

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 24th
*6:30 a.m. Ken Palmer
8:00 a.m. Rita Buescher

TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH
*6:30 a.m. Nancy Folisi
8:00 a.m. Mary Duntly ALL MASS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH
*6:30 a.m. Leonard Kasbohm
8:00 a.m. George Repka

THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH
*6:30 a.m. Tracy Stolte
8:00 a.m. Bernice Schuller

FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH
8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
*5:30 p.m. Robert Young

SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH
8:00 a.m. Dalton O'Boyle
5:00 p.m. Joel Strausborger

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH
7:15 a.m. Pedro Hernandez
9:00 a.m. Richard Fitch
11:00 a.m. Esther Fisher
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

*CHAPEL



SERVERS' SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 29th
8:00 a.m. Joe Richardville, Blair Sorg
5:00 p.m. Dan Voors, Nick Shoaff
Rachel Morken, Austin Harrington

Sunday, March 30th
7:15 a.m. Andrea Sarasien, Zach Meyer
Jenna Roy, Michael Heimann
9:00 a.m. Reid Leazier, Annie Hunnicutt
Patrick Hunnicutt, Stephanie Woodrum
11:00 a.m. Nick DiRenzo, Bill Workman
Abby Maxwell, Jon Carter

NURSERY – Sunday, March 30th

9:00 a.m. Mike and Jennifer Chipchosky

USHERS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Saturday
5:00 p.m. Frank Raney, Tom Wood, Jay Leonard, Kevin Sorg,
Dick Boggess and Rollie Clements

Sunday
7:15 a.m. Larry Franck, Ken Eubank, Keith Amstutz and
Tom Jones
9:00 a.m. Jack Baumgartner, Marc Junk, Don Miller,
Mark Stasell and Dennis Thelen
11:00 a.m. William Key, Roger Byers, Paul Moreau,
Tom Osborn, Mike Matthews and Jesus Viduya

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULES AVAILABLE

Please stop by the Usher's Room to pick up your new Eucharistic Minister schedule as soon as possible.

EASTER FLOWERS

Once again we are offering you the opportunity to donate Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. The suggested donation is \$10 for a plant. We will remember the deceased at our Easter Masses. Place the money or check in an envelope along with the form below:

(Please print)

Name of Loved One(s): _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Donation: _____



PENANCE SERVICES

This week on Saturday at 3 p.m., we will have a Lenten penance service with four priests hearing confessions. We urge parishioners to take advantage of this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance. We have two additional penance services scheduled: Saturday, April 5, at 3 p.m. (four priests); Monday of Holy Week, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. (eight priests).

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday of this week, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the monstrance and will remain in the nave of the church. Adoration will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 p.m. On April 2, the Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 7:00 p.m.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This traditional Lenten devotion will be conducted on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m. The church is open throughout the week for persons who wish to make the Stations privately.

RETREAT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

This special retreat will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Spiritual Center on Saturday, March 29, 2003, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is for any adult (18 and over) with mental, physical, or emotional challenges who seek companionship as they grow in discipleship. "A Journey To Deepen Your Relationship With Christ". Presenters, prayer, lunch, friendship, singing/music will be enjoyed by all. For information or to register, call: Becky Klotz, Office of Catechesis, 422-4611 Ext. 359 or Donna Macino, Office of Catechesis 422-4611 Ext. 351.



ATTENTION: LAST REFLECTION FOR ALL MINISTERS

(Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Homebound Ministers) Please note the last date for our Spring reflection is Thursday evening, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. This last reflection 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.

RAISING A FAMILY IN 2003 IS A TREMENDOUS CHALLENGE

But parents and grandparents, and everyone else in the family, can find plenty of positive support and insights into that challenge in TODAY'S CATHOLIC. A subscription to 47 issues is a small investment with gigantic returns. Subscribe today. Subscription envelopes can be found on the table by the church office. Or, charge by phone to your Visa or MasterCard by calling (260) 456-2824. One year - \$20; Two years - \$37; Senior (65 and older) - \$16.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ENVELOPE: CHURCH ORGAN

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



"LET'S TALK ABOUT ..."

During the 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	23	Let's Talk About Christianity in the Workplace
March	30	Let's Talk About Homosexuality
April	16	Let's Talk About Scripture Reading
April	13	Let's Talk About Heaven and Hell



CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"I prayed for the sick." Jon E.
 "Praying for my pen pal,
 Sergeant Corporal John Young." Maddy E.
 "Letting my sister have my toy." Winnie O.
 "Helped mom." Sarah K.



MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY – Monday, March 24th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel
 LITURGY MEETING – Monday, March 24th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
 THE WORD – TWO BY TWO – Tuesday, March 25th, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Meeting Room
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, March 25th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 RCIA – Tuesday, March 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 F.A.I.T.H. – Tuesday, March 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Life House
 ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, March 26th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 WINGS – Wednesday, March 26th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 K OF C ADMISSIONS CEREMONY – Wednesday, March 26th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 FINANCE COMMITTEE – Thursday, March 27th, at 6:30 a.m. in the Church Conference Room
 MOTHERS GATHERED IN PRAYER – Thursday, March 27th, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Meeting Room
 WINGS TOO – Thursday, March 27th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I – Thursday, March 27th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
 DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, March 27th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center

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 this week on Tues., March 25th, 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.

ST. VINCENT'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

This annual garage sale will be held on Friday, April 4th, from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Saturday, April 5th, with a bag sale from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the parish hall. Proceeds will be used to purchase a new \$5,000 WATER HEATER IN THE SCHOOL'S KITCHEN. Please start saving new and gently used clothing and miscellaneous items for this sale. If you will be on vacation during this week, you may drop your items off the week before. Place them on the school stage during school hours. Any questions, call Theresa 484-7014.

Thrift Sale



DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

Come join us on Thursday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. Andy Stoner will again be with us. His topic will be Anger. For more info, call the church office at 489-3537.

RCIA

At the 9:00 Mass last week, we celebrated the First Scrutiny with the Elect. At the previous RCIA session, the elect and candidates experienced a retreat which helped surface personal and societal sins. Those sins were incorporated into the intercessions. During this holy season, may we all take time to scrutinize our lives in light of the Sunday readings.

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
March 27	April 24
April 10	

PROJECT 25 COLLECTION – NEXT WEEKEND

The last Sunday of each month, at all the Masses, boxes are placed near the columns in the church's gathering space to allow our parishioners to contribute to this project.

This project was initiated several years ago to aid individuals who were laid off when International Harvester closed its Fort Wayne assembly plant. These contributions are now split evenly between our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society and Matthew 25, the medical and dental facility for citizens of Fort Wayne who do not have health insurance and are not eligible for Medicaid.

These are both very worthy organizations and we ask that you be as generous as you can each month. The current need is more pronounced now than it has been these past few years. Thank you.

MISS VIRGINIA MISSION SUNDAY

Please remember this ministry to the needy of

the inner city next Sunday, March 30th. Bags of food or paper products may be left in the Gathering Space of the church. Whatever is collected is taken to Inner City Hope Mission House that very day, so please refrain from bringing items through the week.



Advertisers of the Week



Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Check the Gathering Space for Operation Rice Bowls and Lenten calendars. Sponsored by

Catholic Relief Services, the six-week Lenten program combines Prayer, Fasting, Education, and Almsgiving. Proceeds benefit the poor, both in our diocese and in the developing world. Last year the total diocesan contributions were \$78,695. Twenty-five percent (25%) of total diocesan contribution (which was \$19,674) remains in the diocese to help people who are hungry. Please join this meaningful Lenten observance.

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.



LET'S PRAY FOR THOSE PROTECTING OUR NATION

We need to remember in our prayers those who serve our nation in active duty, especially the following:



AD1 Timothy Jastrzemki	SPC Brian Mockenhaupt
Pvt. Lee Melvin	TSgt Dean W. Schmitz
SPC. Tom Mason	LTC Jeffrey Schafer

A1C Matthew Stier
 PV2 William Simmonds
 L/CPL Christina Amstutz
 Sgt. 1C Bryan Zuber
 HM3 Ed Gallagher

Major John M. Busch
 LCPL Daniel Epple
 SPC Anthony R. Beeler
 A1C Andrew Grashoff
 SPC Brian Peniston

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

March 23	Life Night
March 25	Mass & Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.
March 26	Benediction & Disciples in Mission, 7 p.m.
March 27	Pray at Abortion Clinic Disciples in Mission, 7:15 p.m.
March 30	No Life Night, Spring Break

RETREAT A SUCCESS!!!

Our spring retreat: "Be A Hero" was a huge success. 88 teens (as well as 20 core) were led closer to Christ with the help of all your prayers. Thank you.



TEENS, IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A LECTOR OR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER ?


If you are at least 16 and are a good example of living your faith, pray to discern your involvement with the LifeTeen Mass. Sign up with Cindy if you are interested. Training date to be announced when set.

PARENT RETREAT REGISTRATION

The LIFETEEN mission is to lead teens closer to Christ. One great way to do that is to lead teens' parents closer to Christ. Twice a year, we take 65-85 teens on retreat where they experience life-changing transformation. Parents often say, "I don't know what you do on those retreats, but WOW! what a difference I see in my teen."

Well parents, we invite you to share a similar experience. St. Vincent's LIFETEEN will offer our first ever LIFE PARENTS retreat. It will be a day of prayer, reflection and encouragement, providing the opportunity for profound spiritual growth. The date is set for all day Saturday, May 10. Contact Cindy Black for a registration form.


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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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BRING YOUR CANS TO HELP HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
Bishop Dwenger High School Habitat for Humanity chapter is sponsoring aluminum can drive on Saturday, April 12, 2003, from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Cans may be dropped off at the school parking lot, 1300 E. Washington Center Road.

SPRING FLOWER SALE

Friends of Girl Scouts is once again proud to announce our annual Geranium sale. This year we are also adding flats of mixed impatiens at \$18 for 48 plants. Geraniums are available in red, white, salmon, and violet for \$21 per flat of 36, \$14 for 1/2 flat and \$23 for a 2-color flat. Please call Melissa at 489-9801 or Maureen at 637-5532 by April 13 to order. Thank you again for helping the Girl Scouts!




DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR 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.



VBS

Summer Vacation Bible School will be held June 16-19, Monday through Thursday. The theme for this year's week for activities, SCUBA (Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure), will provide fun-filled mornings of adventure with Gill, Pearl, Squirt, Tank and their friends.

We will need many volunteers to help out with the variety of activities planned for each day from 9:00 to 11:00. How can you help? Volunteers will be needed for music, snack preparation, snack time, story time, Bible study, etc. Pray about how you might be able to be involved in Vacation Bible School.

Children from age 4 through those entering grade 4 are invited to attend. Sign up will take place in April. Watch this space for details.

FIRST COMMUNION

Excitement mounts as our second grade students journey toward their reception of First Eucharist. Please keep the children and their parents, catechists and teachers in your prayers as they prepare for this momentous occasion in their lives.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be no Sunday classes for morning Preschool and Religious Education at 4:00 p.m. on March 30 and April 6. We will have classes on April 13 but not on Easter Sunday, April 20.

For Wednesday evening, Religious Education there will be no classes on April 2 and April 9.

EIGHTH GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Learning about our faith is a life-long endeavor. We cannot be complacent about our knowledge of and commitment to Catholicism. This holds true for us adults and our children as well. A few of our recently confirmed eighth graders no longer attend Religious Education classes. We conclude the eighth grade year with studies in morality – making certain that our young people are informed of the church's teachings on moral issues. With all the evils in our culture today, educating our youth from a Catholic perspective is imperative. Please remain firm in your resolve to have your children attend their classes.

SCRIP SALES DURING LENT

There will be NO Scrip sales March 30, April 13 and 20. Regular weekly sales are every Sunday from 8 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and following Life Teen Mass in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your support!

MEIJER/KROGER BAG RECYCLING REMINDER

Thanks to your participation, thousands of bags are being recycled weekly. Please remember:

- 1) We ONLY recycle Meijer and Kroger plastic bags (NOT Scott's, Target, Wal-Mart, etc.)
- 2) It is essential that you flatten the bags from the bottom seam up and to stack the bags with the bottom seams together. This must be done to make our processing go much faster with such a huge volume.

Only with your help can we continue this environmentally friendly, fundraiser for the school. Thank you for your cooperation!

SCHOOL BOARD SEEKING CANDIDATES

The School Board serves as an advisory group to the Pastor and Principal. The Board meets the first Wednesday of each month August through June. Through prayer and the discernment of gifts, the Holy Spirit guides us in choosing parishioners who are called to this leadership position in our school community. If you are interested in serving a three-year term on the Board or can recommend someone, please call Joyce Colligan, 637-2315 before April 19th to submit your name or nomination.

GIFT BEARING MINISTRY

We would like all parishioners to have the opportunity to carry the gifts of bread and wine to the altar during the part of the Mass called the "Presentation of the Gifts." Before Mass, just pick up the "Last Supper" plaque from the gift table located in front of the Baptismal Font and take it to your pew. This is a great way to mark a special date such as an anniversary or birthday. As representatives of the church community, we ask that appropriate attire be worn. Hint: Early arrival could assure your family's or group's turn at this ministry and also a pew in the center aisle.

MEN WANTED

We want to issue an invitation to all eligible men of the parish to join the Knights of Columbus - St. Vincent's Council. The Knights is a service organization of Catholic men which is involved in both our church and our community by helping the less fortunate, supporting our youth programs, our seminarians, and the Right to Life effort. Knights work as volunteers when needed at St. Vincent's and on projects within our community. In addition, we relax and enjoy each other and ourselves at dances, hayrides, dinner theater and other such social events.

You can be as active in the Knights of Columbus as your time allows. You might choose to be an officer in our organization or limit your participation to flipping an occasional pancake at one of our Sunday parish breakfasts.

If you want to join us or want more information first, please call Ray Ohlman, membership director, at 637-5377. We look forward to welcoming you to our council.



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH MISSION TEAMS

New teams are forming to present a Christ Renews weekend at St. Bavo's parish in Mishawaka, Indiana on September 13/14 (men's) and September 27/28 (women's). If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please send a letter to the co-spiritual directors before March 31st. Include the following information:

1. Why you feel called to this team?
2. Your previous team experience and ministry served.
3. Please share one or two ministries that you would feel called to at this time.

The men's team will be meeting on Sunday nights.

The women's team will be meeting on Tuesday nights.

Send your letter to:

Steve Minne

1629 Coronado Ct. 46845

Mary Jo Todoran

10030 Silver Lake Ct. 46825



RETREAT FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULTS



Retreat

Young adults, (ages 18-40), join us for the Bishop's Retreat for College Students and Young Adults, March 28-30, 2003, Oakwood Inn, Syracuse, IN. Presenter: Fr. Dan Scheidt, Associate Pastor of St. Pius X Parish. All meals/lodging: \$75.00. Registration or questions: call Campus/Young Adult Ministry at 260-483-3661 or 574-259-5754. E-mail: ajwinebrenner1368@yahoo.com.

CATHOLIC ANSWERS

LIVE - 5:00 p.m. - 1450 AM

March 24 - Mon.

"Do Unto Others"

March 25 - Tues.

Why Do We Suffer

March 26 - Wed.

The Annunciation: "Hail, Full of Grace"

March 27 - Thurs.

From the Heart

March 28 - Fri.

Open Q & A



Manhardt
Ann Shields
Tim Staples
R. Moss
Jimmy Akin

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!

LOOKING FOR RETAIL SALES ASSOCIATES AND MANAGERS

Full or part-time. \$2,000 per month base plus commission. If interested, please call Lenny at 450-3375.

FIELD AGENT

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact, John J. Stackowicz, General Agent at (574) 282-1082 or FAX your resume to (574) 282-1083.

PART-TIME ENTRY/CLERICAL POSITION

A local Real Estate Appraisal Company is seeking a part-time data entry/clerical position with the potential for full-time work. The successful candidate must work a minimum of 20 hours a week, 4 hours a day in a professional office setting. This position requires a self-motivated, high energy level individual with prior clerical experience and an eye for detail, as well as excellent computer skills and typing proficiency in a Windows environment. The starting pay is \$10 an hour with the potential for increases based on performance. Please send your resume marked "Clerical Position Resume" to the church office.

PASTORAL CARE COORDINATOR

Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, Huntington, IN is seeking a Pastoral Care Coordinator for their Retirement and Health Care Center.

Responsibilities include attending to the spiritual well-being of the sisters, coordinating pastoral care team, collaborating with staff, sisters and chaplain, attending regular meetings, planning spiritual enrichment and visiting the sick.

Qualifications include background in Scripture and theology, background in counseling or CPE, experience of working with the elderly and appreciation of their gifts. (40 hrs. may include night hours)

Salary: Negotiable

Contact: Sister Melanie Persche, Victory Noll, Box 109, Huntington, IN 46750-0109; (260) 356-0628 Ext. 111; e-mail: melanie@olv.m.org

FAMILY IN NEED OF HOME FURNISHINGS

A single parent with two small boys has relocated in our area and desperately needs help with home furnishings. He has nothing. Any item would be appreciated. If you can help, call Marney at 337-1298.

NEED A SUMMER BABYSITTER?



Child Care Available

Elementary Education major looking for a summer job. I have recently graduated from Purdue University and am currently teaching fourth grade. I have a lot of experience with kids of all ages. If you are interested, please call 403-4853 and ask for Beth.

CHILDCARE NEEDED

Family new to Fort Wayne and St. Vincent's Parish seeks caregiver for 8-month old son. Loving, Christian environment is desired. Please call Sara at (260) 341-5295.