

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 9TH

*6:30 a.m. Anna Ohlman
8:00 a.m. Steve Warren Jr.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10TH

8:00 a.m. James E. Robinson

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11TH

8:00 a.m. Lawrence Ohlman & Florence O'Reilly

THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH

8:00 a.m. Alice & Jerry Romary

FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH

8:00 a.m. William C. Edsall

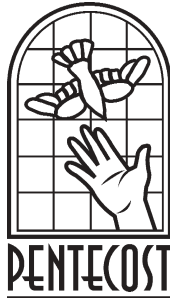
SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH

8:00 a.m. George Schipper
5:00 p.m. Marilyn Sarrazine

SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH

7:15 a.m. Rose Anne Plasterer-Dix
9:00 a.m. John Holubes
11:00 a.m. Matthew J. Hensler
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

*CHAPEL



SERVERS' SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 14th

8:00 a.m. Molly Workman, Candice Frane
5:00 p.m. Colleen Pion, Mike Widner
Rachel Yankowiak, Katelyn Springer

Sunday, June 15th

7:15 a.m. Cody Newport, Jenna Roy
Lindsay Harris, Andrea Sarasien
David Schwieterman, Thomas Brunner
Patrick Brunner, Alexis Craghead
9:00 a.m. Heather Daly, Alicia Swaim
11:00 a.m. Sal Lombardo, Logan Houlihan

NURSERY – Sunday, June 15th

9:00 a.m. Doug and Leah Kenna

WEDDING BANNS

"Let us pray for these sons and daughters of St. Vincent's as they prepare for their wedding day."

III Joseph Brita, Jr. and Seleena Olivas
II Nicholas Busch and Susan From
I Brian Slusser and Stephanie Schaefer



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.

ATTENTION: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We will have our annual commissioning of the Eucharistic Ministers of our parish on the weekend of June 21-22, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. This is for Eucharistic Ministers at Mass and those who take Holy Communion to the homebound. New Eucharistic Ministers will also be commissioned at this time. The commissioning will take place following the homily of the Mass.

NEWCOMERS REGISTRATION

Parish representatives will be in the Church Conference Room TODAY, June 8, after the 9 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.

ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE SCHEDULING MEETING – JUNE 12

Attention – Please note that the date for the annual Calendar Meeting is Thursday, June 12th, at 6:30 p.m. in the East Meeting Room.



FROM THE PASTOR:

This is a repeat of the article published last week which includes the names of ALL the members of the Disciples in Mission leadership team.

The Disciples in Mission Lenten program was very well received by the approximately one thousand parishioners who participated. Meeting in homes, the participants prayed together and shared stories about their own faith journey, using the Scripture-based study booklets provided by the parish. The afternoon celebration and reflection on the fifth Sunday of Easter was a wonderful, joyful event with approximately 150 people present. The Disciples in Mission leadership team did an excellent job in preparing for and overseeing the entire program. I am pleased to give their names: Sister Kay, Cathy and Scott McLeish, Kris Gill, Peg Springer, Ken and Gina Barnhart, Mary Osborne, Tom and Retha Loogman, Denny Meadows, Gary Buenconsejo, Diane Schipkowski, and Dave and Chrissy Thomas.

KIDS' NIGHT OUT – JUNE 13 FROM 6 – 10 P.M.

Enjoy a night out while your kids are doing stuff they love: playing outside, coloring, and watching movies, all with teens from LIFETEEN. Contact Angie Harber to reserve your children's spot – 486-9852.



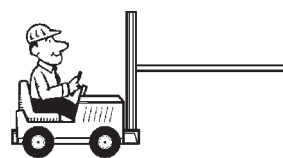
YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY FORMING

To assist the young adults of St. Vincent's, we are establishing a new young adult ministry. While there has been a single young adult ministry at St. Vincent in the past, this will be dedicated to helping both single men and women and married couples live a dedicated and healthy Christian life.

The backbone of this ministry will be a Young Adult Leadership Core Team. This Core Team of married and unmarried men and women will receive leadership formation, with assistance from Sister Gloria Ann Fiedler, CDP, from the Diocesan Office of Young Adult Ministry, who spoke during the Masses the weekend of May 31 – June 1.

Our parish Young Adult Core Team will offer their gifts, talents, abilities, education and desire to serve as they plan and provide effective Catholic educational, service, social activities and spiritual formation opportunities for our young adults.

If you did not sign up during the weekend Sister Gloria Ann spoke and if you would like to be considered for the Core Team or wish to help with committees that will be forming, please register at the parish office. THEN WATCH FOR DETAILS REGARDING THE JULY 1ST MEETING.



MATERIAL HANDLING (FORKLIFT) EQUIPMENT NEEDED

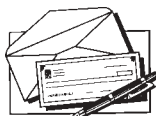
The Maintenance Department is in need of Material Handling (forklift) equipment to unload trucks. Approximate price for used equipment would be around \$3,000.00. If you are aware of any equipment you could donate or perhaps contribute toward the price of used equipment, it would be appreciated. Contact Sherry or Jay at church office.

SUMMER MASS ATTIRE

How should one dress for Sunday Mass? With the warmer weather upon us, it is good to give thought to this question. Certainly we should dress appropriately. Let your Sunday attire reflect your respect for both the Eucharist and your fellow Christians with whom you worship the Lord. This is no ordinary social gathering. This is our sacred weekly gathering where as Christians we celebrate the Lord's death and resurrection. It is not appropriate to wear clothes you would wear, let's say, at a picnic or a backyard barbecue. And we should always dress modestly. Of course, the Sunday Mass should never turn into a kind of fashion parade where we draw attention to ourselves. Nor should it be a "come as you are" get-together where we make no effort to dress up, or at least to put on something nice. Because circumstances may prevent a person from wearing appropriate clothing at a Mass, e.g., persons going to or coming from work, we want to avoid standing in judgment of someone whose attire in our opinion is not appropriate. God, of course, sees into the heart and knows the worshiper's true disposition. But in society, clothes do make a difference, and we should keep this in mind when we attend Sunday Mass, which includes the Saturday evening celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**SAINT VINCENT'S MAY 2003 COLLECTIONS
FOUR WEEKS**

Total Collection in Envelopes	\$	172,362
Total Collection Loose		10,439
	\$	182,801
Average Weekly Collection	\$	45,700
Project Solidarity for the Poor	\$	5,651
Capital Improvement Envelopes	\$	3,923



**Don't Forget
Your Offering**

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

- SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, June 10th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
- ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, June 11th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
- PROPHETS' BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday, June 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
- BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I – Thursday, June 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
- DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, June 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
- ANNUAL PARISH SCHEDULING MEETING – Thursday, June 12th, at 6:30 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
- RE-MEMBERING CHURCH – Thursday, June 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

HARVEST HOUSE TO TOUR "THE GLASS MUSEUM"

St. Vincent Harvest House is planning a trip to The Glass Museum, Dunkirk, Indiana, Tuesday, June 17, 2003. We will meet at the Spiritual Center at 10 a.m., and carpool. We will eat lunch after we visit the museum (wheel chair accessible). Please call 482-2085 or 483-7252 for reservations.

**DIVORCED/SEPARATED
SUPPORT GROUP POTLUCK!!!**

Come join us on Thursday, June 12, in the Spiritual Center, at 7:00 p.m. This is our last get-together until September. Ham, condiments and beverages will be provided. Bring a salad or dessert. We'll also be reviewing the year, planning for fall, and discussing plans for summer get-togethers! For more info, call the church office at 489-3537.

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
June 12 (Church Conference Room)	June 19
June 26	
NO SESSIONS IN JULY	

REPRESENTATIVE AVAILABLE FOR GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

John Kolbacher will be at St. Vincent's this week and eager to meet with you regarding advertising in the annual Guide Book and Directory. If you own or manage a business and want to find out how to advertise in the book, please call John at the Church office (489-3537). The directory helps us know the who, what, where, when, why, and how of our Church. As last year, the book is being provided at no cost to our parish, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses who advertise in it. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize our Guide Book and Directory advertisers over a non-advertiser. It "does pay" to advertise in our Guide Book and Directory.

KITCHEN COORDINATOR NEEDED FOR CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKENDS

The Christ Renews His Parish Continuation Committee is looking for someone to serve as Kitchen Coordinator. This is a 3-yr. term and involves four Christ Renews His Parish weekends a year. If you feel God calling you to serve in this position; please write a letter explaining your thoughts to Harold Karp, 12019 Crossway Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46814. (You must have been on a Christ Renews weekend).



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKENDS

Men's Weekend: September 6 and 7, 2003
 Women's Weekend: September 20 and 21, 2003
 Are you looking for a way to revitalize your faith and make new friends? Sign up for the either of these Christ Renews His Parish weekends. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. Contact Dan Floryan (489-1905) or Cheryl Cronin or Kathy Wright 497-0804.

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.

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., June 24th, 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.

**MAKE THE ROSARY A PART
OF YOUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE**

The traditional mysteries are a way of keeping the memory of Christ alive and fresh in the minds and hearts of those who seek a deeper relationship with the Lord. Please join us before the 8:00 a.m. Mass weekdays and the 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning for recitation of the Holy Rosary. Rosary will commence twenty minutes before Mass. Hope to see you!!

**ONCE THE KIDS ARE OUT
OF SCHOOL, IT'S YOUR TURN!**

On the Wednesday evenings of June (that will be the 11th, 18th, and 25th) spend time studying the prophets of Old Testament. We will meet from 7:00 until 8:30 in the Spiritual Center reading, studying, and discussing their message, what it meant to the people who first heard it, and what it means to us now.

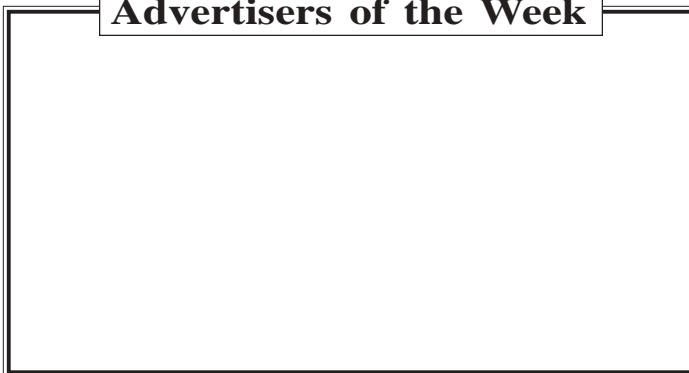
Bring your Bible. Bring your friends. Marilyn Fech will instruct and direct the evenings. Hope to see you there!

**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.



Advertisers of the Week



Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

June 8	Life Teen Scripture Study, 4 – 5 p.m. Life Night: Weed and Feed (weather permitting)
June 11	Ministry Hour, 7:15 p.m.
June 12	Pray at Abortion Clinic
June 13	Kids' Night Out, 6 – 10 p.m.
June 14	Car Wash, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
June 15	Car Wash, 8:20 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

BREAKIN' OPEN THE WORD

Join the LIFETEEN Bible Study as we delve into Galatians. Read the first three chapters and meet at the Life House this Sunday from 4 to 5 p.m. The Galatians study will run for three weeks.



LIFETEEN CARWASH

June 14-15 during the 5:00 p.m., 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Park your car over by the new gym during Mass and return to a bright, shiny car. Donations gladly put toward teens' trips to Steubenville and Notre Dame Leadership Camp this summer.

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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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2003 ADULT CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUED (ACLI) JULY 24-26

Training for adults involved in youth ministry, campus ministry or religious education will take place at Manchester College. Training includes the how to's of planning a youth Mass and prayer service, leading teens to Christ, and the goals and components of youth ministry. Cost is \$95.00 and includes registration, housing, meals and all materials. Deadline for registration is July 12. Call (260) 422-4611 for more information. Ask for Office of Youth Ministry.

COME AND SEE WEEK AT SAINT MARY'S, NOTRE DAME

The Sisters of the Holy Cross will have a "Come and See Week", July 14 to July 20, at Saint Mary's Notre Dame, for those who want to explore a call to religious life. Contact Sister Margie Lavonis, CSC, at (574) 284-5356 or mlavonis@cscsisters.org.

FEED FORT WAYNE THROUGH YOUR LOVE

The Franciscan Center's current food pantry is UNABLE to keep up with the GROWTH of their organization and the new clients that are REQUESTING their help. In order to continue SERVING THOSE IN NEED, we need YOUR HELP to increase their food reserves. Items in especially high demand include staples such as rice, pasta, peanut butter, canned vegetables, etc. If you are interested in holding a food drive to benefit their organization, or if we can provide you with helpful information, please call (260) 744-3977.



GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT AREA'S POOR CHILDREN

The Fort Wayne Christ Child Society will sponsor its annual Garage Sale on Friday, June 13, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Saturday, June 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon at Queen of Angels Activities Center behind Queen of Angels Church/School, 1500 West State Blvd. Funds from this sale will be used to help the poor children in our area. All items for sale have been donated solely by members of the Christ Child Society. We regret that donations from outside sources cannot be accepted. (No early sales.)

CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE

5:00 p.m. – 1450 AM



June 9 - Mon.	Healing the Culture	Robert Spitzer
June 10 - Tues.	Open Q & A	Keating
June 11 - Wed.	Marriage & Fatherhood	Steve Wood
June 12 - Thurs.	Open Q & A	J. Akin
June 13 - Fri.	The Power of Prayer	Ann Shields

FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES

First Communion pictures for Religious Education students are available in the church office from 8:30 – 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. If you can only pick up the pictures on the weekend, please phone 489-3537 and ask that your pictures be placed on the table near the penny bank in the Gathering Space.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR 2003-2004

Religious Education registration for 2003-2004 for 3-year-old Pre-school students, all first grade children, and new students in grades 2 through 8 may be completed by phone. Please call 489-3537 Ext. 235. The guidelines of the diocese stipulate that children who will receive a sacrament, i.e. First Eucharist or Confirmation, must complete the year of Religious Education prior to the sacramental year.

Children presently enrolled in Religious Education in grades 1 –7 will automatically be advanced to the next grade level. Please notify the Religious Education office of withdrawals or changes in phone numbers or addresses.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parents, watch the bulletin during the summer for beginning dates for Religious Education next fall. Expect classes to resume mid-September

Teachers
Needed!



The Religious Education Program is in need of catechists for next year. Volunteers are needed to instruct children in the Catholic faith. Pray about your involvement in our program. You must be a practicing Catholic and have a desire to share your love for children and the faith. Consider taking on a class with a partner. Phone 489-3537 Ext. 204 and ask for Beth.

MARKET DAY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Market Day is in need of a co-chair for the coming school year. Michele Pagryzinski has volunteered to take over as chairperson. Co-chair requires little time every month, but is an excellent way to help earn money for our school and get involved. Any interest, call Tonya Fink at 637-4664.

SUMMER SCRIP SALES

We have replenished our inventory to hopefully fill your Sunday Scrip orders. We will be selling Scrip in the Gathering Space on Sundays through June 15. We will resume Sunday sales on July 13. Thank you for an outstanding year.

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.

SHOOT THE HOOP!! AT BISHOP DWENGER BASKETBALL SESSION

Bishop Dwenger High School will again be sponsoring the Saint's Basketball Camp for students in grades K-8. There are two sessions: Session I will be held from June 16-20; Session II will be held from July 7 – 11. Both sessions will be held in the Bishop Dwenger High School gym. 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 session is \$40.00, which includes a t-shirt. Checks can be made payable to Dave Scudder and returned to Bishop Dwenger High School. Registration is also available at the door on the first day of camp.



SUMMER CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

A college sophomore majoring in middle childhood education is interested in daytime childcare (babysitting) through the summer. She is 19 and has own transportation. Call Carli at 489-7692.

FIND YOUR WAY...EASILY!

We now have a 'Shelf-Map'! You will find this map taped to the section for signing books in and out. Thanks to our four-year volunteer secretary, Virginia Garner, our Small Christian Community Resource Center (library off the Gathering Space) has been adjusted to accommodate room for more books. For your convenience, we've put up this visual; hope it helps!

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY: NEW BOOK AVAILABLE SOON

Pastoral Facilitators, if you are looking for a book that helps you process real life with that of holy people who have made a difference in our world, you might want to take a look at the book reviewed below. It will be available shortly – one copy – through the summer. If you want to order for your community, get in touch with Karen Magdich at Cathedral Bookstore and let her know you are coming from St. Vincent's SCC's.



Sister Kay Jarema, SSND

"8 Spiritual Heroes: Their Search for God"

Brennan R. Hill

Hill, a professor of theology at Xavier University in Cincinnati, writes of eight modern religious heroes: Mohandas Gandhi, Edith Stein, Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Day, Oscar Romero, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Daniel Berrigan, and Mother Teresa. With stories and historical and theological sources, Hill offers some responses to such questions as How does a person imagine God? How does that image change as the person matures spiritually? and What influences, shape and change a person's view of God? An SCC could use any of these biographies as topics for a series of meetings.

St. Anthony Messenger Press 800-488-0488

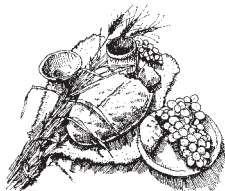
www.americancatholic.org

344 pages, \$14.95

RESOURCES AVAILABLE OFF THE GATHERING SPACE

You will find these two resources in our Small Christian Community Library off the Gathering Space, free for the taking:

1. There is a one-sheet/two-sided outline of a study of a Vatican Council Document "The Church in the Modern World" for you to consider as a community study. You are welcome to take a copy. It was composed as a summer study for communities who meet then, but can be used anytime.
2. Also for the taking is a brochure from the Theology Dept. of Notre Dame University outlining various courses given on campus and by video for the wider community to take. Some topics: The Catholic Reading of Holy Scripture, Discipleship & Ministry as Empowered by Baptism, The New Evangelization, etc. There is more information online at <http://step.nd.edu>.



FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATED AT ST. JUDE'S

St. Jude's Parish, Fort Wayne, will be host an Eucharistic Evensong procession with the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 5 – 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, 2003. Homilist will be Rev. Daryl Rybicki. Potluck Dinner will follow 6 – 7 p.m. (bring your own side dish).

FATIMA RETREAT CENTER SCHEDULES RETREAT

Fatima Retreat Center, located at Notre Dame, Indiana, will be sponsoring a Conference or Directed Retreat, on June 22nd thru June 29th. The Conference Retreat will offer two daily conferences and daily Mass, along with opportunities for small group discussions or individual private time. Reverend Eugene Lauer and Reverend William Simmons, CSC, will be the presenters for this year's retreat. Father Lauer will discuss Spirituality for a Complex U. S. Society and Fr. Simmons will discuss daily living and forgiveness. Suggested Offering: \$75 per day. If interested, please contact Esther Niespodziany, Office Manager at (547) 631-8288.

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!

TWO FULL-TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE

These positions are in the tractor/trailer wash area. Candidates must possess a current, active driver license, pass a drug screen and audiogram and be 18 years of age and older. One position is 7 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. Tuesday thru Saturday and the other is 11 p.m. til 7:30 a.m. Sunday night til Friday morning. Range of pay varies by experience. If interested, please contact Scott Vicari, M-F, at (260) 357-1913 from 6 a.m. til 4:30 p.m.

MUSIC DIRECTOR – LITURGIST

Our Lady of Good Hope parish is looking for a full-time music and liturgy director beginning August 2003. Responsibilities include: Direction of adult, teen, and children's choirs, organization of music for all liturgies, accompanying at the organ/piano at all liturgies on the weekend (except for the adult choir) and whenever needed, i.e., weddings and funerals. Organizational skills and liturgical planning skills are also needed. A music degree preferred, or equal experience is required. This person should be a committed Roman Catholic, and strong in their faith. Please send a resume to:

Fr. David Voors, Pastor

Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church

7215 St. Joe Road

Fort Wayne, IN 46835

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING INITIAL SESSION

This NFP session is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10th, 2003 at St. Jude parish in Fort Wayne. The class runs from 7 – 9 p.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 or contact the rectory for a registration form.

COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAGUE – NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE

Do you feel something missing in your marital life? Consider that it might be the results of unnatural methods of birth control. Get off those unhealthy methods and learn the natural way to plan your family with the Couple to Couple League. Its philosophy is in accord with Catholic teaching. Learn a natural method that is just as effective as the Pill, with no harmful side effects. For more information concerning the 99% effective Natural Family Planning Classes, call Jody and Susie Brinker at 486-3099. Classes start June 8th from 7 to 9 p.m. in our home near St. Charles.

1963 CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH CLASS REUNION

Were you ever a part of Fort Wayne Central Catholic class of 1963? If so, please contact Don Neuhaus at (260) 925-1721, dneuhaus@locl.net or Mary Ann (Korb) Hoppe at (260) 351-3147, mhoppe@ph.k12.in.us. August 1-2, 2003 will be our 40-year anniversary. We want you there!

ELECTRIC SCOOTER FOR THE SEMI/FULLY HANDICAPPED

Is for sale. Like new; only used twice. Bought new in 2002. If interested or for more information, please call 490-9571.

GOOD NEWS

Pentecost

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5 / Rom 8:22 / Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 / Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Paige Byrne Shortal

Do you ever have this experience? You need to do something - exercise, clean out the closets, paint the bedroom, or write the novel you think you're destined to write. And then you sigh, waiting to "get motivated" or to be inspired.

The thing is, the desire follows the deed. It is the doing that gives us the energy to do more. But at inertia, what I call "Point Zero," it seems almost impossible to leap off the couch into action.

At Point Zero what we do feel is boredom. Boredom is a good thing - a signal that we need engagement. Engagement is the feeling we have when we are content. There is a sense of flow, and we feel competent, even powerful. My son has described that feeling when the restaurant he works at is very busy. I can see it in my husband when he's in the garden. I feel it when I'm in the midst of a writing project. But to get engaged, we all must first act, prime the pump, turn the key in the ignition.

In our culture, the danger is that this process of "boredom-action-engagement" is circumvented by the availability of distraction. Distraction is not the same as engagement. Distraction is what we feel when we flip through the channels on the television, surf the net, call a friend because we don't know what else to do with ourselves. Distraction is dangerous because our boredom isn't resolved, only ignored and allowed to intensify. And what is boredom when intensified? It is depression.

In a recent address the president of the World Health Organization said that depression is the number one debilitating condition in industrialized countries. Could the ready availability of distracting amusements be part of the problem?

Human beings do not long for amusement. We long for meaning, purpose, a sense that our lives matter very much, that there is a reason why we were created, and created in the image and likeness of God. We are here to reveal, indeed to be, a face of God otherwise never known to this world. And it is when we are engaged, completely immersed in what we do, that we sense this reason for our lives. When we don't have that sense, we become depressed, the psychological equivalent of the spiritual condition called despair. Despair is one of those sins called a "Sin Against the Holy Spirit." And so we pray, "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle within us the fire of your love."