

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

*6:30 a.m. Doris Poiry
8:00 a.m. Thomas Kinniry

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

8:00 a.m. Phyllis Marqueling

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

*6:30 a.m. William T. & Sarah Malone
8:00 a.m. Lawrence Ohlman & Florence O'Reilly

VIGIL MASS

6:00 p.m. Dalton O'Boyle

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST

NEW YEARS DAY

9:00 a.m. Gale Wertman
11:00 a.m. For The Parish

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND

8:00 a.m. Leona Perry
*5:30 p.m. Dolores Kleber

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD

8:00 a.m. Int. Rosary Society
5:00 p.m. Rosemary Koeller

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH

7:15a.m. James & Daniel Farrell
9:00 a.m. Edna Mae Piepenbrink
11:00 a.m. Mary Gremaux
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

*CHAPEL



SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, January 3

8:00 a.m. Emily Royal, Rebecca Royal
5:00 p.m. Leah Helmer, Alexandria Leonard
Riley Coonan, Kevin Stark

Sunday, January 4

7:15 a.m. Ryan Noll, Keith Welch
Michael Kemper, Mike Thill
9:00 a.m. Trevor Yerrick, Billy Khorshid
Danny Khorshid, Patrick Morris
11:00 a.m. Jamie Reinhart, Johnny Tippmann
Alyssa Heidenreich, Isaac Evans

NURSERY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 a.m. Kent and Love Phillips

*"Let us pray for this couple of St. Vincent's
as they prepare for their wedding day."*

WEDDING BANNERS

I David Keister and Amanda Grashoff



WEDDING POLICY

Weddings in the parish should be scheduled at least six months in advance of the wedding day. This will allow us to do the necessary preparation as required by the diocese. Also, active membership in the parish is required for at least six months prior to setting a date for the wedding. The wedding date may be set only by contacting one of the parish priests.

ATTENTION ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

There will be NO January meeting. Hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas. We'll see you next year.



MAY GOD GRANT
ETERNAL LIGHT AND PEACE

to Frank Rist; Alexander Michael Smith, son of Mike and Cammy Smith; John Strobel, father of Grace Denny; Roberta Jean Milton, spouse of Jack Milton; Frank P. Talarico; Ruth From, mother of Fred From; Ed DeVirgilio, father of Rick DeVirgilio; Samuel A. Moricca; and Harold Prell, spouse of Dottie Prell.

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.

MOMS-MINISTRY OF MOTHERS SHARING

This ministry is taking registrations for the winter session. Open to all women who want to develop self-esteem relationship skills, and a more defined sense of their own spirituality while facing the challenges of raising a family. The session begins Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m. and will run for 8 weeks. Call Jenny Owens at 373-0022.



MOMS



BETHANY HOUSE BOOK SALE

COMING TO ST. VINCENT'S

Our parish will host a spiritual reading book sale after the weekend Masses January 10-11. Spiritual reading is a long-standing Catholic practice which provides nourishment for one's faith and support for one's personal prayer.

Sr. Joyce Diltz, PHJC, and volunteers will be here representing the bookstore from Bethany Retreat House, East Chicago, IN, and will be happy to help you find just the right book for your spiritual reading. The bookstore offers a wide selection of titles on prayer and meditation, spirituality, personal growth, journaling, scripture, loss and grieving, family life, and more, as well as titles for teens and children. Meditation music is also available. Be sure to stop by the East Meeting Room to see what is available.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Meetings of the Week

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Monday, January 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge
 LITURGY COMMITTEE – Monday, January 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, January 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 HASA MEETING – Tuesday, January 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge
 RCIA EPIPHANY PARTY – Tuesday, January 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, January 7th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 WINGS – Wednesday, January 7th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 SCHOOL BOARD – Wednesday, January 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge
 RELIGIOUS ED IN-SERVICE – Wednesday, January 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE – Wednesday, January 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nursery
 WINGS TOO – Thursday, January 8th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 DIVORCED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, January 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I – Thursday, January 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
 YOUNG ADULT LIFE – Thursday, January 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel
 LITURGY REFLECTION PLANNING MEETING – Saturday, January 10th, at 8:30 a.m. in the Church Meeting Room

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.

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 a while? You are welcome to call any time: 489-3537 x 207, and I will be glad to connect you with just such folks.

FOR THE HOMEBOUND
 If you have a family member who is homebound and would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion, please call the church office. Also, if a family member is admitted in the hospital through the emergency room, please call. We are only notified of scheduled admissions. Thank you. Call Deb Andrews at 489-3537.

CARING FOR YOUR AGING PARENTS
 Are you dealing with an elderly parent and being forced to make difficult decisions regarding living arrangements and health care? A book has been written by Monica and Bill Dodds entitled "Caring For Your Aging Parent – A Guide For Catholic Families". The authors deal with these issues and more. If you are interested in a copy, please call Deb Andrews at 489-3537.

ONLY FOUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS AVAILABLE
 We have only four 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Dec. 28 Life Night: Movie Night
 Dec. 30 College Gang Meeting, 8 p.m. Life House



XLT (exalt) –
 "Come Worship the King"
 Friday, Jan. 2 at 7:30 a.m. in the church.
 We begin with praise & worship led by Frankie and the LIFETEEN Band, then we spend time in Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We hope to see many of you who are back from college 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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STUDENT NEEDS RIDE HOME FROM SCHOOL
 Bishop Dwenger student is in need of ride home after school starting January 5. Student lives in Northwest Passage (behind Scott's on Dupont). If you can help, call the Baccari's at 489-5642.

BISHOP DWENGER BAND HOSTS CHICKEN/FISH FRY
 The Bishop Dwenger Band and Guard Booster Club is sponsoring an All-You-Can-Eat Ed Fox Chicken and Fish Fry on Friday, January 16, 2004 from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 5 – 9. After dinner you can watch the Saints take on Wayne High School in boys' basketball.

THOMAS J. HUHNS ATHLETIC-LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP
 The Thomas J. Huhn Athletic-Leadership Scholarship at St. Joseph's College is offered to 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.

"NAKED WITHOUT SHAME" – SEX & 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.

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.



Advertisers of the Week

Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

January 2	7:30 p.m.	XLT (Exalt)
January 5	7:00 p.m.	Development Committee
January 5	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee
January 6	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
January 6	6:30 p.m.	HASA Meeting
January 6	6:30 p.m.	RCIA Epiphany Party
January 7	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 7	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
January 7	6:30 p.m.	School Board
January 7	6:30 p.m.	Religious Ed In-Service
January 7	7:00 p.m.	Bereavement Committee
January 8	9:00 a.m.	WINGS TOO
January 8	7:00 p.m.	Divorced Catholic Support Group
January 8	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation I
January 8	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Life
January 10	8:30 a.m.	Liturgy Reflection Team Planning
January 12	7:00 p.m.	Marriage Preparation
January 13	8:30 a.m.	Two by Two Bible Study
January 13	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
January 13	6:30 p.m.	Disciples in Mission Team
January 14	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 14	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
January 14	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Council
January 14	7:00 p.m.	Christ Renews His Parish Continuation Committee
January 14	7:00 p.m.	Mardi Gras Committee
January 15	9:00 a.m.	WINGS TOO
January 15	5:15 p.m.	Market Day
January 15	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation II
January 16	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
January 17	1:30 p.m.	First Reconciliation
January 17		K of C Fish and Tenderloin Dinner
January 18	3:30 p.m.	Couple to Couple League
January 19	1:15 p.m.	Harvest House
January 19	6:30 p.m.	Technology Committee
January 19	7:00 p.m.	Building and Grounds
January 20	8:30 a.m.	Two by Two Bible Study
January 20	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
January 20	6:30 p.m.	Disciples in Mission Team
January 20	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
January 20	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee
January 21	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 21	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
January 22	9:00 a.m.	WINGS TOO
January 22	7:00 p.m.	Divorced Catholic Support Group
January 22	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation I
January 22	7:00 p.m.	Disabilities Team
January 24	1:30 p.m.	First Reconciliation
January 26	7:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Society
January 26		CPR Training
January 27	8:30 a.m.	Two by Two Bible Study
January 27	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
January 27	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
January 28	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 28	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
January 28	7:00 p.m.	Parish Nurse
January 28	7:00 p.m.	Mardi Gras Committee
January 29	9:00 a.m.	WINGS TOO

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.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS
OF ST. VINCENT'S PARISH**

Steven and Cristina Spilker, 1215 Limewood Court
 Millie Drehmel, 2418 Lotus Blossom Cove
 John and Tara Cannon, 2220 Abbey Drive
 Duston and Ellen Moore, 2504-3 Abbey Drive
 Kevin and Cara Gerbers, 1716 Forest Trail
 Richard and Lori Norton, 1916 Deer Lodge Place
 Valeria Wenzel, 1612 Caribou Drive
 Mark Shrader, 3103 Cedar Ridge Run
 Jeffrey and Angela Garrett, 10111 Wood Meadow Court
 Kirk and Jennifer Baker, 5815 Riviera Drive
 David and Joana Mason, 12930 Bordeaux Place
 Michael and Suzanne Prudlow, 13407 Galloway Cove
 Justin and Heather Reed, 1806 Falconview Place East
 Carol Tarbell, 5330 Goshen Road, #126
 Matthew VanRyn, 2519 Rolling Meadows Lane, New Haven



**BAPTIZED DURING
THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

Myah Adelle Miller, daughter of
 Jeffrey and Kelly (Meyer) Miller
 Reece Owen Franklyn, son of
 Gary and JoNell (Kennerk) Franklyn
 Kyle Douglas Goeglein, son of
 Brad and Kimberly (Terandy) Goeglein
 Addison Marie Miracle, daughter of
 Darryl and Andrea (Gabet) Miracle
 Katie Nicole Smith, daughter of
 Matthew and Denise (Smith) Smith
 Trystan Riley Alava, son of
 Jacques and Michelle (Chipchosky) Alava
 Hayden Michael Chipchosky, son of
 Michael and Jennifer (Ringler) Chipchosky
 Avery Michael Neal, son of
 Joshua and Amber (Durnbaugh) Neal
 Mikayla Dezirae Teders, daughter of
 Kristina Teders
 Corey William Stout, son of
 Mark and Susan (Schirmeyer) Stout
 Anthony Ryan Wilson, son of
 Ryan and Kathleen (McCracken) Wilson
 Benjamin Louis Simcox and Grace Elizabeth Simcox, twin children of
 Dana and Lisa (Stasell) Simcox
 Gabriel Alan Dimke, son of
 Kurt Hoffman and Rhonda Dimke
 Jacquelyn Marie Gill, daughter of
 Gary and Michelle (Diffendarfer) Gill
 Claire Marie Leighton, daughter of
 Arthur and Jennifer (Johnson) Leighton



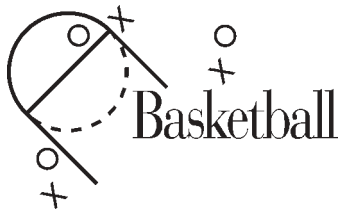
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

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

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 this weekend, but 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.

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.

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 Bartee 497-8257 for more information.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED FOR PARKVIEW

St. Jude Catholic Church needs Eucharist Ministers to take the Eucharistic to the Catholic patients at Parkview Hospital on Randallia Drive. Please call Nick Reitzug 483-3852 or Mary Pohlman at church office 484-6609.

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.

Holiday Schedule

CHRISTMAS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VACATION SCHEDULE

No classes will be held during the Christmas holidays. Sunday classes for Pre-school and grades 1 – 8 will resume on January 11, and Wednesday classes on January 14.

CATECHIST IN-SERVICE

All catechists grades 1 – 8 are required to meet on Wednesday, January 7, for Mass, a carry-in dinner, and an in-service meeting. Pre-school catechists are invited to attend this in-service.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Parents of those preparing to make their First Reconciliation in January are reminded to begin the prayer service which includes the examination of conscience and practice the Act of Contrition with the children. The dates for First Reconciliation are January 17 (A-L) and January 24 (M-Z).

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.



SCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION

Registration for new families who will be entering St. Vincent's first grade for the 2004-2005 school year will take place on Tuesday, February 10th, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in the school building. This registration is also for students entering grades 2-8 who are not currently enrolled at St. Vincent School. There will be a non-refundable pre-registration fee of \$50.00 per child due on this day. If the child was not baptized at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, a copy of the baptismal certificate needs to be presented at pre-registration. If the child did not previously attend an Allen County School, a copy of proof of immunizations is also required on this day.



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.

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.

FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER GROUP

A group meets for Fatima prayers on First Saturday of each month in Reservation Chapel after 8 a.m. Mass. Please feel free to join us. Questions? Call Bev at 483-2465.