

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

*6:30 a.m. John Nill
8:00 a.m. Maryann Oswald

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

*6:30 a.m. Kelly Jeanne Finton
8:00 a.m. Richard Fitch

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

*6:30 a.m. Clara Armbrust
8:00 a.m. Mary & Fred Clements ALL MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

*6:30 a.m. Ollie & Anna Ohlman
8:00 a.m. Ray Yeranko

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

8:00 a.m. Amelia Schmitt
*5:30 p.m. Naomi Alles

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

8:00 a.m. Weber/Nowlan Families
5:00 p.m. James P. Yarnell

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

7:15 a.m. Pedro Hernandez
9:00 a.m. Dolores Kleber
11:00 a.m. Alice & Jerry Romary
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

*CHAPEL



SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, December 20

8:00 a.m. Alyssa Arnold, Jason Bobay
5:00 p.m. Nick Shoaff, Albert Shoaff
Joe Schenkel, Grace Morken

Sunday, December 21

7:15 a.m. Addi Tomlinson, Jenna Roy
Justin Shutt, Christian Craney
9:00 a.m. David Schwieterman, Jenna Voirol
Justin Ransom, Tyler Ransom
11:00 a.m. Alex Westrick, Mallory Houlihan
Kristine Davis, Becca Kleber

NURSERY – Sunday, December 21

9:00 a.m. Anthony and Ellona Yoder

"Please pray that the Lord will abundantly bless this couple as they prepare to take their marriage vows."

WEDDING BANNES

II Christopher Reith and Kari Betley



NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULES READY

All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to stop by the Minister's Sacristy to pick up their new schedule as soon as possible.



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, December 19, at 6:00 a.m. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please be advised that any articles for publication in the parish bulletin for the weekend of Dec. 27 and 28 need to be in by 12:00 noon Friday, Dec. 19th. The deadline for the following weekend, Jan. 3 and 4 is 12:00 noon Monday, December 29.

AREA ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Our Advent Penance Service will be on Tuesday, December 22nd at 7:00 p.m. About 10 priests will be present.

Other Penance Services in the area are:

Our Lady of Good Hope	Monday, Dec. 15	7:00 p.m.
St. Charles Borromeo	Wednesday, Dec. 17	7:00 p.m.
St. Jude's	Thursday, Dec. 18	7:00 p.m.

The Sacrament of Penance will also be offered at St. Vincent's on

Saturday, Dec. 13	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 20	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 23	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

ST. VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve	4:00 and 6:00 p.m.
Our Mass at Midnight	11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day	9:00 and 11:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be NO regular Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Christmas Eve Day, December 24th.

Keep in mind that on Wednesday's, our parish is privileged to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the day until 4 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel. We are required to have at least two people praying as long as the Sacrament is on the altar for this type of adoration. Please contact Francie McComb at 489-6716 if you would like to do this and be scheduled for a specific hour. Drop-ins are welcome.

JOIN THE BISHOP FOR CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS

All are invited to attend the live broadcast of Christmas morning Mass with Bishop John M. D'Arcy presiding at the University of St. Francis Chapel, Fort Wayne, at 10:30 a.m. Please plan to arrive at the chapel no later than 10:15 a.m. The Mass will air on WKJG-TV, Channel 33.

NEW SESSIONS OF WINGS!

WINGS (Women in God's Service) is currently registering for our new session which will begin January 7, 2004. The mission of WINGS is to nurture Christian fellowship among women of all ages through faith sharing, scripture, book study, prayer, speakers, and community service. We meet Wednesday mornings from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center. Childcare is available. Our book study for the upcoming session will be 'The Ten Commandment; Covenant of Love' by Alfred McBride, O.PRAEM. Pope John Paul II has stated, "To keep the Ten Commandments is to be faithful to God. But it is also to be faithful to ourselves, to our authentic nature and our deepest aspirations." Come join us as we explore this genuine self-help book that answers the question "How shall I live?"



Women's Fellowship

We will be registering new members after all Masses the week-ends of December 7th and 14th. For additional information, or to register by phone, please contact Julie Fox (489-0111) or Mary Jo Parrish (637-5285).



ONLY SEVEN STAINED GLASS WINDOWS AVAILABLE

We have only seven clerestory (second level) windows remaining to be purchased. The design complements the lower windows and the architecture of the building. Installation will be in sets of three. The cost of each window is \$3,500. If you are interested in donating a window, please call the church office.

**SAINT VINCENT'S NOVEMBER 2003 COLLECTIONS
FIVE WEEKS**

Total Collection in Envelopes	\$ 220,166
Total Collection Loose	12,075
	<u>\$ 232,241</u>
Average Weekly Collection	\$ 46,448
Project Solidarity Contributions to the Poor	\$ 7,183
Capital Improvement Envelope	\$ 2,971



YOUNG ADULT LIFE (21-40)

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION FOR ALL YOUNG ADULTS



The Bishop is having a Mass on Friday, January 30 at 8:00 p.m. at the Cathedral. A social gathering in the Cathedral Center will follow the Eucharistic Celebration. Please bring a snack to share, as well as non-perishable food items to be donated to the Franciscan Center. Watch the bulletin for more info coming in the next few weeks.

Meetings of the Week

- HARVEST HOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY – Monday, December 15th, at 11:15 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
- BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Monday, December 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
- SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, December 16th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
- DISCIPLES IN MISSION TEAM – Tuesday, December 16th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
- RCIA – Tuesday, December 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
- ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, December 17th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
- BEREAVEMENT MEETING – Wednesday, December 17th, at 7:00 P.M. in the Chapel
- MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE – Wednesday, December 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
- K OF C ADMISSIONS – Thursday, December 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
- MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST – Friday, December 19th, at 6:00 a.m. at the Omega Restaurant, Coliseum Boulevard

MARDI GRAS HAWAIIAN-STYLE

Please mark Saturday, February 21st, on your calendar for an evening of fun and festivities. The night will include casino games, dinner and the band "Nostalgia". Look for more details in the January bulletin.

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

BIG GIVING TREE REQUESTS

We have a number of Giving Tree requests, which are too large to put on an angel. Items requested are: stroller (3), car seat, high chair (3), booster seat, infant swing, stereo, DVD player, vacuum cleaner. If you feel able to buy or donate a gently used item or make someone's Christmas brighter, please call Vicki Welch at 483-7257.

SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS AVAILABLE FOR VISITS

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

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

The Bishop is hosting a retreat for all young adults in the diocese. It will be at the Oakwood Inn on Wawasee. It is scheduled for late March. Watch the bulletin for more info.

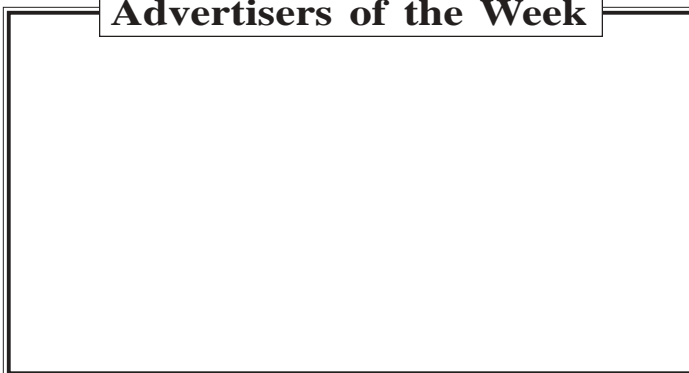
WOMEN'S AND MEN'S

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.

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.

Advertisers of the Week



Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

BE AWARE: CHECK OUT THESE BROCHURES

Compliments of the Center for Nonviolence, Fort Wayne, and the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence, Seattle, Washington, we have on the free pamphlet rack a brochure entitled: "What Every Congregation Should Know About Domestic Violence." You are welcome to take as many as you wish.

FINAL COLLECTION FOR SAVE LIDS TO SAVE LIVES — TODAY — DECEMBER 14, 2003

WINGS will be collecting the pink "Save Lids to Save Lives" lids located on Yoplait yogurts UNTIL December 14th. Every lid collected will be a 10-cent donation by Yoplait towards the cure for breast cancer. Please look for a donation box near the west entrance of the Gathering Space. Any questions, please call Kellie Stanley at 637-6041.

SNOW REMOVAL

The Saint Vincent's Knights of Columbus will again offer snow removal for the elderly and disabled. Please call Jim Cox II, 492-7705, for information and to register for this volunteer service.

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: \$ _____

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- Dec. 14 Life Night: Super Size Game of Life
- Dec. 17 Advent Mass and Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.
Christmas Caroling, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 18 Pray at abortion clinic
- Dec. 21 No Life Night
- Dec. 23 Alumni Mass and Breakfast, 8 a.m.
- Dec. 30 College Gang Meeting, 8 p.m. Life House



XLT (exalt)
Thank you all who joined us for our first XLT. We appreciated your patience as we got things rolling. I received a great gift in that my daughter was profoundly touched by the whole experience. Her exact words: "It was AWESOME." We're planning for the next one and are excited that the college group will be home for this one. Please join us Friday, Jan 2, at 7:30 for more powerful praise & worship and time with Jesus in Adoration.

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.

JR. HIGH LIFE

An Evening of Jazz and Java! Jr. High Life will meet again on Monday, January 5th, 2004 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall (cafeteria). It's been awhile since we met, so come join in and have a fun evening with friends, jazz and Java!!



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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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THOMAS J. HUHN ATHLETIC-LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

The Thomas J. Huhn Athletic-Leadership Scholarship at St. Joseph's College is offered to one incoming freshman annually. This full tuition, room and board scholarship is valued at over \$96,000 based on 2004-2005 costs. Male and female students who reside in and attend a secondary school in Allen or contiguous counties and have demonstrated achievement and leadership in academics and football or basketball are encouraged to apply. Students interested in competing for this prestigious award must be admitted to the College and complete the separate Huhn Scholarship application before January 31, 2004.

St. Joseph's College is a four-year, Catholic liberal arts college with 79 major, minor and pre-professional programs. It is located in Rensselaer, Indiana, approximately 90 minutes from Chicago and Indianapolis with an enrollment of approx. 1000 students. Call (800) 447-8781 to request additional information. You will find the Huhn Scholarship applications on the table by the church office.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SOUGHT FOR SCHOOL

We are looking for an experienced individual to lead development efforts at the school and to a lesser extent the parish. 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 de Paul parish and school, 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.

Holiday Schedule

CHRISTMAS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VACATION SCHEDULE

No Sunday classes will meet for Preschool or Religious Education on December 21, 28 and January 4. Sunday classes resume on January 11. Wednesday classes do not meet on December 24, 31, and January 7. Wednesday classes resume on January 14.

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 Rachel Waggoner. 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

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.

HOLIDAY SCRIP SCHEDULE

Purchase gift certificates from over 100 stores while helping to support our parish grade school. Scrip is sold Sundays 8 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and after Lifeteen Mass at the west church entrance. Holiday sales will be held December 4, 11 & 18. No Sales December 28.

BISHOP DWENGER SAINT'S BASKETBALL SCHOOL

Bishop Dwenger High School will again be sponsoring the Saint's Basketball School for students in grades K-8. The five Saturday series will be held on January 10, 17, 31 and February 7, 14. Grades K-3 will meet from 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.; Grades 4 – 8 will meet from 10:30 – 12 noon. Instructors are Dave Scudder, Girl's Basketball Coach and Matt Kostoff, Boy's Basketball Coach. Cost of the 5-day series is \$40.00. Each attendee will receive a T-shirt. Checks should be made payable to Dave Scudder and returned to Bishop Dwenger High School. Registration is also available at the door.



PRO-LIFE UPDATE

"There are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."
Albert Einstein

DRIVERS NEEDED TO TRANSPORT COLLECTED ITEMS TO THE FRANCISCAN CENTER

Due to the generosity of St. Vincent's Parish and the neighboring community, Franciscan Center needs persons to volunteer to transport collected items from St. Vincent's Church to their center at 4643 Gaywood Drive, Fort Wayne. For more information, contact Keith Burns at 744-3977.



URGENT APPEAL FOR FOOD CAN YOU HELP?

The Franciscan Center, Inc. is desperately close to running out of food. If you could help in any way with a food drive, or just a few cans, it would help drastically. You have always been a stable part of our resources and a vital part of our

mission of "Lending our Neighbors a Helping Hand". Last month we served over 1,200 people in our food pantry alone, and we expect October to be even bigger. Your help would be greatly appreciated

If you can help, please drop off your items by the west entrance of the church. Or you may drop these off at the center: 4643 Gaywood Drive (the old Sacred Heart School) on Mon-Thurs 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Front Center Door) and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (Back Door farthest from the Church). Thank you for your support and love of the needy of our great community.

IS GOD CALLING YOU INTO COMMUNITY?

Small Christian Community is an adult experience of growing in faith. Yes, there is intellectual growth, but that is only part of the experience. Would you like more information? Maybe chat with someone who has been in community for awhile? You are welcome to call any time: 489-3537 x 207, and I will be glad to connect you with just such folks.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION

Catholic Charities will have their annual Christmas collection this year to support services for children and their families. Last year, Catholic Charities served over 16,000 people, providing a range of services including adoption, pregnancy services, senior services, emergency assistance, child care, refugee resettlement, immigration, Hispanic outreach, and counseling for families. Your financial contribution will help us continue the tradition of caring and service that has been the hallmark of Catholic Charities. Look for the envelope in your December envelope packet.



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)

No Sessions in December

January 8

February 12

January 22

February 26

Session II (Church Conference Room)

No Sessions in December

January 15

February 19

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!

POSITION IN DONOR SERVICES/COLLECTIONS

Variable days and hours. Performs donor history and promotes good donor care during the collection of safe blood units. Position requires high school graduate and Medical Assistant/Phlebotomy training or documented satisfactory performance as Collection Tech I and customer service experience preferred. Apply by sending a resume or completing an application at American Red Cross, Indiana-Ohio Region, 1212 East California Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

MATTHEW 25 BENEFIT

"Two from Galilee," a Broadway-style Christmas musical will be presented Dec. 19-20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Auditorium on Berry Street in Fort Wayne. The production is a collaboration of First Assembly of God and Calvary Temple with proceeds from ticket sales going to benefit Matthew 25 Health and Dental Clinic, Fort Wayne. Tickets are \$10 each, and are on sale at Anchor Room Bookshop and at both above churches. For more information, contact Bob Parrent at 482-3508.

"NAKED WITHOUT SHAME" –

SEX AND THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERY

Marriage, celibacy, the Eucharist and more are explained in "Naked Without Shame" – Sex and the Christian Mystery. This 12-tape audio "crash course" on John Paul II's theology of the body with Christopher West, MTS, will be held on Tuesdays at 7 – 9 p.m. from Jan. 6 thru March 30 at Our Lady of Good Hope. Registration and information, call 486-1718.

EARLY CHILD CARE ALLIANCE WANTS TO HELP

Looking for child care? Who do you call? What questions should you ask? Want to start a child care business? For answers to these questions, contact Early Childhood Alliance staff at 744-0298 or (800) 423-1498; stop in at 3320 Fairfield Avenue, Fort Wayne; or visit their website at www.ecalliance.org. Hours are 8 – 5 pm Monday thru Friday; 5 – 9 pm Wednesday evenings; and 8:30 am to 12:30 pm the 3rd and 4th Saturdays.

ERIC HUNNICUTT FUNDRAISER DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

The Carroll Band Booster organization is sponsoring a hog roast dinner and silent auction on Friday, December 19 from 5 – 8 p.m. in the Carroll High School cafeteria. Dinner includes pork, baked potatoes, green beans, dessert and drink for \$5 per person. Bidding for the silent auction begins at 7 p.m. and all auction items will be awarded by 7:30 p.m. Eric is a freshman at Carroll High School, a member of the band and is currently undergoing treatment at Riley Children's Hospital for a rare form of brain cancer.

FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLICS

For nationwide Mass times and locations:

Call Mass Times (1-410-676-6000) or Internet www.Masstimes.org. Also, (800) 627-7846 – need to find a church.