9:00 a.m. WINGS
- March 26 6:00 p.m. K of C Admissions Ceremony
- March 26 7:00 p.m. Marriage Preparation
- March 27 8:30 a.m. Mothers Gathered In Prayer
- March 27 7:00 p.m. Baptismal Preparation I
- March 27 7:00 p.m. Divorced/Separated Support Group
- March 29 9:00 a.m. Disabilities Retreat
- March 30 10:00 a.m. "Let's Talk About ..." Part 4

LIFE TEEN INTRODUCING ...

CORE TEAM MEMBER, JEFF RUDE

Jeff and his wife, Jacki started attending St. Vincent's five years ago while they were engaged so he could attend RCIA here. Jeff says the support that the parish gave to the RCIA group was a great indication of what this parish is about and as a result they decided to stay at St. Vincent's even though they live in Auburn. They have been Life Teen core members for three years and Jeff says it has been a great spiritual journey, allowing him to continue learning and growing in his faith. As mentioned last week, Jeff and Jacki faithfully use their many gifts to love and serve our teens. Besides hanging out with their two sons: 3-1/2 yrs. and nine months, Jeff enjoys hiking, traveling and working on their house. Jeff also volunteers for the WLAB Share-a-thon. His claim to fame is that he attended high school and college with Fr. Mark. And no, teens, he will not tell you stories about those days! There's nothing to tell.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- Feb. 23 Life Night: "Who's Your Daddy?"
- Feb. 24 Confirmation
- Feb. 26 Breakin' Open the Word, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 27 Pray at Abortion Clinic  
Ministry Hour, 7:15 p.m.
- Mar. 2 Life Night

BE A HERO

Is the theme of our LIFETEEN spring retreat, March 14-16. All high school teens are encouraged to attend and find out how to be a "super hero." If you feel like you are missing or lacking something, try this. Registration forms available from Cindy Black or at [www.SaintV.org/Lteen/applicationform.doc](http://www.SaintV.org/Lteen/applicationform.doc) or [www.SaintV.org](http://www.SaintV.org) under Youth Ministry and click LIFETEEN.



LIFETEEN IS GOING TO STEUBENVILLE!

We have 30 spots (approx. 25 teens and 5 adult core) for the Summer Youth Conference at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, June 20-22. Thousands of teens from all over attend these highly energetic, charismatic, spiritual weekends. We are filling the spots quickly, so don't delay.

JR. HIGH LIFE - MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to Jr. High Life on Monday, March 3 to celebrate Mardi Gras. We will meet in the Parish Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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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](mailto:Cblack@SaintV.org). ★

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HEY KIDS!! PLAY BALL!!!

The Wallen Baseball, Washington Twp. Softball, Tee Ball and Lob Ball registration will take place on Sat., Feb. 15, 22 and March 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Registration will take place at the Washington Twp. Firehouse

on Wallen Rd. Leagues are available for boys ages 8-15, girls ages 8 - 18 and boys/girls ages 4 - 7. Information sheets are available in the school office or you can call 471-1113 for more information.

WRESTLING CAMP OFFERED

AT BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL - Bishop Dwenger High School will host a wrestling camp for all interested boys in grades 1 - 8. The camp will run from February 24 - March 6, 2003. Camp sign up is February 24 at 5:30 p.m. for grades 1 - 4 and 6:45 p.m. for grades 5 - 8. CYO wrestling will begin on March 10 and finish on March 23, 2003. Practices for grades 5 - 8 will be from 6 - 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions contact Coach John Bennett at (260) 496-4700, ext. 304 or (260) 486-5805. You may also e-mail Coach Bennett at [jbennett@bishopdwenger.com](mailto:jbennett@bishopdwenger.com).

COACHES NEEDED FOR SPRING SPORTS

We are still in need of spring coach for the track team. Also, a 5th grade cheerleading coach is needed for the 2003-2004 school year. If you are interested, please contact Paul Cassabon at 489-3537 Ext. 218.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Bishop D'Arcy will be here on Monday, February 24, to confirm the eighth grade students who have been preparing for this since last fall. All students and their sponsors should arrive at 6:30 p.m. and congregate in the Gathering Space in the church. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m.

Please, NO PICTURES during the Mass, this includes camcorders. Bishop will stay after Confirmation for pictures with the students. Also, you will have the opportunity to purchase the Confirmation Mass on DVD. Orders will be taken following the Mass on Monday.

All eighth graders in Religious Education can expect to continue to attend classes after Confirmation. Topics including morality, chastity, justice, the Beatitudes, choosing life, the Ten Commandments, etc. will be studied and discussed during the remaining weeks of the catechetical year. The adult Catholics of tomorrow must be informed about the teachings of the Church on these important moral issues.

Preschool: There will be no preschool classes on Sunday, March 2, due to Mardi Gras clean up.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

What do summer vacation and S.C.U.B.A. have in common? Who are Starla and Gill? Does this sound fishy to you? What does all this have to do with Vacation Bible School? Watch this space for further information.



TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR THE 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR

We have elected FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment to process and evaluate financial aid applications for the 2003-2004 school year. If you are interested in applying for Tuition Assistance, please call the church or school office. Deadline for Tuition Assistance applications is MARCH 28. Financial assistance is available to parents seeking a Catholic education for their child. However, it is necessary that the family demonstrate financial need.

LARGE FAMILY DIOCESAN FUND FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE

Is designed to provide financial assistance to families with three or more children in Catholic elementary and/or high schools. Information and application forms are available in the parish and/or school office. Completed forms are due in the Fort Wayne Catholic Schools Office by May 23, 2003. There will be only one distribution date in 2003. However, it is necessary that the family demonstrate financial need.

SUNDAY SCRIP SALES

We're now located in the corner by the Church Conference Room across from the restrooms.

Weekly sales every Sunday from 8 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and following Life Teen Mass in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your support!

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



GIRL SCOUT LENTEN RETREAT

The annual Girl Scout Lenten Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 15 in the St. Vincent's Scout Lodge. All Girl Scouts (K-12) who are members of St. Vincent's parish are invited to attend. "Always By My Side" is this year's theme and activities (snack, crafts, games, service project) will remind the Scouts that God is always present in their lives.

Registration forms can be obtained from your troop leader or by contacting Monica Gloudemans at 627-3439. All registrations must be received by Friday, March 7.

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### 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  
February 27  
March 13  
March 27

Session II  
March 20

### **Thrift Sale**



### HASA SPONSORED GARAGE SALE

This garage sale will be during the week of Spring Break. Please start collecting your gently used clothes, toys and etc. for this event. The proceeds will go to the school kitchen. Further details will follow.

### SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Departments of Biology and Chemistry of the University of Saint Francis are offering opportunities for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors interested in science to participate in a two-day program of workshops using research techniques and equipment generally unavailable in a high school setting. The Science Symposium will take place on campus on Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22. The Science Symposium awards honor scholarships to selected participants who eventually enroll as full-time biology, chemistry or environmental science majors at USF. The Science Symposium awards up to \$32,000 per year in honor scholarships to participants. The deadline for receipt of application material is March 10. Applications and further information are available by calling (260) 434-3278 or (800) 729-4732, on the Internet at [www.sf.edu/science\\_symposium](http://www.sf.edu/science_symposium) or by e-mail to [gtieben@sf.edu](mailto:gtieben@sf.edu).

### HEALTH CAREERS OPEN HOUSE

The University of Saint Francis will hold a Health Careers Open House on Sunday, March 23 between 1 and 4 p.m. at the Doerner Family Center for Health Science Education at the corner of Spring Street and Leesburg Road.

Prospective students and their families will have the opportunity to talk with faculty, tour healthcare simulation labs, have transcripts evaluated for transfer credit, obtain financial aid information, and learn more about the many health care majors offered by the University.

For further information, contact the Office of Admissions at (260) 434-3279 or (800) 729-4732.



### Pre-School

Saint Joseph Preschool on Reed Road is accepting registrations for fall 2003 programs. Half-day preschool classes are available for children ages 2-1/2 through kindergarten, as well as extended care for preschoolers through school age, and kindergarten. For information, call 485-4022.

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Are you considering preschool for your 3-5 year-old? Why not consider a loving, Christian environment? Register now at [Huntertown United Methodist Preschool, 16021 Lima Road, Huntertown, for the 2003-2004 school year](http://HuntertownUnitedMethodistPreschool,16021LimaRoad,Huntertown,forthe2003-2004schoolyear). For more information, contact, Vicki Buwalda, Preschool Director at 637-3798 or [preschool@huntertownchurch.org](mailto:preschool@huntertownchurch.org).

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Bethel Preschool will start accepting registrations for the 2003-2004

school year for ages 2 - 5 on February 24th. Bethel is a Christian preschool located on Lima Road. Call 489-3651 for more information.



### THANKS TO OUR BOY SCOUTS

The shelves of the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry are filled to capacity with food collected by the Boy Scouts of St. Vincent's. Thanks to all the Scouts, their leaders, and their families who contributed to this effort. Thank you for a great job well done, and God bless you.

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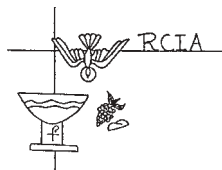
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### USED GLASSES BEING COLLECTED BY STUDENTS

The 3rd Grade students at St. Vincent's School are collecting eyeglasses for the needy. You can drop off the eyeglasses until March 9th in the Gathering Space at church or to Room 103 at school. Thank you for your kindness and support. Thank you.

### CLOTHING FOR THE NEEDY - CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS!



Cold weather has taken a hit on clothing at St. Vincent de Paul Store. Free clothing is given away daily to people in need. Donations are needed for all types of clothing. Drop off at 1600 S. Calhoun Street or call 456-3561 for pick up.

### RCIA

If you or someone you know would like to know more about the Catholic faith, its teachings and traditions, please call the church office at 489-3537. 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 begin now.

### PRO-LIFE UPDATE: PROTECT THE WEAK AND HELPLESS

"No matter how carefully any guidelines are framed, assisted suicide and euthanasia will be practiced through the prism of social inequality and bias that characterizes the delivery of services in all segments of all society, including health care."

The New York Task Force, summary, reprinted in "Safeguards Don't Work."

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING INITIAL SESSIONS

Saturday, March 1, 2003, there will be a class at St. Vincent de Paul parish in Fort Wayne. The class runs from 9 - 11 a.m. This class is conducted by the diocesan Office of Family Life and is open to engaged and married couples. The fee for the session is \$25.00. Registration is required. To register, call (574) 234-0687.

Another session is planned for March 22, 2003 at Our Lady of Good Hope in Fort Wayne, from 9 - 11 a.m. The above registration information is the same for this session.

### RESPONSE 2003: DIRECTORY OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Network of Volunteer Service (CNVS) has released "Response 2003: Directory of Volunteer Opportunities (128 pages). CNVS is a coordinating center for over 230 faith-based lay mission member programs serving the poor and needy worldwide. Lay volunteers generally serve full-time (40 hrs/week) anywhere from one week to one year or more. Free copies of "Response 2003" are on the parish "Free" rack. Or to learn more about CNVS Phone: (800) 543-5046 or (202) 332-6000; e-mail: [volunteer@cnvs.org](mailto:volunteer@cnvs.org); Website: [www.cnvs.org](http://www.cnvs.org).



### SPRING BREAK CAMP AT YMCA

Parkview YMCA will be taking Spring Camp registrations starting February 10, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. Start spring right while taking a break from schoolwork during the week of March 31-April 4, 2003. Come and do pottery with the Naked Clay Café and take a trip to the Rollerdome for some fun and excitement. Campers can be dropped off as early as 7:00 a.m. and the fun won't stop until 6:00 p.m. (Financial Assistance is available) Week fee only: \$95 member