

*For More Information and Parent Permission Forms, Please
Pick up a Retreat Application in the Back of the Church or
Call the Youth Director at 489-1601.*

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

*6:30 a.m. Ruthann Franke
8:00 a.m. Charles Gladieux

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

*6:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving B&SM
8:00 a.m. Anita Taugher

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

*6:30 a.m. John Madden
8:00 a.m. Don Thorp ALL MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

*6:30 a.m. Clarence Murray
8:00 a.m. Bob Buenconsejo

FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

8:00 a.m. Frank & Lillian Palisieski
*5:30 p.m. Robert Locke

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

8:00 a.m. Int. of Rosary Society
5:00 p.m. Jeff Collier

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

7:15 a.m. Special Int. Nielson Family
9:00 a.m. Dec. Members Martin/Amick Families
11:00 a.m. Anna C. Kintz
6:00 p.m. For the Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

*CHAPEL



SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, December 6

8:00 a.m. Joe Richardville, Zach Richardville
5:00 p.m. Meredith Barbieri, Katie Schipkowski
Jera Thornsley, Austin Harrington

Sunday, December 7

7:15 a.m. Mitchell Vanderhagen, Kelsey Weller
Scott Campbell, Cody Newport
9:00 a.m. Olivia Lebamoff, Brittany Reinhart
Andrew Blackburn, Molly Workman
11:00 a.m. Trevor Yerrick, Katie Hake
Catherine Stanley, Ashley Reed

NURSERY – Sunday, December 7

9:00 a.m. Terry and Lisa Kerg

“Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen and enlighten these couples as they prepare to take their marriage vows.”

WEDDING BANNES

III Brent Hauptert and Miranda Debets
II Jay Hamoy and Liza Carpio

ROSARY SOCIETY – “COME WATCH THE MAGIC”

Our meeting will be on Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Armstrong Flowers on Cook Road. Sherry Armstrong will show us how to arrange flowers and share other tips to make our homes more festive this Christmas Season. Please bring two dozen cookies to share – placing 1 dozen on separate plates.

ATTN: HOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

There will be a meeting December 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center explaining this new ministry. Those who signed up on the survey or at the Ministry Fair, this meeting is for you. Anyone else that would like to volunteer is also welcome. Any questions, please call Deb Andrews at 489-3537.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Once again we are offering you the opportunity to donate Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. The suggested donation is \$10 a plant. We will remember the deceased at our Christmas Masses. Place the money or check in an envelope along with the form below:

(Please print)

Name of Loved One: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Donation: \$ _____

FROM THE PASTOR:

In a world filled with violence, division and hatred, there is within us a deep longing or hunger for truth, justice and wholeness. The root meaning of the word “diabolical” is to tear asunder. This is the work of Satan. It is Christ who heals and brings things back together, and so we cry out to Him “Come, Lord Jesus, Come.” In this season of Advent, we watch and wait as we prepare for the birthday of the Savior and His final coming. Advent sets the tone for the entire Church year. It is a busy time for all of us, one filled with much activity, and so it is important that we make quality time for ourselves, whether alone or with others – time that will feed our spirits. A new Church Year brings new beginnings which allow us to start afresh, letting go of past hurts and failures, as we journey together, filled with much hope, toward our heavenly home. Happy Advent!

Fr. John

ST. VINCENT PARISH FAMILY BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 7th 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 and milk, juice or coffee. All this for only \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 6 to 12 years. Children 5 years and under eat FREE. Family maximum is \$18. 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.

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is an easy way for you to brighten the Christmas of someone less fortunate. Take an angel ornament off the evergreen tree in the Gathering Space of the church. Purchase the gift request (written on the angel), wrap it securely, and attach the ornament to the outside of the gift. Then bring it to the church and place it under the tree by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st, no later than 2 p.m. and we will be sure it gets delivered to the person in need before Christmas. If you cannot return the gift in time, please refrain from taking an ornament. An evergreen is used as a symbol of our need to be forever giving. If you have any questions, call Craig or Vicki Welch at 483-7257.



Giving Tree

THE CHURCH & WORLD AIDS DAY, DEC. 1, 2003

Presently 42,000,000 people worldwide suffer from the AIDS pandemic. The following is an excerpt from a letter written by Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, Episcopal moderator of the US Bishops’ office: National Catholic AIDS Network. (More information available at: www.ncan.org.) “This annual observance of World AIDS Day was established in 1988 by the World Summit of Ministers of Health on AIDS, a conference attended by 140 countries. The occasion provides an opportunity for governments, national AIDS programs, churches, community organizations, and individuals to show the importance of an appropriate response to HIV/AIDS that is grounded in justice, charity, and solidarity. Most recently, the Holy Father cited the importance of the Church’s involvement in HIV/AIDS education and care by saying: “Worthy of particular mention are the various HIV/AIDS initiatives that, in complete harmony with the Church’s teaching, seek to assist those affected by this disease and to keep the public duly informed about it.”

(Address to Bishops of Uganda during their regular visit, Sept. 22, 2003)

ATTENTION: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please remember to pick up your new schedules in the Ministry Sacristy as soon as possible.

Meetings of the Week

- HARVEST HOUSE COUNCIL – Monday, December 1st, at 11:15 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, December 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 HASA MEETING – Tuesday, December 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge
 DISCIPLES IN MISSION TEAM – Tuesday, December 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room
 RELIGIOUS ED BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, December 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Religious Ed Office
 RCIA – Tuesday, December 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, December 3rd, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 WINGS – Wednesday, December 3rd, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 SCHOOL BOARD – Wednesday, December 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge
 BEREAVEMENT SESSION – Wednesday, December 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel
 MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE – Wednesday, December 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
 WINGS TOO – Thursday, December 4th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 MARKET DAY – Thursday, December 4th, at 5:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall
 YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY CORE TEAM – Thursday, December 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
 K OF C BLOOD DRIVE – Saturday, December 6th, at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall
 YOUTH DETENTION MINISTRY – Saturday, December 6th, at 8:45 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 HOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY – Saturday, December 6th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK FOR HARVEST HOUSE

St. Vincent's Harvest House will have a Christmas Potluck on Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, at the Spiritual Center. Sister Kay will lead a prayer service at 11:15 a.m., followed by dinner. Meat, beverages and table service will be furnished. Please bring a dish to share. We will have a "steal" drawing after dinner. Please bring an inexpensive gift or a nice "white elephant" gift for the drawing. RSVP to 482-2085 or 483-7252 by Dec. 11. JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON!



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.

HERE'S A PRESENT, SCC PASTORAL FACILITATORS!

If you (or a community rep) were one of the folks who couldn't attend the PF Community reflection experience Saturday, Nov. 22, you have a folder waiting for you with information on Guided Reflection, Faith Sharing and Discernment. Please pick one up in the East Meeting Room.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY SALE

The Cathedral Bookstore, located on Cathedral Square at the Cathedral in downtown Fort Wayne, will hold its annual St. Nicholas Day Sale from Saturday, December 6 through Saturday, December 13. If you have any questions or need directions, please call 422-4611 and ask for the bookstore. The sale will run a total of seven days – Saturday to Saturday.

ADVENT MATERIALS AVAILABLE – MAKE YOUR ADVENT SPECIAL

Advent pamphlet materials will be available in the Gathering Space after all Masses this weekend, 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.

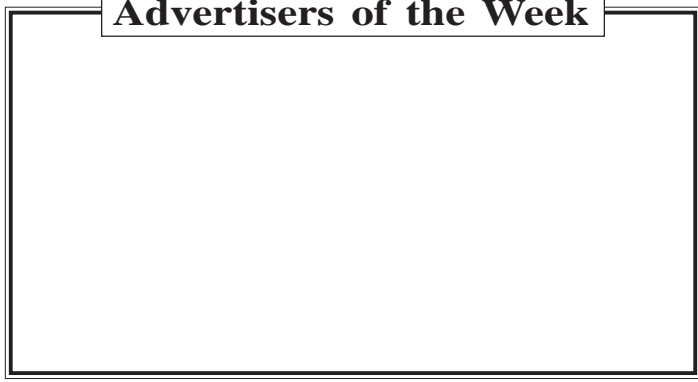


Advent

IMMEDIATE (OR SOONER) SCC NEED

Since August we have a blended community (members of a longtime community and brand new members). These four couples (in their 40-50's) are looking for 3-4 experienced SCC former/present members (1 or 2 would be fine too!) to join them. IS THE HOLY SPIRIT NUDGING YOU? If yes, call S Kay to explore this option. 489-3537 Ext. 207 or kjarema@yahoo.com.

Advertisers of the Week



Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

ADVENT DISCIPLES IN MISSION SMALL COMMUNITY GIFT

Would you like to study and pray with Luke's Gospel readings this season? A former Disciples in Mission group have created their own booklet to do just this as they want to meet during Advent. A sample copy in a red soft folder will be in the library next to the checkout box for you to look over. Please leave it there, but make a copy to take along by checking with the parish office.

And...THANK YOU, DM community from all of us!



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. VINCENT'S

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive here at St. Vincent's on Saturday, December 6, 2003 in the Parish Hall (old gym). Donation hours are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Giving blood is safe, easy and extremely important! 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 one hour...the actual blood collection takes only 8-10 minutes. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will have priority. Also, childcare will be provided to make donating more convenient.

There is always a great need for all types of blood, but the need is especially great around holidays when an increased number of people are injured in travel related auto accidents. Please help by donating this life-giving gift of blood!

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! Thank you!



December

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Dec. 1	11:15 a.m.	Harvest House Christmas Party
Dec. 2	6:30 p.m.	Disciples in Mission Team
Dec. 2	6:30 p.m.	HASA Meeting
Dec. 2	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
Dec. 2	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Dec. 3	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Dec. 3	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
Dec. 3	6:30 p.m.	School Board
Dec. 3	7:00 p.m.	Bereavement Session
Dec. 3	7:00 p.m.	Mardi Gras Committee
Dec. 4	9:00 a.m.	WINGS TOO
Dec. 4	5:15 p.m.	Market Day
Dec. 4	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Ministry Core Team
Dec. 4	7:00 p.m.	Mardi Gras Committee
Dec. 4	9:00 a.m.	WINGS TOO
Dec. 4	5:15 p.m.	Market Day
Dec. 4	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Ministry Core Team
Dec. 5	7:00 p.m.	eXaLT Lifeteen Praise Event
Dec. 6	7:30 a.m.	Blood Drive
Dec. 6	9:00 a.m.	Youth Detention
Dec. 6	10:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse
Dec. 6	6:00 p.m.	K of C Christmas Party
Dec. 7	8:30 a.m.	K of C Parish Breakfast
Dec. 9	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
Dec. 9	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Dec. 10	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Dec. 10	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
Dec. 10	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council
Dec. 10	7:00 p.m.	Bereavement Session
Dec. 11	9:00 a.m.	WINGS TOO
Dec. 11	7:00 p.m.	Divorced Catholic Support Group
Dec. 11	7:30 p.m.	Matthew Kelly Presentation
Dec. 15	11:15 a.m.	Harvest House Potluck
Dec. 15	7:00 p.m.	Building and Grounds
Dec. 16	6:45 a.m.	Finance Committee
Dec. 16	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
Dec. 16	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Dec. 17	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Dec. 17	7:00 p.m.	Bereavement Session
Dec. 17	7:00 p.m.	Mardi Gras Committee
Dec. 17	7:00 p.m.	K of C Admissions
Dec. 17	7:00 p.m.	RCIA (Children) Parent/Sponsor Meeting
Dec. 18	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Dec. 22	7:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Society
Dec. 23	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
Dec. 30	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
Dec. 31	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament



MAY GOD GRANT

ETERNAL LIGHT AND PEACE to

Lily Pierron, daughter of Greg and Donna Pierron; Jeffrey M. Collier, spouse of Pamela Collier; Leona V. Perry, mother of Mary Ann O'Daniel; Mary K. Reinhart; Sharon Kem, mother of Carrie Rice; Ethyl E. Roach; Spc. Brian H. Penisten, son of John and Mona

Penisten; Olive C. McEntee, spouse of Anthony McEntee; Phyllis Hemsoth, mother of Susan Kieffer; Juanita Nuxall, mother of Melissa Nix; Rita A. Kartje, mother of Joseph Kartje; and Gertrude Bissonnette.

PROLIFE UPDATE

"A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on." Carl Sandburg

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF ST. VINCENT'S PARISH

Joe and Julie Pressler, 10309 River Rapids Run
Edward and Nancy Dowling, 2828 Meadows Parkway
Marie T. deVega, 3312 Vantage Point Drive, Apt. 2A
Bernard and Jenny Christman, 633 Darlington Court
Jim Kessenich, 5003 Truemper Way
Mandy Jaffe, 5715 River Run Trail
Shawn and Linda McArdle, 7118 County Rd. 45, Spencerville, IN
Kenneth and Sherry LeBlanc, 4626 Craftsbury Circle
Joe and Jamie McGrath, 4316 Kingsbrook Way
Michael Burton, 8803 Wave Circle, Apt C
Valerie Clark, 8925 Olmston Drive
Joshua and Amber Neal, 2508 Buena Vista Drive
Leo and Martha Kinast, 1406 Pion Road
Bernard and Carol-Ann Anspaugh-Parks
Kimberly Paczkowski, 2315 Point West Dr., Apt. 3-D



BAPTIZED DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Lucy Ann Bobay, daughter of
Andrew and Janice (Brown) Bobay
Cameron Michael GeRue, son of
Michael and Angela (Wozniak) GeRue
Corbin Isaak Kelley, son of
Scott Kelley and Ellen Cutigni
Maggie Ann Brennan, daughter of
Sean and Ann (McPheeters) Brennan
Megan Elizabeth Dolk, daughter of
David and Stephanie (Kapocius) Dolk
Thomas Anthony Pfeiffer, son of
Paul and Ian (Schwantes) Pfeiffer
Matthew William Regazzi, son of
Ronnie and Julia (Gaar) Regazzi
Noah Scott Rollins, son of
Heather Linn Rollins
Stella Louise Tippmann, daughter of
Stanley and Sara (Todoran) Tippmann
Carson David Whitmer, son of
Jeffrey and Melinda (Paul) Whitmer
Thomas Robert Witte, son of
Zachary and Emily (Locke)



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 30 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. We will be collecting food/toiletry items for the Franciscan Center at the party. Please bring a donation as a way to help those less fortunate during this holiday season.



Christmas Party

SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS AVAILABLE FOR VISITS

Home visits, family gatherings and business events. Call 489-2473.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- Nov. 30 Life Night: Just Wait
- Dec. 3 Advent Mass and Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.
Ministry Hour
- Dec. 4 Pray at abortion clinic
- Dec. 5 XLT, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 7 Life Night

ADVENT MASS AND BREAKFAST

The first 3 Wednesdays during Advent, we will go to the chapel for 6:30 a.m. Mass and then have breakfast at the Life House before you head to school. The 4th week, we will attend Mass Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. and then have breakfast. Teens, please commit to joining us as part of your advent journey. Parents, if you would be willing to help one of the weeks, please call or e-mail Angie Harber at 486-9852 or Kha4427125@aol.com.



eXaLT IS COMING TO ST. V'S
 "My Deliverer is Coming" is the theme for the first XLT 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.

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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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SCRIP NEWS

There will be no Scrip sales on Sunday, November 30 due to the Thanksgiving weekend. Church sales will resume Sunday, December 7. Thank you for your support.

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.

FRANCISCAN CENTER APPRECIATES YOUR DONATIONS

Thank you so much for your generous donations of toys, blankets, and food for the Franciscan Center drive last Saturday. The drive was a huge success and you donated more than we ever expected. Your generous donations will go a long way to make a lot of people very happy this holiday season. Your gifts will ensure that all the children of our clients will get new toys in their homes this Christmas, and the blankets will help keep them warm as the weather turns much colder. A special thank you goes out to the women's CRHP #29 for organizing and making this happen. Thank you also to Rhonda Noll and Sue Soberlaski for all of their hours of hard work put into this project. You are a true example of Christian stewardship, and I ask God to bless each and every one of you. Thank you again for your support and dedication to the Franciscan Center.

Keith Burns, Executive Director



RELIGIOUS ED THANKSGIVING VACATION

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

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.



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

"For of those to whom much is given; much is required."
 John F. Kennedy, Jr.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SOUGHT FOR SCHOOL

We are looking for an experienced individual to lead development efforts at the school. The part-time position will include alumni relations, annual and planned giving, marketing and grant writing. Requirements are a loyalty and enthusiasm for St. Vincent's, good verbal and written communication skills, computer literacy and strong organizational skills. Marketing or development background is a plus. Send resume with cover letter to the church office.

IMMEDIATE NEED FOR FAITH-BASED MENTORS

Currently there are fifteen families who are on the waiting list. A number of parishioners are currently involved. For more information on this ministry, call John Hermann, Lutheran Social Services at 745-3388 Ext. 212. Next training is December 2 at 5:30 p.m. at 3326 S. Calhoun Street (across from Southside High School). Possible future trainings may be available at St. Vincent's.

POLISH WIGILIA SUPPER CELEBRATES ITS 6TH YEAR

The Wigilia Supper and its rich cultural symbolism and religious rituals will again be offered to the general public on Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Dash In restaurant, 814 S. Calhoun St., in downtown Fort Wayne. Social hour begins at 4 p.m. with supper served at 5 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling Greg Mitro at 485-4763. Cost of the event is \$25 which includes a spirited beverage.