

**MASS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, APRIL 14TH

\*6:30 a.m. Lawrence Ohlman & Florence O'Reilly  
8:00 a.m. Theresa Kirsits

TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH

6:30 a.m. Joan Smith  
8:00 a.m. Int. for Brain & Leilan Mullis

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH

\*6:30 a.m. Ryan Ringler  
8:00 a.m. John Holubes ALL MASS

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH

7:30 p.m. For Increased Priestly Vocations

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH

1:30 p.m. Solemn Commemoration of our Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass-Donald Balsler

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

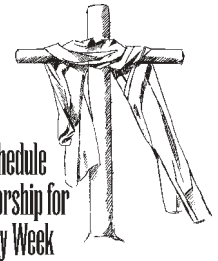
7:15 a.m. Frank & Lillian Palisieski  
9:00 a.m. Joanne Wiltshire  
11:00 a.m. Edward Hilker  
12:45 p.m. For The Parish

\*CHAPEL



**PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY**

Today's blessing of the palm branches combined with the proclamation of the Lord's Passion and Death, sets the keynote for the whole of Holy Week. May the blessed palms serve to remind us of what Christ endured for us.



**MONDAY, APRIL 14**

Mass schedule: \*6:30 and 8:00 a.m.  
Penance Service: 7:00 p.m. (nine priests hearing confessions)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15**

Mass schedule: 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Cathedral Chrism Mass at 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16**

Mass schedule: \*6:30 and 8:00 a.m. (ALL MASS)  
Sacrament of Penance at: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
\*Chapel

**NURSERY – Easter Sunday, April 20th**

9:00 a.m. Ed and Tonya Busche

**WEDDING BANS**

II Thomas Hoblet and Heather Earnhart  
I Matthew Maloney and Melissa Post



**NEWCOMERS REGISTRATION**

Parish representatives will be in the Church Conference Room TODAY, Sunday, April 13, after the 9 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.

**PLEASE HELP WITH THIS WONDERFUL MINISTRY**

Funeral dinners are a service we provide for families of our parish following the funeral of their loved one. Help is always needed to make a ministry successful. We are in need of more people to help to serve the meal. We also need one person to call people for food (your turn will not be often). Any questions you have or if you are interested in this beautiful ministry, please call Therese Yankowiak 489-6741.

**PLAN TO ATTEND THE CHRISM MASS**

The annual Chrism Masses will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, on Tuesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. Bishop John M. D'Arcy has invited all priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay people of the diocese to attend this Mass. The Bishop has indicated that this is one of the most important liturgical observances of the year and has urged all to attend. Refreshments and reception will follow the Mass in both locations.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_



**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17 – SACRED TRIDUUM**

The season of Lent ends in late afternoon. Morning prayer at 8:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center Chapel. There is only one Mass scheduled, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m. During this service, the feet of twelve persons will be washed, a reminder that we too must serve as Jesus did. A collection will be taken up for the poor by members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. After Communion, the Blessed Sacrament will be taken to the Altar of Repose in the Spiritual Center Chapel for adoration until 11:00 p.m. Come and spend time in prayer with our Savior as He enters into His passion.

Sacrament of Penance: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18**

Morning prayer at 8:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center Chapel. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion begins at 1:30 p.m. The service has three parts: The Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. For persons 18 to 59, only one full meal, no snacks. For persons 14 and older, no meat.

Sacrament of Penance from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and following Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

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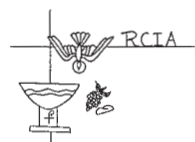
**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19**

Morning prayer at 10:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center Chapel. The Easter Vigil Service begins at 7:30 p.m. This is the only Mass of the day. All will be invited to gather outside the church for the blessing of the new fire, weather permitting. At this service we will give great support to the men, women and children who have been preparing for many months now to be received into the Catholic Church. Following the service there will be a reception for our new Catholic Christians in the Gathering Space.

No Confessions on Holy Saturday.

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

Mass schedule: 7:15, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. No 6:00 p.m. Mass. (The adult choir will be singing at the Easter Vigil Mass only.) Baptismal promises will be renewed at each Mass followed by the sprinkling of the blessed Easter water. The Paschal Triduum ends Easter Sunday evening. The Easter season spans a period of fifty days ending with the feast of Pentecost.



This part of the Elect/Candidates journey is nearing an end. Join us at the Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m. on April 19, and help us celebrate these people.

**SAINT VINCENT'S MARCH 2003 COLLECTIONS**

**FIVE WEEKS**

Total Collection in Envelopes	\$ 222,234
Total Collection Loose	11,042
	<hr/> \$ 233,276
Average Weekly Collection	\$ 46,655
Project Solidarity Contributions for the Poor	\$ 7,212
Capital Improvement Envelopes	\$ 4,754



**Meetings of the Week**

- THE WORD – TWO BY TWO BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, April 15th, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Meeting Room
- SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, April 15th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
- ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, April 16th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
- BEREAVEMENT SESSION – Tuesday, April 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel
- WINGS TOO – Thursday, April 17th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
- MARKET DAY – Thursday, April 17th, at 5:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- FAMILY ROSARY GROUP – Friday, April 18th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center

**CATHOLIC DIGEST** - We have 50 copies of the special Easter edition of the Catholic Digest. Look for them on the table outside the office, only \$1.00 per copy.

**LADIES: PLAN TO ATTEND THE 'ROSARY BANQUET'**

Please reserve your place for this year's Rosary Banquet at the Scout Lodge on May 5th, planned by the Rosary Society. Mass will be at 6:30 followed by potluck dinner. Meat and drinks will be provided. Reservations by May 1. Please call Theresa 484-7014 or Maureen 637-5532.



**HARVEST HOUSE PLANNING A TRIP**

St. Vincent Harvest House is planning a trip to the World War II Museum, Auburn, Indiana, on Wed., April 23, 2003. We

will eat lunch in Auburn afterwards. We will meet at the new church parking lot at (9:30 a.m. and carpool. RSVP to 482-2085 or 483-7252 by April 21 so we will know who is carpooling (don't want to leave anyone behind!) The cost for both the WWII Museum and the Car Museum is \$10, less \$2 for Seniors; WWII vets are free; other vets are free for the WWII Museum, but there is a \$4 fee to go to the Car Museum. The Museum is wheelchair accessible.

**RE-MEMBERING CHURCH**

The Bible and the Church provide much in the way of instructions for gaining eternal life and living as a faithful Christian. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus responds to someone's inquiry about gaining eternal life by saying, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." That person went away sad since he had many possessions. In Luke's gospel, God's saving grace for us (even to our ending day) is evident when a man on the cross next to Jesus requested: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." to which Jesus replied "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise". Paul's letter to the Romans states that the commandments are summed up in the saying "You shall love your neighbor as yourself". Want to know more about the faith journey? Want to remember your Catholic heritage? Want to re-member with the Church? This Easter season, plan to attend Thursday evening sessions for catechesis and discussion about Catholicism. Father Joe and Marilyn Fech will host the sessions. Additional detail about the sessions will be in the bulletin next week. Call Tim Werling at 484-0067 or the church office 489-3537 if you have questions about Re-Membering Church.

**BLESSING OF FOOD BASKETS FOR EASTER BREAKFAST**

9 a.m. in the Spiritual Center, Holy Saturday

The custom of bringing food to church to be blessed for Easter is an age-old tradition in many European countries. It stems from the desire of the Christian community to ask God's blessing on the foods that will break the Great Fast (Lent). This has been a tradition of the Polish, Slovak, Ukrainian and many other people for centuries. The food is blessed on Holy Saturday to be eaten Easter Sunday. The religious significance attached to the foods eaten is symbolic of Christ Himself, our true Passover.

We invite you to join us in sharing this meaningful tradition: It is customary to bring food for Easter Breakfast or a "taste" of each food for all at the table. It should be noted that if you have abstained from these foods during Lent and especially Holy Week, they will taste better on Easter Sunday.

**EASTER BREAD** – symbolic of Christ Himself who is our true Bread. A sweet yeast bread, usually round, sometimes a cross of dough is placed on top

**HAM** – symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter  
**SAUSAGE OR KIELBASA (POLISH SAUSAGE)** – symbolic of God's favor and generosity

**EGGS** – indicative of new life and resurrection, hard-boiled and brightly decorated

**HORSERADISH** – symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection

**BUTTER** – this reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have towards all things. Can be in the shape of a lamb or a pound with a cross etched on top with a knife

**BACON** – symbolic of the over abundance of God's mercy to us (a piece or slab of bacon cooked with the kielbasa

**SALT** – a condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his/her duty to others

**CHEESE** – indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. If desired, it can be homemade: 1 quart milk, 15 eggs slightly beaten, pinch of salt, pinch of white pepper, 1 tsp sugar. Bring milk to a boil in pan. Gradually stir in eggs. Cook over low heat until mixture starts to thicken and form curds, about 7 minutes. Add seasonings and sugar, stirring

constantly to avoid scorching. Pour mixture into a cloth bag, squeeze and tie the opening tightly (can use a pillowcase). Hang and let drain about 3 hours or until set. Refrigerate until ready to take to church for blessing.

**RELIGIOUSLY DECORATED CANDLE** – is placed in the basket.

Christ Is Our Light! All is covered with a cloth and then brought to church for the blessing.

**DISCIPLES IN MISSION PARISH CELEBRATION**

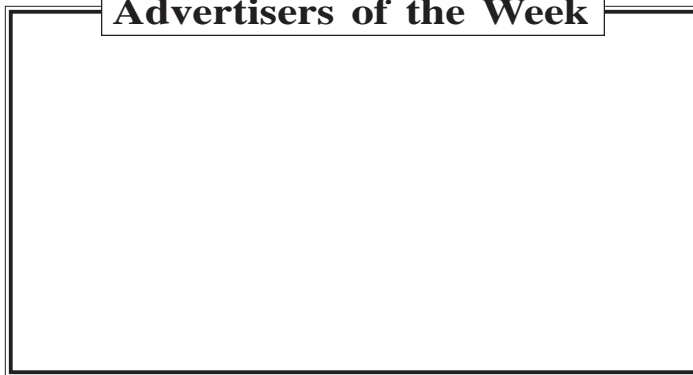
Mark your calendars for 2 p.m., Sunday afternoon, May 18th. Everyone is invited to attend whether you were able to participate in Disciples in Mission or not. Any parish families doing DM within their family unit, please save your children's artwork and crafts for our Family Display Table on reflection day. Watch the Bulletin for details.



**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 next meet on Tues., April 29th, 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.

**Advertisers of the Week**



Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

**LIFETEEN INTRODUCES ... JEFF RAHRIG**

Last summer Jeff became our official Toronto Public Transit navigator for our trip to World Youth Day. Without him, there would have been 55 of us wandering lost most of the time. Jeff is married and the father of two. In addition to his directional skills, Jeff has a gift for teaching. He combines intellect with love when approaching our Life Night topics. Jeff's wife, Erin, is the Computer Science teacher at Saint Vincent's for grades 1-6. They have been members of Saint Vincent parish for seven years. They have two daughters: Hadley, age 10, in the fourth grade at Saint Vincent and Brie, age 8, in second grade. In his free time Jeff likes to read. Jeff answered a direct call from God to serve on our core team. Ask him about it.

**YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR**

- April 13 Palm Sunday
- Life Night: Can't Buy Me Love
- April 15 Mass & Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.
- Chrism Mass, 7:30 p.m.
- April 16 Benediction & Disciples in Mission, 7 p.m.
- April 17 Pray at Abortion Clinic
- Mass of the Lord's Supper
- April 18 Good Friday
- April 20 Easter Sunday
- NO LIFETEEN MASS



**LIFETEEN PLANT AND FLOWER SALE**

Last year's sale went so well, we will again bring the Life House lawn to full bloom on Sunday, May 4. Proceeds will fund teens attending Notre Dame Leadership Camp this summer.

**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. 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.

**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 Life Teen Mass. Training is set for Sunday, April 27, after the Life Teen Mass..

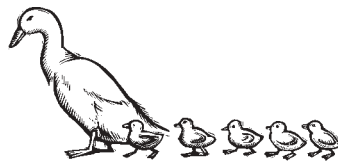
**JR. HIGH LIFE**

All 7th and 8th graders: Plan on attending the next JHL night, "MUSIC". There will be a guest radio host and free CD's. The date is Monday, April 21st, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space.

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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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**FAMILY ROSARY GROUP**

Are you interested in getting together with other families to pray the rosary? We are currently putting together Cenacle Family Rosary Groups and will be meeting to pray the rosary each Friday, starting April 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center for the next few months! We will order pizza to share for after the Rosary. A good will donation will be accepted for the pizzas and we ask that you bring a 2-liter of soda per family, and a side dish or dessert. If you want to know more, please call Rhonda Noll 489-8705. This is an excellent time to introduce saying the rosary with your family!



**BRING THE FAMILY!**

**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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The final four classes for Wednesday evening Religious Education will be on April 23, April 30, May 7, and May 14. No classes will be held during Holy Week.

Sunday Religious Education classes will meet on April 13, April 27, May 4, May 11 and on May 17 for the final class.

**VBS**

Sign up for Vacation Bible School (June 16-19) will be held in the Gathering Space after the Masses on April 13, 27, and May 4. Children from age 4 through those entering grade 4 are invited to attend.



Please consider helping out in some capacity. Stop by the registration table in the Gathering Space to volunteer. High school students as well as adults are encouraged to take part. Junior high students may assist (eighth graders for 2003-2004 may use this as a service project for Confirmation).



**REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR 2003-2004**

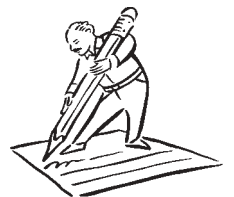
For children entering grade one or new students in grades two through eight who will be enrolling in Religious Education next fall, registration may be completed by phone. Please call 489-3537

ext. 235. The guidelines of the diocese stipulate that children who will receive a sacrament must complete the year of Religious Education prior to the sacramental year.

All other students presently enrolled in Religious Education will be advanced to the next grade level. Please notify the Religious Education office of intent to withdraw or of any changes in address or phone numbers.

**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.



**NOMINATIONS**

**TUITION ASSISTANCE ENVELOPES**

When you use your Tuition Assistance envelope found in the monthly packet of collection envelopes, you help provide a Catholic school education for children whose parents need financial help. Tuition for one child in our grade school is \$1,710.00; for two children, \$2,700.00; and for three or more, \$3,555.00. This past year, we gave \$36,418.00 in financial assistance. Thank you very much for supporting our parish grade school.

**SCRIP SALES DURING LENT**

There will be NO Scrip sales 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!

**NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING**

We are now accepting names of persons who would like to be a Special Minister of Holy Communion at the Sunday Eucharist or to the homebound. If you are interested in this liturgical ministry or can recommend someone, you may call the church office. All candidates for this ministry must be present for a training session, however attendance at this meeting is by invitation only, so it is important that we have the names of potential candidates as soon as possible. The training session is scheduled for Monday, May 12.

Special Minister of Holy Communion must be a registered member of the parish, at least a junior in high school, a Catholic in good standing with the Church, and a person with a good reputation in the community. It is assumed, of course, that the candidate has a love for our Lord in the Eucharist and a desire to deepen this love through this beautiful ministry. We ask you to recommend a RCIA man or woman of the parish, or you may submit your own name.

Dorothy Schuerman and Sister Kay Jarema SSND

**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 a part of our service St. Vincent de Paul Bereavement Ministry is holding a Bereavement Support Group session which will meet each Wednesday for five weeks. The time and dates: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on April 16, 23, 30 and May 7 and 14. These sessions will be held in the Spiritual Center at St. Vincent's.

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 grieving process.

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

**CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH MISSION TEAM**

A new team is forming to present a Men's Christ Renews weekend at St. Bavo's parish in Mishawaka, Indiana on September 13/14. 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.

Send your letter to:

Steve Minne  
1629 Coronado Ct. 46845

**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 \$134,000. Some of our parishioners, having completed their building campaign pledge, will see this as an opportunity to continue giving in support of our building.

**LARGE FAMILY DIOCESAN FUND FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

The Large Family Diocesan Fund 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 now available in the parish and/or school office. APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 9. There will be only one distribution date in 2003. However, it is necessary that the family demonstrate financial need.

**GARAGE SALE UPDATE:**

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

A special "Thank You" to all of you who donated your "treasures" to make our garage sale so successful! We raised over \$4,500 to go for a new water heater for the kitchen. A very special "Thank You" to all our people who helped set up, take down, and staff the sale itself. May God bless ALL of you.

The Kitchen Staff & Garage Sale Workers

**GIRL SCOUT CARNIVAL**

We are now getting ready for the annual St. Vincent School Carnival, which will be Friday, May 2. One of the highlights of the evening is the raffle. We have traditionally relied upon area businesses for support in providing gifts for the raffle. We are once again asking you to consider such a donation for this year's carnival. Your gift will be acknowledged in all carnival publicity and again that night, so that you receive maximum exposure and promotional benefit for your efforts on our behalf. Please be as generous as possible. Contact Kathy Schenkel (489-5355) or Tami Peters (627-0730) with your donation. Thank you once again for your generous support.



**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!

**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:

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| Sgt. Rafael Perez, USMC | SPC Damien Bobish         |
| PO3 Samuel Couch        | Pvt. Alex Wilder          |
| PVC Derrick McCann      | Sgt. David Litchfield     |
| 1SG Jeffrey McCann      | AD1 Timothy Jastrzemki    |
| SPC Brian Mockenhaupt   | Pvt. Lee Melvin           |
| TSgt Dean W. Schmitz    | SPC. Tom Mason            |
| LTC Jeffrey Schafer     | A1C Matthew Stier         |
| Major John M. Busch     | PFC William Simmonds      |
| LCPL Daniel Epple       | L/CPL Christopher Amstutz |
| SPC Anthony R. Beeler   | A1C Andrew Grashoff       |
| HM3 Ed Gallagher        | SPC Brian Penisten        |
| S1C Bryan Zuber         |                           |



**ST.VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY REPORT**

During the three-month period ending March 31, 2003, the St. Vincent's Conference, through the generosity of you the parishioners has made the following disbursements to assist clients:

Utilities	\$ 2,125
Food and Personal Items	1,580
Rent	5,677
Travel Aid	325
Furniture/Appliances	1,015
Third World Assistance	135
Administration	28
Client Insurance	148
Other Client Assistance	159
Miscellaneous Disbursements	30
Medical Expenses	124
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 11,346</b>

Fifty-nine families or individuals were helped.