

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

\*6:30 a.m. Marcella McCollum  
8:00 a.m. Art Witucki

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

\*6:30 a.m. Joan Smith  
8:00 a.m. Boyde Brown

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

\*6:30 a.m. Philip Galloway  
8:00 a.m. Helen Waikel ALL MASS

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

\*6:30 a.m. Helen Hanley  
8:00 a.m. Floyd Carsten

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

8:00 a.m. Gwenn & Keith Mullendore (50th anniv.)  
\*5:30 p.m. Brian Houlihan

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

8:00 a.m. Paul Maloney  
5:00 p.m. Paul Partee

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

7:15 a.m. Mary Gremaux  
9:00 a.m. Wilma Stange  
11:00 a.m. Gertrude Cote'  
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

\*CHAPEL



## FROM THE PASTOR:

Vincentfest was, as usual, a great event. All who came had a good time even though



it rained a little at the noon opening and again at the closing around 5:00 p.m. A spectacular double rainbow formed in the clouds drawing oohs and aahs from children and adults. We are very grateful to Bruce Cadwell and all the volunteer helpers who helped make the picnic a success.

The presence of the Newman Singers was an added treat. I very much enjoyed the lively and inspirational Sunday concert, and I know everyone enjoyed having the singers at the Sunday Masses. Having this singing group come here was added work for Tony Andorfer and the members of the parish music ministry, but they wanted you to hear them sing. Thank you!

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This week you will be receiving a letter from me announcing the 17th Annual Bishop's Appeal. Your support of the Bishop's Appeal benefits both the diocese and the parish. I am very grateful to Joe DeWald, Gerry Gervais, Bill Crandall, Bob Von Rohr and Mary Berkshire for the leadership role they are playing in conducting the Appeal. Please keep the success of the Appeal in your prayers.

Fr. John

## SERVERS' SCHEDULE

### Saturday, September 27

8:00 a.m. Natasha Moeller, Emily Koontz  
5:00 p.m. Nicole Martino, Rachel Morken  
Tyler Eifert, Jordan Venderley

### Sunday, September 28

7:15 a.m. Justin Shutt, Andrew Wyckoff  
Emily Royal, Rebecca Royal  
9:00 a.m. Annie Hunnicutt, Patrick Hunnicutt  
Molly Coffee, Maryanne Oskey  
11:00 a.m. Adam Pagryzinski, Nathan Pagryzinski  
Michelle Raney, Kelsey Giant

## NURSERY – Sunday, September 28

9:00 a.m. Doug and Leah Kenna

*"Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide these couples as they approach the sacrament of marriage."*

## WEDDING BANNERS

I I Donny Maravilla and Tracey Hahn  
I Kurt Keys and Rebecca Culler



## 9:00 A.M. NURSERY WELCOMES YOUR CHILD

The 9:00 a.m. nursery is located off the Gathering Space behind the parents' alcove. If you are finding that your child (age 1-3) is having a difficult time at Mass, you may want to consider participating in this co-op. Please call Robin at 373-2464 or e-mail at [jrmjgrau@aol.com](mailto:jrmjgrau@aol.com).

## DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

Please join us on Thursday, September 25, at 7:00 in the Spiritual Center. One of our favorites, Andy Stoner, will be back with us talking about Communication. For more information, call 489-3537.

## ORGAN NEWS: LET'S CELEBRATE!!

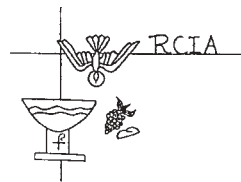
Dr. Paul Skevington will be playing an organ concert on October 7th at 7:15 p.m. to celebrate the rebuilding of the organ.



## DELICIOUS BAKED GOODS AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES

St. Vincent's 8th Grade Class will be having a bake sale after Masses on September 27 and 28. All proceeds will help fund their class trip to St. Louis.

## RCIA NEWS!



We welcome the following people who came into the catechumenate through the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming. Our catechumens are: Erica Davidson, Michelle Hamm, Alex Villavicencio, Brian Sprond, Todd Anderson, Joe Moore and Amy Zimmerman. Our

candidates are: Doug Davis, Valerie Clark, Jason Woolard, Carl Spade, Patrick Green, Carol Tarbell, Vicki McCrady, Len Pirocato, Richard Larocque and Gloria Balbaugh. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel their journeys.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. VINCENT'S

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive here at St. Vincent's next Saturday, September 27th, in the Parish Hall (old gym). New donation hours are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.



There is always a great need for all types of blood, especially around holidays when an increased number of people are injured in auto related accidents.

Giving blood is safe, easy and extremely important. You cannot contract AIDS or any other disease from giving blood. If you are at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and you are in good general health, you are most likely eligible to donate blood. It is recommended that you eat a light meal before you donate and drink plenty of fluids before and after. This will help those that feel light-headed after donating. If you've been deferred due to low iron, taking a multi-vitamin for a few days prior to the blood drive will ensure that you will be able to donate.

Blood donation takes less than an hour...the actual blood collection takes only 8-10 minutes. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will have priority. Also, childcare will now be provided to make donating more convenient. Call Bruce Cadwell at 484-0078 to schedule your donation (or if you have any questions).

Don't forget to make an appointment and mark this important date on your calendar! Please help by donating this life-giving gift of blood! Thank you!

## MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Monday, September 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge  
 TWO BY TWO BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, September 23rd, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Meeting Room  
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, September 23rd, 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
 RCIA – Tuesday, September 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, September 24th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
 WINGS – Wednesday, September 24th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 PARISH NURSE – Wednesday, September 24th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room  
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Wednesday, September 24th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 WINGS TOO – Thursday, September 25th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I - Thursday, September 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room  
 DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, Sept. 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 RCIC PARENT/SPONSER MEETING – Thursday, September 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Nursery  
 MINISTRY FAIRE TEAM – Thursday, September 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in The Church Meeting Room  
 NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING – Saturday, September 27th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 NEW PASTORAL FACILITATOR TRAINING – Saturday, Sept. 27th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Conference Room  
 K OF C BLOOD DRIVE – Saturday, September 27th, at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

### ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL

The mission of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is to serve Christ by serving those in need as stated in Matt:25, "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Our members make home visits throughout our large parish boundaries to provide food, financial assistance for the payment of rent, utilities, medications, and other necessities. We also offer counseling, provide references, and share prayer with those we serve. The number of families or individuals helped during this year increased by 20 per cent, relative to last year. The financial assistance required this year was substantially higher, while donations received were substantially lower during the same period. The large number of layoffs and closings of local industries have produced high unemployment rates in our area. Local Township Trustees have run out of funds. Many of our parishioners are being adversely affected by current economic conditions. The needs are great, and our responsibility to answer the call of Christ to help those in need is greater. There will be a second collection taken at all Masses on September 27 and September 28 to provide urgently needed funds for us to carry out our mission for Christ. Please help us through your generous donations to serve those in need, to serve Christ, and to serve you, our parishioners. Thank you and God bless you.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society

## Advertisers of the Week

Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

### STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Having completed the stained glass windows along the ambulatory of the church, we turn our attention to the clerestory (second level) windows. We have decided on a design that will complement the lower windows and the architecture of the building. The cost of each window is \$3,500. Because scaffolding has to be erected to install the windows, installation will be in sets of three. A sketch of the design is available in the church office. If you are interested in donating a window, please call the church office.

### "KEEP THE FIRE BURNING"

Join Fr. Marty Pable, OFM Cap, in "keeping the fire of discipleship burning in our hearts" on September 22, 2003, St. Mary's Parish Hall, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. All are welcome to hear his presentations: Discipleship as Lived through Stewardship and Evangelization. Call Spiritual Development at 260-422-4611 for more details.

### PASTORAL FACILITATORS – NEW AND "EXPERIENCED"

who have not yet made the one-time required PF Training, please attend September 27, Saturday morning, after the 8 a.m. Holy Mass until about 11:30 a.m., Church Conference Room off the Gathering Space.

### HOSPITALIZED? WANT A PRIEST TO VISIT?

If you or a loved one is admitted to one of the local hospitals and would appreciate a visit from one of the priests and/or parish nurse, it is good to let us know, particularly if a person is admitted on an emergency basis. With the new privacy laws affecting hospitals and other health care institutions, we do not always receive the name of parishioners in the hospitals. Parishioners are admitted and even give the name of the church, but we are not notified; nor will the hospitals give us the name of the patient if we call inquiring as to whether or not a parishioner has been admitted. You may call the church office during the day and leave the name and room number of the parishioner who has been admitted.

### 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., September 30, 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 Batee 497-8257 if you are planning to attend or with further questions.

### USHERS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Dan Roherty and Ron Abbott
Sunday	7:15 a.m.	Gary Hooten, James Heibeck, Gary Weaver and Dave Barrett
	9:00 a.m.	Tony Turner, Glen Wynn, Donald Bobay, Rudi Siela, Bill and Judy Andorfer
	11:00 a.m.	Ron Tirpak, Andy Bobay, David Kinniry, Joshua Burkhardt and Mark Herberger

### WANTED: USHERS FOR 5:00 P.M. MASS

We need several regular ushers for the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday evening. The usher duty is for three months out of the year. This ministry is open to both men and women willing to perform a hospitable and friendly assistance role for our congregation.

If you are interested in becoming an usher or have some questions about the job, please call Ray or Toni Ohlman at 637-5377. Please consider volunteering for this important ministry.





## LIFE TEEN: STATEMENT ON DATING

I need to clear the air. St. Vincent's LIFETEEN does not have dating phobia, nor do we think dating in high school is inherently wrong. Many of our teens and some

of our single core members have heard well-known chastity speakers/writers discourage dating while in high school and have decided this is good advice. This does NOT mean that we condemn teens who date and I sincerely apologize to those teens who have felt that we look down on them. Please forgive us and know that we love and care deeply about you.

The question we should ask ourselves about any relationship we choose to be involved in (dating, friend, co-worker) is: Does my relationship with this person lead both of us closer to Christ? We are either walking toward God or away from Him. There is no standing still in our faith. If a relationship does not lead to spiritual growth, then we should try to get in on the right track. If we cannot, we must end it so it doesn't pull us away from Jesus. As Christians, we are ALL called to love purely.

Cindy

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- Sept. 21 Life Night: Full, Active, Conscious
- Sept. 22 JHL
- Sept. 24 Light the Night Ministry Hour, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 25 Pray at Abortion Clinic
- Sept. 28 Life Night: Satan's Sword

## HOW DEEP IS YOUR LOVE?

LIFETEEN Fall Retreat is set for November 14-16. All high school teens welcome. Registration forms now available by the church office doors and at [www.SaintV.org](http://www.SaintV.org).



## YOU'RE IT!

Teens, the LIFETEEN Mass is FOR you. It is geared to your style while remaining faithful to the Church's liturgical guidelines. We want all teens to profoundly connect with the Mass. Having teens as lectors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, and sometimes helping with the homily is crucial to this goal. Please pray to see if God wants you to use your gifts to help with the LIFETEEN Mass in some way. We will train new lectors, ushers, greeters and Eucharistic ministers soon, so talk to Cindy if feeling called.

## PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Don't wait for your teen to get involved, be the example. You are needed to be part of the Life Parent Ministry. Contact Cindy Black for more information.

## JR. HIGH LIFE

We will "Pump You Up" at the next Jr. High Life Night, Monday, September 22, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. We will meet in the Gathering Space at church. All 7th and 8th graders from all schools are invited! There will be several guest appearances.

## TEEN/YOUNG ADULT ROSARY WITH BISHOP D'ARCY

Don't miss this opportunity to gather to pray the Rosary led by Bishop D'Arcy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, on Tuesday, October 7, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. Benediction to follow.

## COMMUNITY IN CHRIST: TRUSTWORTHINESS

Webster's dictionary defines trustworthiness as adj.: observing confidence; reliable, dependable. Are you as trustworthy as you would like to be?

## CATECHISTS SHARE THEIR TIME AND TALENTS

This is the opening week for Religious Education classes held both on Wednesday and Sunday. We have a total of 587 children enrolled in grades 1 – 8. The response has, indeed, been generous on the part of catechists. We have 43 adults, some teaching in pairs and some going solo, who will instruct our children this year. Several have attended training sessions or have met to collaborate or have been working on lesson plans and long-range goals in order to be well prepared as the catechetical year begins.

Pre-school classes during the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses begin today. Children from ages 3 – 5 will be learning prayers and studying about Jesus and His love for them. Nine high school students and nine adults comprise the teaching roster for the 120 children who will be attending.

I am thankful for the love, time, and effort that these people share with the children during the year in the Religious Education program.

Beth

## IN APPRECIATION

Today, Catechetical Sunday, marks the opening of Religious Education. We recognize the importance of catechesis and those who dedicate themselves to it for another year. Those who teach religion in our parish ask for support through prayer from our church community.



## FUTURE PLANNING FOR FIRST GRADE CLASSES

We need an enrollment projection for our first grade classes for the 2004-2005 school year. This information will assist us in making plans for classroom space and personnel. If you have a child in kindergarten this year and are considering sending him/her to St. Vincent de Paul School next year, please call Kathy at the school office 489-3537, extension 212, and let us know as soon as possible. We would like to have an approximate number by the beginning of October.

## PART-TIME OPENINGS AT ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL

We have an opening in the school for part-time employment. We are in need of a playground monitor. This position is 10 hours a week from 10:30 to 12:30. It involves supervising recess activities. If interested, please call the school office at 489-3537, extension 213.

## SCRIP UPDATE

The Scrip committee regrets Meijer's decision to discontinue their paper Scrip program as of September 26. They will begin a fundraising program using the Meijer Credit Card or Meijer Guest Card. Details will follow as they become available.

Meijer paper scrip will be available at the Scrip table as long as our supplies will allow. The expiration date for Meijer paper scrip remains the same as the date printed on the certificate. Thank you for your support!

## BOYS/GIRLS PANTHER CUB BASKETBALL REGISTRATION – SEPTEMBER 22, 2003

Registration for Boys & Girls Panther Cub Basketball will be held on Monday, September 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Activity Center (Gym). This year's program will be open to children in grades 1 through 4. Sessions will again be on Friday evenings at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. and Saturday afternoons at 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. We will try to accommodate your choice of sessions. The first session is scheduled for Friday, October 10, and sessions will run through December 13th. Feel free to call Kevin Noll (437-7858) or Bill Franklin (416-0787) with any questions.





## PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE

To pray, support, and learn so we may be more effective pro-life messengers. Short talks from area speakers: Cathie Humbarger, Allen County Right to Life; Lisa Davis, A Hope Center, Post-abortion counselor; Anne Koehl, Women's Care Center; and Pam Durhal, Sidewalk counselor. This conference will be held on October 4, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope Gymnasium, 7225 Saint Joe Road. All faiths, all ages welcome.

## ST. VINCENT'S ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

St. Vincent's Rosary Society is having its annual Craft Show on Sat., October 25, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Anyone interested in renting a table, please call Mareta at 637-8205.



## FISH FRY SET FOR SEPTEMBER 26TH

Our Lady of Good Hope Knights of Columbus, will have an All-You-Can-Eat Ed Fox Fish Fry on September 26th, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Adults \$6.50, Children 6 thru 11 \$4.50, under 6 free. Family ticket \$25.00.



## GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT ALS DISEASE

The first annual Olson ALS Foundation, Inc. golf tournament will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2003, at the Pine Valley Country Club. Shotgun start will be at 1:00 p.m. Our goal is to have 36 foursomes, at \$600 per foursome or \$160 per individual. Individual entries will be paired up with other golfers. This price includes a dinner at the country club after golf. There will be a chance to win a car with a hole-in-one. Dinner will be accompanied by a live auction of items that have been donated.

## THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

*"... The Holy Rosary, by age-old tradition, has shown itself particularly effective as a prayer which brings the family together. Individual family members, in turning their eyes towards Jesus, also regain the ability to look one another in the eye, to communicate, to show solidarity, to forgive one another and to see their covenant of love renewed in the Spirit of God. Many of the problems facing contemporary families, especially in economically developed societies, result from their increasing difficulty in communicating. Families seldom manage to come together, and the rare occasions when they do are often taken up with watching television. To return to the recitation of the family Rosary means filling daily life with very different images, images of the mystery of salvation: the image of the Redeemer, the image of His most Blessed Mother. The family that recites the Rosary together reproduces something of the atmosphere of the household of Nazareth: its members place Jesus at the center, they share His joys and sorrows, they place their needs and their plans in His hands, they draw from Him the hope and the strength to go on."*

Excerpt from Pope John Paul II's Letter,  
'Rosarium Virginis Mariae'

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SESSIONS

The next Natural Family Planning session is scheduled for October 7, 2003 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 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.

## 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!

## COLLECTION TECHNICIAN II

American Red Cross Donor Services/Collections has a regular non-exempt, full-time position for someone to perform donor history and promote good donor care. Must be a high school graduate and have Medical Assistant/Phlebotomy training or documented satisfactory performance as Collection Tech I. Customer service experience preferred. Public relations skills with ability to adapt to long, irregular hours and frequent schedule changes. Apply by sending a resume or completing an application at American Red Cross, Indian-Ohio Region, 1212 East California Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

## ALTERATIONS NEEDED?

A parishioner (experienced seamstress) would like to do alterations for you. Contact Barb at 422-9161 or cell 580-0484.

## HAUNTED CASTLE

The official opening of the St. Vincent Scout's HAUNTED CASTLE will be Thursday, September 25th, and will continue every Thursday through Sunday, through Halloween Night (but closed Monday thru Wednesday except for Halloween week itself, when the Castle is open every night). Hours are from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. weeknights & Sundays, but until 11:00 p.m. on each Friday and Saturday night. Cost for all ages is \$8.00 for the Haunted Castle, \$8.00 for the Black Forest/Super Maze/Vortex, and \$8.00 for Pharaoh's Revenge: The Mummy Lives! We also offer a 3-PAC ticket for all three haunts, for \$18.00. Group rates are available by calling the Haunted Castle at 489-1763. You can also print \$3.00 Haunted Castle coupons from the world wide web site at [www.hauntedcastle.com](http://www.hauntedcastle.com). A special DRESS REHEARSAL pre-view night for all attractions is open to parishioners and guests on Wednesday, September 24th, from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Cost will be just \$6.00 for one event, or \$12.00 for all three events, on this night only.

Also, the St. Vincent 8th Grade is raising money for their trip next spring. Contact them for advance-sale discount 3-PAK tickets, valued at \$18.00, and good for any night, including dress rehearsal, for only \$10.00 each. Pre-sale tickets are available only thru September 24th.



## "STARS THAT CARE"

The Franciscan Center cordially invites you to attend "Stars That Care", a premier fundraising dinner, auction and entertainment extravaganza. This event will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2003, in the Fort Wayne Marriott Three Rivers Ballroom, 305 East Washington Center Road. Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m. (cash bar). The donation price of admission is \$60.00 per person. Please call (260) 744-3977 to reserve tickets. Ticket requests accepted until September 22. Semi-formal attire requested. Limited seating available.