

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

*6:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving
8:00 a.m. Brian Penisten

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

8:00 a.m. James Rooney

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

*6:30 a.m. Marcella McCollum
8:00 a.m. Donald Stapleton ALL MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

*6:30 a.m. Rose Von Rohr
8:00 a.m. Madelena

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth & William Edsall
*5:30 p.m. Victor Martinez

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

8:00 a.m. Kenneth Thieme
5:00 p.m. Joan Smith

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

7:15 a.m. Douglas Munson
9:00 a.m. Mary Gremaux
11:00 a.m. Earl J. Houser
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

*CHAPEL



THE PARABLE OF THE FRUITLESS FIG TREE
L.uke 13:6-9

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, November 22

8:00 a.m. Emily Koontz, Ryan Nielson
5:00 p.m. Allison Colligan, Nicole Martino
McKenzie Mentzer, Kelsey Giant

Sunday, November 23

7:15 a.m. Justin Shutt, Michael Kemper
Emily Royal, Rebecca Royal
9:00 a.m. Blair Sorg, Jon Moore
Molly Workman, Olivia Norton
11:00 a.m. Amanda Tomlinson, Jacob Tippmann
Mallory Houlihan, Tina Hollis

NURSERY – Sunday, November 23

9:00 a.m. Mark and Denise VanderHagen

COFFEE AND DONUTS – November 23

9:00 a.m. Lipnicki, WINGS

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

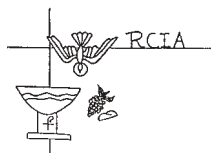
WEDDING BANNS

- III Dean W. Schmitz and Jennifer Hettel
- II Kyle Dunfee and Anne Hull
- I Brent Haupert and Miranda Debets



LECTORS

New workbooks are ready.
Please pick the up in the East Meeting Room.



RCIA

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, its teachings and traditions, you may want to consider the RCIA. For those who are unbaptized and are interested in becoming Catholic, the process is longer and

should be begun soon. For more information, please call the church office at 489-3537, and ask for Judy.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

If you would like to meet some of your fellow parishioners for some prayer, fellowship and food to begin your day off on the right foot, plan to join men of the parish at the Omega Family Restaurant on Coliseum Boulevard this Friday, November 21st, at 6:00 a.m. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!



SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

At all the Masses on the weekend of November 22 and 23, INCLUDING the 6:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass we will be administering the Sacrament of the Sick. Parishioners who are seriously ill or greatly weakened due to old age, or facing major surgery are candidates for the sacrament. If you would like to be anointed, you are asked to sign in at the table in the Gathering Space. Candidates for the anointing will sit at the end of the pew; ushers will assist you. The priest will come to you in the pew for the anointing ritual which follows the homily. It would be helpful, if you plan to be anointed, to call the church office, informing us of your intention.



ADVENT MATERIALS AVAILABLE – MAKE YOUR ADVENT SPECIAL

Advent pamphlet materials will be available in the Gathering Space after all Masses on the weekends of November 22 and 23 and November 29 and 30. There are daily meditations, morning and evening prayer, devotionals, Christmas Novenas and complete daily Mass readings. For families, there are advent calendars, daily prayer readings, and more. Suggested Donations will be posted.



TURKEYS AND MORE TURKEYS NEEDED

"Angels" and Suzy Beard will be collecting frozen turkeys before and after each Mass Nov. 22 and Nov. 23 in front of church. Over 200 families and single persons have been interviewed to receive Miss Virginia's complete Christmas meal to cook and share with loved ones. These families are the indigent, working poor of our community.

The baskets include: potatoes, onions, canned goods, cereal, rolls, candy canes, candle and prayer. All the baskets need are TURKEYS! 200! Thank you, St. Vincent's.

DEAR SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS:

Please take to prayer the following need and see if the Holy Spirit is nudging you. Since August we have a blended community (members of a longtime community and brand new members). These four committed couples (in their 40's-50's) are looking for 3 to 4 experienced SCC members/former members who would join them in SCC life. Please call S Kay if you would like to explore this option 489-3537 Ext. 207 or kjarema@yahoo.com.



MATTHEW KELLY RETURNS FOR A SPECIAL ADVENT PRESENTATION

Please join us as we enthusiastically welcome back popular author and speaker, Matthew Kelly, to St. Vincent de Paul Church on Thursday, December 11 from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. His talk, "How To Make New Year's Resolutions That Will

Change Your Life Forever", will take the listener on an adventure of life-changing proportions. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear a powerful and inspiring message filled with practical insights that will deeply impact our daily lives. For more information call 489-3537.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please be advised that any articles for publication in the parish bulletin for the weekend of Nov. 29th and 30th must be in to the church office in written form by noon on Monday, Nov. 24th.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Help my sister." Sarah K.
 "I put my clothes away. I picked up the toy room." Zachary
 "I prayed for the poor people." Jon E.
 "I cleaned my room and the toy room." Chelsea S.
 "By helping my parents." Jeff M.



Meetings of the Week

HARVEST HOUSE – Monday, November 17th, at 1:15 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Monday, November 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
 TWO BY TWO BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, November 18th, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Meeting Room
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, November 18th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 RCIA – Tuesday, November 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, November 19th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 WINGS – Wednesday, November 19th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 BEREAVEMENT SESSION 3– Wednesday, November 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel
 CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH CONTINUATION COMMITTEE - Wednesday, November 19th, at 7:00p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 WINGS TOO – Thursday, November 20th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 TECHNOLOGY MEETING – Thursday, November 20th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge
 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I – Thursday, November 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday, November 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
 RCIC (Children) Parent & Sponsor Meeting – Thursday, November 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST – Friday, November 21st, at 6:00 a.m. at the Omega Restaurant, Coliseum Boulevard
 SCC PASTORAL FACILITATOR MEETING – Saturday, November 22nd, at 8:30 a.m. in the Spiritual Center

SHELVING NEEDED FOR ST. VINCENT'S FOOD PANTRY

St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry is moving to a new location. There is a need for new shelving to store the food. If you would like to contribute for new shelving, it would be appreciated. This donation will allow us to use our limited funds in assisting the needy.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

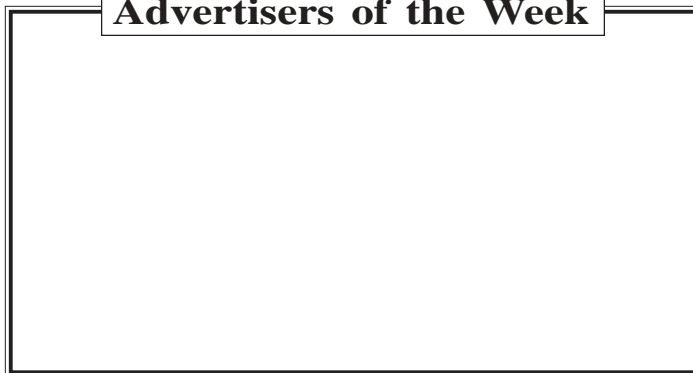
Attendance at two Baptismal Preparation Sessions is required before your child is baptized. They are Session I and Session II. You may attend Session II before Session I, if necessary. Each session will begin at 7:00 p.m. It is recommended that you attend before the birth of your child so that there 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)
 November 20 No Sessions in December
 Session II (Church Conference Room)
 No Sessions in December

F.A.I.T.H. (FINDING ANSWERS IN THE HOLY SPIRIT)

This group is a resource and support for couples struggling with infertility. Resources are available regarding information on infertility treatments, the church's teaching on these treatments, and international and domestic adoption. Also this group can be a source of emotional and spiritual support for you and your spouse. Please contact Amy Barteo 497-8257 for more information.

Advertisers of the Week



Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKEND DATES

Are you looking for a way to revitalize your faith and make new friends? Sign up for the next women's and men's Christ Renews His Parish weekend, March 6 and 7 for the men and March 13 and 14 for the women. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. Contact Tom Loogman 490-7158 for the men's weekend and Kathleen Makovic 490-9321 for the women's weekend.

HARVEST HOUSE GATHERING

St. Vincent Harvest House will meet Monday, Nov. 17, 2003, at 1:15 p.m., in the Spiritual Center. We will play cards and games. Please bring a snack to share. We will also discuss our Christmas party.



K OF C MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The family Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 6th, from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Dinner is at 6 p.m. If your last name begins with A-P, please bring a dessert. If your last name begins with Q-Z, please bring a side dish. Santa will arrive at 7 p.m. Please RSVP by November 29 to Dan Roy by phone (637-8010) or e-mail DJABJ@aol.com with the number of adults and children attending. Please provide the gender and age of the children as well.

MINI-VAN NEEDED TO TRANSPORT DISABLED CHILD

Parishioner with disabled child is in need of serviceable mini-van that will accommodate a wheel chair lift. If you have such a van and are willing to donate, please call church office at 489-3537, ext. 201. The value of donation is tax deductible.

MALE CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR NEEDED

We are in the process of discerning someone to be a male Co-Spiritual Director for Christ Renews His Parish. If you would like to nominate someone, please send a letter of nomination to Jim Anderson, 8204 Sorrel Lane, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. No self-nominations, please.

PRO-LIFE – NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

"Adoption isn't easy. It is one of the most complex emotional arrangements in which an individual can be involved. Yet, of the other options – aborting the child or raising the child as a single parent – adoption is the most child-centered. It is a healthy, realistic, and sensible choice for all the parties involved." Dr. Jean Garton

ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

The Christ Child Society helps needy mothers and children by providing them with layettes, school supplies, coats, hats and gloves, as well as tutoring at the Benoit Academy.

What: Annual Cookie Walk
 Date: November 22, 2003
 Place: St. Vincent de Paul Parish Hall
 Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- Nov. 16 Return from Retreat
NO Life Night
- Nov. 17 JHL: 'tis the Season
- Nov. 19 Ministry Hour, 7:15 p.m.
- Nov. 20 Pray at Abortion Clinic
- Nov. 23 Life Night
- Nov. 26 College Gang meeting, 8:00 p.m.



eXaLT IS COMING TO ST. V'S

Friday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Plan to come praise, worship and adore Jesus in a new way. Frankie and the band will lead us in some powerful praise songs and we will call on the Holy Spirit to open our hearts more fully during Eucharistic Adoration. This is a LIFETEEN event, but we invite and

encourage EVERYONE, young adults, families, other parishes, anyone who wants to worship our Lord with all their heart, mind, and body to join us.

JR. HIGH LIFE

All 7th and 8th graders are invited to the last JHL night of 2003... 'Tis the Season. Monday, Nov. 17th from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space. See you there.



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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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APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP AT DWENGER

Bishop Dwenger High School will administer the James Robinson Merit Scholarship Exam to interested 8th grade students on Saturday, December 6, 2003 beginning at 9 a.m. The cost is \$10 if registered by November 21, 2003. Cost at the door will be \$20. For more information, call the B.D. Guidance Office at 496-4701.

STUDENT OPEN HOUSE AT BISHOP DWENGER

Bishop Dwenger High School will hold its annual Open House for prospective students and their parents on Wednesday, November 19, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call 496-4700 or visit the B.D. website at www.bishopdwenger.com.

ANNUAL SAINTS DAY

Bishop Dwenger High School's annual Saints Day for all 8th grade students will be Friday, December 5, 2003 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. If you are not currently enrolled in your parish grade school and are interested in attending Saints Day, call 496-4700 to register.

CELEBRATE CATHOLIC EDUCATION

We would like to present a Celebrate Catholic Education Award to an outstanding St. Vincent graduate. We are looking for a graduate who has made a significant contribution to the Catholic Church and to the United States and is deserving of this national recognition. We will make this presentation for Catholic Schools Week. If you would like to nominate someone, please send a letter to the school office with the name and the reasons they should be nominated.

PARENT MEETING FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION

Second grade students will be making their First Reconciliation in January. Parents of these children are required to attend one meeting in the church at 7:30 p.m. either on Sunday, November 23, or Monday, November 24.

RELIGIOUS ED THANKSGIVING VACATION

No Religious Education classes will be held on Wednesday, November 26, or on Sunday, November 30, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Thanksgiving



EXTRA HANDS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU

Eighth grade students are preparing for Confirmation in the spring. One of their responsibilities is to complete service projects in which they give of their time to help someone else. Are you organizing an upcoming event in the parish for which you could use extra help?

Are you aware of possible opportunities for our eighth graders to assist others? If so, please call Beth 489-3537 ext. 204.

CATECHISTS' LABOR OF LOVE

On Wednesday evenings new to the catechetical role this year are Craig Traxler and Kelli Kirchner who teach as a team and Karen Brockman who also instructs grade 7 students. On Sunday, Chrisy Thomas, who assisted last year, is teaching a class on her own, as is Ellen Gephart, who returns as a grade 7 catechist. The New Testament and Jesus-His world, His people, and His times are topics for study along with a vocabulary workbook that introduces Catholic terms and concepts which enhance understanding of the text and the faith. The seventh grade year assists our young people in developing a solid Catholic understanding of Scripture and helps them find in Scripture the hope and encouragement they need to bring the good news of Christ to the world.



SEVEN TACKLE MLK MONTESSORI SERVICE PROJECT

Seven eighth graders in Religious Education have accepted the challenge of helping the Martin Luther King Montessori Preschool during the holiday season. They are Neil Kelty, Ryan Millhouse, Scott Nill, Natalie Novell, Gus Steigmeyer, Tiana Thomas, and Rachael Wagner. Please help them with their work.

Until December 14, we eighth grade students will be collecting 125 new or gently used paperback books for the MLK Montessori Preschool for 3 – 5 year olds. These will be wrapped and each child will receive a book as a gift. The preschool is also collecting new and gently used hardback books for its library. A box for these donations will be in the west entry of the Gathering Space and in the Religious Education office. Donations of money can be sent to the Religious Education office.

Thank you, The Book Bunch

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST: RESPONSIBILITY

"We have not passed the subtle line between childhood and adulthood until ... we have stopped saying "It got lost" and say "I lost it."

John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

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.

NOTICE FOR ALL ORGANIZATIONS

Keep in mind that we are a very active parish and it is very important that if you need a meeting space you MUST schedule this through the church office.

CATHOLIC/LUTHERAN ADVENT VESPERS SERVICE OF LIGHT

The Catholic/Lutheran dialogue committee would like to invite you to a joint Catholic/Lutheran Advent Vespers Service of Light (incense will be used) on Sunday, November 30th at 5:00 p.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church, corner of Randallia and State Blvd. Following the service there will be coffee and cookies and fellowship time in the parish hall. What better way to start Advent and prepare ourselves for Christ's birth than worshipping with brothers and sister of faith?



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. If you are interested in donating a window, please call the church office.

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. Please continue to be open to the call of the Holy Spirit in your life and help others come back to the church.

RETRouvaille WEEKEND – DECEMBER 5-7, 2003

Retrouvaille is a Christian peer ministry for married couples who are: Anxious about their marriage relationship

- Alone or distant from their partner
- Disillusioned or bored in their marriage
- Without the time or desire to communicate
- Experienced coldness or conflict
- Frustrated, hurt or angry with their partner
- Unable or do not know how to change their situation

If any of the above describes your marriage, Retrouvaille can help. The next Retrouvaille Program begins with the weekend of Dec. 5 – 7, 2003. For information, call (260) 485-1944 or (800) 470-2230. All inquiries are confidential.

MEN WANTED

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

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

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



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!

HVAC JOURNEYMAN

Seeking several licensed HVAC journeyman for expanding heating and cooling business. Will be responsible for installing and servicing furnaces, central air and water heaters. Must have own tools. All candidates must have a minimum of 5 yrs experience. Contact Sian Matson, Sentech Services, Inc. 424-8805 or smatson@sentechservices.com.

PART TIME SALES/OFFICE ASSISTANT

Iasta of Indiana, a provider of exclusive business software, is seeking a part time sales/office assistant. Three days a week, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Applicant must be experienced, professional and proficient in Microsoft Office software including Word, Excel and Powerpoint. Excellent phone skills are a must. Contact: Terry Coonan 492-7350 or terry.coonan@iasta.com.



THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER FOR SENIORS

This special dinner will be held on Thursday, November 27, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall, 601 Reed Road. It is open to Seniors 55 years and older. Call 458-2005 to make reservations. Reservations are taken by

phone until November 21, 2003. Transportation provided if necessary. No cost and donations are welcome.

CANCER SERVICES OF ALLEN COUNTY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

It is not unusual in the course of medical care for a cancer survivor to need transportation to and from his or her treatment. Sometimes family members have stretched their resources and availability to the breaking point. Providing a responsible and caring volunteer to drive a cancer survivor to and from his or her radiation or chemotherapy appointments is one way we can alleviate the stress of the disease.

But, lately we have found that our pool of volunteers is too small in number and can't keep pace with the need. That's where you may be able to help...

WE NEED VOLUNTEER DRIVERS willing to use their own vehicle to pick up a cancer survivor and take him or her to treatment. Generally these appointments occur between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and are scheduled several days in advance. You may wait for your client or return later to transport home. Contact Cheryl at 484-9560 to volunteer.

CARS, TRUCKS OR VANS NEEDED

Saint Vincent de Paul Store will accept your car, truck or van for a donation. As always, your donation is tax deductible.

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.