

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

\*6:30 a.m. Kelly Jeanne Finton  
8:00 a.m. David Cox

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

\*6:30 a.m. Donald Balsler  
8:00 a.m. Marilyn Mercurio ALL MASS

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

\*6:30 a.m. Dec. Members Martin/Amick Families  
8:00 a.m. Ray Yeranko

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

\*6:30 a.m. Pauline Giant  
8:00 a.m. Helga Holley

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

8:00 a.m. Gerard Theriot  
\*5:30 p.m. Virginia A'Hearn

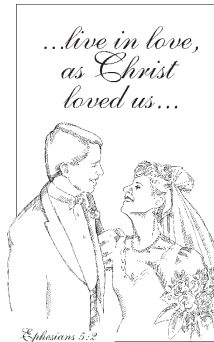
### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

8:00 a.m. Robert Mosshammer  
5:00 p.m. R. Buescher & I. Kleber

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

7:15 a.m. Special Int. Nielson Family  
9:00 a.m. James Rooney  
11:00 a.m. Maureen Stevens  
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

\*CHAPEL



## SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

### Saturday, October 11

8:00 a.m. Riley Coonan, Leah Helmer  
5:00 p.m. Maggie Heiny, Jenna Voirol  
Sarah Van Antwerp, Maggie Badders

### Sunday, October 12

7:15 a.m. Chloe Anderson, Robert Kleber  
Jenna Roy, Joey O'Daniel  
9:00 a.m. Mark DePrez, John Wood  
Trevor Yerrick, Ben Woenker  
11:00 a.m. Becca Kleber, Kristine Davis  
Jamie Reinhart, Anna Garner

## NURSERY – Sunday, October 12

9:00 a.m. Doug and Leah Kenna



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

## WEDDING BANNS

III Kurt Keys and Rebecca Culler

## MAKING ROSARIES FOR THE MISSIONS

We are making rosaries for missions this Monday, October 6. All women of the parish are welcome. We will begin with the rosary by the statue of Mary at 7:00 p.m. in the church with the meeting to follow in the Nursery.

## NEWCOMERS REGISTRATION

Parish representatives will be in the Church Conference Room next Sunday, October 12, after the 9 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.

## 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.

## FROM THE PASTOR:

Next weekend, at all of the Masses, we will be showing the video produced for the 17th Annual Bishop's Appeal. Following the video you will be given the opportunity to make your pledge to the Appeal. Please take the time to read the Appeal brochure which you received through the mail. It explains how Appeal funds are used to support diocesan programs and ministries. Our parish, too, directly benefits from the Appeal because the coverage we realize from the Appeal will be used to help us fund needed parish projects. Please be prepared to make your pledge on Pledge Sunday.

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Please join us for an organ concert on Tuesday of this week at 7:15 p.m. Dr. Paul Skevington, an accomplished organist, who lives in McLean, Virginia, will give the concert. Our newly rebuilt organ will be blessed during the concert.

Fr. John



## OCTOBER ROSARY CAMPAIGN – PARISH SCHEDULE

We are asking that you use the attached response cards to tally the number of rosaries you and your family recite so that we may present the total to the Pope as a spiritual bouquet.

The Rosary Society is providing a pamphlet on How to Say the Rosary. These pamphlets can be found on the tables next to the bulletins in the Gathering Space. Please take one.

Along with the response cards, the following events will be offered this month in our parish:

Tuesday, October 7, 7:15 p.m. – Organ concert in the church.

Wednesday, October 8, 1:30 p.m. – Family Rosary in the church with all the school children. If your family is interested in leading one meditation, please call Rhonda Noll 489-8705.

Wednesday evening, October 8 – Living Rosary with the Religious Ed classes.

Sunday afternoon, October 12 – Living Rosary with the Religious Ed classes.



## THANK YOU TO

### ST. VINCENT'S PARISHIONERS

Thanks to all of our parishioners for your contributions to the Annual St. Vincent de Paul Appeal. The total amount collected at all Masses last weekend on the feast of St. Vincent was \$12,639. Thank you for your generous response and may God bless you for your charity and your concern for those in need.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

You will find our parish's annual financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. We have noted significant changes on our Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement.

Through your blessed generosity we were able to:

- Complete our ambulatory and eucharistic chapel windows
- Rebuild our organ
- Continue funding Project Solidarity for the poor
- Meet our diocesan loan obligations
- Supplement our tuition assistance envelope collection

We sincerely thank you for your past and continued generous support.  
Sherry Miller, Business Administrator and your  
St. Vincent de Paul Finance Committee

## Meetings of the Week

ROSARY SOCIETY – Monday, October 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room  
 K OF C OPEN HOUSE – Monday, October 6th, at 7 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 TWO BY TWO BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, October 7th, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Meeting Room  
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, October 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
 HASA – Tuesday, October 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge  
 RCIA – Tuesday, October 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 ORGAN CONCERT – Tuesday, October 7th, at 7:15 p.m. in the Church  
 ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, October 8th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
 WINGS – Wednesday, October 8th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 PASTORAL COUNCIL – Wednesday, October 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room  
 WINGS TOO – Thursday, October 9th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 MARKET DAY – Thursday, October 9th, at 5:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall  
 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I – Thursday, October 9th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room  
 DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, Oct. 9th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center

### SWEET STOP FOR HARVEST HOUSE MEMBERS

St. Vincent Harvest House will visit the CANDY CANE SHOP, Archbold, Ohio, on Monday, October 20, 2003. We will have lunch in the vicinity afterwards. We will meet in the new church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and carpool. Please call 482-2085 or 483-7252 so we will know who is carpooling. This will take the place of our regular October meeting.



### ST. VINCENT'S ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW

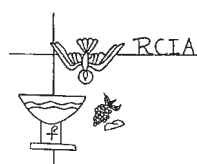
St. Vincent's Rosary Society is having its annual Craft Show on Sat., October 25, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Anyone interested in renting a table, please call Mareta at 637-8205.

### DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

Come join us on Thursday, October 9, at 7:00 in the Spiritual Center. Cheryl Confer, MS, LMHC, will be addressing the group on the topic of "Setting Boundaries". Cheryl has been with us before and is back by popular demand. For more information, call 489-3537.

### RCIA – A STORY

A year ago, a young man by the name of Brian Spond came to St. Vincent's to inquire about the Catholic faith. He was not baptized and had never been to Mass. When told that since the Mass is the essence of our faith, he should attend and learn more of what our faith is about, he came the next Sunday and sat with Mary and Jeff Schafer. He did this every Sunday until the Rite of Acceptance three weeks ago! He now sits with his sponsor, Scott Kruse. Brian hungers for the Eucharist now and about the Rite, Brian said, "I experienced a special bonding with God and with the Church."



### 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.

### ST. VINCENT PARISH FAMILY BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 12th, is the next Knights of Columbus Parish Family Breakfast. Serving times are from 8:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, fruit serving and milk, juice or coffee. All this for only \$4.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children ages 5 to 12 years. Children 4 years and under eat FREE. Family maximum is \$15. Thank you for supporting our parish activity. Proceeds from this event will be used to support Life Teen, Jr. High Life and other parish activities here at St. Vincent's.



**BRING THE FAMILY!**

### HEALTH MINISTRY

This is a new ministry to most of you. It will be headed up by the parish nurse. For those of you that don't know what a parish nurse does, she strengthens health by enhancing it with spirituality. The parish nurse has many roles including health educator, health counselor, coordinator of referrals to health and community services, program developer and integrator and interpreter of the strong relationship between faith and health. There will be a survey coming in the next few weeks in the bulletin. Please take time to read it and fill it out. This will give Deb Andrews, parish nurse, directions on where you as parishioners would like this program to go.

### MEN'S CLUB ON THE MOVE

The St. Vincent Men's Club has moved their meeting site. We are



now meeting at the Scout Lodge down on Auburn Road. The Men's Club meets once a month on a Monday at 8:00 p.m. Check the bulletin for each month's date. All men are welcome. Come out and join us and show your support for the kids in St. Vincent athletics. For the past 25 years, the Men's Club has supported our student athletes through fund-raisers –

Turkey Bingo, Hog Roast, the Notre Dame Athletic Fund Raiser, and many more. The next meeting is October 13, 2003. See you there.

### SAVE THIS DATE!

Bishop Dwenger High School will host its 25th Annual Saints Alive! Dinner Auction on Friday, February 27, 2004.

### 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.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OPEN HOUSE

Are you interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus at St. Vincent's? Interested men and their spouses are invited to become acquainted with the Knights at an "Open House" on Monday, October 6, 2003. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center and last one (1) hour. Refreshments will be available and casual dress is appropriate. Kindly confirm your attendance with Ray Ohlman at 637-5377 to facilitate refreshment planning. Please plan to attend and become acquainted with us and our organization.

## Advertisers of the Week

Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

October 5 Life Night: Divorce  
 October 6 JHL: From Grief to Hope, 7 p.m.  
 October 7 Rosary with Bishop D'Arcy, 7 p.m.  
 October 8 Ministry Hour, 7:15 p.m.  
 October 9 Pray at Abortion Clinic  
 October 12 Life Night

## HOW DEEP IS YOUR LOVE?

LIFETEEN Fall Retreat - Nov. 14-16  
 Registration forms available by the church office doors (red paper). I ask that ALL high school teens ask God if He wants you to attend. He will not lead you astray.



## TEENS, DIVORCE AFFECTS US ALL IN SOME WAY

Please don't miss this Sunday's Life Night for ways to deal with divorce whether in your family or those of friends. If you attend another Mass, we usually start with food about 7:20 on Sunday night.

## ROSARY WITH BISHOP D'ARCY

When: Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.  
 Where: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (Calhoun Street)  
 Who: All teens, adults and the Bishop  
 What: Pray the Rosary and Adore the Lord  
 (Let Cindy know if you need a ride. Please wear a LIFETEEN t-shirt if you have one.)

## "TRICK-OR-TREATING"

LIFETEEN is going "Trick-or-Treating" for the Franciscan Center. We will go in groups to neighborhoods collecting non-perishable items for the poor in our city. Contact Jeff Rahrig for more info or to sign up jrahrig@comcast.net.

## JR. HIGH LIFE

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to the JHL night "From Grief to Hope", this Monday, October 6th from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space at church. We welcome you even if another activity makes you late.

## HEARTFILLED THANKS TO ST. VINCENT'S JHL!

"Please convey our deep appreciation to the junior high students for donating the many useful items for our clients. It is such encouragement to us to have young people so committed to God, to the sanctity of life, and to providing practical help to those in need. These young people are such a blessing to us now, and set a pattern for a life of great contribution to our world. May God bless each of you!"

In Christ's service, Judi Hopke (A New Hope Center)

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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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**MINISTRY OF GREETERS**  
 "Hello." "Good morning."  
 "Let me help you with the door."  
 Do you like meeting people? Would you like to greet people as they arrive for Mass? Would you like to be part of a new ministry? If so, maybe this is the ministry God has been laying on your heart to help with at St. Vincent's. Please give me a call for more information on this new ministry - Karen Bohnstedt, 637-8328.

## CHILDCARE IN MY HOME

A loving and nurturing environment. Infants to 5 years. Please call Cindy at 490-7992.

## CATECHISTS' LABOR OF LOVE

While walking in the halls and stopping in classrooms during Religious Education, I hear and see catechists enthusiastically involving children in learning about and loving our faith. Some of our children are practicing prayers, others are learning the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, listening to and discussing the parable of the Good Shepherd, preparing for Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Because we need to present our children with models of Christ-centered individuals who were at the same time human, we are also emphasizing study of the saints this year. The children are busy which means the catechists are working overtime to plan and prepare lessons for their classes. These volunteers are worthy of praise and recognition for their year-long efforts.



In First Grade the theme of the test is God, and the catechists are Lenore Larsen and Tina Beeber who each have a class on Wednesday evenings. On Sunday Maribeth Wickliffe and Cheryl Gondell work as a team as do Sharon Witulski and Anne Marie Riechmann. Tina and Anne Marie are new to the catechist roster this year and we welcome them to the program.

## 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 OPENING 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.

## GIRLS' BB COACH NEEDED

St. Vincent's School is in need of a 6th grade girls' basketball coach. If you are interested, please contact Paul Cassabon at 750-3011.

## 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!

## 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.

## RE-MEMBERING CHURCH

To better assess how our St. Vincent parish "Re-Membering" ministry can respond to the needs of inactive Catholics, we are soliciting 'returned' Catholics to share their faith journey experience. If you were away from the church and have now returned, please share your experience with us. Call Tim Werling at 484-0067 or the church office at 489-3537 or stop by our table at the parish Ministry Faire during the weekends of October 18-19 or October 25-26. Please continue to be open to the call of the Holy Spirit in your life and help others come back to the church.

## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience is offering a weekend retreat for widowed, separated, and divorced persons October 10-12, 2003. The weekend is designed to help individuals work through their grief, put closure on the past and make a new beginning. For more information, please contact Pat at 485-3492 or Ron at 482-8118.

## 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. 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 (East Meeting Room)

October 9                      November 6

October 23                     November 20

### Session II (Church Conference Room)

October 16                     November 13

## GREETER REQUEST:

### MINISTRY FAIRE (OCT. 18 – 19, 25-26)

We are in need of FOUR GREETERS PER HOLY MASS to help parishioners find the tables for the organizations they will be looking for. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, please call Kathy at 637-6540 to tell her date and Mass you can be present. You will need to stop by the Greeters' Table (which will be obvious in the Gathering Space) for instructions ten minutes before each Mass.

## CAREGIVER NEEDED

A parishioner is looking for a dependable, friendly caregiver for their 27 year old mentally handicapped daughter. The job would not be difficult and would involve watching her evenings and occasional weekends. If interested please call Ken and Sara at 637-4454.

## MOTHER'S HELPER

Looking for someone to come into my home to help with children and light housework. Must love children! Ages 5, 4, and 1 year old twins. Tuesday – Thursday, 11 – 3 p.m. Please call 482-2400.

## HOME HEALTH CARE

Help needed for lady patient. Hours flexible. Can be part-time. Starts mid-October. Huntertown area. 637-6296 evenings.

## 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.

## HAUNTED CASTLE

The St. Vincent Scout's HAUNTED CASTLE is open 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 (these can be bought through the Scrip program at \$13.00 each). Group rates are available by calling the Haunted Castle at 489-1763. Discount coupons for \$5.00 off the 3-PAC price are available at Root's Camp & Ski on North Clinton and at area Taco Bell restaurants. You can also print \$3.00 Haunted Castle coupons from the world wide web site at [www.hauntedcastle.com](http://www.hauntedcastle.com).

*Two reasons for our Yearly Parish Fair:*

*1. Parish Organizations:*

*Let the Love of God in you show!*

*2. Parishioners:*

*Come see where God might be leading YOU!*



*Serving Community  
through  
Christ*

*Ministry Fair  
October 18-19, 25-26, 2003*